



Andrew Noble President's Report

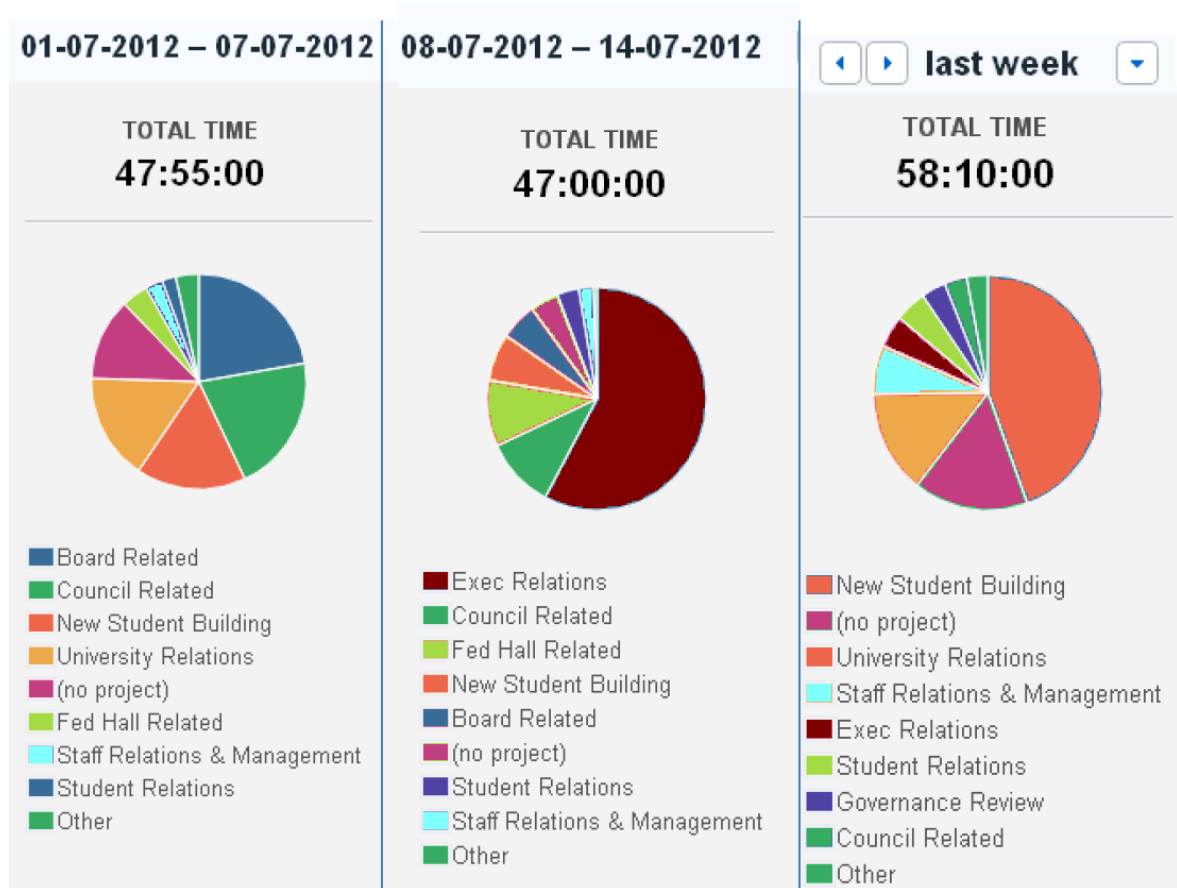
September 2012

**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

Executive Summary

Hey Council!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer. I've submitted a lot of items that require a lot of reading (elections report & governance review) so I'll keep this report brief and to the point. At last council meeting I mentioned that I would fix the colours of my toggle. See my time breakdown below. More recently my time has been spent on O-week, Governance Review, and the Fed Hall situation.



1. Current Projects and Initiatives
2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives
3. 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:** Low
- **Partners:** Research & Policy Officer, Registrar's Office, IAP (Institutional Analysis & Planning)
- **Update:**
- **We have gained more information about part-time students through IAP, and currently we are investigating the feasibility of a survey specifically tailored to part-time 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).
- **Other possible names:** FILE – Feds Inter-faculty Leadership Event, or FLIC 2012 – Feds Leadership Inter-faculty Conference

Governance Review

- **See attached.**
- **Summary:** The review recommends the empowerment of our student governing bodies while streamlining operations to ensure that the Governance of Feds corresponds with its principles.
- **Next steps:** Consultation through President's Advisory Committee and implementation through BP&P.

Promote Feds to New Students

- **Summary:** I and the rest of the executive had many opportunities

throughout o-week to interact with new students. From Architecture to AHS it was great to meet with so many new students and vibe off their excitement for being at the University of Waterloo.

