

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Cottone, Interim Dean, School of Education

FROM: School of Education Personnel Committee

DATE: December 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Promotion Recommendation – Dr. Lin Lin


The School of Education Personnel Committee recommends Dr. Lin for promotion to associate professor in the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department with a vote of four in favor and none against. Dr. Lin joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in the fall of 2005 after completing her doctorate at the University of Georgia. In addition to teaching while in graduate school, she previously taught English and American Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University, in Beijing, China. This recommendation is in concert with the previous recommendations of the department committee and the department chair.

Dr. Lin has an impressive record as a teacher. Her courses are well designed, reflecting the current research. In her portfolio, student comments are overwhelmingly positive: "Lin is one of the best professors . . ." "Out of my 3½ years at Cortland [this] course . . . taught me the most," "great, motivating teacher," "Lin stimulated my desire to be an effective teacher," "I am sad to see this semester end." Additionally, the median scores from her CTE evaluations are in the high fours with little variability across courses. These quantitative measures parallel the outstanding written comments from the students.


Since joining the SUNY Cortland faculty, Dr. Lin published five articles in peer-reviewed journals, made 17 presentations at professional meetings, conducted workshops, and received a Faculty Research Grant. These achievements exceed what is expected of a faculty member at this point in his or her career.


As outlined in her portfolio, Dr. Lin has provided service to the department, the school, the college, the community, and the profession in a number of arenas. She is involved in the campus community and serves on several campus committees. She is very active with the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and is a Member-at-Large of the NCSS International Assembly.

Dr. Lin is a valuable faculty member whose scholarly, service, and pedagogical endeavors reflect positively upon both the School of Education and this institution as a whole. Her ambitious program of teaching, scholarship, and service was noted by this committee in its recommendation for her continuing appointment. This committee unreservedly recommends Dr. Lin for promotion to the rank of associate professor.

  
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