



## Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union Meeting of the Board of Directors

Location: Students' Union Boardroom, Brantford  
Date: March 24th, 2017, 4:00 PM

### The Strategic Ends of the Students' Union

The Organization exists to represent, advocate for, and support the primary stakeholders, the students of Wilfrid Laurier University, and to provide them with a holistic university experience and an enhanced student life. The costs of these benefits will be justified by the results.

In no specific order of priority, students will benefit from:

- An affordable, accessible, and high quality academic experience
- A safe, sustainable, and empowering environment
- Diverse and inclusive social interaction
- Products and services that cater to the financial needs of students

#### Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe, and Haudenosaunee People.

Start	Duration	Agenda Item	Type	Presenter
4:00 PM	4:01 PM	Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement	adm	Chair DeSumma
4:01 PM	4:01 PM	Adoption of Agenda	D	Chair DeSumma
4:02 PM	4:03 PM	Adoption of Minutes: <a href="#">March 10, 2017</a>	D	Chair DeSumma
4:03 PM	4:04 PM	Regrets	adm	Chair DeSumma
4:04 PM	4:05 PM	Conflicts of Interest	adm	Chair DeSumma
4:05 PM	4:10 PM	Comments from the Chair of the Board & CGO	fi	Chair DeSumma
4:10 PM	4:20 PM	<a href="#">Comments from the President &amp; CEO</a>	fi	Acting President Wildish
4:20 PM	4:25 PM	<a href="#">Committee Updates:</a> Ownership Linkage Committee	fi	Director DeSumma
4:25 PM	4:30 PM	Ownership Linkage Committee Final Report	D	Director DeSumma
4:30 PM	4:50 PM	Discussion: Chief Returning Officer	D	Chair DeSumma
4:50 PM	5:15 PM	Discussion: Police Checks	fd	Chair DeSumma
5:15 PM	5:20 PM	New Business & Announcements	fd	Chair DeSumma
5:20 PM	6:00 PM	Incamera: Final Reviews	fd	Chair DeSumma
6:00 PM	6:00 PM	Adjournment	D	Chair DeSumma
Total	2hr00min			

#### REMINDERS:

- 1) Make sure to keep an eye out for the meeting evaluation form and fill it out!
- 2) The next Board Meeting is April 5th at 4:00pm on the Waterloo Campus
- 3) Make sure you're reaching out to your Mentee!
- 4) Volunteer Appreciation is Sunday, April 2nd! Be sure to RSVP!

#### LEGEND:

- fi, For Information
- fd, For Discussion
- D, Decision required
- adm, Administrative task
- if, If Required

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Present: Nick DeSumma, Nick Molkoski, Stephanie Bellotto, Matt DeSumma, Kevin Jang, Shannon Kelly, Hubert Lee, Genelle Martin, Tarique Plummer, Jonathan Ricci, Tyler VanHerzele, Colin Aitchison, Carina Gerlings, Kim Hutchings, Kelsey Jenkins, Marley Wildish, Phil Champagne, Kaitlin Brown  
Regrets: Faraz Iftexharuddin, Ryan Price  
Guests: Max Blouw, Deb MacLatchy, Emily Rezkalla, Zemar Hakim, Nathalie Bouchard, Kaitlyn Severin, Kanwar Brar, Klaudia Wojtanowski, Megan Lacoursiere

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1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

The meeting is called to order at 4:02pm on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on the second floor of the Fred Nichol Campus Centre, Waterloo.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1 (Ricci/ M. DeSumma): Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Vote: 9-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Motion 2 (Jang/ M. DeSumma): Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: 9-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

Director DeSumma

Pull EL#2]

Friendly, Seconded by Director Lee

Director Lee

Pull EL#1

Friendly

4. Adoption of Minutes: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Motion 3 (Kelly/ Martin): Motion to adopt the March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote: 9-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

Director Ricci

Edit on page page 87 my comment in regards to leadership was referring to leadership of the Conservatory Party of Canada.

5. Regrets and Absences

Director Iftekharaudin is in Ottawa for a meeting  
Director Price has a co-op commitment

6. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest to declare

7. Presentation: Dr. Max Blouw & Dr. Deborah MacLatchy

Chair DeSumma

Thank you for being here to speak to everyone today.

