

To: Rod Keller  
From: Sean Hutcherson  
Re: Peer Evaluation of Ben Holt  
Date: January 20, 2020

The peer evaluation committee for Ben Holt for the 2019-20 academic year consists of Sean Hutcherson (Chair), Jed Wyman, and Lou Rushton. After meeting with Ben as a group, speaking with him individually, and observing him in the classroom, the committee has concluded that Ben is a valuable member of the Mathematics Department and an asset to Southwestern Oregon Community College. Below are some comments made by individuals of the committee:

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“Throughout his lecture Ben shares his sincere love of mathematics, speaking of the “magic” of mathematics while solving problems.”

“Professor Holt’s teaching style was energetic, well-paced, compelling, and clear. He provided information with an economical focus of which clarity was the key component.”

“As Ben worked with groups individually, it was apparent that Ben and his students had a shared goal of having students gain a better understanding of the optimization problems. It was clear that Ben had established a good rapport with his students in this class.”

“Ben delivers the course material in a warm comfortable way, and shares his passion for mathematics with his students.”

“The blending of new and old material was accomplished smoothly. This could be seen in the impressive degree of understanding exhibited by the students. Student questions, of which there were several, all involved an in-depth understanding of complex ideas that had been touched on in preceding lessons.”

“Ben is a very approachable instructor who helps students gain a better appreciation of mathematics.”

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In conclusion, the peer evaluation committee commends the job that Ben does teaching his classes. We unhesitatingly recommend that Ben be given a positive evaluation for the 2019-20 academic year.

**Jed Wyman  
Hutcherson**

**Lou Rushton**

**Sean**