

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Prus, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
FROM: John Cottone, Interim Dean, School of Education  
DATE: November 20, 2009  
SUBJECT: Reappointment Recommendation for Dr. Lin Lin

Based upon the materials submitted for review, I recommend Dr. Lin Lin for continuing appointment. I concur with the School of Education's Personnel Committee summation that Dr. Lin's personnel portfolio is very positive and laudable of this recommendation. My support for her is based upon the following.

**Mastery of Subject Matter**

Dr. Lin received her PhD from the University of Georgia in 2004. She also has an extensive record with her interests focused in the general areas of social studies curriculum and instruction, elementary teacher education, and comparative and international education.

**Teaching**

Overall, Dr. Lin's CTE scores are very good and range from the mid 4.0s to 5.0. The Department Personnel Committee emphasized comments that indicate that she is an effective teacher and a well-liked instructor. She also appears to use the critical comments received from students very constructively. Classroom observations by Dr. Lachance indicate that she is an effective, innovative, productive and a well-liked instructor. I believe that her efforts and success in teaching support the recommendation for continuing appointment.

**Scholarship**

Dr. Lin has maintained a rigorous record of scholarly activities that included formal presentations at conferences and manuscripts submitted for publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has continued to produce within the five major areas of her scholarly work that she identifies in her portfolio. Since 2005, she has published five peer-reviewed journal articles in key journals of social studies education, all of which are significant within this academic discipline. Dr. Lin's scholarship meets or exceeds the standard for an assistant professor. She appears to have a good balance between the rigors of her research agenda and her responsibilities as a classroom instructor. Her past

and present record of research supports the recommendation for continuing appointment.

Service

Dr. Lin's service has been good. She has made efforts to be involved at all levels of the college including the surrounding community. At the department level she has been involved in a number of activities and most recently is serving as chair of the department's curriculum committee. I would encourage her to become more embedded in the activities of the campus and begin to participate in more school and all-college service activities at SUNY Cortland.

Summation

As a member of the Department of Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Dr. Lin has demonstrated her ability to balance the rigors of teaching, scholarship and university service. She understands the importance of all three of these areas within her department as well as the college. She appears to be making nice a contribution to the Department and SUNY Cortland. I recommend without any hesitation, continuing appointment for Dr. Lin Lin.

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