

December 11, 2019

Dr. Hairuo Qing  
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Re: Verbal response to External Review

Dear Dr. Qing,

Thank you for meeting with CCAM colleagues on December 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the External Reviewers' Report and provide us with your preliminary response. Your comments to the committee regarding the review was very helpful, and it is our hope the discussion will be useful as you craft your written response to the report.

The next step of the process is for the Department to prepare a written response to CCAM and the Provost's Office. We ask for the following considerations in the preparation of your response.

- 1) Please comment on **each** of the external reviewer recommendations. This should highlight on any of the report recommendations your unit disagrees with and the rationale for the same. Please also include a work plan outlining the actions your unit will take to implement the report's findings.
- 2) Please place these comment and subsequent work plan within the context of the areas of focus as noted in the Academic Unit Review Operations Manual (OPS-130-005) and University's broad goals of student success, research impact, and commitment to community within the overarching themes of Indigenization and Sustainability.
- 3) CCAM recognizes that the external reviewers had recommendations for the Geology Department. We were very encouraged to hear of the plan to formulate a 5-10 year strategic plan. Further, we would encourage the department to explore collaboration with other units and faculties and expansion of partnerships internal and external to the University, including Indigenous partners and students as well as industry. Consider

strategies to attract increased number of students, including exploration of new courses that would serve the greater university population and various programs, and renaming and rebranding the department.

The committee looks forward to meeting with the unit again in 15 – 18 months to discuss the health of the unit. In advance of the 15-18 month meeting, please provide written documentation to CCAM, and/or your Unit's work plan, outlining your progress on each of the reviewer's recommendations.

In five-years' time it is anticipated that the unit will submit a final update to CCAM demonstrating the achievements of the unit as a result of the Academic Unit Review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Farney".

Jim Farney, Chair  
Council Committee on Academic Mission

cc: Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President Academic  
Dr. Farenick, Dean, Faculty of Science