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Dear Professor Dye,

I am pleased to be able to serve as an external evaluator for Professor Stetson. This letter is to serve as my evaluation of Professor Stetson's tenure and promotion materials of which I found quite comprehensive.

Teaching:

Professor Stetson has consistently encouraged his students to compete in numerous competitions both locally, nationally and internationally. His students have placed very well at all levels of competition. His trumpet ensemble and individual soloists have done very well at the National Trumpet Competition for a number of years. Notably, student Marc Sutton was a finalist in the prestigious Ellsworth Smith competition. The success of his students at both the solo level and the trumpet ensemble division are indeed a testament to his highly effective teaching. He has fostered a team building philosophy that has proven a terrific asset to his program. I am happy to be able to speak to this from a position of experience. Robert Luther recently received his DMA in performance under the tutelage of Professor Stetson. Robert was a former student of mine. I have personally witnessed amazing growth from Robert since his time working with Professor Stetson. I am happy to send more students to Professor Stetson in the future as I am convinced of his high level of teaching and his superb mentoring of his students. Lastly, his exemplary student evaluations speak for themselves.

Performance/Research:

Professor Stetson has been extremely active as a performer giving many solo performances throughout the country. Notable are his numerous performances at the International Trumpet Guild conferences. These performances give the university significant exposure. His many collaborative chamber performances throughout the USA are quite impressive. In addition, his performances with orchestras such as the Albany Symphony, Boston Philharmonic, Lubbock Symphony and Alabama Symphony, show his versatility as a performer as well as bring great exposure to Texas Tech. After listening to a number of his performances both live and recordings, it is evident that he is a terrific performer/musician. He has all the valuable assets such as a beautiful sound, great control, great technique and pitch. He is able to provide a wonderful example of being an "all around" consummate musician to his students. These remarkable performances will be a magnet for students to desire to attend Texas Tech to continue under his tutelage.

Service:

Professor Stetson has been active in the area of service. He has participated on numerous doctorate and graduate recital and thesis committees. He has given many presentations and masterclasses and his participation in the faculty brass quintet are good examples of his

service. Notable is his 2018 award, The Texas Tech University Office of Transition and Engagement Pursuit of Excellence Award. Professor Stetson has arranged as well as commissioned numerous works which have brought notoriety to his trumpet studio as well as to the university. His service includes local, national and international participation. This is seen from his participation in the Texas Music Educators Association, the International Trumpet Guild and his work with my new organization, The World Trumpet Society. His impressive list of guest artists, is great for the students and brings yet more great exposure to the university. His work with the Lubbock Wind Ensemble and the Youth Orchestra, are great recruitment tools. His participation in university service is quite impressive.

In summary, Professor Stetson seems to be an exemplary Professor. He is well represented in every area and is a very effective teacher/performer. He has shown consistent success in each area. I found his materials comprehensive and impressive.

Please do not hesitate to call should you want to discuss anything in this letter.

Best

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