OUTSIDE LETTERS
SUGGESTED BY CANDIDATE
Dr. Chair
Department of

Lexington, KY 40506

Dear Dr.

I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the appointment of Dr. Professor of since when he and I I also worked closely with initiation and early implementation of

Today's research university is much broader than that of a decade or so ago. In this light, the faculty must be more diverse in expertise, and present role models that represent this diversity of research and scholarly delivery. epitomizes this new faculty role. he was an outstanding classroom teacher; advisor to graduate students; published in the scholarly journals appropriate to and obtained funding to support his research.

However, was also one of the new breed of faculty breaking new ground on what has now become a more familiar pathway for academic researchers. In my view, this is a very important aspect of academic life and a relevant component for some faculty

made very significant contributions education and participating on

and leading numerous boards within and outside academia:

in distance education

distance education and distributed learning represent new challenges and opportunities for higher education; intimate knowledge in these arenas will provide excellent perspectives for the Department of
At a major research university, the rank of full professor is generally reserved for those individuals who have been leaders and pioneers in their academic and scholarly endeavors. has demonstrated outstanding leadership in taking the results of academic research and translating them for the benefit of society. This is still a relatively new model for academic research, and recognized as one of our early national leaders in such efforts. For these reasons and based on his service to higher education and the advancement of more generally, I strongly recommend as a full professor in your Department of

Sincerely yours,
Dear Dr.

I am extremely pleased to provide a letter of recommendation for his appointment as Professor in the Department of University of Kentucky. I have known when my spouse became a colleague of his at Department of the unfolding of years.

I was fortunate to work as a colleague of

I had the opportunity to observe undergraduate students, graduate students, research assistants, fellow faculty members, and administrators in the academic setting. He is one of the most inspiring, dedicated, patient, and caring individuals with whom I have had the privilege to work. The combination of his achievements in the academic community and qualify him for appointment as a Professor. Through his publications, research grants and patents, he has laid the theoretical foundation for the many practical advancements. In my opinion, he is the epitome of the ultimate One who has impressive ideas; is able to conduct significant, systematic research to develop those ideas; and can implement researched ideas in a manner that will benefit society.

he never ceased being a teacher and mentor. Some of my former students in went to work for and I watched those students blossom under his tutelage. Those students have become incredibly successful, and part of their success is due to the nurture of their careers that they received from Dr.
's successes cannot help but provide an enormous amount of encouragement and incentive to University of Kentucky.

With the extreme emphasis, not only in the U.S. but worldwide, being placed on the relationship between

will bring an unprecedented blend of expertise in his position as a university professor.

passion for education, and he has continually sought opportunities to remain engaged in, and provide leadership for, academic endeavors at the local, state, and national levels. His service on the

are just a few examples of his commitment and dedication to enhancing education.

The University of Kentucky would be most fortunate to have a Professor in the Department of. He will bring an impressive array of vision, experience and skills to this position, and his affiliation with the university will engender a broadening of both the students' and faculty members' understanding of what it means to be a scholar.

Sincerely,
Dr.
Associate Dean

University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506

Dear

I am happy to provide a recommendation for

at the University of Kentucky. I first met a high school senior in

and searching for a college major. He took the time to meet with me, and

his friendly manner, coupled with his obvious academic qualifications, were so impressive

that I abandoned all thoughts of and enrolled in the the following fall.

my undergraduate advisor. He closely monitored my progress, and

identified additional advanced courses in other disciplines that would further my knowledge of

He also encouraged my participation in the in order to complement my with additional courses in . Additionally, he helped me to secure summer employment at

was very knowledgeable, fair, and well-organized. His lecturing style was business-like and unpretentious, and students went out of their way to take his courses. And as it turned out, his course was a great foundation for my current career as a

After completing undergraduate school, I applied for the master's program

assisted me in obtaining a Fellowship. I completed my master’s program

encouraged me to continue my studies, and I eventually received a Ph.D. in . I worked for several years in

and now am . I have kept in touch and his subsequent career of academia has been an inspiration to me as well. So, as you can tell, profound impact on the direction of my career and life.

In summary, I recommend him wholeheartedly.

Best Regards,
Dr.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my experiences with as a student and

Although I had many excellent professors, stands out from the rest. I give my highest recommendation for his appointment as Full Professor in the . University of Kentucky College of

My first class under Dr.'s thorough knowledge of the material enabled him to present the material clearly and in an interesting manner. Rather than trudging through the syllabus of another required course, directing his instruction to those areas that were not clear to us. The atmosphere in his class was awake, alive. He welcomed questions and did so without intimidation. I once asked a question about and was greeted with an enthusiastic response, even though this

My interest as I neared graduation was not my assigned adviser, but because of my impression of him I felt I could talk to him about career choices. I was nervous as Dr. welcomed me into his office, stopped what he was doing and took the time to listen to my concerns. He explained the realities of jobs in my area of interest (rare) explained that it took some persistence for this graduate to find the position.

Even though tempered with the knowledge that I might not find work in my desired area, I persisted in my job search and was able to secure a position with . There is no doubt that the advice he gave it was an important part of my successful job search.

Eight years after graduation I again had the opportunity to be associated with Dr. Since is not taught in school, "up to speed" with hands-on work One-on-one sessions about were complemented by introductions to matters. He followed the same formula open, honest discussion of the facts and plenty of opportunity for me to "persist" until solutions were found. Perhaps one of his greatest teaching/advising attributes is his sheer enjoyment of finding a solution to a problem and infecting his pupils with the same enthusiasm.

had a powerful influence on my life and for many other students as well. His appointment to Full Professor would be well deserved.

Sincerely,