2. Upcoming Projects / Initiatives

- **Long Range Plan Review**

- The long range plan is set to be review 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!

3. Committees / Councils / Commissions / Boards

a. *Senate*

Synopsis: Next meeting in September.

b. *Senate – Long Range Planning Committee*

Synopsis: The University is going to submit a response to the Government's white paper on "putting students first". It seems like uWaterloo has a quality response prepared to differentiate our strengths above the other schools in Ontario.

c. *BoG - Board of Governors*

Synopsis: There are confidential matters that are currently going back and forth through email. They are not of immediate concern to undergraduate students.

d. *BoG – Buildings and Properties Committee*

Synopsis: The University responded to my request for a full report on the amount of space at uWaterloo vs other Universities! See it attached at the end of this document. Minutes for these meetings, which are quite interesting, can be found here (just google search it

☺): <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/committees-and-councils/building-and-properties-committee/building-and-properties-committee-agenda>

e. *Advisory Committee on Traffic/Parking*

Synopsis: Has not yet met. No date given for next meeting. In fact, there have been emails to the chair describing the frustration of this committee not meeting. If it does meet, I'm going to recommend that cross walks be created in a variety of places on ring road. Further, I'll ask why the University doesn't have a bike path on ring road.

f. *Athletics Advisory Board*

Synopsis: They just had a new video promoting "Go Black, Be Gold". You can see me in the video saying "every Friday". They are also increasing social

media presence, recently hired a new Basketball coach, and are looking to expand their programs and facilities.

g. ***SLCMB***

Synopsis: Has not met this month. Zoom media is being considered for contract renewal.

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

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

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

Synopsis: Next meeting in September.

j. ***FAB – Food Advisory Board***

Synopsis: Next meeting October I believe.

k. ***Joint Health and Safety Committee***

Synopsis: A student representative has been selected for this committee and will be representing students on the committee.

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

Synopsis: The Science building expansion has been approved. First floor has a good amount of social space. Building includes a massive 400 seat lecture hall as well as a few smaller lecture halls. A few club offices will be in the building as well as lots of science labs.

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

Synopsis: Meeting in September cancelled.

Report to the Building & Properties Committee
Space Analysis - Nov 2004 Ontario Comparison
Dec-07

	University of <u>Waterloo</u>	Ontario University <u>System</u>	Ontario System's <u>Year</u> <u>Highest %</u>
Total Gross Square Metres	578,981 <i>664,905</i>	7,364,396	<i>8,105,031</i>
Weighted Average Age of Bldgs	31.6 years <i>35.4</i>	32.5 years	<i>33.2</i>
Distribution of Actual Inventory			
Classrooms %	9.0% <i>9.6</i>	11.1%	2004 11.1%
Undergrad Labs %	11.0% <i>11.4</i>	11.7%	1980 16.8%
Grad/Faculty Research Labs %	19.0% <i>17.6</i>	14.8%	2004 <i>2007</i> 14.8%
Study Space & Library %	9.0% <i>8.5</i>	12.6%	2001 13.1%
Recreation/Athletic Space %	6.0% <i>5.8</i>	7.0%	1983 7.5%
Student Activity Space %	4.0% <i>3.6</i>	4.1%	1977 <i>3.8</i> 4.9%
Actual Inventory vs. Theoretical Space Entitlement			
Classrooms %	79.7 <i>78.5</i>	77.9	1980 76.4 102%
Undergrad Labs %	73.9 <i>69.8</i>	68.0	1977 64.7 104%
Grad/Faculty Research Labs %	93.4 <i>73.1</i>	77.3	1980 74.7 93%
Grad Student Offices	122.0 <i>95.8</i>	55.5	53.1
Study Space %	58.3 <i>50.1</i>	51.2	53.5
Library & Study Space %	53.3 <i>61.4</i>	67.2	1977 70.6 89%
Recreation/Athletic Space %	69.9 <i>62.3</i>	63.1	1980 68.1 87%
Student Experience/Other ** %	78.5 <i>66.5</i>	60.9	59.0
Total	81.5 <i>74.8</i>	73.0	72.2

** includes Recreation/Athletics, Food Service, Bookstore, AV, Central Services, Health Services, Student Activity, Exhibition

(Source: COU - Inventory of Physical Facilities of Ontario Universities 2004-05)

Conclusion: based on the most recent COU data published in 2004, UW is similar to other Ontario Universities in the amount of space assigned to informal gathering areas, study space and recreational space. It is an Ontario wide phenomena that Universities are generally underserved in these areas.

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*2007/08 numbers provided in Feb 2010 COU Report
Aug 8, 2012*