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FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

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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 November 2012 external review of the Department of Italian Studies (Undergraduate and Graduate Programs). At its meeting of April 16, 2013, AP&P requested a one-year follow-up report addressing the issue of faculty complement renewal. The Faculty has taken the reviewers' recommendation seriously and we have worked with the Department to address the concerns of decline in the faculty complement.

The Department of Italian Studies requested and received approval to search for two positions in 2013-14. The first is a tenure-stream position in the field of Medieval Literature and Culture at the rank of Assistant Professor and the second is a CLTA, also at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Italian Cinema and Modern Literature. Both positions respond to the reviewers concerns: "From our perspective, the ideal number of tenure-stream faculty would be 9-10, which would include new hires in Medieval/Dante and in Contemporary/Cinema-Popular Culture." The Department has identified excellent candidates for both positions and is in the process of hiring.

The Department also held a series of meetings in July 2013 and a retreat in September 2013 to further discuss matters related to the external review and planning for their undergraduate and graduate programs, planning priorities and complement planning.

We are confident that with these new hires the Department will continue to provide excellent programs to its students.

Sincerely,

David Cameron
Dean and Professor of Political Science

cc: Professor Salvatore Bancheri, Chair and Graduate Chair, Department of Italian Studies