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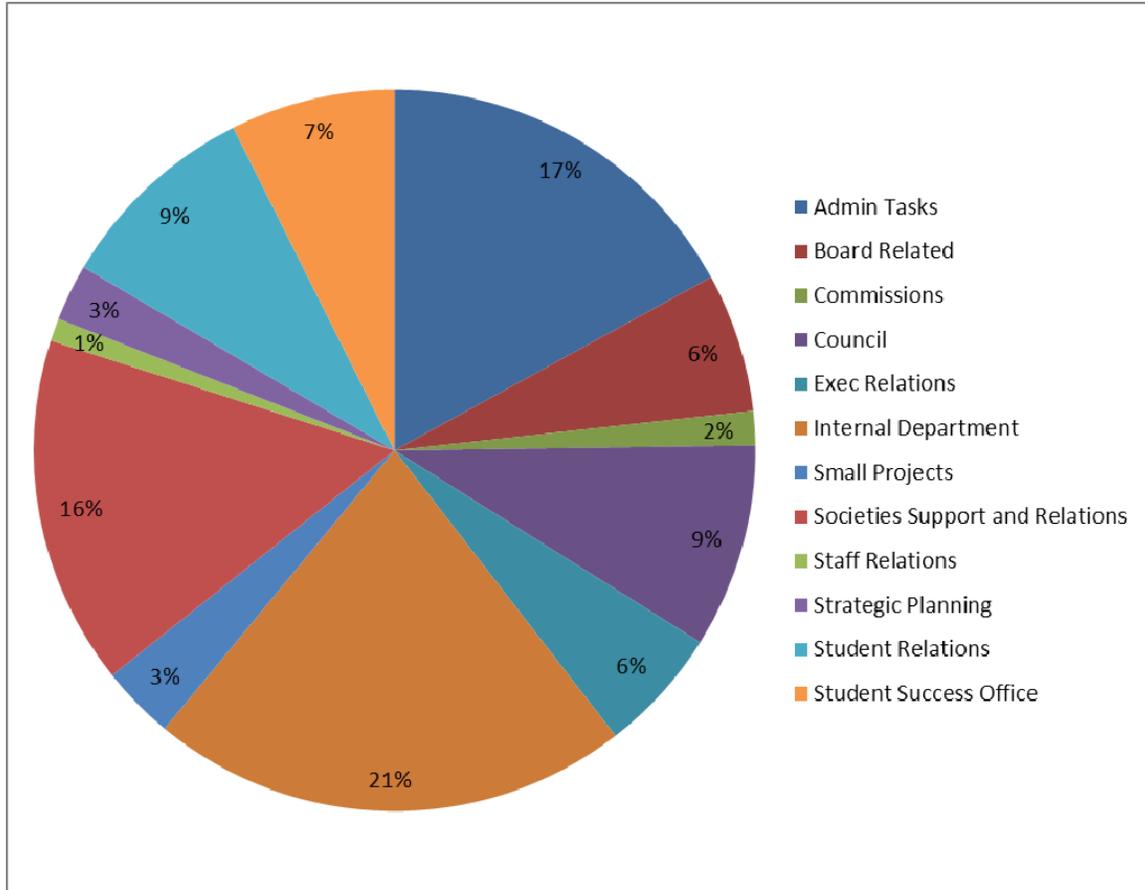
OCTOBER 2012

Federation of Students
University of Waterloo

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hello Council,

Here is a breakdown of my time since the last meeting:



Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns,

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- We have completed a Fall 2012 action plan for the department. It is included at the end of this report. Over the next couple months we'll be working on long-term vision.

CLUBS

- Dave and I are handling all of the clubs stuff right now. A lot of my time has gone into new clubs and his into event forms. We are expecting the new Clubs Manager by the beginning of November.
- See the IAC report for new clubs.

SERVICES

- Love Your Body Week was last week; Coming Out Week is this week.
- The last two sessions of Feducation were cancelled, due to lack of participants. We are still aware of council's metrics and are keeping track of all of the sessions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- It's a busy month with Halloween and Oktoberfest.
- Welcome Week ended off well. We'll be doing a formal report and assessment soon.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- One Waterloo will begin gathering feedback soon. We have program assessment guidelines ready for use.
- One Waterloo also participated in an Oktoberfest event this week.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

See committee report included in meeting package.

INTERNAL FUNDING COMMITTEE

See committee report included in meeting package.

ONE WATERLOO STEERING COMMITTEE

The committee has not met.

COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

The committee met and we discussed the functionality of the committee. It was agreed that society presidents don't get anything valuable out of meetings, so we will be discontinuing those. I believe that COPs will be moved into the council procedures after the General Meeting, at which point we'll amend the procedure so that the committee's only responsibility is to uphold the Societies Agreement, and only the society presidents will sit on it. See "societies" under "projects" for what we'll be doing in lieu of COPs.