Dr. Max Blouw

Thank you, when I was here last I said it as my last time and Nick said no we couldn't let you get away. This will be the last. There is a lot going on, I am not sure what to prioritize, but transition would be useful. Other things on our agenda is the development of SMA#2, we are currently in our first strategic mandate agreement with the government. We are developing the 2<sup>nd</sup> strategic mandate agreement, Deb has been leading that and will continue. The impact of SMA#2 will begin with her becoming president and continue under her in regards to the ownership of SMA. Transitioning to RCM full budget and Deb has been leading. Recently Paul Jessop has been appointed acting Vice President Academic and Rob Gordon has been appointed Provost as well as Vice President Research. In that Provost role, Rob Gordon will be taking over part of the budget lead with Deborah Dubenofsky and Pam Bryden has been appointed Acting Dean of Science. We have a number of acting positions while Deb is transitioning to President. We have had discussions and submitted letter of intent for a campus in Milton. The document to express interest had a template that didn't work well, but we expect discussions with the government to start soon. We will find out if others have expressed interest in Milton as well, we will continue on and of course Deb and I have been talking a lot about transitioning. I am trying to wrap up as I finish including relationships with donors and initiatives continue with momentum to Deb's 10 year. We are doing hand offs as you know what that is about. The initiatives of the University need to continue on with the least amount of interruption possible with the transition which is going well. It is appropriate to say that I am delighted that Deb has been appointed President of the University. This means that we will have continuity as Deb is familiar with the institution and I have confidence it will be successful tie going forward. We have momentum as an institution and maintaining that momentum is a wonderful opportunity. I am thrilled and I know many people are including the board.

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

Thank you for inviting us here, I was doing biology here today. I am excited to be the next President of the University, I have spent 10 years as Dean of Students and Provost of Academic. My passion grows everyday for this University. This is because when I interact with students and hear the types of experiences that they have and want it keeps me coming in everyday. I have been thrilled with the student Presidents I have worked with and I look forward to working with Kanwar. Going forward, as Max noted, we do have significant things including the strategic mandate agreement, negotiations with the government look as if they will last until June or July, and they have to do the 21 Universities and Colleges. We do have a budget to finish up, Milton was noted, we have

the Governor's Review which will probably continue into the fall. There is an external panel looking at our government process as a University through the Senate and the Board and that will take up time leading into my presidency.

Dr. Max Blouw

I wanted to express on my behalf how much I have enjoyed working with students, the University is unique to the country in the sense that we have a positive and general working relationship. Occasionally, we get into tension like yesterday at Iron Chef. It has been a wonderful experience how we work well as a community and with government advocating not identically. There are distinctions between what we each want that we are not supportive of and vice versa. We do have open trusting relationships so I thank you, what a pleasure it has been.

President VanHerzele

Dr. MacLatchy, what are you most looking forward to July 1<sup>st</sup>?

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

The summer period will be a period to get use to the position without us really being at the start of the new year which is of course September. There are a number of relationships that the University has through the President that over this period of time it has started to some extent and will continue engaging with those relationships and working on behalf of the University. Many that are government related relationships are ongoing as other relationships are with alumni, donors, and members of the communities including Waterloo, Brantford, and potentially Milton. The advantage coming from the inside is I know many of the VPs, Deans, Faculty Members and all the staff if not most or all of those individuals. I am looking forward to the external piece. I think we have been working on some exciting things if you are familiar with the Strategic Academic Plan or the area with the Pillars, they really do tail with areas that the government is focused on. For example, a highly skilled workforce and how those pieces and I am really excited for the opportunity to engage the government more fully with that file and what that will then mean for Laurier students. There are a lot of things happening and some of it will be different than what I do now, other parts will be an ongoing extension.

Director Kelly

Dr. MacLatchy, what sort of relationship do you envision having with the Student's Union?

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

We talk about differentiation and for Laurier it is how interactive the student governing organizations are with the administration. I would look to see that continue, we agree to disagree but more times than not we have the same goals to make Laurier strong. Students are the focus so that will continue to be critical to me as I lead Laurier.

Chair DeSumma

Dr. Blouw, what is your proudest accomplishment?

Dr. Max Blouw

I would have to say that Laurier has transitioned successfully in the sense that we are getting more research intensive and growing. However, the focus has stayed rock solid on what we are about. That is the undergraduate experience and more broadly human development. Laurier does it so well and sometimes in large organization transition they lose what their fundamentals are about. I know there is a lot to be proud of, it is a wonderful place but it is an accomplishment that isn't insignificant.

President VanHerzele

Where do you see Laurier in 10 years, for Max if you can see Laurier from a strategic direction as well?

Dr. Max Blouw

When I came to Laurier, I asked people to think about Laurier in 30 years from now and no one could articulate anything specific. What I was trying to get at is what do they value and what is important? Out of that came "*inspiring lives of leadership and purpose*" plus a clear focus on the undergraduate experience so I would like it to be stronger in 10 years. I see us in more communities with more academic programs, more research intensity, and more relevant to others through work integrated learning. To maintain an absolute north pole on what is fundamental as the world goes on we become more excellent.

