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To the tenure and promotion committee at ACU:

In 2016, I wrote a letter in support of Dr. Ryan Jessup's attainment of tenure. I spoke of his many qualities, including his wisdom, his sacrificial and committed mentorship to his students, and his engaging and motivational instruction style. Four years later, I can continue to assure the committee with confidence that Dr. Jessup does not only commit to ACU students during their undergraduate time at the university, but that he also continues spiritually encouraging them, advising them, mentoring them, and supporting them as Alumni.

Below is an example of Dr. Jessup's post-undergraduate mentorship toward Alumni. Two years after I graduated from ACU and starting a doctoral program, I called Dr. Jessup explaining that I was thinking of leaving my business-oriented career path and program in pursuit of a medical career and a clinical psychology doctoral program. This switch in PhD programs was a 6-month process. Throughout every week of those months, Dr. Jessup mentored me through this decision, prayed with me, privately did his own research on possible mentors to help me choose the best ones in clinical psychology, continued advising me on research, continued advising me on professional skills, and more. This is just one example of the many times per year that Dr. Jessup has continued empowering and mentoring me as an ACU alumna who is hoping to, one day, pursue a career at an institution like ACU. It is for these reasons and many more that ACU would be enriched and privileged to promote Ryan Jessup to full professor.

Should you have any questions regarding Dr. Ryan Jessup, please do not hesitate to contact me at Lassaad@purdue.edu or (317) 790-9063.

Sincerely,



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