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Dr. Huguenin:

Mindy Kellogg continues to be an extraordinarily strong and well-respected teacher. She teaches a remarkable array of courses, from astronomy (primarily non-majors) through algebra based physics (required by several majors and curricula, and never popular) through the calculus based physics, which is among the most difficult courses offered in this department, if not in the college, and on to upper level elective courses for the minor. Last year she taught the calculus based physics course and astronomy, and her student evaluations for both levels were stellar (excuse the pun). I have observed Mindy's teaching in preparation for her third year review, and I concur with the students; she is an outstanding teacher.

Mindy's service obligations have been significant this year. She was one of the departmental representatives to the Faculty Senate, and served on the Honors Committee, the Women's Leadership and Concerns Committee, and the Academic Program Committee. She also served on a departmental ad hoc committee, the Missions and Goals Committee. In addition, she sponsored an Open Telescope Night that was spectacularly successful; even with minimal advertising it drew a large crowd, and many people have expressed interest in coming out again.

Mindy's research and scholarship have also continued, in spite of the difficulties inherent in attempting to do physics research at a small school with a low budget, no majors, and no lab space. She has written a grant, served as a guest editor for a journal, given a guest presentation, and published a paper, a rather impressive record. In addition, Mindy has overseen the final work on the observatory and storage shed, a thankless and frustrating task. She has also given great attention to the final work being done on the physics research space to ensure that it is as close as possible to her original vision for that space.

In sum, Mindy has performed outstandingly well in all the major areas of service, teaching and scholarship. She is highly focused and effective, and she works very hard to ensure that she is providing her students with the absolute best experience they can have in her courses.

Sincerely,

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Chair & Professor of Chemistry