

TO: John Cottone, Interim Dean

FROM: School of Education Personnel Committee

DATE: November 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Reappointment of Dr. Lin Lin

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

Dr. Lin Lin has an extremely strong record as a teacher in the classroom as shown in her portfolio. The courses appear to be well designed and reflect the current research in the field. The student comments were extremely positive with statements such as "Lin Lin is one of the best professors . . . ," "Out of my 3½ years at Cortland [this] course . . . taught me the most," "great, motivating teacher," "Lin Lin stimulated my desire to be an effective teacher," "I am sad to see this semester end."

The median scores from the CTE evaluations are in the high fours with little variability across courses. The CTE evaluations triangulate well with the outstanding written comments from the students.

Since joining the SUNY Cortland faculty, Dr. Lin Lin has published five articles in peer referred journals. This is very commendable and exceeds the department requirements. She has also made 17 presentations at professional meetings and conducted workshops in various settings. She received a Faculty Research Grant. Her scholarship definitely meets and exceeds the college standards.

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

Dr. Lin Lin is a valuable faculty member contributing to the success of the School of Education. She has successfully undertaken an ambitious program of teaching, scholarship, and service. The committee praises her for this success and looks forward to her significant. The

committee recommends Dr. Lin Lin, without reservation, for continuing appointment at SUNY Cortland.

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