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To: Dean Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate School

From: Dr. Melinda Mueller, Chair, Political Science

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melinda A. Mueller".

Date: July 25, 2022

Re: Associate Graduate Faculty Limitation Waiver Request

Please find attached an application to appoint Dr. Daniel Banini as an Associate Graduate Faculty member in the department of Political Science for AY 2022-2023, for a three year contract. Based on the recommendation of the graduate coordinator, Dr. Ryan Burge, I am requesting that Associate Graduate Faculty limitations be waived for Dr. Banini, so that he can supervise theses and capstones beginning in spring 2023 and sit on committees where appropriate. If possible, I request that this waiver exist for three years to cover the length of his contract.

Dr. Banini has a solid undergraduate teaching record and will be a central instructor for our Public Policy, International Relations, and Comparative Politics courses. His expertise on Sub-Saharan Africa will be valuable, especially for our face-to-face graduate program. He has a strong research record as an incoming Unit B faculty member, and we are confident that he will work with graduate students on potential conference papers and publications.

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Nomination For Appointment
as an Associate Member
of the Graduate Faculty

Name of nominee: Daniel Banini Date: 7/25/22

Department/school: Political Science

E-mail address of nominee: dkbanini@eiu.edu

Graduate courses to be taught: PLS 5200, PLS 5843, PLS 4823, PLS 5533, PLS 5023

Semester/term and year of approval: Fall 2022

Need for this assignment: Dr. Banini is a Unit B faculty member who will play a central role in teaching public policy, comparative policy, and international relations at the graduate level.

Length of Appointment: ☐ 1 year term ☐ 2 year term ☒ 3 year term

Profile of the candidate:

A. Date appointed to EIU Faculty: 2022

B. Current academic rank: Instructor

C. Academic and professional experience:

Highest degree earned: Ph.D. Date awarded: 2021

Degree granting institution: University of Central Florida

Field of specialization: International relations and comparative politics

D. Evidence of other education, professional activity, and specialization in teaching areas within the last three years (workshops, research, service, creative activity, etc.). Please put in vita format and attach.

E. List the graduate courses taught by the candidate during the last three years:

None yet.

Melinda Mueller for Ryan Burge
Graduate Coordinator or Chair, Department Graduate Committee

Melinda Mueller
Department Chair

Academic Dean

Dean, Graduate School

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