



History, King's University College Final Assessment Report

Faculty / Affiliated University College	King's University College
Degrees Offered	B.A.
Modules Reviewed	Hons. Specialization in History; Major in History
External Consultants	Dr Stephen Bednarski, St Jerome's University, Waterloo Dr Kिरrily Freeman, St Mary's University, Halifax
Internal Reviewers	Dr James E. Crimmins, Acting Dean of Arts and Social Science, Huron University College
Date of Site Visit	March 29, 2018
Evaluation	Good Quality
Approval Dates	SUPR-U: June 6, 2018 SCAPA: Senate:

Executive Summary

The Internal Reviewer and the External Consultants, Dr Stephen Bednarski of St Jerome's University in Waterloo and Dr Kिरrily Freeman of St Mary's University in Halifax, spent a day on the King's campus on March 29, 2018, enriching the learning experience for History students at King's. Both the Department and the Academic Dean at King's have written helpful responses to the Consultants' Report which underscore the determination to improve the History program and to enhance the learning experience of its students.

The Consultants correctly assess the significant strengths of the History program, particularly the accomplishments of its faculty in scholarship and their dedication, passion, and innovation in teaching. They were impressed by the History students at King's and report that the students enjoy a high quality education, and that the core learning outcomes of the program in which they study and the skills they acquire are well aligned with the institutional priorities at King's and the Constituent University, notably encompassing modest programmatic changes, teaching a greater variety of student learning experience beyond the classroom into inquiry-based ex

opportunities, filling gaps in course offerings by hiring new faculty, and addressing the barriers to student mobility between History departments across the Western campus.

The main challenge confronting the History program, recognized by all parties ∞ the Consultants, Department and Academic Dean ∞ is the precipitous decline in program and course enrolments over the past ten years. Not surprisingly the Consultants have wrestled with this challenge but beyond recommending the cultivation of a culture at King's that is "collaborative [across departments] rather than