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

The things that I will be looking for to have changed in 10 years will not be the fundamental pieces that Max mentioned. I think as an institution I will look for us to be a more diverse institution faculty, staff, and students that they are more representative of society as a whole and that we are taking that diversity in order to improve the dialogues, academics, and the co-curriculars. There are particular pieces which Laurier needs to continue to find ways to bring international students here and give Canadian students more opportunities for integrated fashion into their programs. That reflection in faculty and students should be self-perpetuating once there is critical mass. That will also change in another 10, 20, 30 years what alumni is doing in their careers and that is what I see that being a part of. Fundamentally, as Max was saying the core at Laurier and what it is that we do and how we do it is a recipe for success.

Director Martin

Dr. Blouw, what is next for you?

Dr. Max Blouw

My boss will have words to say, I am currently acting as Chair for a Federal initiative on behalf of the the Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development to advise the government to get Canada to become more of an innovative nation. My wife Lynn and I, have made the decision to stay here in our home and be part of the community. I need to get out of Deb's way, she needs to put her stamp on how she is going to be President. I am looking forward to having more flexible time, I can't tell you the board yet that I have agreed to join but it is with a corporation. I am looking forward to learning new things in an exciting area of transformation and disruption. I am a perpetual student so I am sure that I will definitely spend more time visiting grad kids in Victoria sailing, fishing, and having a good time.

Chair DeSumma

What will you miss most about your current roles?

Dr. Max Blouw

I have fabulous colleagues and all of you. Universities are privileged places and to leave, it is the people which I will miss!

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

I am lucky the people will still be here. The Provost of Academic because they have the opportunity to interact with both faculty, Chairs, Deans on the academic mission which is the core of the institution that inter-laps so much how you are working with and for students. It is the best of both worlds and that is the beauty of the Provost and VP role, it is always the faculty and students looking how you make a complete whole.

Director Jang

This Saturday is Open House and I know a lot of students who are working hard to create a welcoming environment. Is there something that you would like to say to those prospective students why they should come to Laurier?

Dr. Max Blouw

I have been across the country and I have worked in many Universities, this is the best undergraduate student experience, you won't be making a mistake by coming here!

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

I can't top that, I agree

Director Ricci

Dr. Blouw, will you be participating in graduation ceremonies?

Dr. Max Blouw

I will **be there if I am able to** I haven't missed a single graduation ceremony in my time here. I am looking forward to it in June. I think of it as a product launch and I am so proud of our product, our graduates do so well in the world and **they're special events.**

Director Bellotto

Dr. MacLatchy, what is the most difficult part of the transition period?

Dr. Deb MacLatchy

I had to move my office to 255 King from 202 Regina. I **don't** have parking and I need to keep moving my car so I am doing a lot more walking. I have been working with Paul Jessop the last few weeks, the acting VPA, is something will come up and he will ask "what is the background" so I **provide that** but it goes back to him to make the decision. Those are not my decisions to make anymore and when you are in the role for 8 years, it is difficult to say here is my advice and now you make the decision. I need to be supportive of his decisions and that is what the University will move forward on. That is the most difficult part, letting go of something that you have been responsible for so long.

Director DeSumma

Dr. Blouw, when you think of taking on new roles what sort of legacy do you hope that you will be remembered by?

Dr. Max Blouw

Really good President, for me it isn't so much about the personal legacy. It is like when you go camping, always leave it better than you found. Is Laurier a stronger, more resilient, prestigious University? I think it is and I am pleased with **that it isn't me** who did that. It is an entire team including all of you. I believe it is important not to only reflect as a personal accomplishment but as an institutional. Laurier has great momentum and it has gone in the right direction.

Chair DeSumma

Thank you both!

Dr. Max Blouw

Thanks to all of you, I really enjoyed it!

#### 8. Comments from Chair of the Board and CGO

Chair DeSumma

1. Student Life Levy is closed, meetings for funding take place next week. There are 5 multi-campus, 1 Brantford, and 13 Waterloo applications. I am not going to tell you what those are as it is confidential.
2. Mentorship and training has been progressing and transition with Tarique has still been going well. We meet once or twice a week so slowly but surely preparing for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you are reaching out to mentees and it is a 2 way street make sure that everyone is reaching out, there is onus on both.

