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To whom it may concern:

This letter certifies that Amit Shesh has satisfactorily completed the requirements of the University of Minnesota Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program. This program, which originally received funding from the Bush Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts, is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Graduate School and the Center for Teaching and Learning Services. PFF is designed to help graduate students and postdoctoral fellows prepare for their future roles as faculty in a college or university setting. The goals for participants in the program are to: 1) acquire information about and develop an appreciation for the teaching and learning process, 2) gain a realistic perspective on the skills required for success as a faculty member, 3) examine one's fit with a teaching career in higher education, 4) work with a faculty mentor to receive constructive feedback through a teaching opportunity on a college or university campus, 5) demonstrate, document, and reflect upon one's teaching skills, and 6) prepare to successfully compete for academic or other professional positions.

Amit completed all Preparing Future Faculty requirements, including:

- GRAD 8101: Teaching in Higher Education. In this course, he reviewed higher education teaching methods and techniques through experiential learning, readings, discussion, micro-teaching, e-mail dialogue, and the creation of a teaching portfolio, documenting and reflecting upon his experience as a teacher.
- GRAD 8102: Practicum for Future Faculty. In this course, he gained practical experience in teaching and the faculty role through interaction with representatives from a variety of institutions of higher education, the preparation of a job search portfolio, and a teaching internship at the University Of Minnesota Twin Cities, in consultation with Professor Ravi Janardan, faculty mentor.

Each requirement of Preparing Future Faculty is designed to help graduate students and postdoctoral fellows improve their skills in anticipation of their future faculty role. By enrolling in this program and completing all program requirements, Amit Shesh has demonstrated an interest in working to become an effective educator in a college or university setting. Completion of PFF is an accomplishment that distinguishes this individual in terms of his preparedness to perform successfully in a professorial position.

Sincerely,



Gail Dubrow, Ph.D.
Dean, Graduate School



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