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Dear Tenure and Promotion Committee:

On behalf of the Engineering and Physics Department I would like to address the service of Dr. Jim Drachenberg within the department. Jim serves the department continually. Certainly if asked, but more to the point, even when not asked or expected.

Before he was hired, Jim asked how he could help the department if he decided to come to ACU. I responded that we really needed to improve the Engineering Physics I lab (which had been asked of 6 faculty before him to no avail). Jim not only revised the lab into a publishable curriculum, but has done so in a time frame well in advance of expectations. Thus, he delivered well beyond what all of us had hoped within the department. This year Jim has already met with the faculty members who will implement the new curriculum he developed. Thus, he designed it, built it, and is now helping faculty who will teach his developed class be successful.

As one of the student advisors for the Society of Physics Students (SPS), Jim serves to help the students perform science outreach for example. The ACU SPS chapter received the distinguished chapter award from the National office in part due to Jim's service.

At his home congregation, Jim and his family actively serve. As an example, Jim has engaged one of the department's new faculty for fall of 2020 in his home congregation. She mentioned to me how thankful she was that Jim has included her before she even started employment. She stated she already "feels like she has a church home."

As a servant Jim participates in more than his fair share of department activities. Jim desires to participate with other department members to overcome departmental objectives. Whether it be helping with the homecoming float, visiting committee activities, or curriculum revision, Jim participates fully. I count it a blessing that the department can rely on Jim for service.

Sincerely,

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