Recommendation for Professor Ayse Coskun's Promotion and Tenure

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To whom it may concern:

I have had the pleasure of spending three out of my four years at BU College of Engineering with Ayse Coskun. I am very pleased to hear that she is being offered a promotion. I took her EC327 class Fall semester sophomore year (2011) and she hired me as an Undergraduate Research student the following semester. I worked with her until I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's in Computer Engineering this May. Ayse was an incredible influence both academically, and professionally for the entire three years that I spent with her, and I highly recommend her for promotion.

In my time working with Ayse, we had weekly one-on-one meetings to discuss the work that I had done that week for her, as well any academic, professional issues, or resume reviews that I sought her help with. I also attended her regular weekly group meetings with her graduate students and often met with her or her and her students several other times a week. During her group meetings I participated in her grad students' presentations in preparation for conferences and also presented myself. Having these regular meetings and presentations to critique and communicate my work and other's proved to be excellent preparation for my internship between Junior and Senior year as well as for succeeding in Senior Design where I was awarded the Senior Design Individual Excellence award. Ayse's mentoring helped me develop an excellent work ethic and presentation skills that have proved invaluable at my current position in industry as well.

Ayse is an excellent teacher as well as professional mentor. In addition to her EC327 class, I also took her EC535 Intro to Embedded Systems class. Her EC327 class gave me an excellent understanding of not just how to program but also exactly what happens when the program runs. She was always available to help any student and often got just as involved in solving their problem as they were. Her EC535 class gave me a fundamental understanding of how embedded systems work, but most importantly how to do something myself when documentation is hard to come by. Her class was tough, but it forced me to collaborate with my fellow students and solve problems we didn't know much about, and it has taught me never to be afraid of a new problem.

Ayse has my full endorsement for promotion and I sincerely hope that she continues her excellent teaching and mentoring more students to success in their careers just as she has helped me to my success.

Sincerely,

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