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To Reviewers for Dr. Marsha Huber:

I strongly support Marsha Huber's application for tenure. I have known Marsha for several years now and have enjoyed working with her very much.

My interaction with Marsha has centered around faculty development activities. As Faculty Development Coordinator, I convene the Faculty Development Committee, which Marsha heartily volunteered to join. Her input on this committee has been invaluable, as she has so much experience through workshops, conferences, and professional memberships. She generously offered me materials, such as long lists of faculty development ideas and topics, as well as websites, organizations, and conventions that might be useful. She was also instrumental in bringing a featured speaker to campus in January 2014, January 2016, and again next year. Continuous improvement is clearly one of her passions.

Marsha has been an active participant on the committee, offering her own faculty workshops to improve writing quality and productivity ("writing circles"), to help students better internalize content ("add meaning and mastery to your classes"), and to help instructors employ regular informal assessments of students' knowledge and satisfaction ("classroom assessment techniques," "Redesign your class using design thinking"). In these sessions, Marsha exudes an enthusiasm that is unmatched. It's contagious. She makes workshops fun and interactive, but, more importantly, useful. I imagine her teaching style with students is exactly the same. One thing I've been most impressed with is that she weaves interesting and relevant research findings – often her own – into her workshop material. In this way, she comes across as a consummate teacher/scholar.

I'm so impressed with Marsha; she's the whole package, and most deserving of tenure.

Sincerely,

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