



College of Information and Mathematical Sciences

August 25, 2012

Tenure and Promotion Committee
Abilene Christian University
Abilene, TX

Dear Committee Members:

I am delighted to write a letter in support of the award of tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Abilene Christian University for Dr. John Ehrke. I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Ehrke for several years in the context of his excellent and innovative work in utilizing mobile technology in teaching mathematics.

Dr. Ehrke's online portfolio provides evidence of a highly engaged instructor who encourages active student engagement through undergraduate research, effective use of a wide range of technologies, and mentoring. His is certainly the most innovative portfolio I have ever seen, providing excellent examples of the amount of effort he devotes to teaching and learning. While I have not had the opportunity to observe his classes, I was the organizer this year of a pre-conference workshop entitled "Cool iTools: Teaching with Them" at the 24th International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics (ICTCM). On very short notice, Dr. Ehrke, along with his ACU colleague Dr. Phyllis Bolin, developed an outstanding day-long interactive session for nearly 50 participants. I have no doubt that Dr. Ehrke brings the same level of enthusiasm to his teaching.

I have also reviewed Dr. Ehrke's contributions in scholarship and service. His scholarship interests very closely parallel my own (differential equations, boundary value problems, and scholarship of teaching and learning). His scholarly productivity appears to meet or exceed the expectations for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Abilene Christian University. I would evaluate his service to the department, university, church and profession to be exemplary. This year Dr. Ehrke served with me on the 25th ICTCM program committee. His reviews of proposals were thoughtful, thorough, and were submitted prior to the organizing committee's deadlines. I look forward to working with him again.

My personal experiences working with Dr. Ehrke have been a joy, and I am confident that he displays consistent levels of professionalism and collegiality in his work at ACU. I believe he is sincere in his written philosophies and "walks the walk." I would be honored to have Dr. Ehrke as a tenured faculty member at my university.

I strongly endorse a positive recommendation for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor for Dr. Ehrke at Abilene Christian University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lila F. Roberts".

Dr. Lila F. Roberts, Dean
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