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Dear University Faculty Senators:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Michelle Swanson to support her application request for emeritus status. I have had the opportunity to work and collaborate with Professor Swanson as we shared many common students over the years and served on numerous committees together.

At the University of Northern Iowa, Professor Swanson served twenty-six years as a music educator at the Malcolm Price Laboratory School and as an instructor preparing preservice music teachers. In these roles, she instructed hundreds of elementary students and worked closely with just as many preservice teachers. Her enthusiasm and commitment to supporting preservice teachers is extraordinary. Her ability to translate educational principles and best practices into the K-12 music classroom and curriculum has served as an asset to our teacher preparation program and local school communities throughout the Cedar Valley and Iowa.

Professor Swanson's joy of teaching, her commitment to all students, and her decades of investment in the UNI community have had a positive impact on all those she encountered during her tenure.

I highly recommend Professor Swanson for emeritus status. It is a well-deserved recognition.

Sincerely,

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