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Friends,

I am writing this letter in support of the application for promotion by Mr. Chuck Allison of the Department of Computer Science and Pre-Engineering at Utah Valley University (UVU). After having worked rather closely with Chuck for two years and longer on policy and similar issues at UVU, it is my pleasure to provide this letter in his behalf.

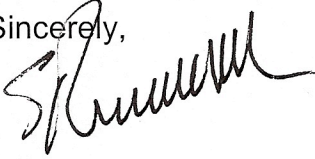
One of the most difficult aspects of changing the culture of a state college to a university is to make certain policies are in place that will facilitate the academic excellence and allow the smooth operation of the university. In our rapid growth from a community college through a state college to a university, we have had to make many critical policy changes. Furthermore, due the model of shared governance at UVU, it is important that all entities on campus have a chance to provide comments on an emerging policy, many of which have wide-ranging implications for the institutions.

Chuck, as President of the Senate, has provided a safe venue there for senators to provide feedback on each policy that has passed along the policy pipeline. He has done this with aplomb and a fine facilitator's skill that has often resulted in policies evolving in ways that make better sense and work well for everyone on campus. Mr. Allison has also worked very well with the Deans' Council in similar ways, facilitating discussions and sharing information from the Faculty Senate. I salute Chuck for his skills in facilitating policy issues on the UVU campus. His work has been excellent and important.

Mr. Allison has also been widely involved in campus issues both as the President of the Senate and as a good UVU citizen. He has a fundamental understanding of what a university should be and has worked toward that model. I believe Chuck's presence on campus has helped and continues to help us change our culture as we mature into a fine university.

In summary, I would like to provide Mr. Allison with my highest recommendation for his application for promotion to Full Professor. I believe his service work has been critically important to us as a university and I am convinced he is a fine influence across campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Rushforth', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sam Rushforth, Dean
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