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Dear all involved with the T&P process,

I'm writing in support of Trey Shirley's application for tenure and promotion. Even though this is a collegiality reference, I would be remiss not to say that Trey has been exemplary in his role as Cornerstone Director. As his replacement in that position, my aspiration for my first year is to maintain continuity, so that faculty experience a seamless transition. I chose that goal, because the program ran incredibly smoothly under his leadership. There was always clear and timely communication and everything was very well organized, down to the detail. I hope I can achieve the standard Trey set.

And to speak of collegiality, he always encouraged faculty collaboration and input in Cornerstone, and I believe he truly listened to them and incorporated their best ideas. This fall I worked closely with Trey, shadowing him during his last semester as director. He has been and remains supportive, providing advice and guidance when I've asked, but he's also never imposed.

Humorously, students regularly get Trey and me mixed up, including students we've had in our own classes. I practically answer to "Dr. Shirley" now. Perhaps the greatest testament to my support of Trey is that I don't mind this all. There are plenty of folks I wouldn't want to be confused with, but I admire and like Trey.

I can't imagine that you'd need to have any further conversation about Trey's collegiality and fit at ACU, but if you'd like to chat with me, please give me a call: 334.301.3806.

I'm in favor of keeping Trey around for a long time.

Sincerely,

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