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Report

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Federation of Students
University of Waterloo

0.0 Announcements

The co-op Fee will be increasing by 3.75%.

We met with several MPs policy makers, CASA and AUCC during our trip to Ottawa. We received good feedback on our advocacy topics and some of our suggestions were sent forward to the office of the leader of the opposition.

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

Education Advisory Committee

EAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. We discussed Quest Mobile, Quest wait times, Petitions and Grievances (where it is on the websites and if it should be consolidated), University Advocacy Week, Course Schedules, and posting Course Syllabus online.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

GAAC meets bi-weekly in SLC 1106 on Tuesday at 5:30pm. We discussed new federal advocacy opportunities, our federal advocacy week, and local advocacy week.

Co-op Student's Council

The next meeting will be at the end of January, in the last meeting we discussed 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: Among other things we discussed a terms of reference for a Fall Break

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: At the December meeting we discussed the new funding structure and a fee increase.

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 December 2nd, the next meeting is January 13th. 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.

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 Stubleby Report on English Language Proficiency. Is looking at alternatives to the ELPE.

Synopsis: The last meeting was June 16th. Our next meeting is on January 19th. At the time of submission of this report the agenda has yet to be sent out.

University Tenure & Promotions Committee

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

Synopsis: The next meeting is February 24th.

Fall Break Task Force

Responsibilities: Look at options regarding a Fall Break

Synopsis: The next meeting is January 15th.

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 December 18th, the next meeting is January 15th. It is confidential.

Course Evaluation Task Force

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

Synopsis: Our last meeting was December 16th, the next meeting is on the 27th.

3.0 External Activities

3.1 Municipal/Regional-leveler

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

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 was 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: We had a steering committee meeting December 4th. We discussed the General Assembly, Pre-budget submissions, and the role of the OUSA President among other things. Our next steering committee meeting is in February.

3.3 Federal-level

We met with several MPs policy makers, CASA and AUCC during our trip to Ottawa. We received good feedback on our advocacy topics and some of our suggestions were sent forward to the office of the leader of the opposition.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Rocco Fondacaro: We discussed work term reports

Peggy Jarvie: We discussed the co-op fee

4.2 Municipal/Regional-level:

GRT Negotiations

Met with Dave Jaworsky on December 16th and discussed the 7D/E issue among other topics.

Briefly met Berry Vrbanovic.

4.3 Provincial-level:

I met with 11 MPPs or their aides during OUSA Lobbycon. Little also met with 11 other MPPs or their aides.

Kathleen Wynne will be at uWaterloo and WLU on January 13th.

4.4 Federal-level:

Met with 7 MPs and 6 Policy Makers in Ottawa.

Met with CASA to investigate changes made since we left.

4.5 Other:

Held a meeting with all 3 campus club presidents, discussed engaging students in politics.

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