



Andrew Noble President's Report

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**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

Executive Summary

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1. Environmental Scan

- **What is it?** A presentation of the current trends and future plans of the University of Waterloo and the Federation of Students. The aim is to identify trends, gaps and issues as a basis for student initiatives, future planning, and policy making.
- I'll have a presentation to share with you on Sunday. This was done by Presidents in recent Feds History. I encourage your feedback and recommendations for improvement.

2. Current Projects and Initiatives

a. *Federation Hall*

- **Timeline:** Unknown.
- **Priority:** Extremely High
- **Partners:** Board of Directors, Executive Team, Staff, and various Waterloo administrators. In addition, Natalie Cockburn & Luke Burke as advisors.
- **History:** Students, through Feds, paid for Fed Hall. The building was managed since the 80s by Feds, but the land is owned by uWaterloo. uWaterloo did not renew the lease but has publically committed to Fed Hall being a student event venue.
- **Update:**
 - **Chris Read, the new Associate Provost Students, is eager to wrap this up as soon as possible. We have made some preliminary agreements, but have yet to finalize some of the details. I'm spending at least ¼ of my time on this project and will continue to advocate for accessible and affordable student space.**

b. *New Student Building*

- **Timeline:** Consultations starting this month. Referendum to be held in February.
- **Priority:** High
- **Partners:** SBCC (student building consultation committee), SSO, Chris Read, various University Admin, Geoff Christou (Architecture Grad Student)
- **Synopsis:**
 - **SBCC is developing questions and methods for student engagement. They plan to report to council formally at July's council meeting.**

c. *Hydration Stations*

- **Timeline:** Ongoing
- **Priority:** Medium
- **Partners:** Faculty Endowment Funds, Feds Environment Commissioner
- **Synopsis:**
 - **Research has been done into various water-bottle filling stations. A research package is available to provide to interested students. Students are encouraged to make proposals to their faculties endowment fund and designate the best location of hydration stations in their faculty.**

- *Representing Part-Time Students*

- **Timeline:** Based on council's recommendation, proposal to be given at the fall general meeting.
- **Priority:** Low
- **Partners:** Research & Policy Officer, Registrar's Office, IAP (Institutional Analysis & Planning)
- **History:** The Federation of Students only represents full time students. About 6% of our undergraduate students are part-time students. Currently, they a) can only use some of our services, b) are not officially recognized by ½ the faculty associations, and c) do not pay a fee to Feds.
- **Synopsis:**
 - **We've assessed what student unions at other schools do to serve and represent their part-time students. We hope for further consultation to be done with our students before we make any proposal. If you are a part-time student reading this – please contact pres@feds.ca!**

3. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives

- **LONG RANGE PLAN IMPLIMENT**
- **Staffing**
- **Governance Review**
 - I believe a new student-centred building is needed; I want it to be my number one priority. However, the Fed Hall agreement takes priority.
 - If a fair outcome of the Fed Hall agreement is not completed within a reasonable timeframe, this project will not receive the attention it deserves. More importantly, if the outcome of the Fed Hall negotiations is poor, I believe students will not support a new building. Therefore it would be irresponsible to spend the time and resources on a new building proposal.
- Revamp the First Year Commission

2. Committees / Councils / Commissions / Boards

a. *Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures*

- **Responsibilities:** To ensure that existing policies, procedures and by-laws are consistent with each other, to propose amendments to the policies, procedures and the by-laws, to ensure that any unwritten policy or procedure commonly utilized by the Corporation, be proposed in the form of a written policy.
- **Timeline:** ongoing
- **Partners:** BP&P committee; Research and Policy Officer; Exec Board
- **Goal:** various
- **Synopsis:**
 - Hasn't met yet. I'm writing this on May 1st remember!

b. *Elections Committee*

- **Responsibilities:** To organize and facilitate elections for FEDS council and executive positions
- **Timeline:** ongoing
- **Partners:** Chief Elections officer and committee membership
- **Synopsis:** Report draft completed. It should be sent out with the agenda.

c. *Senate*

- **Synopsis:** New Senate members have already met to discuss our goals, background at the University, and knowledge base of how Senate works. Appointments to Senate committees have already been made and approved at the April meeting.

d. *SSAC – Student Services Advisory Group*

- **Synopsis:** At the time of drafting this report, has not yet met.

e. *USRC – Undergraduate Student Relations Committee*

- **Synopsis:** At the time of drafting this report, has not yet met.