



Office of the Provost and  
Vice-Principal Academic

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: December 1, 2016

To: All faculty, students, and staff of the Faculty of Health and Social Development

From: Dr. Cynthia Mathieson, Provost and Vice-Principal Academic

Cc: Dr. Patricia Lasserre, Associate Provost, Enrolment and Academic Programs

**Re: External Review of the UBC Okanagan Faculty of Health and Social Development**

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I am arranging for an external review of the UBC Okanagan Faculty of Health and Social Development. The review is being carried out as part of normal UBC practice under Board of Governors Policy #23, to assist the University in its consideration of the reappointment of the current Dean, Dr. Gordon Binsted. The purpose is to review the strength and balance of the Faculty's teaching, scholarly activities, professional activities, academic programs, and service; to evaluate the Faculty's leadership and administration; to assess the Faculty's standing nationally and internationally; and to advise of the future development of the Faculty. These findings should be of value to the Faculty and its leadership, as well as to the committee advising on Dr. Binsted's reappointment.

The Terms of Reference for the review are attached.

The members of the Review Team are:

- Dr. Jayne Garland  
Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences  
Western University
- Dr. John O'Neil  
Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences  
Simon Fraser University
- Dr. Harvey Skinner  
Dean Faculty of Health  
York University

The Review Team will visit UBC Okanagan from January 10 – 12, 2017. Interviews will be held with Okanagan faculty members, staff, students, senior administrators, and other individuals and groups that may interact with the Faculty of Health and Social Development. Before the reviewers' arrival, they will receive documentation in the form of a self-study on all aspects of the Faculty's operation, including its facilities and resources, scholarly and teaching activities, degree programs and academic units, administrative structure and organization, and internal and external linkages.

I invite and encourage written comments relevant to the matters under review from faculty, students and staff. These comments will be used by the Review Team and the President's Advisory Committee struck pursuant to Policy #23. Please forward your comments to [kimberly.darling@ubc.ca](mailto:kimberly.darling@ubc.ca) . Your comments will be held in strict confidence, and they will be forwarded to the members of the Review Team. Please indicate if you wish your comments to be anonymous and your name and any identifying information will be redacted before providing them to the Review Team and President's Advisory Committee. **The deadline for receipt of comments is Thursday, December 15, 2016.**

Attachment: Terms of Reference