#### 9. Comments from the President and CEO

President VanHerzele

These were all sent ahead including departments to go into **depth, we won't be touching on everything.**

1. Turret the architects have come back with rendered drawings on presentation boards. We can take these materials around, ED Champagne and I will be sitting down to talk about a presentation schedule, I am most excited to talk to the student groups as the project will enhance the campus and the Laurier experience.
2. The Canada Games Visit, commission came to campus as a possible to host the 2021 Canada games. President Elect Brar and I were able to follow them around and answer some questions about student life. The intention of the visit was to look **at Laurier as the athlete's village. So we are looking to host the athletes and we talked about the possibility of the Turret being a lounge as it should be accomplished by then.**
3. The trauma informed response to sexual violence training, this past Monday, President Elect Brar, the Director of Brantford Operations, Anthony Massi, the Director of Student Experience Jason Verhoeve and myself were able to attend by invitation of the Diversity and Equity Office. Dr. Lori Haskell was able to talk about the

neurological impacts that trauma has and how that can be problematic as someone goes through the judicial process for sexual violence. It was interesting as she has had a lot of experience, I learned a lot and I think everyone in the room left with a better understanding as someone goes through a difficult time. Thank you for the invite and to Dr. Lori for presenting.

4. The President's Council, nearly all successors of the faculty associations have been elected. There is only 1 faculty looking to finish up their election. We had a majority of them come at the beginning of the President's Council meeting and looking forward to our meeting in April. Here we can talk to the successors and the outgoing of that they look to accomplish in their year ahead as well as talk about the possibility of the President's Council in the future. I have had many conversations with President Elect Brar on what this process looks like and some of the benefits. We will touch on that in our final meeting. Thank you to all of those Presidents for taking the time to come out over the year I think we have had a great year and this feedback mechanism has really helped me when speaking to students as a collective.
5. **St. Patrick's Day, the annual doorknockers** took place last night. Thank you to those who were able to come out and share some information about staying safe and respectful as well as the consequences that can happen on your property. We had a number of community members and student volunteers. Thanks to the athletes for supporting this we will be debriefing in our next meeting with the planning and response group. This is where we talk about Homecoming and St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to SCS for organizing the event.
6. Iron Chef competition, as Max mentioned there was a heated battle as yesterday Kanwar and myself were able to create burritos and hand them out to those in the Dining Hall. I want to make it clear that everyone who had the burrito said it was the best thing ever, but Dr. Blouw did win for the first time in 6 years, thanks for the ridicule- Kanwar is going in with a new resolve trying to start the streak again.
7. Open House, I look forward to presenting and seeing so many potential Golden Hawks and people who have already been offered a position looking to find a fit.
8. Volunteer appreciation takes place tomorrow and I look forward to celebrating our volunteers on the Brantford Campus.
9. Five Days for the Homeless sleepover is to happen on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. President Elect Brar and myself will be sleeping outside with the team. It is to be cold so I am looking forward to the event as I participated last year. It is to bring awareness to a problem that we have and I think a lot of good goes towards this campaign. I look forward to participating again.
10. I am sending my regrets for the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting as I will be going to China. Acting President Wildish will be in my position.

Director DeSumma

What have you accomplished with the faculties and President's Council?

President VanHerzele

There has been a number of different things that we have tried to get into. Faculties have come to me regarding management problems and some of the newer faculties have been able to learn from the established faculties. They share best practices, election processes, some of the differences between the process, we also hear a lot of

social issues in certain faculties. The non tuition fee protocol was brought forward so we were able to take the steps to start advocating to the University. The goal of this from the very beginning was to create a network of people who were able to discuss student issues on campus and come to some conclusions. We have established a strong network, that goal was accomplished and keeps evolving.

Director Jang

They will be presenting at 1:30 in 1C18. In terms of the session with President Elect Brar, what kinds of messages and information will you be sharing and what purpose are you giving this session?

President VanHerzele

**The description of the session is the Student's Union, a way to get involved and enhance your experiences outside of the classroom.** We are going to dive into the volunteer experiences and the benefits plus opportunities that exist. The goal is to show them that there is another side to learning. We will try to complement their own interests by showing them what equivalents we have.

#### 10. Comments from the Executive Director & COO

ED Champagne

No comments for the board sent ahead

1. There was a suggestion that the Tribe Called Red concert is upcoming, that was this past Tuesday. Congratulations to the office of Aboriginal Initiatives and LSPIRG for the great concert. Also the Student Life Levy for helping with funding.
2. We are focusing on the Programming and Servicing Manager position which has closed, they are going through the 35 resumes now. I do not know the specifics of the interviews.

