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Dear Tenure and Promotion Committee:

I am delighted to write in support of John Ehrke. During my tenure as Vice Provost, I chaired two committees on which he served. The University General Education Committee is challenging for at least two reasons: first, we have to gain consent on issues that pertain to all faculty in specific disciplinary areas, like, for instance, the criteria for what counts as a natural science or social science course; and second, the topics require members to come prepared. John excelled in both these areas; he was able to contribute positively to discussions in a wide variety of disciplines; he was able to do so in part because he came prepared every time; he is also very intelligent. John attended regularly, which was important because we frequently struggled to make a quorum. In addition to his substantial contributions—and I'll specifically name his work with the natural science criteria—and responsible preparation, he served with a Christ-like attitude, which unfortunately I cannot say of all the members of the UGEC.

John also served on the Research Council, which deals with a high volume of applications in the spring; it requires reading a number of highly technical applications for the Math-Science awards and making decisions about the award winners. He also served in the IRB process. Again, his preparation was exemplary, as was his attendance and attitude.

He made my job as the chair so much easier, and I am grateful for his work! I commend his service and collegiality; he is a wonderful fit with ACU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Cukrowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'K' and 'C'.

Ken Cukrowski  
Interim Dean  
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