



# Danielle Burt President Report

October 2014

Federation of Students  
University of Waterloo

## 1.0 Executive-Related Activities

### 1.1 Committees:

#### **President's Advisory Committee**

**Synopsis:** Reviewed communication policy

#### **Policies and Procedures Committee**

**Synopsis:** Met on September 12. The Committee went through all expiring policies one last time and only have 2 outstanding policies. The committee has begun working through the Students' Council procedure updates. The timeline for procedure completion is the end of Fall term.

#### **Sustainability Committee**

**Synopsis:** conducted 2 brainstorming sessions from the sustainability vision document and created action items that are short term and long term for each area of sustainability in the document. Collectively we are in the process of following up with decision makers that can help implement the short term goals.

#### **Mental Health Committee:**

**Synopsis:** conducted a brainstorming session from the Campus Wellness Policy and created action items. Action items have been assigned as research tasks to my Mental Wellness Commissioner. Next step for the committee is to create a proposal to send to the university administration to increase funding to Mental Health Services (Counselling and Health Services).

#### **Entrepreneurship Committee**

**Synopsis:** formed the committee and started advertising to receive pitches. Will meet at the end of the month to review student proposals.

#### **Referendum Organizational Meeting**

Met to form the Yes and No Committees for the Fall Break Referendum.

## 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:** Met for the October meeting on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Orientation Advisors Committee:**

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

**Synopsis:** Had a post orientation retreat.

#### **Orientation Steering Committee:**

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

**Synopsis:** Assigned to create crisis management procedures for orientation.

#### **Space Information Advisory Group (SIAG)**

**Synopsis:** This is a committee of the Registrar's Office. I brought up over attendance in classes with preferred time slots or professors.

### **Post-secondary Initiative to Reduce Alcohol Related Harms**

Newly formed group between students, the university, and the community. Will work on awareness and initiatives to reduce alcohol abuse. Deciding terms of reference and scope.

### **Meeting with the Associate Deans:**

Last term Stephane and I met with all the faculty deans and we are now taking the Fall term to meet with the Associate Deans to ask them the same questions for a different perspective.

**Other Committees:** President's Advisory Committee on Design, UW Child Care Committee, Community Relations (United Way Plane Pull), and UW Building and Properties Committee, Random Acts of Kindness Planning Group.

## **3.0 External Activities**

**3.1 Overlap – Long Range Plan:** We have written and submitted the LRP to the General Meeting agenda for the meeting on October 22 at 3pm.

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

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

Tom Galloway: Director of Plant Operations

We are looking to break ground in Spring 2015 to bring back the outdoor volleyball courts that were removed through the Fed Hall expansion. The university and athletics have showed support for funding and management of the courts.

Donna Ellis: Director of Center Teaching Excellence

We are going to change the course outline template to communicate the changes in the institutional guidelines on learning resources and field trip fees.

Ian Orchard, Provost

Continued monthly meetings with Feds exec and our GM. Discussed current practices and agreements the University has with Feds.

### **4.5 Other:**

- Organizing a Services/Staff Awareness Event – Council will be invited
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting
- Campus Wellness Day – Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
- MUR is using my school pride/spirit concept