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To: All U of C academic staff

Re: U of C "model" for international undergraduate student recruitment

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to update you on a topic that was of major concern to the Board of Directors of the Faculty Association last semester, this being the U of C's plan for international undergraduate recruitment (you may recall my letter to you of 31st October 2013).

After significant concerns were raised by academic staff across campus last semester, the International Task Force was reconstituted and has been exploring options for increasing international undergraduate enrolment (it has met 13 times between 9th January and 7th April 2014). This has led to the development of a "model" for international undergraduate student recruitment that is going to General Faculties Council this week (on Thursday 17th April) – a copy of the document going to GFC can be found here (http://www.tucfa.com/?p=3101).

I am pleased to report that this "model" appears to deal with the main items that were of concern to the Association last semester. Should this model be approved by General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors, there will be much work still to be done in implementing it, especially in those Faculties where more international undergraduates will be seeking degrees (and most especially in programs with existing capacity constraints).

Yours sincerely,

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