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To: Dr. Philip Garone, Department Chair  
Dr. Paul Strauss, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Shuo Wang, Professor

From: Kimberly Greer, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: History Academic Program Review

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for the History programs. It was a pleasure to read your compellingly written and comprehensive self-study and to talk with you about the future of your B.A. and M.A. programs. I also appreciate your review of, and revisions to, the program's seven-year implementation plan.

I commend you and your department colleagues for your strong commitment to student learning and success. That commitment is clearly demonstrated by the numerous scholarly distinctions and achievements earned by the History faculty and your students. I was also impressed by the faculty's engagement with program-level direct assessment to continuously improve your programs, especially in view of the department's critical importance to General Education and the health of liberal education.

During our APR meeting, I was interested to learn more about your vision to move in the direction of public history offerings, particularly in the M.A. program. This innovative approach makes sense as it will provide a wider array of career opportunities to your students. I am pleased that we have been able to replace tenure track lines in the past few years, and I appreciate you discussing your prioritization of hiring needs in light of the current FERP status of three of your colleagues. My notes also indicate your goal to add an African History specialist to the faculty, as well as your hopes for increased reassigned time for research. Finally, knowing how valuable such experiences are for students, I share your desire to see graduate teaching assistantships become a higher priority for FBAC.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your programs are approved for continuance with unqualified support. I encourage you to continue to assess program and learning outcomes in ways that will help make meaningful improvements for students, and appreciate your intention to focus on GE, in line with the recertification process.

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Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you in the future and supporting your vision for History at Stan State.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Greer, Ph.D.

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