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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

February 15, 2005

Memorandum to: Members of the University Affairs Board

Subject: **Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 4:30 p.m.,
Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall**

Attached is your agenda and documentation for the University Affairs Board meeting of February 22, 2005.

Virtually the entire meeting will deal with the "Student Experience". It will probably be one of the most important governance meetings of this year. This will be the first governance discussion of planning for improvements to the quality of non-academic student life over the period of the Academic Plan, "Stepping UP," (i.e. to 2010). The meeting will present an opportunity for members of the Board to influence this very important initiative.

The discussion will begin with Professor Dave Farrar's detailed presentation of the results of the "National Survey of Student Engagement," the evaluation mechanism being used to identify areas needing more support.

The four student government Presidents have been invited to attend. But, because this agenda item is for information only, and is an entry-level discussion, I shall not invite external speakers at this meeting. When initiatives arising from this discussion come back through the normal governance processes, some of those initiatives will presumably come to the University Affairs Board, and the leaders of the student governments will be given an opportunity to address the Board at that time, as is the policy of the Governing Council.

I look forward to next week's discussion.

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