



DATE: October 13, 2004
TO: Whom it May Concern
FROM: Joan Roca, Dean of Library Services
RE: Recommendation for Professor Gregg W. Asher

I have been asked to provide a letter of recommendation for Professor Asher's application for tenure and I am very pleased to do so. I am writing to document some of his contributions to Minnesota State University, Mankato, his commitment to students, and his dedication to advancing the Computer and Information Sciences program.

I have known Professor Asher since he joined MSU more than 22 years ago and can vouch for his strong dedication to students, to his profession, and to leveraging technology in his teaching. Throughout all his years at MSU, he has always been willing to share his expertise in statistics with faculty colleagues in many departments as they design and analyze their research. Dr. Asher readily earns the respect of his colleagues.

As a fellow member of the Learning and Technology Roundtable, I found his contributions to the group very valuable from the perspective of a faculty member who was student-centered and wanted to make sure technology was adding value to the learning process. He has always been concerned about how students and colleagues use technology and during his career at MSU has been a leader in infusing technology into his teaching.

As a faculty member, Professor Asher has served on numerous committees and task forces with an outstanding service record. Library Services appreciates his willingness to serve as an external member of a recent search committee, providing informed insight into the needed qualifications of the Systems Librarian. As evidenced by the many workshops, conferences, and activities listed on his curriculum vitae, he has been very active not only in his fields of expertise, but also in those related to supporting disability issues on campus and beyond. His service beyond the Mankato community has also been generous and exemplary.

In summary, I believe that Professor Gregg Asher's contributions to MSU, Mankato in the areas related to his professional field and his service to this University have been significant in advancing the University's mission and goals.

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