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Dear Joel

Here is a summary of the data related to teaching medical students that Dr. Henry Olders' has sent to me in support of his application for promotion from University Lecturer to Assistant Professor. The documentation that I have summarized is enclosed with the summary.

As outlined on page 5 of his CV, Dr. Olders gave seminars on Interview Techniques to the clerkship students at the Douglas Hospital in 1983-1984, seminars on Minor Tranquilizers from 1983-1992, and seminars on Treatments in Psychiatry from 1984 to 1985. I have only one evaluation of his seminar on Interview Techniques from a student who considered him excellent. I have evaluations of his Minor Tranquilizer seminar from 17 clerkship students from 4 rotations. Most ratings of the individual items are divided between excellent and satisfactory. There are evaluations of his Psychotherapy Seminars from 17 students in 3 rotations. There are slightly more "excellent" ratings than "satisfactory" ratings of the individual items assessed. Twelve students who had Dr. Olders as a clinical supervisor in the OPD or In Patient ward in 1989 and 1990 and one student in 1995 rated him, in about equal numbers, either excellent or satisfactory. One student in 1999 rated his ward supervision of psychogeriatric patients in the outstanding to above average range, and one student in 1996 was complimentary and appreciative of his teaching in the ER.

Dr. Olders was a small group leader in the Introduction to the Patient course in 1995-1996. 100% of the students gave him the highest score on a 5 point scale when rating him as "interested, helpful and stimulating teacher" and 100 % recommended that he be recruited again as a group leader. He was a group leader in the Introduction to the Practice of Medicine Course in 1996-1997 where the students were also very happy with him as group leader and the comments were extremely positive e.g. "Very approachable, helpful, interested in our educational experience". He participated as a small group leader in the "Communication Plus" course for 4th year students in 1999, and his evaluations were positive. He was also a small group leader in the two Unit 8 "superintegrated" small groups that were held in the autumn of 1999.

His evaluation scores were all positive, with an average of 3.8 on a 5 point scale, which was comparable to the mean scores of all the other group leaders.

As he notes on page 10 of his CV, Dr. Olders served as an examiner in both practice orals and final oral examinations for clerkship students at the Douglas Hospital from 1985 to 1993.

Dr. Olders has also sent me copies of letters from 3 medical students who requested reference letters from him in 1988, 1990 and 1991, all expressing their appreciation for his teaching.

In summary, he has been involved with undergraduate education at both the pre-clerkship and clerkship level, for a number of years, and his evaluations have been overall quite positive. I hope this is helpful to you and the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur Propst MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "A" and "P".

Arthur Propst MD
Coordinator of Undergraduate Education