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RE:

Dean's Comments on the Evaluation of George Corser

The thoughtful and careful evaluation of new faculty is crucial to their long term success. I appreciate the significant effort that is required to provide meaningful and constructive feedback and would like to thank the team members for their hard work. I acknowledge the team's commitment in providing valuable and insightful comments to Mr. George Corser, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Information Systems carefully and make effective use of your suggestions and opinions.

Teaching

Mr. Corser utilizes an interactive teaching style to involve his students in the lecture. As noted by his evaluation team, there is room for improvement, especially with regard to organization and pacing, but these are not uncommon for first-semester faculty members as they adjust to their new roles. Student comments regarding level of difficulty are worth discussions with the department to ensure appropriate rigor; suggestions on ways to challenge more experienced students would be beneficial to developing the balance needed. Overall, however, Mr. Corser clearly cares about student learning and I am sure that he will carefully consider the committee's suggestions.

Scholarship

Mr. Corser currently is finishing his Ph.D. dissertation and, while there have been some issues with scheduling his defense, he is progressing steadily. Despite these added responsibilities, he has been building his research portfolio here at SVSU, submitting grant proposals and presenting his current work in the college's weekly colloquium series. Once his Ph.D. requirements are completed, Mr. Corser will be well-positioned to have a strong research program.

Service

Since arriving on campus, Mr. Corser has been an actively involved member of the campus community. He is the faculty advisor of the newly-formed Cardinal Bitcoiners and routinely volunteers for recruiting and student outreach events. He recently received a SVSU Foundation Resource Grant to develop a TEDxSVSU event for this coming fall, an ambitious project that will enhance SVSU's reputation as a leader in community engagement in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Mr. Corser's enthusiasm will help as he continues to develop his service record.

In summary, Mr. Corser is off to a good start. I encourage him to carefully consider the observations made by his evaluation team and to utilize the experience and input from his department to improve his classroom teaching. I look forward to Mr. Corser's continued contributions to his department and this college as a whole.