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To: Emrah Akyol
From: Erhan Kudeki, Assoc. Department Head for Undergrad. Affairs
Re: Emrah Akyol's Teaching Assignment
Date: January 6, 2017



Dear Emrah,

I am writing to document that you have completed your teaching assignment for Fall 2016 term as the main instructor of the AL4 Section of ECE 210, "Analog Signal Processing". For the record, in the AL4 Section you have instructed 88 students from ECE 210 and 11 additional non-ECE students enrolled under the ECE 211 rubric. I would like you thank you for the efforts you have put into teaching this core ECE course taken by all of our electrical engineering (EE) and computer engineering (CE) majors during their sophomore year. I am pleased to let you know that we have heard very encouraging early feedback from students in your section. I am copying below excerpts from an email that I recently received praising your teaching. I wish you the best in your teaching and research career.

" My name is ... and I was enrolled in ECE 210-AL4 this semester, taught by Dr. Emrah Akyol. I'm writing this email in praise of this instructor, both for his remarkable teaching skills and consideration towards his students. Despite this being the first time teaching this class, he did an outstanding job at both explaining the concepts of the class and providing context to how some of them are applied in real-world situations. Such a good job he did at making the material interesting, that even as a Computer Engineering major I'm now trying to fit ECE 310 into my upcoming semester.

In addition to this I'd like to praise his ability to not only answer questions, but also to anticipate them before they were even asked. He had such foresight into the material that he was able to point out important/difficult topics and offer further information than what his lecture notes provided (which I assume were written by someone else). I can firmly say that without the assistance he gave, I would not have nearly as much understanding of the course content as I do now.

It's my understanding that he is a post-doctoral employee rather than a tenure-track faculty member. And while it is certainly not my place—having seen only his classroom qualities—to comment on which position he is best for, what I can say is that I was honestly surprised to learn that he wasn't a faculty member. His performance in class was on par (and in some cases, better) than every other professor I've had, at both this school and my previous one."