#### 11. Senate Update

Director DeSumma

At the Senate Meeting on Wednesday there were 2 Senators that showed up so that was a concern we talked about. We discussed a letter of intent for the Milton Campus as Dr. Blouw said and he is unsure if others have submitted proposals. He will let us know. The Governance Review Report has been sent out. We approved changes to admissions policy related to students admitted part time on probation. There was an update on the transition plan and a lot of course stuff. The big news from that was the Senate submitted a letter of intent from the program coordinating committee of Health Studies to departmentalize that program. They want to make a department of Health Studies in Brantford. We also had an update regarding the strategic mandate agreement and funding.

President Elect Brar

What were some major takeaways from the governance review?

Director DeSumma

I don't have all of the information, one of the big complaints was the transportation for Brantford Senators. There is no teleconference offered.

VP Aitchison

The University is taking recommendations from the review panel and looking at it. The recommendations will be looked at by the secretary then brought back. Based on that information both governing bodies will make a plan to implement but no formal decisions have been made.

Director DeSumma

We have brief update, but I can send Directors the official report.

Director Ricci

There was only 2/7 Senators there, is there any rules to keep them accountable. I don't think that is fair as we would like to have student representation.

Director DeSumma

It is up to them if they want to show up, they are elected for 2 year terms and for the first year you have to go to at least 3 Senate meetings without being absent or else you can't continue on the next year. I don't know of any solutions.

VP Aitchison

I recommend that we hold elected representatives to account, it is case by case as Kanwar had class but students need to hold senators to account. Typically it is normal to have all the graduate Student Senators.

*\*Director Plummer exits the meeting at 4:50pm*

## 12. Department Updates:

Finance & Administration- VP Wildish

1. It has been a busy season; we are in the middle of hiring right now. We had executive and coordinator positions close this week. This weekend we have been jam packed with interviews and also have some on Monday and Tuesday of next week. By next Wednesday we hope to have our executives and full coordinator team for Waterloo and Brantford. If need be, we will reopen on Wednesday. We have hired our Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration for next year and have a complete team, congrats to Sarah Fisher.
2. We have been planning volunteer appreciation. Brantford's is tomorrow and Carina will talk about that. Waterloo VAs will happen on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, I hope to see you all at the Museum. All travel to and back will be provided, as well as appetizers.

3. We are starting budget season and hopefully we can start to put together the budget for 2017-2018.
4. We are having a Police check procedure, it is open to students on Monday at 12pm if they want a voice in that process. It is happening in the board rooms on both Campuses.

Director Ricci

Why were the VAs moved to the Museum? Wouldn't that be more of a financial burden?

VP Wildish

Wilf's will still be catering at the Museum. The biggest reason we chose there is just the culture change. We wanted to provide them with more of a formal and intimate feel. In the past we have gone off campus as well so we wanted to try and bring it back. See if it would help student needs and wants.

President VanHerzele

The way we appreciate our volunteers, we wanted to give them a unique experience at the end of the year. There is a reason we are undergoing renovations at the Turret. We think this will give a better representation of how much we really do appreciate what our volunteers do.

University Affairs- VP Aitchison

1. In January we submitted written a submission to the Ministry of Finance with our pre-budget recommendations. They seemed receptive and showed interest as OUSA is also pushing the same. Hopefully when the budget comes out in April.
2. **Member's of OUSA's Steering Committee met with Premiere Wynne** to discuss the **organization's priorities**. We focused on sexual violence prevention, work integrating learning, and tuition framework was extended.
3. We sent out a few more letters to the Minister of Housing with help from Minister McGarry and Dr. Blouw hoping to keep it on his radar. Perhaps if we keep sending letters his staff will get annoyed and listen
4. In February University Affairs Brantford ran a safety campaign with SCS, SHERM, SAFE Brantford, Brantford Fire Department, Diversity and Equity Office, Foot Patrol, and Peer Connect regarding resources on campus for all areas of student safety.
5. We had our first subcommittee on medical documentation. We will be looking into self-declaration as a potential alternative requiring medical documents for in class. It is still very preliminary and we will be taking it to Senate but essentially we are trying to find an alternative for students paying \$20 for in-term course work. It looks like the final exams will still need documentation because of the financial burden it places on the University to move an exam. This would be tied to Student Code of Conduct so students don't lie. **Is still preliminary and will go to Senate in May for a 2 or 3 year pilot.**

6. OUSA's Steering Committee conducted an organizational visioning exercise, addressing gaps. We found as an organization, some are not ready so we are training how to be a Board.
7. Myself and my counterpart from Laurentian have been developing OUSA's Governance Policies for the organization.
8. AVP Teaching and Learning search wrapped up and is public. A candidate has been put forward for Board and Senate approval.
9. We selected Dr. Scott Gallimore, a professor in the Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, as this year's recipient of OUSA's Teaching Excellence Award. He has been chosen because of his emphasis on experiential learning. Every student that I have talked to agrees he is an engaging professor.
10. OUSA's General Assembly occurred this past weekend. My team and Steph enjoyed it, and 3 policy papers were passed by the assembly including the International Students and Education, Housing, Transit, and Community Development, and a Comprehensive Access Strategy.
11. Also, OUSA is hiring a research intern so if you would like to apply please do so by midnight on Sunday.

