

January 20, 2010

Dear UVU Board of Trustees,

It is with pleasure that I write in support of Chuck Allison as a nominee for the 2010 UVU Trustees' Award. While his teaching excellence and exemplary service as president of the Faculty Senate are well known, I wish to comment on a few things that may not be as evident.

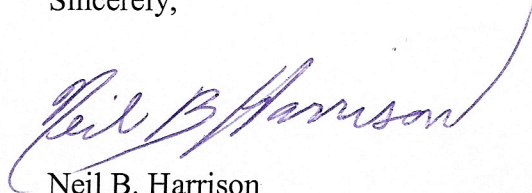
First, Chuck is not only a great teacher, but is well-organized and diligent in his class materials. I have taught two classes that Chuck is the mentor for. In both cases, the materials are well organized and laid out, making it much easier to present well, as well as consistently. In addition, Chuck is always working to improve the materials and keep them up to date. He has always asked for my feedback, corrections, and suggestions for improvement for the courses. The beneficiaries, of course, are the students.

Second, Chuck takes leadership in shaping the CS curriculum and ensuring that it is top-notch. Any department needs leaders in curriculum excellence, and Chuck is one of the leaders for us. He keeps up to date with the latest ACM curriculum guidelines and helps us follow them.

Third, Chuck continues to be committed to scholastic excellence. Even though his output of professional publications has been diminished of late because of his heavy commitment to the Faculty Senate, he is still a wellspring of technical ideas. He has been able to review papers and interpret research results for software engineering studies. This is work behind the scenes that contributes to the profession.

I highly recommend Chuck for the 2010 UVU Trustees' Award.

Sincerely,



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