

# President's Report to Students' Council

September 15, 2013

# External Representation

- Official Functions
  - Orientation Week (see later slide)
- Public Occasions
  - President's BBQ
    - Served students alongside fellow exec and Senior Administration of the University as a part of Welcome Week
  - Student Life 101 Lunches
    - Met with 1000's of new students and spoke to them about Feds, what we do, and how we serve/empower/represent them
  - University Liaison Session
    - Met with UW Liaisons and spoke to them about Feds, what we do, and how we serve/empower/represent students from the perspective of providing information to incoming high school students to Waterloo.
- Senate
  - Nothing to report. Met with Senators on Sept. 11 to discuss Sept. 16 Senate agenda items from student perspective. Senate starts at 3:30pm in NH3001.

# External Representation (cont.)

- Board of Governors
  - Strategic Plan
    - See attached document detailing recommendations from Feds and the subsequent inclusions in the final draft.
- University Administration
  - Chris Read
    - Discussed current pulse of students on campus and Feds-UW relations
  - Jason Coolman and Alumni Affairs
    - Introductory meeting with fellow execs
  - Scott Nicoll
    - UW History
  - Glen Wepler
    - Introductory meeting with fellow execs
- Other University Committees
  - Director of Equity Hiring Committee
    - More to come on this topic in the coming month. Check out [bulletin.uwaterloo.ca](http://bulletin.uwaterloo.ca) for forthcoming details
- Requested Actions: None

# Internal Initiatives

- Board
  - Action plan approved in spirit
  - Governance review approved through Board and is currently up on feds.ca
- Orientation Visioning Sessions
  - Data from the July 30 Orientation Visioning sessions is being analyzed.
  - Sessions were well received. ~60 students provided feedback
- **Requested Actions: None**

# Professional Development

- Attended the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) from Aug. 8-11
  - High value conference. Established great and useful connections with other SU leaders
  - Key breakout session conclusions on topics such as:
    - The state of SUs across Canada
    - Increasing SU research capacity
    - Organizational knowledge sharing and transition practices
    - Cultivating strong leadership capabilities/outcomes in short periods of time
- Requested action: none

# Tasked Items

- Motion to task the President to have a plan for the First Year Council for the September council meeting
  - See attached document
- Motion to Task the president with researching the process by which the University of Waterloo chooses the location of a new building and what, if any roll, students play in the process. To be reported back by Sept Council.
  - See attached document

# Orientation Week

- ~6200 individual students registered between September 1-6 for Orientation Week!
- Over 1200 leaders involved
- Very high turn out at all events. Swiped WatCards at many events to gather data.
  - This data, in combination with Orientation Visioning data and forthcoming Orientation Feedback Surveys/Transition documents from leaders will help craft a better Orientation Week next year
- Check out [twitter.com/uwfedspres](https://twitter.com/uwfedspres) for pictures of Orientation Week

# Orientation Week (cont.)

- Encouraged first years and leaders to take on the following challenge: “
  - “I challenge you this year to do and give what you can to make our community smarter and more caring; fairer and more just; stronger and more united.”
- Targeted communications to first years to remind them that they are not anonymous on campus. Reassured them that they are a relevant to how the campus functions and that they can make a difference.
- **Requested Actions: Say hello to first years and encourage them to stay involved!**

# DJ WhiteGold at Toga Party



# With Faculty Mascots at the Engineering Petting Zoo



# Execs Serving Breakfast in the Great Hall



# Students and Leaders Enjoying the ENV Banana Stand



# What are students saying?

- Many first years impressed by the spirit exemplified on campus during Orientation Week.
- “This orientation week is way better than the last one that I went through at my first university.”
- “How can I get involved?”
- “I really want to be an Oweek Leader next year!”