



Danielle Burt President Report

July 2014

**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

President's Advisory Committee

Synopsis: We met on Wednesday July 2 The committee also gave feedback and approval for the Space, Mental Health, & Sustainability Committee Terms of Reference.

Policies and Procedures Committee

Synopsis: Met on June 26th. PPC is still investigating 4/14.

2.0 University-Related Activities

2.1 Committees:

Senate

Responsibilities: include the power to enact bylaws and establish committees and councils.

Synopsis: The Vibrant Student Experience Town Hall will be in the SLC Great Hall and will be a collaborative effort with Feds and the University. Geoff McBoyle (Provost) has left. Convocation was a success, and it was mentioned that all the honorary degree recipients were male this year.

Student Services Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: To review all aspects of student services supported in whole or in part by the Student Services Fee.

Synopsis: Currently renegotiating a fee agreement with the university and will be meeting at the end of June-the summer.

University Student Relations Committee

Responsibilities: Be a forum for communication between undergraduate students and senior University officers with responsibility for student relations, and address matters of concern relating to University-student relations and/or student life.

Synopsis: Worked on the University of Waterloo guidelines for online digital learning material. I will be connecting with other university student unions as well as consulting OUSA to get some guidance on the terms of these guidelines.

Orientation Advisors Committee:

Responsibilities: to plan and oversee orientation week at the administrative level.

Synopsis: improving the relationship between orientation week and the Feds President role. I will be meeting each individual FOC team throughout July and at the end of July the **Orientation Steering Committee** will be meeting.

3.0 External Activities

3.1 Overlap – Long Range Plan: Online survey is down but as of June 20th there was 1200 responses. The data collection is now wrapping up (after the council stakeholder lab) and we will be doing a retreat to go through the data on July 30/31. We will be receiving an insight report a week before the retreat.

3.2 Governance Review (Brad Kelly): Will be presenting to anyone who is interested on July 4th for a Mingle and Greet in Bomber. Next steps are creating a board Governance committee and a communications policy.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Tom Ruttan, Director of Counseling Services:

Meeting on July 2nd to discuss peer support programs.

Deans of each faculty

Stephane and I will be meeting with the Deans to improve ongoing relations with Feds and the faculties. These meetings are all throughout July.

Chris Read, Associate Provost for Students:

General updates meetings to keep open communication between the university and Feds. Meeting July 3rd to strategize what we want to see of the "Vibrant Student Experience" theme in the Strategic Plan. He will be creating a working student space group that I will sit on and will working closely with my space committee (I also presented this at the Space Information Advisory Group (SIAG))

4.5 Other:

Met with SSO and GSA to improve relations and encourage open communication. Other society exec meetings will continue through spring term.

5.0 Upcoming Activities

This is a list of scheduled, upcoming activities/meetings before the next Council meeting:

1. July 1st: Canada Day Celebrations
2. June 29th: Feds attends the PRIDE Parade
3. July 4th: Governance review Mingle and Greet
4. July 8th: attending a sustainability event hosted by SCI
5. July 9th: Feds Open House Event