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Dear Dean Ormus,

I am writing with enthusiastic support for Myles Calvert's promotion to Associate Professor at Winthrop University. I was the key person to hire him for a temporary faculty/leave position at the School of Art and Design at Alfred University and we manage to keep him for an additional three years, simply because he was an outstanding teacher. He was originally my sabbatical replacement and then I had the pleasure of closely working with him for his additional years of service at Alfred.

Myles taught an expansive range of Print Media and Foundation courses at the School of Art and Design at Alfred University in an exemplary manner. He quickly became an extraordinary colleague who possessed boundless energy and skills. In the short time that he was here he had organized at least 5 international print exchanges for students and faculty. (There may have been more than this) He was extremely well organized and responded to issues and task promptly. His work crosses a wide range of media in print from emerging technologies as well as being grounded and skilled in traditional printmaking media. As a faculty member he was active in numerous roles that range from a international perspectives, exhibitions, theory and practice, and had the ability and experience to teach a wide range of foundation courses. He was never shy to jump in and help out by rolling up his sleeves and do work wherever needed. One year, as the Print Club advisor, he helped in fundraising to bring 21 Alfred students to SGCI Atlanta. He also helped the Alfred Print Club organize the trip to the conference in Las Vegas. Myles worked diligently with our International Programs office to create a special opportunity for Alfred University's print program with the *Art Print Residency* in Spain. It was not an easy task, but his perseverance and professionalism created an experience for a large number of students to have and participate in. To this day, they appreciated and still comment on what an impact it had been for their work and life experience.

His work crosses traditional print media and has a depth of new electronic processes. I have included his work in a number of shows that I have curated in China, one at the *Chao Art Center*, Chaoyang District and another at *AC Gallery* located in the 798 Art District of Beijing. He has the ability to work and understand contemporary print practice while being very fluent in its history. While at Alfred he had significantly improved our silkscreen area, offered honor courses and engaged the students in meaningful ways through access and support for diversity initiatives. He was immensely popular with students and spent may additional hours helping them with their projects.

Finally I just want to say that he was a joy to work with! We found him to be kind, sensitive, respectful and thoughtful. He was a wonderful colleague for students and faculty alike and we miss him. He had so much to offer and I am sure that you have found him to be a tremendous asset at your institution.

Myles has become a lifelong colleague who I stay in touch with and will continue to work with on a professional basis. It is clear by the posts that I follow on social media that he is still active at a high level professionally and I see that will only increase in the coming years. It is an asset to the greater Printmaking/ Print Media Community to have his talent shared to the greater audience of those who work in the field. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Scheer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Scheer" clearly legible.

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