The student named above is applying for a program of Independent Concentration and has indicated that you are willing to serve as a faculty adviser. In consultation with faculty advisers, an Independent Concentrator essentially defines his or her own major. If the proposal is approved, the faculty adviser:

- serves as the student’s director of undergraduate studies;
- advises the student during the student’s final two years; and
- supervises some portion of the student’s independent work during the junior and/or senior year.

In the absence of a regular departmental structure, it is particularly important that this proposal be carefully screened to ensure:

- breadth and depth of coverage for the academic program;
- a clear and sufficient methodological core; and
- adequate advising resources for the student’s final two years.

Given the flexibility of this program, intellectual and personal maturity are essential qualities for an Independent Concentrator. With these concerns in mind, please comment on the student and the proposed course of study.

1) Is the student’s proposal a strong one academically? How might it be improved?
2) Does the student have the academic background and ability necessary to carry out successfully the proposed program?

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3) Why does the student need the status of Independent Concentrator to carry out the proposed program of study? Could it be accomplished through a normal departmental major, perhaps in combination with a minor? What are the particular advantages of Independent Concentrator status for the student? What problems, if any, do you foresee?

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4) Considering the nature of the proposal, as well as the academic and personal qualities of the person undertaking it, please indicate how strongly you recommend this application.

☐ Enthusiastically
☐ Strongly
☐ Fairly strongly
☐ Without enthusiasm
☐ Not recommended

5) Other remarks:

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6) Would you be willing and available to serve as the student’s academic adviser and supervise some portion of the independent work? If you will be on leave at any point during the next two academic years, please indicate when you will be unavailable.

☐ Yes
☐ No

I will be on leave during the following term(s): ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________