

Stéphane Hamade Vice President Education Report

November 2014

REMEMBER TO PROMOTE THE REFERENDUM(4TH-6TH)

Federation of Students
University of Waterloo

1.0 Announcements

We increased voter turnout by 50% in the election on campus polls for the municipal election.

Fall Break referendum is next week.

We are looking for people to join committees of city council, they are great opportunities to learn and to make student opinion heard. Let me know if you are interested: <http://www.waterloo.ca/en/government/joinacommittee.asp>

1.0 Executive-Related Activities

1.1 Committees:

Education Advisory Committee

EAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Tuesday at 6:30pm. Updated on Fall Break, Food in exams, 2015 schedule.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

GAAC meets bi-weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. Debriefed Municipal campaign and OUSA and federal advocacy.

Co-op Student's Council

Met last Monday discussed updates from CECA, and PD and Co-op Student Connection, and how Fall Break will affect co-op

Undergraduate Student Relations Committee

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

Synopsis: We met October 16th, we will be meeting November 13th.

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: We met October 14th discussed PD2 and International co-ops. The next meeting

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 October 7th, the next meeting will be November 4th. 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.

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. The new chair will be calling a meeting soon.

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 October 3rd, the report has been submitted to Senate, and the next meeting will be November 13th.

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 October 3rd, the next one is November 19th. It is confidential.

Course Evaluation Task Force

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

Synopsis: We met on October 21st, we have been divided into sub groups to discuss certain aspects, they are Instrument, Policy and Administration. The policy committee has met and talked about transparency of course evaluation along with other ideas. On Wednesday October 29th I attended a session on a possible tool to be used.

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.

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 last meeting was on September 23rd. There was discussion on St. Patrick's day and move-ins to residence. The next meeting will be November 25th.

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: OUSA was here. OUSA GA is November 7th to 9th at Laurier. Lobby Con will be the first week of December, I will be taking applications.

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: The last steering committee meeting was October 28th. The next one will be November 8th at OUSA GA. Approved Audit to send to GA and determined lobby priorities for lobbycon.

3.3 Federal-level

We are presenting a plan on what to do for Federal Advocacy. The first 3 people who message me about this note will get a cookie from International News from me.

4.0 Meetings with Decision-makers

4.1 University-level:

Mario Coniglio: Working on guidelines around grading.

Ray Darling and Mario Coniglio: Looked into next year's calendar.

4.2 Municipal/Regional-level:

Debate was very successful.

We also met with Dave Jaworsky after he was elected.

4.3 Provincial-level:

OUSA met with Peggy Sattler NDP MPP.

We will be attending an event with Patrick Brown one of the Ontario PC Leadership candidates. This is an open event.

4.4 Federal-level:

Met with Arnold Chan Liberal MP at a PSSA event.

Will be attending an event with Diane Finley on November 14th.

4.5 Other:

Met with the Presidents of the Young Liberals and Campus Conservatives, trying to set up meeting with President of NDP campus initiative.

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:

OUSA GA: November 7th-9th

New York City: November 15th-23rd I will still be answering e-mails