



Danielle Burt President Report

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Federation of Students
University of Waterloo

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

President's Advisory Committee

Responsibilities: Advise the President on decisions made regarding University representation including student services, undergraduate student issues, and business of the University Senate. Make decisions on behalf of Council, recommendations to the President on Feds governance structures,

Synopsis: The next meeting is June 2 to discuss the purpose and mandate of the Spirit, Food, Space, Mental Health, & Sustainability Committee

Policies and Procedures Committee

Responsibilities: make sure Council's policies and procedures are consistent with the bylaws of the corporation, propose amendments and renewals of policies and procedures.

Synopsis: Met on May 29th to review all 14 policies that are expiring this year. Identified gaps in the expiring policies. Made recommendations for 10/14 of the expiring policies and 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: Received an undergraduate seat on the hiring panel for the VP University Relations (replacing Tim Jackson). A working group to consider the topic of a fall reading break was created. Discussed the success of online teaching within the mathematics faculty.

Senate Long Range Planning Committee

Responsibilities: recommends to senate anything that affects the long term planning of the university.

Synopsis: Recommended Knowledge Integration become a department. Updates on the Strategic Plan for the university, they are focusing on the mini town hall events for each of the areas of the strategic plan (completed: internationalization, transformational research, entrepreneurship, and academic programming).

Board of Governors

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

Synopsis: The next meeting is June 3rd.

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.

3.0 External Activities

3.1 Overlap – Long Range Plan: Online survey is live and goes until July 1. There is an iPad prize draw once the survey closes. They are aiming for 200 responses and have received 61 so far. We will be hiring street team volunteers to recruit and advertise for

the stakeholder labs. The labs are to collect data for where the students see Feds playing a role in their success.

3.2 Governance Review (Brad Kelly): Received the document. The Board of Directors, the lawyer, and the Executive will be reviewing through June. By end of June we will have an implementation plan complete.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Tom Ruttan, Director of Counseling Services:

Discussed the possibility of centralizing mental health on campus. Meeting in June to discuss a peer support initiative. Will be collaborating on a mental health un-conference for the fall.

Christine Stapleton, Associate Athletics Director

Discussed improving relations between Feds and Athletics to better advocate to the university on improving athletic services on campus.

4.5 Other:

Met with Imprint and both EngSoc A and B Exec 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. June 4th: the Exec and the General Manager will be taking part in an Action Plan Retreat.
2. June 6th: the Exec are meeting with the SSO to discuss some strategies for the year.