

January 18, 2018

Dr. Michael Walter  
Chair, University Faculty Senate  
University of Northern Iowa  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

***RE: Emeritus Request for Dr. Alvin Gerald Smith***

Dear Dr. Walter:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the emeritus request for Dr. A. Gerald Smith. Gerald joined the faculty of UNI in 1989 as Head of the Department of Accounting, a position he held for 15 years. He has subsequently served as a Professor of Accounting in the department until the time of his planned retirement in 2018.

Gerald has been a dedicated teacher and scholar and has consistently gone above and beyond in providing service to the Department of Accounting, the College of Business, the University, and the profession. His students enjoy his classes and he regularly encourages those who excel in his introductory course to consider accounting as a major. Gerald has remained an active researcher, publishing throughout his entire career.

Gerald received the 2006 CBA Faculty Teaching Innovation Award and the 2007 CBA Faculty Service Award. In 2014, he was named the Accounting Alumni Faculty Fellow and continues to hold that designation. The recipient of this fellowship is a professor who is giving of his or her time and is a positive influence in student development. The individual must be accessible to students beyond office hours and involved in accounting extracurricular activities. Gerald was an outstanding selection for this honor.

Gerald Smith's academic career has been beyond meritorious and he is well deserving of the status of Emeritus Professor. I highly support his application.

Sincerely,



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