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Dear Dr. Beezer:

I write to express my interest in participating in the UTMOST project. I would have the opportunity, during the course of the proposed project, to teach our Linear Algebra and/or Abstract Algebra courses using the open source textbooks and Sage. Our course rotation is quite flexible, and as we teach multiple sections of both courses every year, I am certain that I would be able to serve as a test site. I should mention that I am planning on being on sabbatical during some or all of 2017-2018, so that may restrict my participation. I would be happy to serve as a control section, if that is what is most useful for the project.

I have taught both Linear Algebra and Abstract Algebra several times during my teaching career, so I feel comfortable with both courses. I also have reasonably broad experience teaching using software packages, ranging from Mathematica and Maple in calculus courses to rather extensive use of R in statistics courses and in our biomathematics courses.

As you know, SUNY Geneseo is a premier public liberal arts college enrolling approximately 5300 students. We have a large and successful program in mathematics, with over 5% of the college's undergraduates earning a mathematics major. With over 300 mathematics majors and over 250 minors, we serve a large number of student with interests ranging from graduate studies in mathematics to education to biology and business.

You ask, in your call for participation, for a letter from the chair of my department in support of my participation. I am currently chair, and I certainly support myself, but my term as chair will end in August, 2016. I the incoming chair has assured me that she will make every attempt to ensure that I can teach the appropriate courses at the appropriate time.

I am looking forward to working with you on this project, and am excited to see how the integration of the text with Sage will improve the learning of my students. If you need other information from me, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Christopher C. Leary