



November 5, 2019

Dear Associate Dean Stephen Ruffus, Dean Roderic Land and Provost Clifton Sanders,

This is a letter of strong support in favor of allowing Christie Bogle to move from the lecturer position to one of assistant professor, tenure track. In every way, and there are a lot of ways, Ms. Bogle has demonstrated her commitment to the English Department and its various initiatives, has consistently performed above and beyond the duties of a lecturer and as I have observed, been an innovator in, especially, linguistics and on-line learning.

I served on Ms. Bogle's Sitting Committee for 4 years and each year I was more impressed with her teaching accomplishments. In face-to-face courses in linguistics she ably used technology in the classroom to increase the interactivity of her lessons, allowing students to solve problems and get feedback instantly. In composition courses she thoughtfully made room for underserved students to prosper and succeed, using her background in ESL and tutoring.

I had the further opportunity to work closely with Ms. Bogle teaching ENGL 1200. We collaborated on making sure that our curriculum was aligned with the same course at the University of Utah. Ms. Bogle used her knowledge of the university to ensure that our students learned what they needed in our course to excel in upper division linguistics and applied linguistics courses. Recently she has created a service-learning component to ENGL 1200 where students can engage with the Shoshoni Language Project at the University of Utah. This project is working to preserve the Shoshoni language and culture and this collaboration provides our students with real life examples of linguists at work.

My other observation about Ms. Bogle is her wizardry with on-line courses. She has developed and taught many of the English Department courses on-line. The course that I am most familiar with is the ENGL 1200 on-line section. After teaching the face-to-face linguistics course for many years, Ms. Bogle and I switched last semester and I taught the on-line course she had developed. It was fun! And not just for me. Ms. Bogle provided us with interesting, thought provoking material that was engaging and satisfying.

As a lecturer her obligation is to teach, and Ms. Bogle has shown remarkable competence in every course she has taught. But Ms. Bogle's talents lie not just as a teacher, but as a fully integrated colleague whose insight, experience and student advocacy would make her an asset, not just to the English Department, but to the broader functioning of the college. The college is poorer for not having Ms. Bogle serving on college-wide committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Johnston".

Kathleen Johnston  
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