**Executive Summary**

The External Consultants recognized Western Law's "significant contributions to legal education in Canada". The Faculty's strategic plan and approach to future directions are deemed "ambitious and judicious". The Faculty's self-study accurately reflects challenges facing Law Faculties across Canada: high tuition rates, declining applications, new innovations in the articaing process and challenges placing students in articling positions.

**Significant Strengths of Program:**
- Effective Curriculum Review Process initiated in 2013
- "One of the country's leading advocacy programs"
- small size allows creation of a collegial learning environment for students, including small-group format for selected first year courses
- novel January term with small-enrollment courses taught creatively by full-time faculty, visiting international scholars, and eminent practitioners.
- the Community Legal Services clinic, deemed "one of the country's best experiential learning centres"
- the Moot program, deemed "the most extensive in the country"
- the business-law focus

**Opportunities for improvement & Enhancement:**
The External Consultants have made twenty recommendations that are constructive suggestions to improve and streamline existing processes and initiatives. The 31 March 2014 response to these recommendations by the Dean and Associate Dean (Academic) of Western Law has effectively recognized their spirit and intent and takes no issue with any of them. The External Consultants state that their recommendations should not be "read as equally important to the Faculty's development."

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