

March 11, 2020

James Mattingly, Chair  
University Faculty Senate  
Sent via Email

Dear Chair Mattingly:

I write to request Faculty Emeritus status on behalf of Philip Mauceri, who left the University of Northern Iowa in 2012 and recently retired as a faculty member at the State University of New York—New Paltz and will soon be moving back to the Cedar Valley.

Dr. Mauceri meets the requirements under Policy 4.21 Emeritus/a Status. He served as a faculty member and/or academic administrator in higher education for nearly 30 years, beginning with his time as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut-Storrs in Fall 1990 through his retirement in 2019. He spent 19 years at UNI starting with his appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science in Fall 1994.

A scholar of Latin American politics, Dr. Mauceri taught the non-western course within the Liberal Arts Core, as well as comparative politics, terrorism, human rights, and international political development courses within Political Science. He earned promotion to Associate Professor with tenure in 1998 and was promoted to Professor in 2005. Much of his scholarship investigated ethnic conflict and other problems related to the transition to democracy, including how countries deal with insurgencies. He published ten peer review articles or book chapters, authored two books, and coedited three volumes. During his time at UNI, he received two Fulbright awards, one in Colombia and the other in the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Mauceri served as interim Department Head beginning in August 2003 and was named Head in December 2004. During his time as Head, the Department recruited six new faculty members, improved its communication with alumni by creating an annual newsletter, and helped the Department codify some of its traditions and norms via written tenure and promotion standards and Department by-laws.

In 2009, Dr. Mauceri became Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. As Dean, he oversaw the renovation of Sabin Hall, which became UNI's first LEED-certified building, and he created CSBS's first college advisory board and Distinguished Alumni Day events. In 2012 he left UNI to become Provost at SUNY-New Paltz and returned to the faculty in 2015. He retired in December 2019.

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Dr. Mauceri will be returning to the Cedar Valley, where he still has many friends. The Department intends to make him feel at home by inviting him to campus events and social functions. In recognition of his many years of service to UNI and his contributions to the profession, we would like him to be able to do so as a member of the Department's emeritus faculty.

I understand that this is an unusual request and I appreciate the Senate's willingness to consider it. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Scott Peters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

C. Scott Peters  
Professor and Department Head