



May 16, 2018

To Dr. Mary Jones and the Committee on the Professoriate,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Dr. Jill Gonzalez Bravo's petition of promotion of faculty rank and tenure. I have known and worked with Dr. Gonzalez-Bravo for the past five years in her capacity as field experience director for MidAmerica Nazarene University, and more recently, as co-presidents of the Kansas Professional Development Schools Coalition. In this role, she demonstrated creativity in planning meeting presentations, and moved the coalition toward higher success in establishing partnerships between teacher education programs and local educational entities. It is evident in all that she does that Jill possesses exceptional giftedness in leadership, intellect, and enthusiasm that she freely shares with her cohorts from other institutions of higher learning.

I have also had the opportunity to be a part of the teacher interview day that Dr. Gonzalez Bravo organizes annually. I am impressed with her pro-active planning for this enormously successful event. I have observed her interactions with teacher education candidates from MNU, and note that she connects both professionally and personally with students. She demonstrates vibrancy and enthusiasm in all she does, and this is definitely "caught" by the fortunate teacher education students of MNU that work with her.

As an alum of MNU, I am pleased to recommend Jill as someone who has made a great number of positive contributions to the teacher education program under which I developed as a fellow educator. I have been professionally and personally challenged by the model she sets as an educator in the higher education setting, and know MNU would not have the level of success it enjoys without her.

Thank you for considering this letter supporting Jill Gonzalez Bravo for tenure and promotion.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn R. Doolittle".

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