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## Memorandum

Date: 29 November 2011  
To: All Faculty, Staff and Students in the Faculty of Arts and Science  
From: Meric S. Gertler, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science  
Re: **Academic Plan**

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Earlier this term, the draft Academic Plan was circulated to the Faculty community for consideration. As noted previously, the draft was the result of extensive consultations over the past academic year and reflected the themes, priorities and many constructive suggestions that emerged during these discussions.

A considerable amount of time was devoted to discussion of the draft plan at our Faculty Council meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I also received several written submissions in response to our call for input. These discussions and written submissions suggest that the broad priorities outlined in the plan have strongly resonated with individuals and units and few changes were required to the draft plan. One substantive revision I have made is to more clearly state our commitment to the quality of the graduate student experience, as well as that of our undergraduate students. This is especially important given our plans to increase our graduate student enrolments.

The Academic Plan will be on the agenda for the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Faculty Council. Our Faculty Council has a key advisory role with respect to academic planning. I have been providing regular updates to Council as well as seeking input at various points in our planning process. While Council does not vote on the Academic Plan, any specific initiatives that may arise from the plan and that require governance approval will be brought forward on a case-by-case basis for discussion and go through the appropriate steps in the University's governance process.

Once again, thank you to all those in the Arts & Science community who have participated in the process to date. I look forward to continuing our discussions when initiatives arise over the coming months and years.