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Dr. Jeffery Thomas, Dean of Academic Affairs  
CCAC-North Campus  
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Dear Dr. Thomas,

It was a great opportunity for me to review Rebecca Elinich's teaching portfolio. Her portfolio contains all necessary documents for each of the sections, including documents related to improvement of teaching and professional developments. Her resume reflects that she has extensive teaching and professional experiences with over 12 years. Her course syllabus provides detailed explanations of the evaluation plan, exam information, and many other policies which are useful for the highly interactive and student-centered learning environment. Rebecca's course outline demonstrates very clear descriptions of topics covered in the class, learning activities, and assignments. This is very helpful for her students to become active learners.

The course assignments are well designed to engage students very actively and creatively. I am really impressed with the various types of assignments in her courses. The play game assignment helps her students to develop an idea to look at certain games with a developer's eye. These assignments enhance students' curiosity, thinking ability, and professionalism.

The midterm and final projects in her classes give an actual opportunity to learn the technical skills that are directly relevant to the course content.

Rebecca's SOSOs grand average 4.7 clearly shows that she is extremely involved in the courses for the knowledge transfer to her students. She pays appropriate attention in the area where her SOSOs score is in a low rank by incorporating new options to enhance students' learning.

Rebecca is also involved in the chapter executive board of the global association for VR and AR. Her involvement in this organization certainly helps her to expand knowledge in the field of robotics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning which ultimately benefits her students. Additionally, she has been continuously enhancing her knowledge by attending conferences and online workshops. She is extensively involved in the annual assessments in her courses to access students' learning.

She has been included assignments in her MMC160 course to explore and address the ethical and diversity concern which people faces in the game industry. This helps her to train her students according to the interest and need of the people in the game industry. This clearly indicates Rebecca's passion to include and implement innovative teaching methods into the classroom. All these make her an excellent educator! I look forward to working with Rebecca and certainly believe that she is an incredible asset to the North Campus, CCAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rakesh", is written over a horizontal line.

Rakesh Shah, PhD  
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