CAMPUS RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

The committee met on October 4th. Alex Piticco, the Residence Life Director, has been added to the membership, as CRT is starting to work with Housing to cover high-risk times (Orientation, St.Patrick's Day, etc.). CRT will be also be working with Alex to improve their interview process (as ResLife does something similar for Dons).

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- The September 25th meeting was moved to October 24th.
- I am still looking for two undergraduate-at-large members. Contact me if you or any of your constituents are interested.

LGBTQQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee has not met; the next meeting has not been scheduled.

STUDENT LIFE ENDOWMENT FUND

The committee has not met yet.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The committee has not met yet.

SPACE INFORMATION ADVISORY GROUP

The space principles and standards document (let me know if you want a copy) will be taken to the University exec council. No major changes were made.

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS DAY COMMITTEE

- Campus Mental Health Wellness Day is Thursday, Oct. 25th.
- Details are here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/mental-health-wellness-day>.

COMMISSIONS

ARTS COMMISSION

- We are starting work on the Arts Symposium, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

- The commission is looking to do environmental evaluations of some of the commercial services.
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PROJECT UPDATES

SOCIETIES

- I met with the AHSUM, MathSoc, EngSoc, ESS, and UWOSS executive teams. All of the meetings went well. I got lots of great feedback from the societies, and was able to answer some of their questions.
- As we're not meeting with COPs anymore, I'll focus more on providing "one-on-one" support to the societies; and have set up a Feds Connect group for society execs to have discussions throughout the term.
- I'm looking into doing a "societies day" each term to provide execs with an opportunity to network and share best practices.

MATH CND

- I'm continuing to work with MathSoc on the financial position of their CnD.

SATELLITE CAMPUSES

- I have been to Architecture twice since Orientation for their All-School Meeting and a BBQ that we hosted.
- I have been at Pharmacy twice as well; once for a BBQ and again for a meeting with their execs.
- We're looking into doing another event at each campus before the end of the term.

NEW SERVICES

- I'm looking into both a Legal Resource Office and a Foot Patrol program. More information will be presented as I prepare it.

EVENTS COMMISSION

- The events commission met and shared some great events. They'll be coordinating a trick-or-treat event for Halloween.
- I'm looking for someone (not necessarily a society exec) to head up the commission. Let me know if you or any of your constituents would be interested.

COMMITTEES

- I'm drafting a motion to merge IAC and IFC and create a Campus Life Advisory Committee. Expect it at the November meeting.

FED HALL

- Student groups are using Fed Hall this term. Currently we have 13 out of 15 event dates booked.
- This month I'll be looking at alternative venues for next term while Fed Hall is under renovation.

SEPTEMBER GOALS - UPDATE

- ~~Start tweeting from VPIN account (at least once per day!)~~
- ~~Finalize a Campus Life Department action plan for the Fall term and a method for review.~~
- ~~Create a report and recommendations on data from the volunteer survey; and plan for future surveys.~~
- Finalize access for student groups to Fed Hall. – Not finalized; but students are using.
- ~~Start meeting and working with the Events Collaboration Commission.~~
- Finish list of stakeholder groups and diversity events for UDAC. – UDAC meeting postponed to October.
- Put up photos of recently funded projects on the IFC/SLEF pages. – Too much work for website right now.
- Research feasibility of a Legal Resource Office and create a proposal if appropriate. – Working on.
- ~~Review the functionality of the Committee of Presidents, in conjunction with the Presidents.~~
- ~~Complete a society relations and communications guideline.~~
- ~~Try to hire first-year interns.~~
- ~~Host Welcome Week BBQs on Pharmacy and Architecture campuses.~~
- ~~Develop a relationship with the residence councils and Dons.~~
- ~~Complete a listing of PD opportunities for student leaders and volunteers during the Fall term. Host a variety of sessions.~~
- ~~Offer PD opportunities to society execs.~~
- Begin gathering student feedback for One Waterloo program review (Student Program Coordinator).
- ~~Try to involve societies, services, and commissions in council.~~
- ~~Host introductory meetings with each society.~~
- ~~Continue work with the Math CnD.~~

OCTOBER GOALS

- Finish list of stakeholder groups and diversity events for UDAC.
- Research feasibility of a Legal Resource Office and create a proposal for next year if appropriate.
- Begin gathering student feedback for One Waterloo program review (Student Program Coordinator).
- Research feasibility of a Foot Patrol program and create a proposal for next year if appropriate.
- Find alternatives to Fed Hall for student events in Winter/Spring 2013.
- Select cross-campus events commissioner.
- Begin work on a “societies day” for Winter 2013.
- Complete a transition and strategic planning module for societies and club execs to use.
- Encourage online discussion between society execs throughout the term.
- Merge IAC and IFC and create a Campus Life Department Advisory Committee.
- Begin work on a long-range Campus Life Department vision.
- Define the relationship between the Bomber/commercial services and the services, and to what extent they should support each other.
- Identify required changes to the SLEF bylaws.