

July 19, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hey there Councillors,

Below is a report of my activities over the past two weeks.

## **I. Nursing Undergraduate Association Probation**

The Nursing Undergraduate Association has elected to move on to probation as per SU Bylaw 8100 §20. A motion was made at their General Meeting on March 26, 2012. The Student Governance Advisor and I met with the outgoing and incoming Presidents, and the current Executive of the NUA, and determined that this request was legitimate. The NUA currently has an unclear budgeting process, is in a difficult financial situation, and is facing electoral challenges. Therefore, I determined that probation-level support would be worthwhile. Probation is not a punitive measure, but instead allows for increased communication with and support from the SU. Over the next few weeks we will be drafting a Conditions of Probation, consulting with SGS, the Dean of Students, and the Dean of Nursing, and setting a path forward for the NUA.

## **II. Undergraduate Research Symposium**

The SU has hired Gurpaul Bara to be the Undergraduate Research Symposium Coordinator this year. We're looking ahead to an excellent event that will increase the presence of arts and humanities research, showcase the scholarship of our students, and recruit more students into participating in mentored undergraduate research.

## **III. Library Budget Pressures**

Because of an ever-tightening budget, Cameron Library has proposed to reduce its hours to 7:00 AM – 1:00 AM during non-exam periods, with the exception of the basement. Usage of the library during the late night and early morning hours is limited an average of 5 students per floor. If you or your students have any concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

## **IV. Why Represent?**

In an effort to better recruit and retain student representatives, I will be hosting a focus group on why students participate in representative roles. If you are interested in participating, or have feedback surrounding the benefits of being a student representative, let me know!

Cheers,

  
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