Director Ricci  
Happy Birthday!

#### Clubs & Associations- VP Jenkins

1. Today we finished a hiring page on the Clubs website. It took a long time but we have it set up that clubs can post all open executive positions in one place. Students can look in one spot and apply then we can send all the applications to the Club President.
2. We are about 90% finished our department process maps now. We have 4 or so left to do. That will be done soon.
3. The finalized plans for club member appreciation on April 5<sup>th</sup> if you are a member of a club you are welcome, it is in the Turret. We released the monthly newsletter as an initiative they hope to continue, it looked great and we received some feedback on the fact that we are moving forward with that.

#### Programming & Services: Brantford VP Gerlings

1. Snow Week has come and gone with 29 participants which is 9 more than last year. We are making our way to having more people join us. We have opened up the coordinator position and incoming VP of Programming and Services Brantford Nathan Reeve has hired a coordinator and team to make Snow Week a committee. I sent a survey to all the participants in Snow Week for feedback. So the incoming coordinator will look at that and see about next year. I had a debrief with Adam Lawrence about Snow Week and he had nothing but positive feedback.

2. Food bank is up to 200 requests from May until now, more than last year which was 160- 180 range. We are doing better and that is great. Added volunteer experience at St. Andrew Church serving soup to give back to the community.
3. Foot Patrol, we are up to 442 walks and drives since September. Our drive team is getting use of the new van.
4. Peer Connect has been crazy busy the Bell Lets Talk Day was their most successful event and interactions promoting mental health awareness. A lot of Laurier faculty praised them on their work. They are partnering up on campus including with the gym on a meditation sort of event.
5. Eco Hawks has partnered with LSBIRG, Sustainability office, and ARK team to do a fashion swap. They will be hosting in RCW each day and participating in Earth hour.
6. Hawk Team, trivia has been going well. We attempted trivia 3 weeks in a row which **students didn't come out on the odd week as it is typically bi-weekly**. We talked to the coordinator and have decided to leave it bi-weekly to have better attendance. Country Night was part of Snow Week and it was one of the most attended. They hosted a life size board game event and used Market Square so the coordinator is looking to improve the location. **They are currently at Ripley's Aquarium right now as they sent a bus of 30 students.**
7. Healthy Lifestyles, has been working with residence and an incoming event is working with Dons regarding safe drinking in Residence. The senior team will be talking about their experiences to show how volunteering can help with extra-curricular activities. Therapy dogs has been the most successful event and they are continuing to work with Drink Smart.
8. For myself, I am working on transition next week incoming VP Programming and Services Brantford will be with me for the entire week. We have a jam packed week to go over everything. I have been working on Volunteer Appreciation for this weekend which has taken up the past two weeks with AVP Fletcher. I have been working with my coordinators to analyze their budgets and overall day to day items **getting ready for Nathan's transition.**

#### Programming & Services: Waterloo- VP Hutchings

1. The past few weeks has been working to prepare for the open house tomorrow, trying to engage students a bit more. The Food Bank is giving out free pancakes tomorrow morning. I am also helping with coordinator interviews as my successor is in Asia for the next couple of weeks. Some coordinator application positions did need to re-open so I have been sending detailed notes for him to make the decisions.
2. This week the incoming and outgoing ERT coordinators met with a number of us in the office to establish some organizational recommendation for the service based on feedback from current volunteers as well as SCS. This includes how the service is used and how it can be improved on campus.

