

October 20, 2012

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

See below for updates arising from my portfolio over the past two weeks.

## **I. BA Restructure**

The Faculty of Arts has asked students and staff to work together to develop proposals for a complete overhaul of the structure and requirements of a Bachelor of Arts degree. I'm supporting the Collective Body for Arts Students to ensure that the student voice is heard in this process. Students interested in the BA restructure should contact [volunteer@theccbas.ca](mailto:volunteer@theccbas.ca).

## **II. ESA Road Off Probation**

I met with the Education Students' Association Executive and Council to map the road off probation in the next months. Next steps include amendments to their Constitution and Policy Document, presentations to COFA and Council, and responding to feedback from major stakeholders. Council can expect a presentation from them at the next meeting.

## **III. Take Back the Term**

Students facing academic difficulty in the Fall semester have the opportunity to attend Take Back The Term on October 27. Sessions on time management, study skills, and mental health are available free of charge to students who register at [www.bearsden.ualberta.ca/tbt](http://www.bearsden.ualberta.ca/tbt).

## **IV. Extending the Withdrawal Deadline**

The proposal to extend the withdrawal deadline met resistance from a number of professional faculties at a recent Academic Standards Committee meeting. I'm hopeful that the proposal will still be presented to the GFC Executive committee meeting slated for November.

Sincerely,

  
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