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## Memorandum

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To: Council of Chairs, Principals, and Academic Directors

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**Re: March 26 Meeting of CPAD and Update**

CC: Coalition of Arts and Science Directors

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We have decided to cancel this week's scheduled meeting of CPAD due to lack of business. A number of potential agenda items will be ready for discussion by the time of our next scheduled meeting on 23 April, but given the absence of otherwise pressing agenda items – and acknowledging how busy you all are at this time of year – I thought it best to cancel this month's meeting.

In the interim, I would like to bring you up to date on a few key items.

First, on academic planning, the Strategic Planning Committee remains on track to conclude its deliberations by the middle of May. We hope to be able to release our findings and recommendations soon after that. While these are likely to take the form of a Faculty-wide plan as well as specific recommendations for each unit, the committee has not yet decided on the precise form these will take. Stay tuned for further details.

I realize that many of you are already thinking about your unit's operations in 2010-11. Until the results of academic planning are announced, I would suggest that you proceed on the basis of business-as-usual assumptions for the coming year, including the 3 percent OTO cut already announced for 2010-11.

Second, I would like to signal that we are acutely aware of the growing list of policy issues surrounding graduate education that will require some attention – most notably, graduate funding and graduate admissions. For this reason, Professor Robert Baker, Vice-Dean, Research and Graduate Programs will soon be reconvening the Graduate Advisory Committee and directing them to review these policies and suggest any necessary revisions. More details on this process will be forthcoming soon.

In the meantime, if any of you have any concerns you would like to bring to my attention before the April CPAD meeting, feel free to contact me.