

Queen's University

Final Assessment Report: Executive Summary

Programs Reviewed: BA, BAH, MA, PhD in Economics ; Graduate Diploma in Risk Policy and Regulation

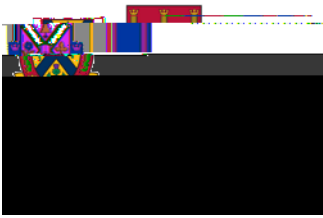
In accordance with Queen's University Quality Assurance Processes (QUQAP), this Final Assessment Report provides a synthesis of the external evaluation, internal responses and assessment of the above programs. This report identifies the significant strengths of the program, and opportunities for program improvement. It sets out and prioritizes the recommendations that have been selected for implementation.

An implementation plan is attached that identifies

- who will be responsible for acting on and monitoring progress on the recommendations,
- any resource or governance implications resulting from the recommendations, and
- timelines for implementation of the recommendations.

Summary of Review

- 1) The department's self-study was reviewed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, Vice-Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and the Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning). It was approved on 24 November 2016
- 2) The review team visit took place on 12-13 January 2017. The review team members were
 - i. Dr. Michael Baker, University of Toronto
 - ii. Dr. Elizabeth Caucutt, Western University
 - iii. Dr. Jean de Bittignies, Queen's University
- 3) The visit included a tour of facilities and meetings with
 - i. Students (undergraduate and graduate)
 - ii. Faculty
 - iii. Staff
 - iv. Cognate Heads of Departments
 - v. Dean and Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
 - vi. Vice-Provost and Dean and Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies
 - vii. Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning)
- 4) The review team reported on 10 February 2017. Responses to the review team report were provided by the Head of the Department of Economics, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Vice-Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies



Implementation Plan

Recommendations

Proposed Follow -up

Responsibility for

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place great emphasis on reading and writing, the reviewers				

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5. Reviewers recommend a more

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renovated, the room has the potential to play a key role in the Department's teaching and learning mission.				
10. Currently, all Commerce students are required to take Econ 110, a firstyear economics course offered by the Economics Department. The Reviewers recommend that this current arrangement continues.	Department Head to continue to speak to the Smith School of Business	Department Head in conjunction with Associate Dean, Arts and Science	Human resources provided by Department	Ongoing

11. Reviewers recommend that the Department be given the resources to increase its faculty complement in order to retain its reputation as one of the premier departments in the country.

Faculty Office to continue to assess department's needs

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