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#### SUNY Potsdam Reappointment Committees

The Computer Science Department Personnel Committee is very happy to provide an almost identical letter to that supporting Dr. Supraja Gurajala's 2020 reappointment. Each accomplishment and contribution touted there has only been enhanced by her work in the intervening time.

Dr. Gurajala remains a valued colleague without whom the Department could not function. That is not promotion hyperbole: three faculty teaching the Computer Science majors requires continuous contributions from all members. Over her time with us, Dr. Gurajala has led the design of two new courses in Data Visualization and Machine Learning and taught their initial offerings. She has revitalized our Databases offering, moving the content forward to include NoSQL databases, a current industry darling. She has taught Cryptography, an important class that had been in the catalog but not offered for decades.

This number of new preparations indicates how hard Dr. Gurajala works for our students. She also worked very hard on the design of the Department's new curriculum and was also instrumental in shepherding it through the various College and University committees on which she has served. The whole Department is proud that the proposal has moved to SUNY with a Potsdam endorsement.

Dr. Gurajala has helped with recruiting, advising, and, as implied above, campus governance. Her service record is exemplary.

While doing all of this, Dr. Gurajala has managed to keep her research agenda moving forward, managing to include Potsdam students in the work. Just the week that this letter is being written, a senior project Dr. Gurajala supervised was invited to be rewritten as a Guest Editorial in a journal. Dr. Gurajala's commitment to bringing the student up to professional standards in academic computer science certainly paid off in this case.

The Personnel Committee strongly and unanimously endorses the continuing appointment of Dr. Supraja Gurajala in the Computer Science Department and promotion to Associate Professor.

Sincerely,

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