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Dear Board of Trustees:

It is an honor to recommend Charles (Chuck) Allison for the Board of Trustees Award of Excellence. I have worked closely with Chuck since recruiting him to the Computer Science Dept. in 2001, and, frankly, our department was fortunate to be able to attract a scientist of Chuck's caliber.

Since joining the department, Chuck has made major contributions to the Computer Science program in many areas. He serves as the Coordinator for the BS CS Computer Science Emphasis and is universally respected in this role by other CS faculty. Over the past decade, Chuck has developed this emphasis into a true university quality program. Our initial departmental accreditation by ABET was supported, in large part, by that quality of that emphasis.

Chuck is one of the finest teachers in the department, and plays an important role as mentor of junior faculty. As department chair, I review the performance of all faculty. Student evaluations of Chuck's courses are typically the highest in the department. Chuck has received the College of Technology and Computing *Faculty Excellence Award* and the Alumni Association *Outstanding Educator of the Year Award*.

In terms of scholarship, Chuck served, until recently, as Senior Editor of C/C++ Users Journal, one of the two preeminent professional journals for computer programmers. He is co-author of Thinking in C++ Vol. 2, a popular C++ programming book in both industry and academia, and is a featured speaker at industry and professional conferences. In the last three years, Chuck has published 17 articles in journals such as Better Software Magazine and The Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges.

As an example of the level of service to UVU that Chuck has performed, Chuck is currently serving as President of the UVU Faculty Senate. In this role, UVU faculty have benefitted greatly from his leadership and organizational skills. Other notable service activities include the Communities of Engaged Learning Advisory Board (2009-10), the Presidential Search Committee (2009) and the Presidential Inauguration Committee (2009).

With this collective level of performance in teaching, scholarship and service, I believe that I can make a strong case that Chuck is an excellent candidate for the Board of Trustees Award of Excellence.

Sincerely,

David Heldenbrand
Chair, Computer Science Dept.
Utah Valley University