### Internal Academic Review 2006-2007 School of Rehabilitation Therapy Internal Academic Review Committee Report to Senate

The Internal Academic Review (IAR) of the School of Rehabilitation Therapy is now

work in collaboration with the Faculty of Health Sciences to identify methods to support this critical piece of the program mandated by accreditation requirements. The IARC enquiry courses into one course spanning the two-year program. The School of Rehabilitation Therapy will continue to strive for efficiencies in program delivery of the professional programs, while maintaining professional accreditation standards and program excellence.

Steps have been taken to help address the space issues within the School of Rehabilitation Therapy. The application for Renovation and Alteration funding to renovate teaching and student space in the south end of the basement of the Louise D. Acton Building was approved. Renovations are expected to start in May 2008. This will free up space in the north end of the basement for much needed research space. Funding has been requested for the north end renovations.

We concur with the recommendation to immediately implement mechanisms to increase the number of clinical/fieldwork placements for students in the professional programs. Securing a sufficient number of quality fieldwork experiences is a longstanding issue for Rehabilitation Science Programs in Ontario. Funding was received from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in 2006/07 to improve the quality of clinical education in Rehabilitation Science Programs. This funding has allowed for capacity building in the clinical community, provision of financial support for preceptors, and student support for travel and accommodation. This has resulted in an increase in placements and students' ability to access placements outside of Kingston. The Follow-up on these recommendations and issues will take place during the annual academic planning and budget process between the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Vice-Principal (Academic).

#### Attachment:

Review Team Report

## **Internal Academic Review**

# School of Rehabilitation Therapy Queen's University

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: IAR TEAM REPORT FOR REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL OF REHABILITATION THERAPY

Attached is the full document prepared by the Internal Academic Review (IAR) Team corresponding to

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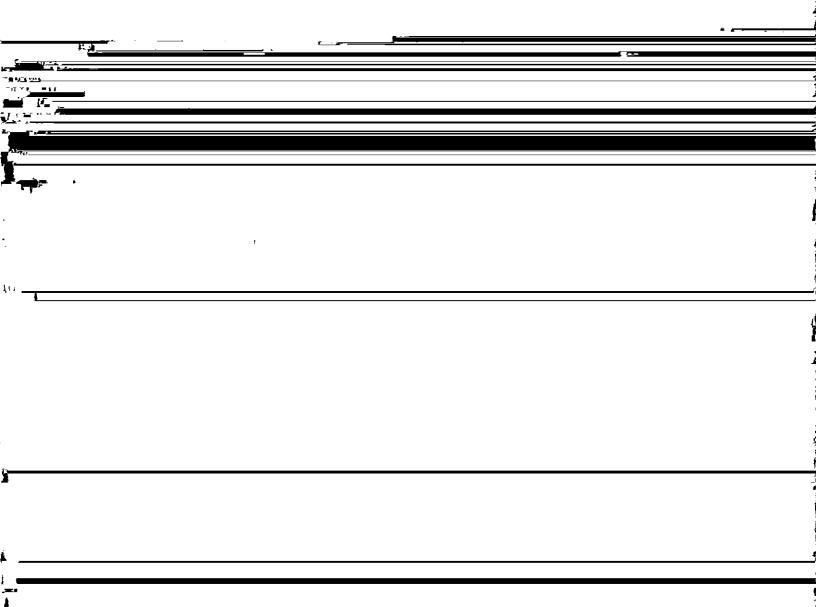
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## V. Evaluation of External Consultants' Report by the Review Team

Overall, the review team agreed with the majority of points raised by the external consultants. As was the case for the review team, the consultants identified a number of important areas of strength in the School. However, this was tempered by a number of areas of weakness noted by the consultants. The review team is in agreement with some of the issues raised, including the lack of a strategic plan, concerns around the budget including the annual financial deficit, lack of transparency and clarity in the budgetary process and resource limitations (space constraints as well as limited clinical placements); additional concerns were raised with respect to the stress that Faculty and Staff have endured during the development and implementation of master's entry level programs and the PhD program and a sense that the multiple Programs offered by the School may not be sustainable with the current resources available. The IAR team also agreed that the School may want to reconsider offering Stream 2 programs in PT and OT if new resources are not made available to support the other programs.



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