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Dr. Greg Straughn
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
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Dear Dr. Straughn,

We are proud to recommend Dr. Autumn Sutherlin for promotion to full professor. After carefully reviewing her portfolio, we unanimously believe that her body of work exceeds the criteria set by both the University and by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for full professor. We see evidence of her commitment to teaching, scholarship, service, and collegiality, and her passion to grow and improve in all areas of her academic life.

As a teacher, Dr. Sutherlin knows her discipline well and communicates effectively. Furthermore, she continues to innovate her teaching methods and share her success with her colleagues in peer-reviewed journals. As a scholar in the laboratory, Dr. Sutherlin's research includes many of our current and former undergraduates who have achieved much success in their postgraduate careers. People in every department across campus know of Dr. Sutherlin's dedicated service through her role as Director of Undergraduate Research and the stunning success of the Undergraduate Research Festival. Her demand on search and other ad hoc committees demonstrates her recognized ability to work effectively with colleagues, demonstrating her collegiality.

We are honored to call her our colleague and look forward to a future of serving side by side with her.

Sincerely yours,

Promotion Evaluation Committee
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Eric L. Hardegee, Ph.D.

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