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Dr. Andrea Sterzuk, Acting Dean, Faculty of Education University of Regina

Dear: Dr. Sterzuk:

Re: Academic Unit Review

Thank you for meeting with us on Friday, September 29, 2017 to review the Unit Report and provide us with your preliminary verbal response. The exchange was fruitful and we hope that any initial impressions you received from us at the meeting will be useful as you craft your unit's written response to the report. We were pleased to hear that the Faculty of Education has so quickly and energetically engaged the recommendations of the reviewers. We were also delighted that the faculty was appropriately acknowledged for their efforts of Indigenization. Graduate Studies in Education was also a subject of the review group with recommendations to streamline the program, a process Dr. Sterzuk reports the faculty is very much interested in doing. Finally, we took seriously the acting Dean's concern that reviewers may not have a clear idea of their role in the process and so have developed a few statements of guidance without seeking to impinge or restrict the process itself.

While we do not want the written response to repeat at length the material already in the Self Study, we would appreciate if your written response would touch upon the following areas taken from the Academic Unit Review Operations Manual (OPS-130-005) when and where appropriate:

"These reviews will focus on the following areas:

- the priorities and aspirations of each unit and the extent to which they are being realized
- the challenges and opportunities faced by the unit
- the structure and quality of undergraduate and graduate programs and instruction
- the contribution of each program to related disciplines and fields of study
- the scope and significance of research being pursued
- the degree to which academic programs meet students' learning needs and goals

- the characteristics of staffing complements
- the degree to which the unit is meeting its internal and external service responsibilities
- the role the unit plays in meeting the University's vision, mission, goals and priorities
 - o with particular attention paid to Indigenization of the unit
- the financial resources of the unit

In particular, we hope your written response will provide:

- an elaboration on any report recommendations your unit disagrees with
- an itemized list of what actions your unit will take to implement the report's findings

The committee looks forward to meeting with the unit again in 15 - 18 months to discuss the health of the unit and its engagement with the recommendations of the review. In five years' time it is anticipated that the unit will submit to CCAM an update on their efforts to respond to the recommendations of the unit review group.

We look forward to your unit's formal written response.

Sincerely,



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