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Dr. Akihito Kamata, Chair
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Dear Dr. Kamata and Promotion and Tenure Committee Member,

I have been asked to provide an external evaluation of the dossier of Dr. Allan Jeong for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. I am pleased to do so.

Allan's research has focused on discourse processes and discourse analysis in computer-supported collaborative learning contexts. Given the current emphasis on online learning in our field, these are important research topics within our discipline. What impresses me most about Allan's work is his development and testing of a rich theory-based tool for discourse analysis. He has constructed a powerful research paradigm that has supported several excellent studies to date and will likely support many more to come. Additionally, his tool is being used consistently by many other researchers in the field, which only enhances the impact that his research has on the field. I have been so impressed by his work that I agreed to act as consultant for a NSF career award should he receive it.

Allan has been a very productive scholar in past few years. He was a bit slow to begin to publish following his dissertation, but in the past few years, he has shown a high level of scholarly productivity. That research productivity is more coherent than that of most untenured professors. Again, his research focus is unusual in its level of articulation. With eleven refereed publications and three more in press, Allan has exceeded the level of scholarly productivity required for promotion and tenure at any university I have been affiliated with. Allan has made numerous conference presentations. I would certainly recommend that Allan diversify his conference attendance, committing to CSCL and other more rigorous and focused online conferences rather than AECT. I would also recommend that he attempt to place his research in higher quality journals. Some of the journals that he has published in (*ETR&D*, *Instructional Science*, and the *Journal of the Learning Sciences*), are among the top journals in the field. I believe that his work belongs in stronger, more prestigious journals.

Allan's dossier provides no evidence or information about his teaching or his university service, so I am unable to comment on those aspects of his professional development. He has been an active contributor to journals and societies, which reflects well on him and Florida State University.

In summary, I believe that Allan's record is strong enough to merit promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. He would have no problems at the University of Missouri. I encourage the committee and the university to grant that promotion with tenure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Jonassen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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