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Economics Appointment Committees

Subject: Reference letter for Michael Lanyi

Dear Member of the Committee

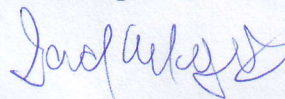
It is a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Michael Lanyi as a university instructor.

Michael graduated from our MA program in the fall of 2006. I believe him to be well-trained.

In most Canadian graduate programs in economics a TA is a marker. SFU is unusual in that teaching assistantships are true teaching assistantships in the sense that the TAs lead tutorial groups and actually teach our undergraduates. Michael held four TAs while he was here and consistently performed very well. The student evaluations were very good and improved as Michael gained experience. The evaluation of his TA work by course instructors was also very good.

His performance as a TA was so good, in fact, that he was asked to be the instructor for our intermediate microeconomics course this past fall. His performance again was very good. The student evaluations were above the median for the department. This is very unusual for a first time teacher especially one teaching a core required course. From my perspective as Chair his course was very low maintenance. I heard nothing but good things about the way he handled all the organizational issues and student interactions. I was very pleased and have no doubt that you would find Michael to be an excellent instructor for your program. If you need any other information please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,



Gordon M. Myers (Chair of Economics)