

TO: Millersville University Faculty Senate

FROM: Department of English Faculty

DATE: December 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Emeritus Recommendation for Dr. Jane Alden

WHEREAS: Dr. Jane Alden offered twenty years of devoted service to the university community before passing away in September of 2008; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Alden made valuable scholarly contributions through her papers on ethics in journalism, as well as British and Jewish literature. She also wrote a number of texts, which she used in her courses and was preparing for publication. These include, *From Notebook to News, an Introduction to Journalism, After the Dog Shows--What? An Advanced Journalism Text, Rapid Writing with the Symbol for the Sound: A Complete Course in Shorthand, and From Crime to Courtroom Drama, Reporting Crime, the Court and Legal Issues*; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Alden was one of the major forces in establishing and maintaining the Department's Print Journalism minor. In addition to designing and teaching multiple journalism courses, in her role as Print Media Studies Coordinator, she advised journalism minors, served as sponsor for journalism events, and supervised all co-op/internships related to journalistic studies; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Alden diligently served Millersville by chairing or serving on numerous search committees, as well as on the English Department Curriculum Committee. In addition, she was Department Alternate to the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Secretary. She also served as the English Department representative to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Alden guided and inspired students, fostering their intellectual growth, social consciousness, and happiness at Millersville. Tirelessly devoting her time to journalism minors, she took them to debates, meetings with Congressional representatives, conferences, and various events designed to increase their understanding of the field. As advisor to the English Club, she oversaw the production of yearly community and university-wide celebrations in honor of Robert Burns and Medieval literature. She also regularly, and largely at her own expense, took English Club members on day trips and weekend excursions to plays, museums, and historical sites in Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Canada. In addition, she served as advisor to *The Snapper* and as a mentor to international students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Dr. Jane Alden be granted the honorary title of Assistant Professor of English Emerita.