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Melissa Dobrosh, Chair  
UNI Faculty Senate

I am pleased to write in support of Diane Vallentine's Emeritus request.

Mrs. Vallentine holds two BM degrees, one in Music Theory and Composition and one in Music Education, from Southeast Missouri State University, and an MM in Music Theory from the University of Kentucky. She has taught at the University of Northern Iowa as an adjunct music instructor (now Assistant Adjunct Professor) since 1992. During that time, she taught a wide variety of courses in music theory, aural training, sight singing, introduction to music theory, music appreciation, and applied saxophone. For almost twenty years, she also served as faculty Advisor for Sigma Alpha Iota.

Along with teaching, Mrs. Vallentine has made valuable contributions to curriculum development. This work includes developing and contributing course materials needed for the Soundscapes courses to meet the UNIFI general education requirements, and developing online platforms for these courses to be taught, enabling more students to engage with and participate in this aspect of music and human expression.

In the music theory classroom, Mrs. Vallentine is a patient, well-prepared and effective teacher who goes the extra mile to help students succeed. The School of Music was fortunate to have Mrs. Vallentine as a valued member of our faculty. We heartily endorse her request for Emeritus status, and wish her well in retirement.

Sincerely,



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