

## **FACULTY EVALUATION: CHAIRPERSON'S SUMMARY**

Faculty Being Reviewed: Dr. Joseph Christensen Date: 21 July 2010\_\_\_\_\_

Position/Department: Physicist and Mathematician \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer/Chairperson: Dr. Robert Riehemann\_\_\_\_\_

Time Period Beginning: September 2009 and Ending: May 2010\_\_\_\_\_

### **SUMMARY**

#### **I. Basic Evaluation:**

Dr. Christensen continues to do an excellent job. He has taken on more responsibility by becoming the director of the QEP program. His thoughtful participation in the hiring process for our new mathematician was highly valued. Dr. Christensen is organized and thorough. This was important to his completion of the elementary lab manual with Jack Wells. The manual was used not only by TMC students but also by Gateway students. Dr. Christensen is especially popular with upper level students.

He continues to closely monitor his students and he worked directly with me to adjust the pace of PHY 432 to accommodate a student who had performed poorly in a prerequisite course. This is an invaluable service to both the student and the college. He maintains high standards and is careful and attentive during our adjunct hiring interviews.

Dr. Christensen has become active in administrative tasks and is dropping two courses. The department supports this and we all believe that he will do a good job. However, this is increasing our dependence on adjunct faculty.

#### **II. Appraisal for promotion/tenure (if applicable); continuation (if a new faculty member or an adjunct faculty member.):**

Dr. Christensen should be given tenure at the earliest possible time. He should be formally accepted into the college community and encouraged to stay.

### **FEEDBACK**

#### **A. This faculty member has demonstrated strengths in the following areas (include any ideas for the further development of these strengths):**

- Collegiality and concern for the department as a whole.
- Technical ability. He should be encouraged to continue his research and share some of the excitement with students.
- Mentoring.

- B. This faculty member should strive to improve in the performance of duties in the following areas (include suggestions for improvement):
- It is not quite clear if Dr. Christensen prefers administrative duties or teaching. He should consider his options over the next year.
- C. The following special information and/or circumstances are pertinent to the understanding of this review:
- Dr. Christensen is in his third year with Thomas More College.
  - Dr. Christensen is an associate professor.
- D. Recommendation for promotion/tenure (if applicable); continuation (if new or adjunct faculty member):
- Dr. Christensen should be given tenure as soon as possible.

Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: Dr. Robert Riehemann \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 21 July 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

*(Signature does not imply agreement with the above comments. The interviewee can attach a rebuttal if so desired.)*