

July 28, 2015

Dr. Lauren Nelson
Chair, Faculty Senate
University of Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA

Dear Dr. Nelson and Faculty Senate,

I'm writing in support of granting emeritus status to John Wynstra, Associate Professor, Library Information Systems Specialist.

Professor John Wynstra has contributed over twenty years of outstanding and dedicated service to Rod Library and the University. He is very knowledgeable and experienced in all of his areas of responsibilities. Professor Wynstra provided important leadership in the implementation of a couple of generations of the library's highly visible search systems, Panther Prowler and OneSearch.

Professor John Wynstra received tenure status in 2001 and his last promotion in 2006. He chaired Rod Library's Professional Assessment Committee during 2007 -2009. Professor Wynstra served on the Rod Library Faculty Senate during 2003-2006 and 2009-2011 serving as chair during 2009-2010. Professor Wynstra served as head of the Library Technologies & Systems department in 1998. There are many important Rod Library software projects that Professor Wynstra developed for Rod Library and the University including the Postville Project, the New Titles Database, the UNI Faculty Roster, the RefXpert database, the Des Moines Register (DMR) Index, and the IndexUNI.

Over the years, Professor John Wynstra took on a number of important service commitments for the library and campus committees. A few of the committees he served on include the following: the Library Reorganization Task Force, the Library Employee Development Committee, the Library Faculty Evaluation Handbook Committee, the Library Faculty Nominations & Elections Committee, the University Web Redesign Project, and the University Committee on Committees,

Professor John Wynstra wrote articles for a variety of publications such as *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, *Library Hi Tech*, *Brick & Click Libraries*, *Journal of Interlibrary Loan*, and *Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*. He presented at numerous state, national and international events including the at the Innovative Users Group, the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference, the Upper Midwest Users Group meeting, the ELUNA National Meeting, the Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia and the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference.

Professor John Wynstra has served Rod library and the University extremely well during his time at the University of Northern Iowa. He is highly respected by his colleagues for his dedication to his work and his many valuable contributions. I enthusiastically support Professor John Wynstra's nomination for emeritus status.

Sincerely,



Ellen Neuhaus / Associate Professor, Digital Collections Coordinator

Cc: John Wynstra

Cc: Christopher Cox, Dean of Library Services, Rod Library