

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

June 17, 2021

ACTION: **Approve Emeritus Status for Dr. Beth Wentworth (AP)**

Dr. Beth Wentworth, a faculty member from Chadron State College, who retired in May 2021, has been nominated for emeritus faculty status based upon the four (4) required criteria for granting emeritus status, as outlined below:

1. Minimum of 15 years of full-time employment is met through 16 years of teaching.
2. Earned full professor rank in 2015.
3. Evidence of exemplary performance in areas of teaching, scholarship/creative activities, and service is represented across the years of engagement with local public schools to provide authentic opportunities for math education candidates to develop their knowledge and skills. These experiences included after school tutoring programs and the collaboratively developed Math Family Fun Night, which supported youth in excelling in mathematics. She received the CSC Teaching Excellence Award three (3) times and was selected as the NSCS Teaching Excellence Award recipient in 2020.
4. Demonstrated leadership and collaboration through service and contribution beyond normal expectations is also reflected in the collaborative initiatives she established with local public schools. In addition, she spent countless hours providing support and tutoring for CSC students who struggled with passing the Praxis Core exam, which is required for admission to Teacher Education. She also engaged with individuals from the Nebraska Department of Education to address challenging issues for math education in the state.

Chancellor Turman and CSC President Rhine support Dr. Wentworth's nomination and recommend that emeritus faculty status be granted.

The System Office and Chadron State College recommend approval of the Emeritus Status for Dr. Beth Wentworth (AP).

ATTACHMENTS:

- CSC Beth Wentworth Emeritus Nomination Materials (PDF)



Emeritus Faculty Award

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate the following individual for consideration for Emeritus Faculty status at Chadron State College. I have provided a letter of support that addresses the criteria for the award and attached a copy of the individual's CV. This nomination will be shared with the person nominated.

Nominee Information

Name Dr. Beth Wentworth
Address 906 East 10th Street Chadron, NE 69337
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Nominee Criteria

- Served Chadron State College for at least 15 years
- Held rank of full Professor
- Demonstrated exemplary performance in the areas of teaching, scholarship/creative activities, and service throughout his/her tenure at the College
- Demonstrated leadership and collaboration

Primary Nominator Information

Name Dr. Robert Stalk
Title Professor of Mathematics
Address 1200 Main Street Chadron, NE 69337
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I affirm that I am not a relative, spouse, or significant other of the nominee.

[Signature] 8/27/2020

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Academic Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy - Curriculum and Instruction, Mathematics Education
University of Minnesota December 2009
Institutional Endorsement - Secondary Principal Northern State University 2001
MA Northern State University May 1998
BS Minot State University-Elementary Education/7-12 Mathematics May 1972

Professional Experience

2015-present	Professor of Mathematics Chadron State College Chadron, Nebraska
2014-15, 2018, 2020	Nominated for the Nebraska Teaching Excellence Award
2012-2015	Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics board member
2010-2015	Associate Professor of Mathematics Chadron State College Chadron, Nebraska
2006-2010	Nebraska Mathematics Professional Development Series
2004-2009	Assistant Professor of Mathematics Chadron State College
Spring 2000, 2001	Instructor of Elementary Mathematics Methods University of Minnesota
2000-2001	Internship for Educational Administration Master's degree Fridley, Minnesota
1999-2004	Supervised Practicum and Student Teachers University of Minnesota
1998-1999	Instructor at Northern State University Aberdeen, SD Taught Educational Psychology, Elementary Math Methods Supervised Junior Field Experience, and Student Teachers

1997-1998	Graduate Assistant to the Reading and Literacy coordinator and the Junior Field Experience Northern State University Aberdeen, SD
1978- 1997	Sargent Central Public Schools Forman, ND Substitute teaching – all grade levels and all subject areas
1974-1978	Sargent Central Public Schools Forman, ND Taught self-contained sixth grade class
1973-1974	Bowbells Public School Bowbells, ND Title I Basic Skills Math Instructor Coached high school girls basketball team
1972-1973	Parker Public School Parker, AZ Taught self-contained seventh grade class

Professional and Academic Association Memberships

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics
Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science
Nebraska State Education Association
National Education Association

