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Tenure & Promotion Committee
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RE: Dr. Ryan Jessup

I am pleased to write a letter of support for Dr. Ryan Jessup. I have been the Administrative Coordinator for the Management Science Department in the College of Business Administration for almost eight years so I have known Dr. Jessup since he began teaching here. This has given me a unique perspective, as I have witnessed his interactions with people outside of the classroom. He has a great wit and sense of humor, which makes him popular with faculty and students alike. His students frequently drop by his office to visit or to get his opinion about their class projects and they are usually smiling as they leave.

Dr. Jessup's collegiality is always evident. He seems to be at home visiting with faculty from all of our departments. Whether he is engaged in deep conversation, debating controversial topics, sharing his passion for soccer, and playing a lunch-time board game with fellow faculty members – he is well-liked and respected by his peers.

This spirit of collegiality also makes him willing to help a co-worker when he sees a need. Several years ago, before we had an automated method for compiling data from Course Evaluations, Ryan noticed that I was spending many hours creating individual reports for each faculty member in our department. It was extremely tedious and time consuming. So, on his own initiative, he wrote a program that would search the data and create individual reports for each faculty member. I know this took many hours of his own time, but it was a tremendous help and I so appreciated the eagerness with which he tackled the project.

For all of these reasons (and more!) I strongly support his application for tenure at ACU! He has been and will continue to be a great asset for the University.

Sincerely,

Kathy Garrison
Administrative Coordinator
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