



Andrew Noble President's Report

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**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

Executive Summary

Although it's only May 1st at the time I write this, I've already been working for the last month and a half. I am very excited to work with the new councillors, get to know the Feds full-time staff, and dig my teeth into a new student building proposal. I can't wait to strategize a revamped engagement strategy for the First Year Commission, implement the Long Range Plan, and build a working relationship with the new Associate Provost, Students, Chris Read.

However, my excitement and enthusiasm to start working on pro-active initiatives has been slowed by the ongoing negotiations surrounding the Fed Hall agreement. Although I haven't been intimately involved with the Fed Hall negotiations, I was involved as a Feds Director since November. I was expecting a new agreement to be signed before I stepped into office. This is an extremely high priority for me and the rest of the executive team. We are determined to find a solution that will provide students access to Fed Hall to run events.

As this is my first day, my report is understandably brief. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Andrew

1. Current Projects and Initiatives
2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives
3. Committees / Councils / Commissions / Boards

1. Current Projects and Initiatives

a. *Federation Hall*

- **Responsibilities:** Get a new Fed Hall agreement signed by both parties.
- **Timeline:** Unknown.
- **Partners:** Board of Directors, Executive Team, Staff, and various Waterloo administrators. In addition, Natalie Cockburn & Luke Burke as advisors.
- **Goal:** To attain an equitable solution with long term control of comparable space on campus for the Federation of Students.
- **Priority:** Extremely High

b. *UPASS Negotiations*

- **Responsibilities:** Aid with strategy formation and external representation.
- **Timeline:** to April 2012.
- **Partners:** Feds VP AF, VP ED, UWGSA, WLUSU
- **Goal:** To have a negotiated long term transit solution with a pricing structure that is reasonable for students
- **Priority:** High
- **Synopsis:**
 - Completed by previous executive! Great work by former VP Education Natalie Cockburn!

2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives

- New Student Building Consultation & Proposal
 - 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

3. 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.