Presentations

2013 & 2016	Learning and the Brain Conference. Boston, MA Presented workshop speaker
2012	Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics Presentation
2007	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Presentation: Geometric constructions using patty paper
2006	Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics Presentation
2002	Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics Group presentation at spring conference

Service

2017	Member of the Nebraska AMTE Standards Discussion Discuss the preparation of PK-12 teachers of mathematics standards
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2014-2017	Lay Delegate to Annual Conference for the Chadron United Methodist Church
2014	Took students to the NATM annual conference Took students to the NATM Pre-Professional conference Tutor a high school student in Trigonometry NATM board representing math education
2013-2017	Chair Scholastic Day committee
2013-2020	Family Math Night at Hay Springs, Crawford, and Chadron Public Schools
2013	Member Nebraska Mathematics Standards Review
2012	Member of NCTE Mathematics Ad Hoc Committee
2012-2015	Offered Supplemental Instruction for my mathematics students
2012	Participated in a dialogue on the progress of the public school with the governor, head of the Department of Education and state senator
2011-2013	Tutored a middle school student in mathematics Co-chair of Scholastic Day committee
2011	Member of committee for NCATE Standard 4
2010-2020	Tutoring in the Chadron Public School afterschool program
2009-2020	Students in classes help with the afterschool programs in the Chadron Public School
2009	Attended NCTM regional conference and took three students
2006-2010	Faculty Development committee
2006-2009	Nebraska Mathematics Professional Development Series
2005-2006	Northeast Nebraska Mathematics Cadre
2005-2019	Summer Orientation of Freshmen Chadron State College
1998-1999	Assisted with Math Competition Northern State University
Spring 1997	Tutored graduate students in Statistics
Summers 1978, 1980, 1995	Tutored students in reading, spelling, and writing

Awards

- 2020 Awarded the CSC Teacher Excellence Award
 Received the Nebraska State College System Teacher Excellence Award

- 2018 Awarded Milton W. Beckman Lifetime Achievement Award at NATM
 (Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics)

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Dr. Beth Wentworth
Nominee for Emeritus Faculty Status

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to nominate Dr. Beth Wentworth for Emeritus Faculty Status at Chadron State College. She was an outstanding faculty member and colleague during her entire tenure at CSC. Based upon the criteria for Emeritus Faculty Status, Beth has either met or exceeded each of them.

Dr. Wentworth joined the faculty at Chadron State College in the fall of 2004, and retired in spring, 2020, after 16 years of service. Likewise, at the end of the 2014-15 academic year, Beth was promoted to Full Professor, a rank she held until her retirement. With regard to her performance in the areas of teaching, scholarship and creative activities, and service at Chadron State, Beth performed exceptionally well. Beth's outstanding teaching, scholarship and creative activities were recognized in her being named the 2020 Teaching Excellence Award recipient for not only Chadron State College but the Nebraska State College System. She had been nominated numerous other instances as well. Beth developed the Math Family Fun Nights, which was often a highlight of the school year in various local public schools. Her service to the College as well as at the state level on numerous mathematics and education committees also demonstrates how she continually provided leadership and collaboration across many different platforms and to many different audiences.

Dr. Beth Wentworth is an outstanding nominee Emeritus Faculty Status. She meets or exceeds all criteria required for this Status. Therefore, I recommend that Dr. Beth Wentworth be granted Emeritus Faculty Status at Chadron State College.



Dr. Robert Stack
Chair, Department of Mathematical and Natural Sciences
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Chadron State College



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September 16, 2020

Attention: Selection Committee

Subject: Emeritus Faculty Award – Dr. Beth Wentworth

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of nomination for Dr. Beth Wentworth for Emeritus Faculty. Dr. Wentworth has provided significant contributions and service to Chadron State College during her 16 years of employment and fully meets all the award criteria set forth by Board Policy 5017.

As her Dean, it was clear that Dr. Wentworth had developed a unique collegiality within her program while serving as a mentor to both faculty and students. Her devotion to her colleagues and students was special and she spent an enormous number of hours reaching out and collaborating with those around her.

