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Tenure and Promotion Committee
Abilene Christian University

Dear Committee:

I am writing to recommend that Dr. Ryan Jessup receive tenure. I have known him since he started teaching at ACU in 2011.

As you have seen in the portfolio, his teaching, service, and research are excellent. I will speak to the issue of collegiality.

Although his primary teaching domain is marketing and data mining, he has demonstrated collegiality in two ways: first, to colleagues in other disciplines, for example computer science via almost-daily lunch meetings and games.

Second, to faculty across campus via intramural soccer. Starting several years back in Bennet gym, he organized indoor soccer games which then led to the formation of a faculty/staff/graduate student team that has played regularly in indoor- and outdoor-soccer for many years now.

In addition to encouraging faculty to participate, the team has served as a vehicle to reach out to international students, because it is so often true with international students that their primary sporting love is soccer.

ACU is just a little bit more welcoming and fun because of his efforts.

Sincerely,

Brent Reeves

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