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To: Mr. John Sigg, Interim Dean
School of Health Sciences and Human Performance

From: Mr. Ricky Haro, Managing Member
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Subject: Review of Service Activity for Dr. Chris Pelchat, Candidate for Tenure and Promotion

I am honored and pleased to have the privilege of reviewing Dr. Chris Pelchat's service activity for potential tenure and promotion at Ithaca College. I have carefully reviewed the service criterion for promotion to Associate Professor and believe Dr. Pelchat has clearly exceeded and surpassed the standards outlined by Ithaca College and the profession. In my opinion, his accomplishments and contributions have established his academic maturity and the mutual trust that merit tenure.

Institutional Service Summation

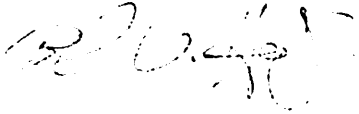
Since 2006, Dr. Pelchat has participated in several institutional committees as well as several advisory positions. His institutional service continues within the Ithaca College Natural Lands and HSHP Curriculum Committees. Additionally, Dr. Pelchat participated in several roles throughout Recreation and Leisure Departmental Service, such as promotion and tenure, curriculum, marketing, accreditation, student informational sessions, and faculty and school meetings. Lastly, Dr. Pelchat's time as advisor to both the Adventure Facilitators and the Outdoor Adventure Living Learning Community demonstrate his ability to provide much desired mentorship and development to prospective members of the recreation and leisure community and the improvement of campus life overall.

Professional Service Summation

Dr. Pelchat's professional service within the industry is beyond measure. He has spent countless hours volunteering with companies and non-profit organizations within the industry. Dr. Pelchat has chaired several working committees that have developed and monitored curricular components for technical and Outdoor Leader core standards. Specifically, Dr. Pelchat's work and collaboration can be found within Leave No Trace-Center for Outdoor Ethics, American Canoeing Association, and the Wilderness Education Association. Dr. Pelchat has volunteered on several Editorial Boards and Reviewships and has filled multiple roles on the Wilderness Education Association (WEA) Board of Trustees. Dr. Pelchat currently serves as the WEA Accreditation Council Chair and Vice President, and successfully facilitates the development and implementation of quality outdoor curriculum and assessments in this role. Since 2005, Dr. Pelchat has also served as the WEA President and Affiliate Representative. Recently, Dr. Pelchat selflessly volunteered to fill the vacant Executive Director position until a replacement was found, in an effort to save the organization funds.

In summary, Dr. Pelchat is a talented individual who exhibits the maturity of an educator and industry professional. Dr. Pelchat possesses the skills and tenacity necessary to advance the interests of the department and Ithaca College as a whole. Dr. Pelchat's conduct and service within the community clearly demonstrate excellence in his leadership and program development skills. As a colleague of Dr. Pelchat's, I can personally vouch for his sound judgment and long-term support to the academic and industries mission. As an owner of a multi-million dollar adventure business, I would be grateful to find an individual with Dr. Pelchat's attributes to direct any of the divisions within Rare Earth Adventures LLC.

Sincerely,



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