

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Educating Students for Christian Service and Leadership Throughout the World

Abilene, Texas 79699 • acu.edu • 325-674-2000



August 21, 2014

ACU Tenure and Promotion Committee,

It is my pleasure to write in support of Dr. Autumn Sutherlin's application for promotion to full professor. In my experience, Dr. Sutherlin is a talented scholar, an excellent mentor to students, and a generous colleague.

During my first semester at ACU in the fall of 2010, I joined the Undergraduate Research Festival steering committee and was placed on the sub-committee Dr. Sutherlin chaired. Her experience and organization was integral to our committee's success in recruiting judges, matching judges with student presentation sessions, revising and updating the judges' rubrics, and calculating the results of the festival. Over the past four years, it has been a joy to continue working with Autumn in ACU's undergraduate research program. Her leadership in this area has been excellent, and the festival has grown in both size and quality since she took over as Director of Undergraduate Research.

Dr. Sutherlin's commitment to her students and their education is inspiring, and she has been an excellent mentor to me in my own work with students. She is liked and respected by both her students and her peers. Her students produce excellent research from year to year, and she serves as an excellent Christian example to all those around her. In these respects and more, she represents the high standards expected of professors at ACU.

I have no doubt that she will continue to bless our campus with her joy for science, education, and helping others. I urge you to recommend her promotion to full professor.

In His service,

Lauren Lemley, PhD

Assistant Professor

Director, Communication Graduate Program

Director, ACU Speaking Center

Department of Communication and Sociology