

## **MEMO**

Date: September 7, 2017

To: Rick Muma, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and

Strategic Enrollment Management

CC: Ron Matson, Dean of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

From: Dennis Livesay, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President

of Research and Technology Transfer

Re: Department of History 3-Year Program Review

This review is part of the 3-year review process of the Department of History at Wichita State University. As Dean of the Graduate School, my review and recommendations will be primarily limited to the master's program. I am very impressed by the thoughtfulness of the document, especially the professional outcomes discussion on pages 14

regarding curricula relevance and effectiveness. In addition, I further suggest that you have focus group discussions with frequent employers of your graduates, who typically bring a different viewpoint. All of this is to say, since you have identified the need to do a better job with assessment, I encourage you to embrace the challenge and adopt a comprehensive model.