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Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP)
Office of Human Resources Management
Recruitment and Diversity
395 Hudson Street, Fifth Floor
New York, NY 10014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Dr. Linda Paradiso, who is applying for participation in the next round of support in the Faculty Fellowship Publication Program. Her application requires a letter from her school's chief academic officer, and I am glad to contribute that.

Coming to us after a few years and New York City College of Technology, Dr. Paradiso has joined us as an assistant professor in Nursing at CUNY SPS, where we have both undergraduate and graduate programs. Assisting Dr. Margaret Reilly, the Academic Director of these programs, she receives reassigned time to help with curricular and administrative oversight. She is understandably eager to add to her scholarly production as an untenured Assistant Professor. Her reassigned time — to which we will add the reassignment of three of her contractual teaching hours in Spring 2021— and her general availability (since all her courses are online) will ensure that she can fully participate in the Spring 2021 FFPP if accepted.

It is of course not my decision, but I would also like to say that she should be accepted. She has shared her proposal with me, and her advocacy of a culturally aware curriculum that fosters inclusivity resonates with the FFPP's commitment to diversity.

Linda Paradiso has my strong recommendation and full support.

Sincerely,



George Otte

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