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Dear members of the Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board,

[RE: Briercrest response to English External Review Panel's Report](#)

Dr. Matthew Zantingh, chair of the English department, in coordination with Dr. Don Taylor, Provost and Dean of the College, and Dr. Cal Macfarlane, Associate Dean of the College, has the following responses to the recommendations of the English re-authorization external review panel. They would like to thank the external panel members for their thoughtful work in this review process.

**Recommendations 1 & 2:** The Dean and Associate Deans of the College have committed to reviewing the policy and processes involved in the college's Cyclical Review with an aim of improving clarity for all parties involved at each step.

**Recommendation 3 & 4:** There currently exists an extensive policy for Independent Studies in our Faculty Handbook that was merely overlooked. The policy leans towards faculty availability and willingness, even at the expense of students and it is not felt that an adjustment is needed. A statement regarding the process of course cancelations will be added to the policy.

**Recommendation 5:** The English department has committed to offering Indigenous Literatures at least every three years.

**Recommendation 6:** In coordination with the Dean of the College, the English department will pursue options for regularly offering a creative writing course.

**Recommendation 7 – 9:** The English department will develop these three initiatives in the summer months over the next 3 years.

**Recommendations 10, 13, 15, and 17:** The chair of the English department will actively pursue these recommendations over the next 2 years.

**Recommendation 12:** The English department will work collaboratively with the Head Librarian to ensure that courses are well-supported by future acquisitions.

**Recommendation 14:** After a conversation with the Head Librarian, the English department declined this recommendation.

**Recommendation 16 and 18:** The Dean of the College will give further consideration to these recommendations while also reviewing current onboarding practices for new faculty members.

**Recommendation 19:** The Dean and Associate Dean of the College have a succession plan in place already.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

*Don Taylor, DTh*

*Provost & Dean of the College*

Attachment: External Panel Report Department of English March 2022