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Report

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Remember to promote these surveys:

Student Housing : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/studenthousing>

LGBTQ+ student survey: <http://www.ousa.ca/2014/11/17/ousa-lgbtq-survey/>

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0.0 Announcements

The referendum passed with a voter turnout over 6000 and 4600 students voting in favour.

All papers were passed at the OUSA Plenary.

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

Education Advisory Committee

EAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Tuesday at 6:30pm. We discussed calendar options if Remembrance Day becomes a statutory holiday. We also discussed changes in the honours major average in arts, and the change in work report date in math.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

GAAC meets bi-weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. Discussed publicity and relationship with on campus political clubs.

Co-op Student's Council

Will be meeting the day the report is due. We will be discussing the job posting process, ranking, co-op statistics, and CECA's relationship with Laurier's co-op program.

Undergraduate Student Relations Committee

Responsibilities: A forum to discuss undergraduate student issues in a broad sense at UW.

Synopsis: We met November 13th and discussed the fall break referendum results among other topics that will be brought up by the other executives.

1.2 Commissions:

To get in contact with either of the staff:

Andrew Clubine, Municipal Affairs Commissioner, municipal@feds.ca

Rebecca Little, Academic Affairs Commissioner, academic@feds.ca

2.0 University-Related Activities

2.1 Committees:

Co-operative Education Council

Responsibilities: A forum to review and advise on Co-op at UW

Synopsis: The November meeting was cancelled.

Senate Undergraduate Council

Responsibilities: To consider questions involving academic quality and undergraduate studies and provide recommendations to go forward to Senate

Synopsis: The last meeting was November 4th, the next meeting is December 2nd. A copy of the agendas and minutes can be found here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/committees-and-councils/senate-undergraduate-council/senate-undergraduate-council-agenda-and-minutes>. The last meeting was mostly curriculum and course changes as well as program reviews. We also had a presentation about the Strategic Plan Implementation for the Experiential Education theme.

English Language Proficiency Working Group

Responsibilities: Advises the Provost and his Special Advisor on English Language Competency on strategies to implement the recommendations of the Stubley Report on English Language Proficiency. Is looking at alternatives to the ELPE.

Synopsis: The last meeting was June 16th. Our next meeting is in January

University Tenure & Promotions Committee

Responsibilities: Reviews faculty tenure and promotions applications and recommends granting tenure and promotion to the President.

Synopsis: I have not been informed of the next committee meeting.

Fall Break Task Force

Responsibilities: Look at options regarding a Fall Break

Synopsis: The last meeting was November 13th, we are looking into consultation methods.

VP University Relations Selection Committee

Responsibilities: Select a new VP University Relations. This committee's activities are otherwise confidential, if you have any recommendations to make to the committee let me know.

Synopsis: The last meeting was November 19th, the next one is December 18th. It is confidential.

Course Evaluation Task Force

Responsibilities: Investigating how course evaluations are done and how to improve them.

Synopsis: Our last meeting was November 25th. After this report was due.

3.0 External Activities

3.1 Municipal/Regional-level

Town & Gown Steering Committee, City of Waterloo

Responsibilities: Bring together a smaller group of municipal stakeholders to assist with direction-setting for the broader Town & Gown Committee.

Town & Gown Committee, City of Waterloo

Responsibilities: Represent UW students to all of the stakeholders involved in the Town & Gown Association, bring forward student concerns, and identify opportunities for integration in the community

Synopsis: Our last meeting was November 25th. After this report was due.

3.2 Provincial-level

Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

Responsibilities: Represent UW students to the provincial government through an alliance of like-minded undergraduate student associations. For more information on OUSA visit: www.ousa.ca.

Synopsis: Lobby Con will be the first week of December.

Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) Steering Committee

Responsibilities: Represent UW undergraduate students to OUSA and serve the OUSA Steering Committee as Secretary of the Corporation.

Synopsis: Our next meeting is December 4th. Audit has been approved by plenary. Continuing to improve OUSA financially by looking into better banking products.

3.3 Federal-level

We are planning our trip to Ottawa we have some meetings confirmed.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Scott Nicoll: Looking into putting empty class schedules on the Feds website.
Ron McCarville: AHS student academic issues

4.2 Municipal/Regional-level:

Attended GRT consultations.

4.3 Provincial-level:

Met with Christine Elliot, Patrick Brown and Lisa MacLeod three of the Ontario PC Leadership candidates.

4.4 Federal-level:

Met MP Patrick Brown.

Attended an event with Diane Finley on November 14th.

4.5 Other:

Met with the President of NDP campus initiative. Setting up a meeting with all 3 campus club presidents together.

5.0 Upcoming Activities

This is a list of scheduled, upcoming activities/meetings before the next Council meeting that will have me out of office:

I will be at Queens' Park for OUSA Lobbycon December 1st-4th

I will be in Ottawa December 8th-11th for meetings with Federal decision makers

I will be checking my e-mail regularly while I am out of the office.