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To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Robert Laurie for more than 22 years first as a graduate student and then as a faculty colleague. Bob taught here for three years total in two different periods primarily in the computer engineering area. When he has taught elsewhere, we have kept in touch.

Bob is an excellent, enthusiastic teacher, well-liked by students. However he does much more. He wrote a text for our introductory computer engineering course; the text was quite well done with many examples. He has great initiative and drive and worked hard to improve our computer engineering program, going well beyond the limits of his job. He has always kept up with the fast changing computer field and has developed courses for us, such as one in web design, and has been eager to teach courses with which he is unfamiliar in order to learn topics that are new to him, such as computer networks, in his most recent stint with us.

We would have loved to have him continue but Bob wanted to return to the Pacific.

In addition Bob is a person with very broad interests. His experiences in Germany, New Zealand, Japan, Korea and the Central Pacific have given him a wealth of understanding of people and cultures.

I believe Bob will do outstandingly at anything he undertakes and strongly recommend him for your position.

Sincerely,



Martha Sloan
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering