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Dr. Joyce Jarrett
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Dear Dr. Jarrett:

I strongly and enthusiastically endorse Shannon Chance's application for promotion and tenure.

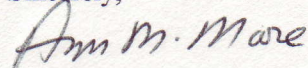
Over the past seven years, I have team-taught two Honors Humanities with Professor Chance, and have served with her as part of Hampton University's international studies committee (an extension of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium). I also acted as a consultant and wrote a letter recommending her for the Fulbright-Hays grant received in partial support of the Department of Architecture summer 2005 study abroad program in Tanzania, which Professor Chance designed and conducted. I currently serve with her on the Committee on Board Relations, where her clear reasoning powers have set the tone for the committee deliberations and helped to establish objectives for the academic year.

In our Humanities courses, Professor Chance immediately established a warm rapport with students and constantly challenged their critical thinking abilities with thought-provoking discussions, innovative creative projects, and interactive teaching strategies. She is passionately committed to the mission of Hampton University and worked closely with me to enrich the Humanities course curriculum with African art as well as art of the Diaspora and of contemporary African-American artistic expression.

The architecture students often speak of their appreciation for the way in which she guides their work and inspires them. Recently, she received public recognition for serving as mentor to Jermaine Mallory in an award-winning design project. This is only one example of the way in which she stimulates students' creative abilities, gets them thinking about how they can serve communities through innovative architectural design projects, and inspires them to make genuine contributions to improve the living conditions and civic spaces of both American and African communities while they are still completing their degrees.

Professor Chance is strongly committed to international study and has made a great contribution by designing and bringing to fruition a series of innovative study abroad opportunities in Tanzania. Her energy, creativity and enormous caring are at the root of her contributions to education, and I feel privileged to have worked with her. Beyond this, she has the extraordinary capability to think creatively and to follow through with the organization and persistence to carry out her visions of educational experiences for our students. I am in awe of her unflagging energy, keen intelligence and vision, and I applaud her many accomplishments in this field to date, and I anticipate that Professor Chance will successfully conduct many more outstanding educational and research programs in the future.

Sincerely,



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