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To Whom It May Concern:

It's my pleasure to commend Brandon Young for his collegiality, professionalism, and excellent teaching.

During the spring 2011 semester I had the opportunity to partner with Brandon Young and Bob McKelvain in teaching a Core 120 section of over 100 students. We met repeatedly during the prior semester in preparation for this assignment. Although we each came from different departments and had never taught together, Brandon made it easy to collaborate during discussions by sharing excellent ideas and working with others' ideas that were shared. He consistently met deadlines we imposed to get our work accomplished and always contributed to the success of the team.

Working with Brandon in preparation for this teaching experience was enjoyable in itself, but when we stepped into the classroom with the students I was blown away. Brandon demonstrated poise and confidence in front of the large class. When he was responsible for taking the lead on lessons they were always well-prepared and insightful. In fact, this past semester I used one of his great presentations and accompanying assignment while teaching a Core class at our Leipzig study abroad site.

The final aspect of that collaborative experience I want to highlight is the professionalism with which Brandon handled both the students and his co-teachers. He always listened well to students' responses and engaged them personally. In addition, our conversations as teachers when we were in front of the class were always respectful and collegial. By this I mean we were able to present a teaching team that was always on the same page, and always united. We were able to ask questions of each other and engaging each other with humor in ways that made the experience enjoyable and more personal for the students.

Teaching with Brandon was delightful and something I would not hesitate to do again if given the opportunity. He is professional, competent, and an asset to ACU.

Sincerely,

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