



# **Stéphane Hamade Vice President Education Report**

**August 2014**

**Federation of Students  
University of Waterloo**

## 1.0 Executive-Related Activities

### 1.1 Committees:

#### **Education Advisory Committee**

EAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Thursday at 6:30pm. We are working on a co-op policy as well as an internal lobby document.

#### **Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee**

GAAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:30pm. We had our last meeting of term on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We approved a Municipal Platform and will hopefully be bringing a Federal strategy to the September or October Council Meeting.

#### **Co-op Student's Council**

CSC met at 6pm on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. We continue to discuss issues facing co-op students.

#### **Undergraduate Student Relations Committee**

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

**Synopsis:** Discuss with Senior Administration important student issues.

### 1.2 Commissions:

To get in contact with either of the staff:

Andrew Clubine, Municipal Affairs Commissioner, [municipal@feds.ca](mailto:municipal@feds.ca)

Rebecca Little, Academic Affairs Commissioner, [academic@feds.ca](mailto: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 last meeting was June 17<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussed Co-op Transfer Credit, Unpaid Internships among other items.

#### **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 June 17<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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>

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup>. At the last meeting we talked about priorities going forward.

#### **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:** Met on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be meeting again in August.

### **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:** Met on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be meeting in October.

### **Course Evaluation Task Force**

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

**Synopsis:** Met on July 17<sup>th</sup>, will be meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have been divided into sub groups to discuss certain aspects, they are Instrument, Policy and Administration

## **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.

**Synopsis:** Andrew Clubine, Municipal Affairs Commissioner, attended the Town and Gown Steering Committee meeting which was May 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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:** Attended the Town and Gown meeting which was July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](http://www.ousa.ca).

**Synopsis:** Had an executive meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the strategy conference, had an interview with French CBC to discuss merit vs. needs based scholarships

#### **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:** Attended Strategic Conference from July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming year's priorities in engagement, advocacy and policy.

### **3.3 Federal-level**

We will be bringing forward a Federal Advocacy Strategy at the September or October Council meeting.

## **4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers**

### **4.1 University-level:**

**Ian Goulden:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, study space, exam scheduling relief, and fall break.

**Terry McMahon:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, study space, exam scheduling relief, and fall break.

**Doug Peers:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, study space, exam scheduling relief, and fall break.

**Jim Rush:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, study space, exam scheduling relief, and fall break.

**Jean Andrey:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, study space, exam scheduling relief, and fall break.

**Beth Jewkes:** Discussed study space and resources.

**Ray Darling:** Discussed scheduling, online forms, and fall break.

**David Porecca:** Discussed grading policies, course evaluations, fall break, and online forms.

**David Wallace:** Discussed online forms, quest and learn.

**Feridun Hamdullahpur:** Will have met with them on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Ian Orchard:** Will have met with them on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Rob Esselment:** Will have met with them on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>.

My commissioners are meeting with individuals relevant to the city and region, and co-op and academic integrity among others.

#### **4.2 Municipal/Regional-level:**

Met with Doug Thiel: Member of the police force, discussed the Region of Waterloo plan they are developing and student consultation groups being formed.

#### **4.3 Provincial-level:**

Met with Kathryn McGarry and Daiene Vernile. Discussed the tax credits and upfront grants, co-op fees and rights, and OSAP for part time students.

#### **4.4 Federal-level:**

No meetings to report.

#### **4.5 Other:**

Met with the Chair of WASA to discuss issues at the Cambridge campus

## **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: July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for the long range plan, August 13<sup>th</sup> for OUSA Steering Committee, and August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 for Student Unit Development Summit. I will be available through e-mail through each of these days.