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To: Jay Akridge, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

From: Donna L. Ferullo, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Libraries and School of Information Studies

*Donna L. Ferullo*

Re: Esther Ellis Norton Professor of Library Science

Date: August 19, 2019

Please find attached seven (7) letters in unanimous support of appointing Dean Beth McNeil as the Esther Ellis Norton Professor of Library Science. All of the letters of support are from national peers including five (5) from BTAA institutions.

Dean McNeil is a nationally known scholar in management practices in libraries and leadership development. She is the author of the highly respected book *Fundamentals of Library Supervision* (2017) which is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition as well as numerous articles, book chapters and edited works.

As a highly regarded leader recognized both nationally and internationally, Dean McNeil is very active within the library profession and professional organizations. She was an elected member on the Board of Directors for the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) from 2015-2019 and is the Conference Chair for the ACRL 2021 Conference. She also participates at leadership levels in the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

A theme throughout Dean McNeil's career is her commitment to diversity and inclusion. She was the Chair of the ARL Diversity and Inclusion Committee and will be presenting on "Reducing Inequity through Inclusion: The Leader's Role" at the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) conference in Athens, Greece.

Unequivocally, all of the reviewers are in agreement that Dean McNeil's impact on the profession and contributions to discovery, learning and engagement are exceptional and that she is well deserving of the named professorship.

In addition to the letters of support, I have attached a full vita, and a condensed vita for Dean McNeil. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Approval Recommended:

Jay T. Akridge  
Executive Vice President for  
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