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Professor Sioban Nelson
Vice-Provost Academic Programs
University of Toronto

Dear Sioban,

I am writing in response to the request by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) in regards to the May 2012 external review of the Department of Psychology (Undergraduate Programs). At its meeting of April 16, 2013, AP&P requested a two-year follow-up report addressing the progress relative to managing over-enrolment in the programs through increased complement and decreased numbers of students enrolled in the major and specialist programs. The Faculty has taken the reviewers' recommendation seriously and we have worked with the Department to address these concerns.

The Department of Psychology has consulted with the Dean's Office to address the over-enrolment in their programs through the increase in faculty complement. The Department received approval to search for three positions in 2012/13 and three positions in 2013/14. Appointments were made in all six searches, increasing the Department's complement to 25.98 FTEs. This increase has significantly reduced the enrollment pressures and has meant the Department has been able to provide additional sections of courses which previously had waitlists, for example PSY270 (Introduction to Cognitive Psychology).

The Department and the Dean's Office will continue to work together to monitor enrollment pressures and address them as appropriate.

Sincerely,

David Cameron
Dean and Professor of Political Science

cc: Professor Suzanne Ferber, Chair, Department of Psychology