



ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES
COUNCIL on QUALITY ASSURANCE

September 24, 2018

Dr. Serge Demers
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Dear Dr. Demers,

I write to advise you that the Quality Council, at its meeting of September 19, 2018, accepted the recommendation of the Audit Committee to approve the Report on the Quality Assurance Audit of Laurentian University and Summary of the Principal Findings of the Quality Assurance Audit of Laurentian University. Attached to this letter are the Final Approved Audit Report and Summary. You will see that there have been a few changes to the Draft Report that you received in June to respond to issues identified by the University in its response to the fact-checking exercise, to correct typographical errors, and to clarify some of the wording.

On behalf of the Council members, I want to thank you and your colleagues at Laurentian University for your cooperation and participation in the audit.

You will note that the report identifies one Cause for Concern, as follows:

Cause for Concern: Ensure program-level learning outcomes are established for all programs at Laurentian University.

Consequently, the Quality Council has requested that the University submit an interim status report to the QC Secretariat in six months' time (in addition to and in advance of the Institutional one-year follow up report as outlined below) with details on the progress made and the mechanisms and measures already put into place, as well as anticipated, to address this Cause for Concern. We ask that you please submit the report by March 20, 2019.

You are also asked to submit a report in one year as follows (QAF 5.2.9):

5.2.9 Institutional one-year follow-up

Within a year of the publication of the final audit report, the institution will inform the auditors, through the Secretariat, of the steps it has taken to address the recommendations. The auditors will draft an accompanying commentary on the scope and adequacy of the institution's response, together with a draft summary of their commentary, suitable for publication. The auditors' response and summary are then submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration. The Audit Committee will submit a recommendation to the Quality Council on whether or not to accept the institutional one-year follow-up response. When the Audit Committee is not satisfied with the reported

institutional response, it recommends to the Quality Council the course of action to be taken.

Under the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF 5.2.8) the Summary Report will be posted on the Quality Council website, and you should arrange for it to be posted on the Laurentian University website. The Quality Assurance Secretariat will provide OCAV, COU and MTCU with a link to the Summary Report on the Quality Council website. Members of these groups may request the Final Report from the Secretariat.

If you have any questions about the interim status report, the one year follow-up, or any other aspect of the Quality Assurance Audit, please contact Ian Orchard or Cindy Robinson.

Sincerely yours,



Paul W. Gooch
Chair

cc: Ian Orchard, Senior Director (Academic), Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance