

Letter of Support: Suzanne Nielsen  
10/8/2024

Dear President Arthur and Provost Gort,

I am writing in strong support of Suzanne Nielsen's potential promotion at Metro State. Specifically, I am writing in support of criterion 1: Demonstrate Ability to Teach Effectively or to Perform Effectively in Other Current Assignments. As VP for Student Success at Metro State for the past 7 years (and 12 years total at Metro), I have had the privilege of working with Suzanne in various capacities.

Most recently, I have worked directly with Suzanne related to nominations and review of the Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award and in her work with students (as advisor) on Haute Dish. That publication happens twice annually and spans categories from fiction to poetry to digital storytelling and beyond. Suzanne is always timely, respectful, and open to assistance and feedback.

In my interactions with Suzanne, I have observed her exceptional ability to communicate effectively, adapt her messaging to her audience, and infuse her work with an infection energy. Suzanne shows care, compassion, and empathy to students and is constantly advocating for resources and support that will help students succeed. She is knowledgeable of the supports that exist on campus as well as the limits we have so that she does not over-promise in any area.

I appreciate Suzanne's deep knowledge of writing, literature, and language fuels her enthusiasm for guiding the aspiring artists who contribute to Haute Dish. I have watched Suzanne interact with students through the development phases and hear great feedback from students when they are reflecting on their coursework with Suzanne.

I am grateful to have learned and seen more of Suzanne's work over the years. Although she was highly underutilized while tutoring students, I have seen firsthand the positive impacts she made on students, including her referrals to other internal resources that helped students persist in their academic journeys. With these examples, I am confident you will recognize Suzanne's demonstrated ability to teach effectively and perform exceptionally in her current assignments, and I endorse her promotion.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,



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VP for Student Success, Metro State