



EXECUTIVE REPORT

EDDY AVILA
PRESIDENT

COMPLETED:

Budget Submissions

- Western University in collaboration with Student Senators: online academic counseling and earlier exam schedule releases
- Provincial Budget Submission to the finance committee: WIL, London RT, Sexual Violence Prevention and Education, Data Collection

Let's Talk Racism forum

- Collaborative approach to tackling a huge systemic problem – students at the fore-front of the discussion: OESC, clubs, ESS
- Strategy moving forward – send emails if you want to be included in the report that will be distributed

Transitions Retreat

- Creating a structure of transition for the incoming Executive. It will be based learning outcomes and incoming/outgoing Exec will tailor transition to best suit the incoming exec
- Creates accountability for structured transition

CURRENT:

USC Budget

- Budget process continues and we have begun the “presentation of the budget” to the finance committee of BoD and will begin to present to committees of Council
- Huge shout-out to Isaac and Carrie for all their work – we have made huge improvements to the budget this year thanks to them

Strategic Planning

- Have completed two brainstorming sessions with the Strategic Plan group, and the drafting of the document is underway
- Looking forward to presenting to draft of the Strat Plan to the entire Council for feedback and debate. Going to Council for approval and then Board for final approval

Modernization of Advocacy

- Outcome: how can we increase the number of advocates on campus and as students, what is the best way to advocate?
- Consulting constituency councils, Western administration, External Stakeholders

Student-selected Wave menu items

- Working with Mark Leonard and Emily to create an opportunity for students to vote on which menu items they would like to see on the wave menu
- this will encourage engagement and feedback for both the Wave and the Spoke

TO COME:

ILEC Consultation

- environmental scan and preliminary research on different types of buildings
- data collection from students at large and looking to bring a document to council to share the recommendations for future USC

Preparations for the incoming student programs elections and hiring of secretary treasurer and communications officer

- promotion of positions and a better understanding of the non President and Vice-President roles

ADVOCAN visioning

- debriefing successes this year and planning for the future
- ToR, long-term visioning, and onboarding of different U15 schools to join

Board of Directors Retreat

- evaluation of the BoD and checking in to see how we can improve
- training and onboarding of the newly hired BoD students and ensuring that they have a good understanding of their role



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JAMIE CLEARY
VICE-PRESIDENT

COMPLETED/CURRENT & TO COME:

Provincial Lobbying

- Recently met with Premier Kathleen Wynne – excellent conversations about how we need to be doing more to prevent sexual violence on campus and how increased funding is required to adequately support our mental health and student support services on campus
- Tuition framework will be the same for the next 2 years with average tuition rising by 3% per year. This is in response to students calling for more extensive consultations
- MPP Peggy Sattler is writing a Private Members bill specific to OUSAs recommendations for a sexual violence unit within the ministry and that all smart serve training have sexual violence prevention training tied to it
- Had a great meeting with Deputy Premier Deb Matthews and MPP Yvan Baker about data collection for post-secondary education. There is a current bill in the legislature about this issue as well as the ministry is looking into the creation of something similar to collegescorecard.com like in the USA
- Upcoming I will be seeing Lorne Coe, the conservative critic for advanced education and we are continuing to provide recommendations to the conservative party about what we would like to see in their platform for the upcoming election
- Currently I am working on a policy paper on comprehensive access strategies and early outreach
- Advising the Ministry on work integrated learning and how we can have more small and medium enterprises offering student opportunities

Budget Submissions

- The USC and OUSA has submitted specific recommendations to the government about what we would like to see in the upcoming budget. Recommendations include Rapid Transit funding, Work Integrated Learning, Sexual Violence Prevention, and Data Collection measures

Mental Health

- CMHA saw almost 100 students in the 5 weeks of the program. Allie and I are now looking into funding sources to create a more sustainable long term program
 - Thank you to FIJI and the ABC campout for their generous donation to the program
- I am working with administration on the mental health strategic plan as this document is imperative to all university mental health advocacy in future years
 - Areas include the removal of doctors note for small scale accommodation, increased promotion of the WEC, and how academic policy can alleviate mental illness on campus
- We have been successful in lobbying administration for the harmonization of administrative resources between service units on campus. This includes a centralization of management between SHS, SDC, and the WEC
 - A large focus on this issue from the USC and the Provost's office is having all units on online medical records which would allow for efficient file sharing between service providers and allows for centralized and cross bookings for students
- We are also working with the AVP Student Experience for stronger promotion of all SDC services (learning skills, services for students with disabilities etc.) and seeing if it may be stronger to market units individually

Academic Counselling

- Budget submission to the university which includes online academic counselling
- Overwhelming response on this initiative from Engineering, Social Science, Science, and Health Science decanal team as well as members of senior administration
- There is a Request for Proposals out currently looking for companies to create the online academic counselling and booking system
- Very hopeful for implementation in the 2017 year considering appropriate budgetary allocations
- The Fall Reading Break policy has been passed by the associate dean academics and will be going to SCAPA and hopefully senate in February for implementation in October 2017
 - I want to credit all the VP Academics from the faculty councils because the ease of associate dean approval is due to the direct lobbying of them. They are the reason for the success of this project
- Pass Fail Credit – The associate deans are currently consulting faculty about this idea and I am projecting a March or April senate agenda for this policy
- The exam schedule was released 2 weeks earlier this year and we are working with administration to continue this and promote it earlier. The USC budget submission in collaboration with the student senators asked for exam schedules to be released during course selection

