

# President's Report to Students' Council

*March 2, 2014*

*President David Collins*

# Organizational Updates

- Discount Cards for Councilors are available. Come talk to me
- Check out the Events page for updates
  - <http://www.feds.ca/events/2014-03/>
- March General Meeting
  - Date TBD. Keep posted on the Council Mailing list.
  - Attendance by Students' Councilors is mandatory

# Elections

- UPASS Referendum passed with a high majority
- List of incoming Feds Execs and Councilors starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 are available at <http://www.feds.ca/elections/>
- Elections report by Elections Officer Robert Savoy will be available before the end of April

# Internal Initiatives

- President's Advisory Committee
  - Met February 25<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Policies and Procedures Committee
  - Met February 12<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Nominating Committee
  - Did not meet
- Board of Directors
  - Moving forward with Long Range Plan, Governance, and Legal Compliance initiatives
- 'Day in the Life of the Feds President' was a success.
  - Check out [twitter.com/uwfedspres](https://twitter.com/uwfedspres) to see what I do in a day!
- Student Advisory Committee on Sustainability
  - Met February 25<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)

# Internal Initiatives

- Mental Health Committee
  - Met February 13<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- School Spirit Committee
  - Met February 26<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Food Options Committee
  - Met on February 14<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Student Space Committee
  - Met on February 14<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Leadership Awards Committee
  - Met February 13<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)
- Honorary Awards Committee
  - Met February 7<sup>th</sup> (see committees update)

# External Representation

- AP Students Chris Read
  - Discussed student space, campus wellness initiatives, and the exit survey
- VP Advancement Ken McGillivray
  - Update on student-focused advancement initiatives
- Director of Campus Wellness Mark Beadle
  - Discussed campus wellness initiatives and mental health resources
- Larry Smith
  - Discussed entrepreneurship, experiential learning, and innovation pillars of the strategic plan
- Space Information Advisory Group (SIAG)
  - Discussed allocation of space for buildings around campus
  - Advocated for the group to consider providing students space in the RIM Buildings or elsewhere on campus pending the displacement of various units to the RIM Buildings
- Senate
  - <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/sites/ca.secretariat-general-counsel/files/uploads/files/20140224oagsen.pdf>
- FAUW President David Porreca
  - Discussed increasing proportion of fees that Faculty are willing to contribute to wellness and athletics spaces on campus

# External Initiatives (cont.)

- Student Services Advisory Committee (SSAC)
  - Discussed student-controlled fees
- USRC (Undergraduate Student Relations Committee)
  - Discussed coop, UPASS, and Fall reading days
- Dean of Environment Andre Roy
  - Discussed student sustainability group, it's vision, and mandate.
- Campus Rec Director Marc Itturgia
  - Discussed school spirit committee's mandate and responsibilities, as well as student wellness initiatives in Athletics
- UW Weather Closure Guidelines
  - Advocated for Health Services to be listed as a stakeholder in decisions on whether or not to close the university
  - Advocated for the University to provide options for students who do not feel as though it is safe to attend school in adverse weather conditions
- Strategic Plan Theme Meeting for Sound Values Pillar
  - Advocated or the university to have the equity and wellness of all students, staff, and faculty at the top of their values priority lists
- Board of Governors Meeting
  - <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/sites/ca.secretariat-general-counsel/files/uploads/files/20140204oagbog.pdf>



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