Following is my letter of intent to be director of academics:  
  
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When people talk about college, they talk about "the college experience." Of course, this is composed of so many things: who you meet and connect with, what clubs you join, where you study abroad, how you spend your Friday and Saturday nights, and of course, what you learn in class. I am running for the position of Director of Academics because I care about students' experiences with that last item. We need to strive for the very best balance of challenging students, preparing students for a chosen field, and allowing students to have the free time to experience the other aspects of college that are so important and exciting. Dickinson is a liberal arts college and in my opinion, that means that academic planning should be based upon providing students with a multicultural and multitopical (if I'm allowed to make up a word) educational experience that not only prepares us for our field of study, but also helps us to understand the workings of the world to some extent.  
  
Now before I conclude, if you don't know me, hello! I hope to get to meet you. I am a first year from Colorado and am currently undeclared (taking advantage of that liberal arts thing). I have involved myself in a number of clubs and organizations, including student senate this year, so I have an understanding of how it works. I want to help make the most positive academic experience for the largest number of people on this campus next year and that is why I'm running for Director of Academics.   
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Sincerely,   
Shawn Cremer