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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a recommendation for Derrick Peters and I am pleased to do so. I have known Derrick over the past two years as both a student leader and a friend. Derrick became involved in university governance by volunteering for several student committees and participating in campus clubs (PRSSA, Circle K, Key Club, Golf Club, Washington Student Lobby, etc.). In the spring of 2004 he chose to run for the Executive Vice President position on the ASCWU Board of Directors. His success in this regard enabled him to represent the student body with six other student government electees. In his position he focused on the board's financial affairs and committee structure while participating on a team which addressed a wide array of student and institutional issues.

Derrick Peters is a strong communicator who is able to organize and navigate from well defined ethical values. His approach to issues and tasks is thorough while open to others and their concerns. He is respected by his peers because he truly listens and then acts to address their needs. Derrick is a creative thinker who generates ideas and has the courage to pursue them even when they might not be the popular thing to do.

If I have not made it obvious, I hold a great deal of respect for Derrick Peters skills and believe that he will continue to succeed after he graduates. I also believe that those who chose to work with Derrick in the future will profit from that interaction.

Sincerely,

John E. Drinkwater

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