

External Review of the Medieval Studies Program

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The interdisciplinary Medieval Studies (MEDI) program at the University of Victoria deserves to be recognized for its remaais

The University and Faculty of Humanities responded to two of the key recommendations of the previous external review by resolving the issue with EETs returning to the department and including the director in meetings of the Dean of Humanities and the Faculty's department chairs. The program has been able to maintain stable course offerings and enrolments in the face of considerable budgetary pressure since the last external review thanks to the sustained efforts of those who see its value. We hope that the University and Faculty of Humanities will take this opportunity to enhance the program and ensure its continued success by responding to some of the additional recommendations made by the external review in 2012 and reiterated in this report. These recommendations address the following concerns: the risk and uncertainty caused by not appointing a permanent faculty member dedicated to teaching in Medieval Studies; the insufficient remuneration for the director; and the inadequacy of the program's budget for some of its administrative needs and enhanced outreach.