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Report

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REMEMBER TO VOTE OCTOBER 27th!

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. Discussed Food in exams, 2015 academic calendar, and STEP, continuing to work on policy.

Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee

GAAC meets weekly in SLC 1106 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. Discussed what to do for federal advocacy. Discussed questions for the Mayoral Debate on the 20th and how to engage student voters.

Co-op Student's Council

Will be meeting Monday.

Undergraduate Student Relations Committee

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

Synopsis: We will have met October 16th.

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 will have met October 14th. One of the discussion items was around PD2.

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 was a 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. 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 October 3rd, we have completed a report and submitted to the Provost, it will be presented at the next senate meeting.

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. It is confidential.

Course Evaluation Task Force

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

Synopsis: We met on September 23rd, 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.

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 came to visit camps on September 18th and met with GLOW, Mature Students, Campus Media, Feds Marketing, Rob Esselment, Feridun Hamdullahpur and several students through clubs day. OUSA's Training day was September 30th. OUSA will be coming to visit on November 2nd. The mental health innovation fund has been extended. OUSA GA is November 7th to 9th at Laurier.

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 next steering committee meeting is October 28th.

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:

My commissioners are meeting with individuals relevant to the city and region, and co-op and academic integrity among others. Of note Rebecca has met with each of the teaching fellows to find out how they are improving teaching in their faculty.

Rocco Fondocarro: Waterloo Works update and Co-op students' council agenda

Ian Orchard: Grading Policy and transparency around fall break report

Mario Coniglio: Food in exam policy, next year's extra days, exam space

Steve Furino: Communication and online courses

4.2 Municipal/Regional-level:

Met with candidates: Karam Joseph Yousif
Also met with many of the candidates at the meet & greet.

4.3 Provincial-level:

Met briefly with Kathleen Wynne.

4.4 Federal-level:

Met with James Moore (Minister of Industry) and Dan Herman (candidate for liberal party for Waterloo)

4.5 Other:

Met with SOPHS, SCISOC, ESS, AHSUM, and ENGSOC.

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:

Election day: October 27th

OUSA Steering committee : October 28th