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Dear Rev Dr Sweeney,

**Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2014 – 2015**

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the BA in Religious & Theological Studies, BTh in Theology, Graduate Diploma in Theology (Practical Theology) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Practical Theology, MTh in Theology (Practical Theology).

In accordance with our standard practice, a copy of the Report is being forwarded to the School concerned, who will use its contents to help inform its Annual Review and Enhancement process. The University is pleased to note your positive comments, including:

- 1. your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;**
- 2. the structure of the undergraduate programme is well suited to those who are in or entering into the Christian ministry and it provides a good foundation for further academic work in practical theology;**
- 3. the broad range of topics on the postgraduate programmes are highly relevant to pastoral practice;**
- 4. the efficient administration of the assessment process, including the practical arrangements for my visit, and by helpful and fruitful exchanges with colleagues.**

Your Report does not appear to raise any specific issues that require a more detailed response. Accordingly, the School has not been asked to respond formally to the Report.

I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and thank you for your continued support of the programme. As this is your final year as External Examiner, we would like to thank you for service and we are most grateful for your valuable input into this process.

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The University's provision of the formal Institutional Response is not intended to constrain direct communication between schools and their External Examiners. Schools are encouraged to discuss with their External Examiners any matters of detail raised in their Reports and, more widely, any issues impacting on the quality and standards of awards, including possible changes to programmes.

We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Simon Wright  
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