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Dear Deans McIntosh and Tague:

I write this letter to ask you to consider offering the recently retired Assistant Professor Cathy Grieve the title Emeritus in recognition of her 47 years of exemplary service to the University of Denver. The Department of Media, Film, and Journalism Studies, where Cathy began her career, has voted unanimously in favor of her receipt of this honor.

Cathy began her career as an educator and eventually Head of the Speech and Drama department at Seton High School in Cincinnati, where she taught speech, drama, and theology for grades 9-12 and also directed 9 school plays. She left that position to serve as Head of the Speech department at Elizabeth Seton High School in Chicago. In 1971, she arrived at the University of Denver to begin her studies, first completing an M.A. and then, in 1979, completing her Ph.D. The title of her dissertation was, "Working class female role modeling as influenced by parent-child interaction and television viewing." Her interests in women's leadership and in female role modeling remained a theme throughout her career, and many at the University of Denver mention Cathy's own mentoring with gratitude and appreciation.

During the years when she was completing her studies, Cathy served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (1971-73), an Instructor (1973-78), a Visiting Lecturer (1979-83), a Lecturer (1983-87), and then Lecturer and Director of Internships (1987-1997) at the University of Denver. She was named Assistant Professor in 1997, and continued to serve as Internship Director while also taking on the role of Director of Undergraduate Studies. She held the latter position until 2002, when she became the Institutional Advancement Officer for the School of Communication. In July 2005, she was named Interim Director of Special Community Programs in the Office of the Provost. She was named the permanent Director of that office in March 2006, and held that position until her retirement in June 2018.

Cathy has been widely recognized for her pedagogical excellence and creativity both inside and outside the classroom. In the early years of her career at the University, Cathy developed an extraordinary number of courses, educational initiatives, and PR programs for the university when she served in what was then the Department of Mass Communications and the School of Communication. She developed courses in media technology and journalism while also developing public relations components in hotel restaurant management, "weekend college," "Moving toward the 21st century," and the Elderhostel program. She also coordinated the School's Communication Summit. She received the University of Denver Career Center's Achievement Award in 2006 in recognition of her development of an undergraduate media internship program that still benefits from her legacy, and she received the Excellence in Education Award from University Disability Services in 2002. She has received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award, the William T. Driscoll Master Educator award, and she has been recognized as an Outstanding Professor by Mortar Board for six consecutive years and recognized with the Faculty Awareness Award by the Learning Effectiveness program for six years, as well. She was recognized by the Women's College as one of the most influential/inspiring professors, and has received frequent invitations to speak publicly about numerous media-related events and activities.

There are very few people who served at the University of Denver during the past three decades that did not know Cathy Grieve. Over the course of her time at the University, she has served on numerous event-planning committees, working with virtually every event planned through the Provost's office. She has also served on a large number of search committees and on the Cherrington Global Scholars Board, the Marsico Internship committee, the University of Denver Conduct Review Board, the CORE committee, the Greek strategic planning committee, and the Undergraduate Council, among other activities, and she also served as advisor for numerous student groups and as advisor for numerous student honors theses and individual projects.

Cathy has also long been active in the Denver community, serving as President of the Board of Trustees for Holy Family High School after years of providing service on various committees for the school, and she also served on the Catholic high school finance and on several other committees for the Archdiocese of Denver. She served on the PR committee for the Mental Health Association of Colorado and for Colorado's UNICEF office, and as project coordinator for the CASAs for CASA program. She has been on the Board of Directors for PACE and the National Kidney Foundation, and on the Advisory Board for Five Points Media Center. In short, Cathy has been a distinguished representative of the University of Denver's commitment to educational excellence through its public good mission throughout her career. Given her longstanding commitment to the University, her colleagues and I believe that she has earned the status of an Emeritus Professor and will

treasure this recognition from the community to which she has devoted so much of her time and talents.

Thank you for considering Assistant Professor Cathy Grieve for the honor of an Emeritus title.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Schofield Clark".

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Cc: Provost Jeremy Haefner