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Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching Review Committee
Faculty Appointments and Advancement
Office of Academic Affairs
Administrative Building, Room 126
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Dear Review Committee,

It is a pleasure to provide a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Robert Bringle for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at IUPUI. While I can't speak to Dr. Bringle's teaching practice, I can speak to the enormous contribution that his scholarship on teaching and learning has made on the field of service learning and civic engagement nationally and internationally.

His single authored and co-authored articles and chapters on service learning pedagogy and associated assessment of learning is perhaps the most cited in the field. His scholarship has set the standard for establishing quality service-learning practice and for valid measures of assessment. This body of scholarship has been produced over decades of committed study to improving teaching and learning, and most recently, Dr. Bringle and his colleagues have put IUPUI in the forefront of designing service learning courses for achieving civic learning outcomes and assessing those outcomes. Again, his scholarship is leading the field and deepening the reputation of IUPUI as a leader in civic engagement in higher education.

I can think of few individuals more deserving of an excellence in teaching award than Dr. Bringle. His scholarship has made a wide and lasting impact on improving teaching and learning.

Sincererly,

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Director