Dr. Wentworth was very difficult to replace upon her retirement because of her vast experience and exemplary teaching, demonstrated in part by being selected as the 2020 Nebraska State College System Teaching Excellence award winner. Her students were just as devoted to her as she to them; making herself consistently available to assist.

Additionally, Dr. Wentworth developed strong connections within the local community as she was deeply invested in helping Chadron youth excel in mathematics. She worked with Chadron Public Schools to create a math night and later expanded that concept to nearby communities.

Dr. Wentworth was a dedicated teacher and scholar. She shared her distinctive expertise and knowledge with students using a variety of active and creative teaching methods. She was very giving of her time and talents, which helped to create a classroom environment in which students flourished. Her work with future teachers means her impact will be felt for many years to come in communities near and far.

It was a joy to work directly with Dr. Wentworth in the continued development of the mathematics program and as such, I provide this nomination with great confidence. It is my opinion that Dr. Beth Wentworth is deserving of the Emeritus Faculty award because of her long standing commitment and contributions to Chadron State College, her willingness to give of her time and talents, her scholarly achievements, and her leadership and dedication to positive change in the area of math education.

Sincerely,



Wendy L. Waugh, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Business, Mathematics, and Science
Chadron State College

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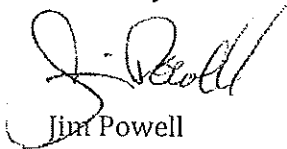
March 4, 2021

I am writing in support of Dr. Wentworth receiving Emeritus Faculty status. Prior to her retirement I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Wentworth for five years in her capacity as a math educator. We served together on a number of college and program committees including the Academic Review Committee and the Educational Preparation Program Committee. The one factor that she demonstrated consistently was her consistent focus on student needs and student issues. It was her commitment to her students and math education that was a driving factor in her receiving the Teaching Excellence Award in 2020.

Over my career I have discovered that when discussing expertise in teaching, it is important to pay attention to what students are reporting about classes and faculty. With Dr. Wentworth, I had a number of teacher education candidates, during informal conversations, talk about the positive impact that Dr. Wentworth had on their ability to not only pass their math courses, but to also help them understand the concepts so they could teach them to their future students. Dr. Wentworth was diligent in designing her courses in elementary and secondary math methods to allow her students to have experiential activities with K-12 students through afterschool tutoring and Math Nights at local schools. This not only benefited our teacher candidates, but enriched the math experiences of those K-12 students and their families and strengthened the CSC/Chadron connection.

Finally, it is important to note that during her time at CSC Dr. Wentworth has always made time for her former students. She spent hours with students experiencing difficulty passing the Praxis Core test. These students were no longer taking a course with Dr. Wentworth, but would call on her for assistance. Without hesitation, she agreed to continue to tutor them for the test, helping many of them overcome a huge impediment to their becoming teachers. I know from talking with these students that she volunteered multiple hours every week to this effort. She always demonstrated a firm belief that all students can learn, given the right instruction and enough time and her activities stand as evidence of this belief.

Sincerely,



Jim Powell
Vice President for Academic Affairs



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March 15, 2021

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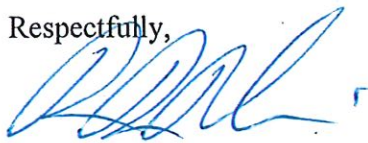
Dear Chancellor Turman:

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Dr. Beth Wentworth for emeritus status and forward her nomination to you for your support. Dr. Wentworth, served Chadron State College for 16 years as a faculty member in the math department earning the rank of Professor in 2015. In May 2020, Dr. Wentworth retired from Chadron State College.

Dr. Wentworth was known as an outstanding educator by her students and fellow colleagues and was nominated for the Chadron State College Teaching Excellence Award on three separate occasions. She received the Teaching Excellence Award by the Nebraska State College System in 2020. The nominee's vitae and letters of support speak to her effective teaching, scholarship/creative activities, service, and professional contributions.

Dr. Wentworth's nomination has received support from the Chair of the Mathematics Department, from her academic Dean and from the Vice President for Academic Affairs. I fully support this nomination and highly recommend Dr. Beth Wentworth be granted emeritus status by the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees.

Respectfully,



Randy Rhine
President



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