



Danielle Burt President Report

August 2014

**Federation of Students
University of Waterloo**

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

President's Advisory Committee

Synopsis: We met on Wednesday July 16 & 30, we continue discuss the communications policy and the status of elections for councilors

Policies and Procedures Committee

Synopsis: Met on July 7th and 21st. PPC is still investigating 4/14 expiring policies.

2.0 University-Related Activities

2.1 Committees:

University Student Relations Committee

Responsibilities: Be a forum for communication between undergraduate students and senior University officers with responsibility for student relations, and address matters of concern relating to University-student relations and/or student life.

Synopsis: Worked on the University of Waterloo guidelines for online digital learning material. I will be connecting with other university student unions as well as consulting OUSA to get some guidance on the terms of these guidelines.

Orientation Advisors Committee:

Responsibilities: to plan and oversee orientation week at the administrative level.

Synopsis: improving the relationship between orientation week and the Feds President role. I will be meeting each individual FOC team throughout August to prepare for orientation.

Orientation Steering Committee:

Responsibilities: to be the highest decision making body on orientation.

Synopsis: met on July 25th. Discussed purpose of the committee, the terms of reference, roles and responsibilities of orientation stakeholders, and next steps and future meetings.

3.0 External Activities

3.1 Overlap – Long Range Plan: heard feedback from 1400 students. Received an insight report that outlines all of the student themes. Participating in a retreat to go through the data on July 30/31.

3.2 Governance Review (Brad Kelly): Next steps are creating a board Governance committee and a communications policy for September council meeting.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Barb Schumacher, Director of Health Services:

Meeting on July 22nd to discuss peer support programs.

Deans of each faculty

Stephane and I will be meeting with the Deans to improve ongoing relations with Feds and the faculties. We've met with 5/6 of the faculty Deans. I will be meeting with the associate deans that deal with undergrad orientation throughout Fall term to collect orientation feedback.

Chris Read, Associate Provost for Students:

The "Vibrant Student Experience" mini town hall in the Strategic Plan will be a Feds, GSA, and university marketed event. Discussing peer support possibilities on August 7th.

4.5 Other:

- Started holding executive office hours, please spread the word.
- President's sustainability and mental health committee have had 1 planning meeting each for the Fall term.
- Participated in the planning of the International Students Festival in Toronto

5.0 Upcoming Activities

This is a list of scheduled, upcoming activities/meetings before the next Council meeting:

1. Student Life 101 sessions
2. Orientation Action Plan reading
3. Preparing for Fall term
4. August 14-18th we're in BC for a Student Union Conference