3. A Tribe Called Red concert happened on Tuesday in the Turret. It saw around 400 people through the doors and A-Team assisted with the operational side of that.
4. I am working with incoming VP and coordinators to establish budgets. They are getting adjusted to finalize that once Anthony is back.
5. We have begun steps to assist in the hiring of a Promotions Manager and meetings with incoming VP and OTCs regarding Orientation Week. We are looking at changes to our night time programming and what that will mean for our budget and adjustments there.
6. Healthy Lifestyles has been working with Residence to develop their final Residence Life programming for the year. They are using resources from Drink Smart and others to make posters to be posted around campus. There will be facts and trivia around campus and the winning floor that finds the most posters and submits will win a pizza party.
7. A-Team has an event in the concourse this week to play video games, as well as the final euchre night is coming up.
8. Eco Hawks ran a bee awareness week which was really cool. They had honey sampling and brought in a bee keeper as well as a few more things. They have an event right now in DAWB teaching students how to mend clothing.
9. Foot Patrol had nighthawks this week which is their 24-hour event.
10. Food Bank ran an event called food on a budget regarding where students can get deals in Waterloo.
11. Peer Connect finished their open book campaign. They were returning those journals to students last night. They also talked about hiring opportunities and upper year students talked about what they loved about programming.

### 13. Committee Updates:

Finance Committee- Vice Chair Molkoski

We have our final report in the agenda package. We had a meeting last week reviewing our recommendations since midterm. Our recommendations are consistent and we were able to act on one with the implementation of the policy at the last Board meeting. An addition comment that we added is a note section to the financial statements moving forward for interpretation of the President and their team. It would be more description of greater changes and different values within the budget so that Directors can be more prepared going into discussion and perhaps the notes can answer questions ahead of time for efficiency sake.

Ownership Linkage Committee- Director DeSumma

The committee met on Wednesday night to talk about our final event. We discussed holding a pass the torch event which has been held over the years. The event is usually used as a way to welcome incoming Board and thanks ourselves. However, we decided it would be counter productive to hold an event and risk that the new Board **doesn't show up and taking into account that it is next years Ownership Committee** who is responsible for welcoming. Passing the torch event seems as if we are throwing in the towel. Our final event, there is no name yet, will be similar to November's event in

the Concourse with catering again. It will be a year end review event. I have asked Nick to reach out to the management team to collaborate so that we can network with students while showcasing what we have accomplished. One of the biggest complaints we have received is **they don't know what we do** or aim to achieve so this event will serve to showcase that and answer questions. It will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm and after if we want to organize a Wilf's Trivia night we can. In regards to Board compliance only 3 need to show up, I will reach out it is important because I don't want to be uncompliant.

Elections Review Committee

We did an election for Chair of the committee but decided why not co-chairs so I will pass it to Director Ricci and Director Kelly

Director Ricci

Thanks so we had a constructive meeting on Tuesday talking for around an hour and a half regarding what went well and what could be improved. We also looked over some of the policies and tried to narrow it down to be easier for people who are involved. Looking forward we will provide another update at the next meeting this was a very generic meeting.

#### 14. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Motion 4 (Lee/ Martin): Motion to approve Monitoring Report EL#1 as presented

Vote: 8-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

Director Lee

On page 28 a small formatting, there are 5 operational definitions but only 4 are provided. There is missing evidence for the last one which is broad but if you could speak to it as it wasn't included in the evidence.

President VanHerzele

These are practices that we recognize as being standardized across the sector so we agreed to abide by those business practices. I don't have specific examples as those are what we do with every department.

Director Lee

I know the definition and it is how can you not know. It may be acceptable since there is evidence for the first 4.

President VanHerzele

It is ambiguous and broad so "Number 5 following steps 1 through 4 results in,,,"

Motion 5 (DeSumma/ Molkoski): Motion to approve EL#2J as presented

Vote: 0-8-0

Result: Motion Fails

Director DeSumma

Looking over the policy as part of the operational definition, you say it is listed that the unpaid process is similar to the other organizations in Ontario but the evidence showcases Queen's University in the UK.

President VanHerzele

The evidence is wrong, we are referring to the AMS.

Chair DeSumma

If rejected it will be brought back next board meeting

President VanHerzele

I will do that, this has been approved once this year so I will take this away and bring back next meeting.

#### 15. Finance Committee Final Report

Motion 6 (Kelly/ Jang): Motion to approve the Finance Committee Final Report as presented

Vote: 7-0-1

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

#### 16. Winter Meeting Schedule Change

Motion 6 (Ricci/ Bellotto): Motion to approve the Winter Meeting Schedule change as presented

Vote: 8-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

Chair DeSumma

Since that meeting falls on transition week, it would be easier to have meeting 1pm in the afternoon instead of 4pm, it will still be in Waterloo.

#### 17. New Business and Announcements

Chair DeSumma

Happy Birthday Colin!

President VanHerzele

For next meeting I won't be here but I will be submitting updates before and acting president will speak on my behalf.

