

**College Task Force on the Future
Report 5 to the King's Community
March 16, 2015**

The College Task Force has for the most part completed the first phase of our mandate, which required us to come up with short-term recommendations to deal with King's financial situation in 2015-16.

Regarding the Task Force's Interim Report for 2015-16, faculty and staff Task Force members will be meeting with labour lawyer Bruce Outhouse later this month to seek advice concerning Recommendation #9, a proposed wage freeze.

The recommendations (with the exception of the wage freeze) are now in the hands of the Budget Advisory committee and the Bursar's office. The Interim Report will come before the Board of Governors at its April 16 meeting.

The Task Force is moving on to consider the long term sustainability of the college keeping in mind the goals set out in the Strategic Plan (2013), and the Academic and Research plans (2014). We have met three times so far and will meet twice a week throughout March with an eye to meeting our June 1 deadline.

The Task Force among other things will be considering revenue concerns and opportunities, as well as administrative and academic costs, structures and programmes. Although everything remains on the table, our initial starting point for those discussions will be the assumption that we wish King's to remain an independent institution

In tandem with our work:

- The Dalhousie Senate review of the King's-Dalhousie relationship will hold its first meeting this week. The chair is Shirley Tillotson.
- The Planning and Priorities Committee of Faculty is working on new revenue generating initiatives to present to our committee.
- The School for Interdisciplinary Studies will meet.

As always, we welcome your input. You may contact the Task Force through our gmail account: collegetaskforce@gmail.com

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