



Andrew Noble President's Report

October 2012

**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

Executive Summary

Hey Council!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at FLOW this weekend! It should be a great turnout with leaders across campus joining in. September has gone by incredibly quickly, with lots of events occurring. Below, in point form, are the highlights from my report:

- O-week changes – Faculty Orientation Advisors are looking to play a more of a leadership role in O-week 2013
- First Year Intern – Brandon Gaffoor will be working on creating a First Year Council in conjunction with the first year commission.
- Part-time students – Feds is strongly considering representing part-time students
- Campus Shuttle Program is considering an expansion to serve the Univeristy colleges
- Lots of Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures updates including a new Governance Structure to go to vote at our October 29th General Meeting
- The University is considering implementing an Equity Officer
- Some initial progress has been made on a new student building

This Sunday will be an exciting meeting as we visit Architecture once again. Alex and I were able to serve burgers to Architecture students in September, it's a great little campus in the heart of Cambridge. Don't forget the bus will leave at 11:45am on Sunday to take all interested individuals from main campus to the meeting.

Thanks for your interest!

Sincerely,
Andrew Noble

1. Current Projects and Initiatives
2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives
3. Changes within the University
4. Committees / Commissions / Boards

1. Current Projects and Initiatives

Federation Hall

- **Timeline:** Signed agreement expected by students by August 31st.
- **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 made the unilateral decision to not renew the lease but they have publically committed to Fed Hall being a student event venue.**

Representing Part-Time Students

- **Timeline:** Unknown; dependant on resource allocation.
- **Priority:** Medium
- **Partners:** Research & Policy Officer, Registrar's Office, IAP (Institutional Analysis & Planning)
- **Update:**
- **We have identified three ways we could start representing part-time students:**
 1. **Start charging all part-time students a fee, despite the fact we already fully recognize co-op students as full members.**
 2. **Start charging only non-co-op students a fee.**
 3. **No charge, we simply change our bylaws to represent and serve PT students.**

FLOW – Feds Leaders On a Weekend

- **Date:** October 14th -16th
- **Where:** On-campus at uWaterloo
- **Mission:** To empower student leaders to unite around the common goal of serving and representing students through a weekend long Feds Leadership Conference
- **Who:** Feds leaders – almost exclusively those who are council members (both voting and non-voting).
- **This event is running over the weekend. I'll provide a full report on how it runs so that we can ensure the success of future similar conferences.**

Governance Review

- **Summary:** The review recommended the empowerment of our

student governing bodies while streamlining operations to ensure that the Governance of Feds corresponds with its principles. Consultation has occurred with student council members, President's Advisory Committee, and other various students. BP&P was tasked at last council meeting to rewrite bylaws to reflect this. See attached, new bylaws.

- **Next steps:** Changes to bylaws must be passed at a General Meeting. The next general meeting is October 29th!

2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives

- **Long Range Plan Review**
 - The long range plan is set to be reviewed and revised in the 2012-2013 year. I plan on drafting suggestions for next year's President.
- **More Extensive Advertising for Student's Council 2012-2013**
 - Hopefully, another stellar video can be made to encourage students to vote, but we also need a stellar vote to encourage students to run! We're looking at doing this in November.

3. Changes within the University

- One of the most important parts of my job is student representation to the University. I've added this section because I learn a variety of information through relationships with various University members that is not open and transparent to students. I hope to use this section to share some highlights that may not fit into the "committees" section.
- **Parking Services** is moving underneath the Vice-President's portfolio rather than the Provost. Further, the person now in charge of Parking Services is also in charge of Implication? Parking may become more focussed on being a revenue generator rather than a service.
- **Associate Provost, Resources**, Bruce Mitchell, is now also the interim Associate Provost, Human Resources.
- Mark Haslett, the **University Librarian**, no reports directly to the Provost (google search "uwaterloo goverance chart" for more info).
- Logan Atkinson, is the new **Secretary of the University**, and is currently exploring what an **Equity Office(r)** may look like.
- A training session for Senators is being planned for November, and there will likely be an open invite to anyone else who would like to attend and learn how Senate works.
- The **Arts Faculty** is currently doing an external assessment on the concrete courtyard to see if it can be covered and transferred into a large student lounge/study area.

4. Committees / Councils / Commissions / Boards

a. *Senate*

Synopsis: Senate heard, and passed, all the program changes brought by Senate Undergraduate Committee. I plan on following up on the progress of

the efficiency committee.

b. ***Senate – Long Range Planning Committee***

Synopsis: The University has submitted a response to the Government's white paper on "putting students first". The committee is planning on meeting more frequently. It is an open committee so please contact me if you would like to come.

c. ***Mid-Cycle Review – The Life Cycle of a Student Task Force***

Synopsis: The University is creating multiple task forces as an outcome of their mid-cycle review of their long range plan. One of those task forces is this "life cycle of a student" one. This team has not yet been determined nor has it met.

d. ***BoG - Board of Governors***

Synopsis: Next meeting Oct. 30, at 1:30pm, in the new Quantum Nano Centre.

e. ***BoG – Buildings and Properties Committee***

Synopsis: Next meeting October 23rd.

f. ***Advisory Committee on Traffic/Parking***

Synopsis: Has met and discussed the purpose of the committee as a whole. There's concern amongst some members of the inconsistency of students on this committee due to the year-by-year changes. A new parking structure seems to be something that is unattainable for a variety of reasons.

g. ***Athletics Advisory Board***

Synopsis: Has not yet met this Fall term.

h. ***SLCMB***

Synopsis: Currently this management board is considering the cost of new water fountains in the SLC. In addition, an accessibility audit is planned of the entire building.

i. ***SSAC – Student Services Advisory Committee***

Synopsis: Has not yet met. Next meeting is in November where ancillary fee protocol will be discussed.

j. ***USRC – Undergraduate Student Relations Committee***

Synopsis: Discussion items included the WalkSafe Program, Part Time Student representation, and the relationship between student groups and the University.

k. ***FAB – Food Advisory Board***

Synopsis: This body is reconsidering their terms of reference. Chris Read is the chair and desires to reconceive the purpose of this committee.

l. *Joint Health and Safety Committee*

Synopsis: A student representative, Jerry Chang, attended the September meeting where he discussed making ring road safer for students crossing. The perspective given by various University representatives was that a lot of the students aren't looking both ways before crossing. Additional signage is being explored for the area.

m. *PACOD - President's Advisory Committee On Design*

Synopsis: This committee is not expected to meet in the near future. An expansion of Needles Hall and Biology are already in the works.

n. *USRC – Undergraduate Student Relations Committee*

Synopsis: Meeting in September cancelled.