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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to salute the numerous achievements of Professor Stephen Gaies during his tenure at UNI and to recommend that he be conferred Emeritus Status. Dr. Gaies began his career at UNI in 1978 and, although he is slated for retirement from his faculty position, I anticipate that he may way continue to collaborate with the institution thanks to his dedication and expertise.

In addition to his contributions in the areas of English and TESOL via teaching and publications, it is important to highlight Dr. Gaies impact on our institution, first as Co-Chair of the UNI Holocaust and Genocide Education Program (from 2006-2008), then the UNI Holocaust and Genocide Education Project, in 2008 and ultimately as the Director for the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at UNI starting in 2009 and all the way to the present. This role dovetails nicely with multiple courses Dr. Gaies developed and delivered (such as Holocaust Literature; Studies in the Holocaust; Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the Holocaust for the UNI Honors Program; Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide; Genocide in Writing and Film as well as Intro to Literature: The Holocaust).

Over the course of his career, and especially in his role as Director of the Center of Holocaust and Genocide Education, Dr. Gaies delivered countless addresses and curated numerous exhibits, films, invited lectures, and other events. Additionally, he forged successful relationships with donors to allow for an ongoing impact for the CHGE at our institution and for the broader community via, for example, the Dorothy Pearlman Finkel Annual Film Series.

In short, due to his excellence as a teacher, a researcher and his commitment to the success of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, I celebrate Dr. Gaies and recommend that we bestow the honor of Emeritus status.

Sincerely,



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