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To whom it may concern:

As chairman of the Department of Sciences and Mathematics at Texas A&M University - Central Texas (TAMU-CT), I confirm that undergraduate Linear Algebra classes will be taught in Spring 2017 and Spring 2018. We have been informed of the activities and requirements of the UTMOST program, and will be happy to participate during those semesters.

If any further information is needed, please feel free to contact me via email and/or phone. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Thron".

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UTMOST application
Texas A&M University - Central Texas (TAMUCT)

Courses/semesters: Undergraduate linear algebra will be taught in Spring 2017 and Spring 2018. Control sections are a possibility for either semester.

Experience: The instructor will be Chris Thron (Associate Professor). He has taught this course at least three times previously: at least twice using David Lay's book, and once using Rob Beezer's material. While using Beezer's book, he made use of Sage Cloud and assigned Sage exercises. He will be using the same material this semester while teaching the same course, and will again use Sage. Apart from that, he has taught several courses in mathematical modeling and numerical analysis that make heavy use of Octave (open-source version of Matlab). He has also taught several Excel-based statistics courses.

School description:

Total student enrollment is about 2300. TAMU-CT offers a 2-year, junior-senior undergraduate program. There are a number of junior colleges in the area that serve as feeder schools. TAMU-CT also has several masters programs. There is a School of Business, a School of Education, and a School of Arts and Sciences. There are no engineering programs. The Department of Sciences and Mathematics will launch a biology major in Fall 2016.

The students that take Linear Algebra are almost entirely either Math or Computer Science majors. Projected enrollment is 20 students.

The following paragraph is from the school's Wikipedia web page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_A%26M_University%E2%80%93Central_Texas):

TAMU-CT primarily serves nontraditional students: The average age of the students is 34, 40% of students are affiliated with the US military (either active-duty military, military dependents, or veterans), and most students attend part-time. TAMU-CT's students are known as the Warriors. About 70% of the students are undergraduates, with the remaining 30% being graduate students. The undergraduate enrollment is among the most diverse in the Texas A&M University System (50% White non-Hispanic, 28% African American, 16% Hispanic, 3% Asian and Pacific Islander, 1% American Indian, and 2% other).