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Dear Sophie:

I wish to nominate our lovely senior lecturer Jim Buchan for the Faculty Learning and Teaching Awards 2015.

I have known Mr. Buchan for the past 6 months. In the last semester, he was teaching us Software Requirements Engineering. This semester, I am one of those students chasing him and enrolled in his class Software Development Methods mostly because of Jim's personal charm. He is not just a lecturer to us, but more of a friend and mentor to our work and life.

In class, he always has the magic to inspire every student with all kinds of props and games to introduce a concept and practice in software development process. In classes are often heard of laughter and enthusiastic discussions between Jim and us. His knowledgeable and humorous answers could always convince every student and further stimulate us thinking more over the subject.

Software development is not just a scientific theory in books, but also a pragmatic practices in real life industry. Jim has engaged in all kinds of IT meetings and taken the state of art of industry into classes to integrate the theories with realistic case studies. The outcome is clear that our students will not get scared, but fully prepared for future employment. Apart from cases sharing, he has created 2 fictional projects for us to work on in the assessments. With these projects, Jim is leading us to experience how a project is initiated in the first place and how it is delivered to the customers to the end.

Off class, Jim is always accessible for us. Often times a question to him after 10:00 pm got immediate responses from him. Even on his vacation, his replies and answers are unsurprisingly prompt and helpful.

In closing, Jim is the most respectful lecturer to me among all the 7 lecturers who have taught me for the 2 semesters. It is with sincere conviction that I strongly recommend Jim Buchan to win the award. I believe with more support from our faculty, he can take AUT computer faculty to another level and have more positive effects to local computer industry.

As to the category, I think Jim would be best suitable for the group 2 and 3.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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