

December 1, 2019

Prof. James Mattingly  
Chair, University Faculty Senate  
Sent via e-mail

Dear Chair Mattingly:

I write in support of Taifa Yu's application for emeritus status. Professor Yu came to UNI in 1998 after earning his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He earned tenure and promotion to associate professor in 1993.

Professor Yu's scholarship has focused on relations among nation-states of east Asia, particularly China, Taiwan, Japan, and Korea, often exploring the role of China within the region. In recent years he has examined the role of key policy-makers in decisions about the Korean War. His scholarly interests complement his teaching. He has frequently taught the Non-western Cultures: China course, and has also taught Contemporary Political Problems, East Asian Politics, Comparative Politics, and Comparative Foreign Policy.

During his time at UNI, Professor Yu has been a good departmental citizen, serving on departmental committees and on the College of Social and Behavioral Science Senate. The Department will miss him, but wishes him the best of luck on his retirement.

Very Truly Yours,



C. Scott Peters  
Professor and Department Head