

I am writing to update you on two external reviews that the university is conducting this academic year: (i) a review of internationalization; and (ii) a review of retention.

Internationalization Review

The external reviewer for the internationalization review will be Livia E. Castellanos, the Director of Internationalization at the University of Regina. Other members of the review committee will be Chris Metcalfe, from ERS, and Brenda Blackburn from the President's Office.

The review of internationalization at Trent will look at all aspects of our international operations and activities, including international enrolment, student services, and international programming and research. It will make recommendations on how we can improve the university's internationalization efforts.

The review committee welcomes email submissions and plans to meet with key people involved in our internationalization efforts in early February. Time permitting, the committee will try to accommodate requests for meeting with particular individuals and groups.

Deadline for submissions to the review committee is Friday, January 15, 2016. For more information or to submit comments please contact Brenda Blackburn at bblackburn@trentu.ca.

Retention Review

The external reviewer for the retention review will be David McMurray, Vice President, Student Affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University. Other members of the review committee will be Gillian Balfour, from the Sociology Department; and Tara Harrington, from the University Secretariat.

The retention review will assess Trent's current record of retention, its efforts to achieve student success, and will make recommendations on how the university could enhance the student learning experience and improve retention.

The committee will be meeting with key people in February/early March. Time permitting, it will try to accommodate requests for meetings with particular individuals or groups.

E-mail comments, inquiries and submissions should be directed to Tara Harrington at tharrington@trentu.ca.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 15, 2016.

I am hoping that these two reviews will foster initiatives that will ensure that we follow best practices in retention and internationalization, and in doing so create a positive future for Trent in this regard.

A third review – a review of Trill College – will be announced in January.

Best Regards, Leo.



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