

Mr. Rockingham Gill,

I think it might be possible to be one of the "top 5" specialist institutions, but not perhaps by the way I described in my letter. - and referring to your reply in which you noted some of the faults in my logic and understanding of the issues. Maybe a more revolutionary, rather than evolutionary plan is required.

Maybe there should only be only one degree offered at Lampeter, a BA (Hons) Humanities, in which there is a core set of subjects and number of electives. It could be marketed as the "Lampeter Degree". There would still be academic departments but they won't offer their own degrees, only contribute to the Lampeter Degree. It would be distinctive among degrees in the UK and not an imitation of an American liberal arts college, which I have heard discussed at Lampeter, but the idea is too derivative. Speaking as an American, we don't need an American liberal arts college in West Wales, although we should always consider their skills in marketing and fundraising.

The Lampeter Degree could incorporate all the historical and curriculum dimensions noted in my letter, and be flexible enough to meet the demands of almost any interest. It would be a lot easier to administer and fits the size of the College. More thinking is required but it sounds like an option.

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