

MEMO

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

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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 Sociology 3-Year Program Review

This review is part of the 3-year review process of the Department of Sociology at Wichita State University. As Dean of the Graduate School, my review will primarily be focused on the Master of Arts degree. I concur with the LAS dean's assessment regarding the quality of this document. It is a great example of what a program review document should do – it is retrospective and, of course, analyses the data, but more importantly it also 'closes the loop' to address identified shortcomings and also tells where the department is going. I should add that I was similarly impressed by your Graduate Enrollment Management (GEM) plan, particularly the multiple paths approach of the MA program. Great job on both!

I offer the following as helpful suggestions:

• The graduate school is working hard on development of professional