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Report

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Federation of Students
University of Waterloo

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

Education Advisory Committee

EAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Tuesday at 6:30pm. We are determining our projects for the upcoming year.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

GAAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. We approved a federal lobby document for Justin Trudeau. We will be working on a federal strategy for the October meeting.

Co-op Student's Council

We will be meeting at the end of September. 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: The last meeting was cancelled, we will be having a meeting in October.

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 next meeting is September 23rd, the agenda for the meeting has not yet been sent out.

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 September 9th, the next meeting 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, though Optometry students will now need to get a police check before accepting.

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. 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: The last meeting was August 29th, we have completed a report and submitted to the Provost.

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 next meeting will be in October 3rd.

Course Evaluation Task Force

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

Synopsis: We will be meeting on September 23rd. We have been divided into sub groups to discuss certain aspects, they are Instrument, Policy and Administration. We will soon be meeting for the policy committee.

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.

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

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: The next meeting is on September 23rd.

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: Working on the Student Mobility (Credit Transfer) paper (Thinktank August 18th, meeting with other authors regularly), discussed increases in tuition on CTV, OUSA came to campus on Thursday to meet with students and do consultation, and will be coming to council soon. OUSA Training day is September 30th.

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 will be having our training day on September 30th, as VPF I opened a savings account to create money for the organization. I have an executive meeting on the 18th.

3.3 Federal-level

We will be bringing forward a Federal Advocacy Strategy to the October Council meeting.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Pearl Sullivan: Fall Break, Grading Policy, Study Space

Provost: Fall Break, Grading Policy, Course Evaluations, Study Space

Dave Wallace: Quest for mobile, online forms

Annie Bélanger: Study Space, library initiatives

Athletics Director: Athletics, Study Space

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 Officer John Goodman and north division police.

Met with candidates for mayor, regional council, municipal council: Janice Moore, Shelby Doherty, Kurt Ditner, Elizabeth Clarke, Paul Myles, Eric Bohner, Karen Scian, Hardy Willms, Rakesh Kapoor, Bob Mavin, Gregory Burns, Angela Vieth, Jane Mitchell, Dave Jaworsky, Rami Said, Erika Traub, Jeff Henry, Cameron Dearlove, and Melissa Durrell.

I will be meeting with Sean Strickland and Ken Seiling the week before council.

4.3 Provincial-level:

Randy Pettapiece: Co-op students' rights and tax credits.

4.4 Federal-level:

Justin Trudeau: Discussed CSLP and Deferred Maintenance.

4.5 Other:

Met with 4/6 society VP Academic/Education. Met with WLUSU to discuss Municipal Election Strategy

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: