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Attention: Ms. Loretta Caldwell

RE: Letter of Reference and Support for Dr. David R. Feeney

Dear Search Committee:

I have known and worked with Dr. David Feeney for approximately five years while he was the Director of Digital Education at Fox School of Business at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. During most of that time, I served as the Director of Radiology and Online Learning at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. Since last year, he and I have kept in touch regularly as good friends after I relocated to southern California.

One of my roles at the School of Podiatric Medicine was to create technology-enhanced academic projects. And, because I had just completed a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, I was searching for innovators and leaders within the Temple University system that shared my vision for the appropriate use of technology in medical education. This search led me to Dr. Feeney. David became very familiar with academia in the medical school setting during the time he helped me introduce and administrate innovative academic technology. I am certain that the knowledge he gained regarding medical education will prove valuable to the position he is seeking.

Dr. Feeney was able to implement a number of key academic initiatives at Temple's Fox School of Business that are listed in his curriculum vitae. He did this using a team approach, including group meetings and one-on-one encounters with administration, faculty, and staff. I witnessed (and admired) David's energy, persistence, and people skills as well as his capacity to network within the Fox School of Business, throughout the entire university, and with numerous organizations outside of Temple University. He is a strong leader, never procrastinated, completed all projects in a very timely manner, and sufficiently

delegated his tasks when appropriate. I have never known his performance to slack, and he never wasted time. David would come up with novel approaches to both old and new problems. He was professional in all aspects of his job, treated everyone equally, and respected those above and below him.

On a personal and professional basis, I have to say that I think of David often and miss working with him. I never shared this with him until now: he served as an important mentor in my professional development. The UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School would be very lucky to have Dr. Feeney as their Vice President of Academic Affairs, and I strongly recommend him without hesitation for this position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the Search Committee have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Christman DPM". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

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