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**Section I: Please rate this student using the following scale.**

1 - I strongly disagree.      2 - I disagree.      3 - I don't agree or disagree.      4 - I agree.      5 - I strongly agree.

In my opinion, this student generally exhibits...

Consideration for and interest in others and their views.	1	2	3	4	5
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The ability to complete academic coursework (papers, reading assignments, etc.) reasonably well.	1	2	3	4	5

**Section II: Where on this spectrum would you place this student?**

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Decisive	1	2	3	4	5	Hesitant
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Comfortable with the Unfamiliar	1	2	3	4	5	Uncomfortable with the Unfamiliar

Would you enjoy having this student as a member of a group for which you were responsible?      YES      NO

Please feel free to attach or write additional comments on the back of this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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