



January 31, 2013

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

It feels like forever since we last met! Please see below for a report of my activities over the past two weeks.

I. Bookstore Strategic Plan Submission

I've submitted a report with 17 recommendations to the Bookstore as part of their strategic planning process. The submission includes data from surveys and focus groups, research of major North American campus bookstores, and realistic recommendations to help reduce the cost of academic materials on campus. It was positively received by the Bookstore Director, and circulated to staff, some senior administrators, and members of the Bookstore Advisory Group.

II. Subcommittee on the Status of USRIs

The Committee on the Learning Environment recently approved the terms of reference for a Subcommittee on the Status of USRIs. The SU VPA is a member of this subcommittee, which has a mandate to provide recommendations on how the USRI instrument should be best used as a formative and summative teaching evaluation tool.

III. International Learning Certificate

The Academic Standards Committee recently approved a certificate open to all students which recognizes their participation in global education programs, cross-cultural competency, and interest in global issues.

Sincerely,


Dustin Chelen