

May 20, 2016

Julian Schuster, Provost and Senior Vice President

Re: Annual probationary review of Kevin Taylor

Dear Provost Schuster,

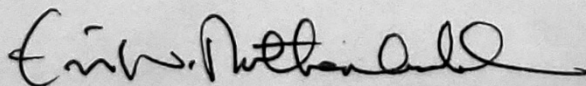
I am writing to convey the annual probationary review report for Assistant Professor Kevin Taylor, conducted by Professor Kathy Corley, Chair of the Department of Electronic & Photographic Media, and to express my support for his positive evaluation and recommendation for renewal.

Kevin Taylor is rapidly establishing himself as an exemplary faculty member. He leads our program in Games and Game Design, which is not only successful, but growing so quickly it creates its own management problems. Kevin has designed new courses and revised existing ones; smoothed and improved the curriculum; helped recruit and orient new adjunct faculty members; coordinated with all necessary parties for equipment and software acquisitions; met with a steady flow of prospective students and their parents; and volunteered cheerfully for anything else that comes up. He also has continued to produce his own art work and has some competitively selected shows coming up—and he is making a move into game studies, with a scholarly publication in progress. I have offered my help and advice on this work, but also suggested he needs to keep control of his own agenda and not over commit this early in his career.

Kevin is already making important contributions and there is no doubt that he will continue to grow and develop. We recommend a contract for the 2016-17 academic year, which will be his third in probationary status.

Let me apologize for the lateness of this document. Please do let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Dean, School of Communications