Chair DeSumma  
Next meeting is in Brantford

18. Adjournment

Motion 14 (Lee/ Jang): Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 8-0-0

Result: Motion Passes Unanimously

*Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm*

*Next Meeting Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Brantford*

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*fi, For Information*

*fd, For Discussion*

*D, Decision required*

*adm, Administrative task*

The preceding reflects an accurate and complete record of the proceedings at the aforementioned meeting of the WLUSU Board of Directors.

Date Signed: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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Nick De Summa  
Chair of the Board & Chief Governance Officer  
2016-17 Students' Union BoD

Date Signed: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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Nick Molkoski  
Vice Chair of the Board  
2016-17 Students' Union BoD

**Acting President Wildish will be present in my absence. I've included context for each of my updates so if there are any questions I would be happy to field them upon my return.**

#### Presidential Updates

- Currently on a plane somewhere over Canada en route to Beijing. I am looking forward to this learning experience and understanding how to better engage with international students as a Students' Union upon my return.
- This past week there was two events (one on each campus) for Dr. Max Blouw's farewell. I was fortunate enough to speak at both and present a video to Max featuring a number of past SU Presidents he has worked with over his tenure.
- **St Patrick's Day** was last Friday and I wanted to thank our city partners, Special Constable Services and those who represented Laurier positively. There will be a debrief in the coming weeks.
- **Presidents' Council**- This past meeting all incoming Presidents' were invited and got a chance to meet each other. Only one meeting remaining this year.
- The financial Literacy event: Wealthing Like Rabbits took place Wednesday evening. Pleased to have students in attendance to learn more about personal finances.
- I spoke at the Brantford Student Scholarship awards on Thursday and was happy to share that we have issued nearly \$100,000 dollars in student scholarships through our contributions to the scholarship and bursary funds.
- President Elect Brar and I judged the Residence Life Community Outreach Council's recycled clothing fashion show. It was a great day of fun for all.
- President Elect Brar and I joined the 5 Days for the Homeless Volunteers last Sunday for the night outside the FNCC. I'd like to congratulate them all on a successful campaign and also thank them for welcoming us in with open arms. Kanwar and I only spent one night out there but they spent 5 days and nights straight during unfortunate weather. This really helped bring to light some of the very real challenges that face our society when it comes to homelessness here in Ontario.

#### VP Programming and Services Waterloo- Kim Hutchings

- James Barker Band this Friday in Wilf's, free for all Laurier students, \$5.00 for Alumni and Guests
- ERT Carousels this week and finalizing implementation of new structure for next year, looking to meet with SCS and other campus partners that may be interested in the changes in the next week or so
- Anthony is back from Asia so picking up transition things in full force again starting today]
- Helping coordinators and their incoming successors to finalize budget plans for the coming year and ensure any changes don't get missed
- Final Turret Saturday is this Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> , 4Korners (Raptor's DJ) is DJ-ing
- Day to day administrative things making sure invoices are paid and things are organized for Anthony to step into the role at the end of next month

**VP Programming and Services Brantford- Carina Gerlings**

- Successful Volunteer Appreciation in Brantford
- Great transition week with incoming VP: PSB and continuing to schedule meetings
- Working with incoming PSB team and outgoing to go over budget to send to finance department

**VP University Affairs- Colin Aitchison**

- Recorded & released a video on how students can be good neighbours during seasonal festivities such as St. Patrick's Day.
- Waterloo Town & Gown Working Group has started reviewing the results of the Housing Survey. 6500 participants took the survey, 1350 from Laurier.
- GRT reached a tentative agreement, pending ratification this weekend. Therefore, no service disruptions occurred.
- Petek has continued to meet with councillors to talk about our parking priorities for downtown Brantford.
- Phil & Petek have been finishing their sections for OUSA's *Habitats* publication.
- Colin, Ian & Steph met with MPP Daiene Vernile to discuss next steps for Steph's team next year.
- Daiene said she would follow up directly with the Minister and ask him to consult students during the Residential Tenancy Act review and requested that his office meet with us.
- Colin & Steph will be going to Toronto in April with their counterparts from the University of Waterloo Federation of Students to meet with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Housing to start discussions at the ministry level about our region's housing concerns.
- OUSA is crafting a submission to the Council of Ontario University's Futuring initiative.

**VP Clubs and Associations- Kelsey Jenkins**

- Kelsey is creating an Outside Organization Form on the website so that we have specific information about the agreements between clubs that report to national or outside organizations, and can monitor these partnerships more effectively.
- No further updates.

**VP Finance and Administration- Marley Wildish**

- **This past** weekend Brantford ran their carousel interviews and everything went well.
- Waterloo Carousel Interviews are scheduled to run this weekend.
- We have reopened executive and coordinator positions due Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.
- Volunteer Appreciation will take place Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Museum.