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Dear Dr. Brun,

I am writing in support of Dr. Naum Gershenzon's application for a faculty position. Since his other references have likely addressed his abilities as a researcher, I would like to focus on his experiences in pedagogy at Wright State University.

Since 1993 to the present, Naum has been a research associate professor in the Physics Department. The two of us have collaborated in writing proposals (both in research and pedagogy) and have collaborated in research. But as Chair of the Department during this period I was also able to assess and monitor his activity in pedagogy. He presented lectures/seminars in applied mathematics for the Mathematics Department, presented a seminar for the Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program, and presented several colloquia for the Physics Department.

Three and a half years ago he became interested in developing software for our General Physics laboratory, as part of our program to implement computer-assisted experiments in the General Physics sequence. He wrote a software package for PHY 202, the laboratory component of PHY 242 (Electricity and Magnetism). Working closely with our Laboratory Manager, he spent the better part of 2001-2002 writing, implementing and testing this package. It could be used either as virtual experiments or as instructional material complementary to actual "hands-on" experiments.

Dr. Gershenzon has been an effective communicator in his lectures. He would be an excellent instructor in both introductory and advanced classes, especially in introducing computer-assisted instruction into the classroom. I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

Gust Bambakidis  
Professor of Physics