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Dear Tenure Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Professor Eric Darsow, CIT faculty member in his application for tenure at CCAC. Professor Darsow is a dedicated faculty member and serves as a faculty liaison for several College in the High School classes at West Allegheny High School. When he hired at CCAC to teach Data Analytics, he took the initiative and built DAT 102: Introduction to Data Analytics and DAT-129: Python 2 courses from scratch to further grow the program. He also values teamwork in education. I can readily attest to Professor Darsow's ability to work collaboratively as a member of an academic department. For example, he recently worked with his CIT colleague, Professor Sheldon-Hess on the Data-Analytics program to upgrade several courses. He also served on the CIT faculty hiring committee and regularly completes his assessment of student learning, his portfolio and Appendix L activities in a professional and timely manner.

Professor Darsow believes in student engagement. I observed this in his fall 2020 class, CIT 245 NC 31, Data Structure and Program. The zoom class was lively; students were engaged and he used a variety of learning activities. He also supports his students and on occasion, has written personal letters of recommendation for students to gain successful admittance to degree programs at schools such as the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. Undoubtedly, CCAC is fortunate to have an instructor of his caliber in its ranks. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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