Indigenous

- The land acknowledgement plaque will be placed in the mustang lounge. Still finalizing approvals with various indigenous groups on campus

Study Space

- I have been working with the Vice-Provost Library Service on their library master plan. Ideally over the next 10 years the library will reduce its printed collection by 40% freeing up large amounts of space in future years. This is very long term but will be incredibly rewarding
- Also working to see how we can couple this space master plan with the addition of the new ILEC building

Mental Health Training

- We have worked with SDC for the creation of a full time person dedicated to developing training programs for students and staff on campus. This will be utilized for all student leaders on campus

Pedestrian Safety

- We will be running a pedestrian safety campaign in collaboration with the university where we will be creating PSAs on how to cross the street and giving out LED bag tags to students
- The university will be continuing its work on campus safety through the master plan committee. We are currently focused on signage on campus and evening lighting in high pedestrian areas
- Meeting with the Manager of the City of London's engineering department to discuss pedestrian safety in the near campus neighbourhood. We are working on increasing signage and fixing signaling issues at Western/Sarnia Rd and looking into the addition of a cross walk on Sarnia Rd for Brescia/OHall students
 - Also working towards long term goals such as a pedestrian tunnel
- Calling on the City of London to create a pedestrian charter which outlines principles for addressing pedestrian safety in London
- Also working with Middlesex London Health and the Heal Lab to better collect data on pedestrian collisions around campus

Rapid Transit

- The USC was pleased to be actively involved in conversations regarding rapid transit, and after extensive dialogue with our advocacy standing committee, we decided to support the proposed route, with an emphasis on a **car-free campus core**.
- Very excited to see the future of transit happening with potential roll-out of increased express busses for on campus service within the next few years
- As a priority to address pedestrian safety, in future years the bridge will be closed to local traffic and only pedestrians, cyclists, university vehicles, and rapid transit can utilize it
- However, the following are areas of concern for students which we are emphasizing to the board moving forward

- Affiliate bus shuttles **MUST** continue to operate in a way where students are able to access their classes in a timely and efficient manner
- Evening service of hire-vehicles (taxis and Uber) should be allowed on campus to prioritize safety of students who may feel unsafe walking on campus during late hours
- London Transit Commission busses should still be allowed to utilize rapid transit routes on campus in order to service students who live on the south side of the University. These routes must be low frequency (2-3 per hour in each direction) and servicing to University Hospital should also be emphasized

Pints and Politics (Looking at March 16th)

- We are in the logistical stages of planning a pints and politics on campus in collaboration with the City's engagement office and MP Fragiskatos
- Opportunity to engage with local leaders over a cold drink of your choosing
- Potential topic discussions include rapid transit, racism within the City of London, poverty reduction strategies in London, and "breaking the bubble"



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ALLIE ADAMO

STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICER

COMPLETED:

SPO Portfolio

- Updated new job and position descriptions for the SPO portfolio.

Programming

- Casting for the Spring Musical “A Chorus Line” are complete
- We received a record amount of student submissions for Purple Shorts
- Envirowestern hosted a documentary screening of “Food Choices” at Western Film
- The USC is funding 2 student-led Canada 150 projects at \$1250 each
- Purple Frost: R3Hab show, horse and buggy rides, and Beerfest 2.0 contrary to popular belief, was a success. We saw just under 100 less than the September event.
- The Early Outreach Conference has secured \$30000 in city funding over 3 years.
- USC Charity Children’s Holiday Party, and Dine in the Dark were a success

Clubs

- Understanding the student concerns of the club space being relocated in the basement, the club space is opening UCC 269A
- New club applications are live and close at the end of the month

Orientation

- Hired the new Orientation Program Intern

- New soph application was completed and rolled out. Over 2000 applications this year.
- 2016 Orientation budget was reconciled with a minimal surplus that will be rolled over for Orientation 2017
- Participated in the Housing Master Plan focus groups, as well as the OREP Curriculum focus groups

Peer Support/Programs

- Anti Racism Forum – thank you to Eddy, Organizing Equality Student Coalition, Temi (ESS Coordinator), Serwaah, and everyone who made it out.
- Health Promotions – Art with Impact Movies for Mental Health at Western Film
- CMHA Pilot has officially been completed. I am in the process of creating a Peer Support Centre Mid-Year Review, while Jamie is completing a report about the CMHA Pilot. More to come. Thanks to Jamie, Western, CMHA, and ABC Campout for Mental Health for their support.
- Destress with FSS – DIY soup jars, and open food bank hours.
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - No means NO, Yes means YES
- Yogathon for Mental Health: Yoga Classes Today for Bell Let's Talk – 4 1-hour classes ran in the Mustang Lounge!

CURRENT:

Programming

- Yogathon for Mental Health: Yoga Classes Today for Bell Let's Talk – 4 1-hour classes ran in the Mustang Lounge!
- Income Tax clinic volunteer applications are open. We've received 150 so far.
- CHARITY BALL
- Working with Envirowestern Coordinator Grace on how make the USC offices more green and sustainable
- Working on Reverie programming
 - Spring Musical
 - Nuit Violette
- Envirowestern and Food Support Services: Food for Thought Gala
- Where: UCC Rm 269b
 - When: Thursday Feb 2 at 6pm
 - Tickets are only \$10
- SPOT OF DELIGHT EVENT ON TUESDAY!!!!
- Superbowl Sunday Programming – All you can eat at the Wave!
- TW Cabaret and Purple Shorts are coming up in February

Clubs

- Assisting CGC with reviewing new club applications

- Preparation for the Clubs Summit – February 7th

Orientation

- Incoming leadership teams received their FOCA app marking training this weekend, so marking of applications have begun.
- Beginning phases of OPC and OGB governance restructuring

Peer Programs/Support

- Thursday January 12th, (Wineries, Breweries, Spirits)
- Working with Katherine (WIN), Serwaah, and Emily to plan a full week of programming the week of International Womens' Day. What's been confirmed so far:
 - High profile speaker March 6th
 - Atrium Programming Marth 8th
 - U.S.She event and dinner March 9th
- Just wanted to remind everyone about our Peer Support Discussion Groups
 - Hope's Garden already comes on campus for a weekly **Eating Disorder** Support Group – this is one of the only areas in my budget that has specific funding reserved for it
 - Pride Discussion Groups
 - NEW: Women's Discussion Group with SACL. Date/Time TBA

TO COME:

SPO Elections

- Beginning to prepare for the transition of my successor – if you are interested in running to be the 2017-2018 Student Programs Officer – MEET WITH ME.



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ISAAC JACOBI
SECRETARY-TREASURER

COMPLETED:

The Board

- Board risk management policy and procedure

Budget Organization

- Budget finished and going to the Finance committee of the Board tomorrow, once passed by the Board it will come to the Governance and Finance committee of Council, and then to Council.

Timelines

- Planned out timelines for all major projects in second semester.

CURRENT:

By-Law #2

- Review of by-law #2 as issues emerge with recommendations to come forward after the election.

TO COME:

Faculty Councils

- Meet with Faculty Councils and Head sophs to renew bridge financing agreement.

Orientation Budget

- Work on the Orientation Budget for next year.



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EMILY ROSS

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

COMPLETED:

Sexual Violence Policy

- Apart of the completion of the sexual violence policy and will ensure that student needs and feedback are being incorporated into the policy.

Strat Plan Survey & Brainstorming

- Survey was a success— first mass data the USC has had in a while which, although debated, has proved very worth it.
- Finished brainstorming with Strat Plan committee, onto the creation process.

Sex Ed Event

- Huge success! Sex positive, judgement free, safe space, and tons of fun!

CURRENT:

Charity Ball Promotion

- Working with Charity Ball committee and promotions department to help with communications plan and promotional initiatives.

Strategic Plan

- Currently in the process of writing the strategic plan alongside Eddy and COO Jeff Armour.

Masculinity Project

- Working with a small subcommittee of the Sexual Violence Education and Prevention Committee to create a video/project that debunks masculinity myths and discusses the intersection of masculinity and sexual violence.

What is the USC Campaign

- concise but comprehensive video explaining the USC expected to come out soon.

Reconstructing/Repurposing the Promotions Department

- The Promotions Strat Plan has been created and shared with important stakeholders. The next steps are creating the budget around this new conception of the Promotions Dept. and on boarding as much student talent, and volunteers as possible to help us lead the direction of this department.

Re-imagining/Repurposing the Purple Store

- In the planning stages of developing a vision, and tactical plan for the direction of the Purple Store.

Diversity Hiring

- Working with HR to incorporate questions about diversity into all USC hiring.

International Women's Day Plan

- Organize an event for young women leaders on our campus to connect with women in various industries, from unique backgrounds with diverse experiences to share.

Student Featured Items

- Working with Eddy and Mark to come up with a way for students to be involved in the types of specials featured at the Wave.

- After the Spoke renovation, working with Ben to ensure that students are at the forefront of what food will be offered after the change.

TO COME:

USC Facts Campaign

- A campaign to promote some AMAZING facts about what the USC and our organizations contribute to this campus! In NUMBERS because who doesn't like numbers! Isaac does, because these numbers are coming from his annual report!
- Will be able to explain things like how much money the USC pays students in employment hours, how much Western Film made, how much the Purple Store made, etc!

Western 1010

- Writing a proposal to John Doerksen about online modules for all students with courses about mental health and wellbeing, and the intersections of inequity, including misogyny, and gendered and sexual violence, racism, and homophobia. These modules will come with a co-curricular certification for students. The courses will be taught largely through video learning.

State of the USC 2!

- Having a panel discussion in the atrium with the executives to engage with students and answer students questions!