DSU Vice-President, Academic & External
Report for the period of September 11th – September 24th

Senate

- Seats filled: 9
  - Met with student senators on Studley and Sexton campuses to give them a brief about Senate, discuss plans for this year, and answer any questions or concerns they might have
- SAPRC meeting - September 16th
  - Update on Forum on Embedding EDI in Learning and Teaching. Forum will have three main themes:
    - Cultural challenge to embed EDI in science and engineering
    - Principal of an inclusive classroom
    - Principals of integrating EDI into curriculum
  - Review of Centre for Comparative Genome and Evolutionary Bioinformatics (CGEB) – EDI Plan
    - The Centre provided a comprehensive plan to incorporate EDI in their structure and plan
    - Concerns were raised that faculty members do not have enough support to implement EDI principles in their functioning
    - The review was approved!
- SPGC – September 18th
  - Discussion on potential “thinktank” sessions on senate
    - In the winter, some senate sessions will take the form of think tanks instead of the traditional senate meeting
    - Topics of discussion in these thinktanks will be incorporated with the new university strategic plan
  - Academic Amnesty request re Climate Day of Action on Sept 27, 2019
    - Supported the request for academic amnesty for this day, as well as developing a policy for academic amnesty in the future for days of action as well as student involvement in university governance
    - After a long discussion, the motion has passed!
- Senate – September 23rd
  - Advocated for passing the academic amnesty motion – the motion has passed!
Campaigns

♦ Federal Elections
  o Met with Jo-Ann Roberts, Green Party candidate, and Christine Saulnier, NDP candidate regarding their plans to support students in the coming federal elections.
  o Waiting to hear back for Andy Filmore, Liberal Party candidate, and Bruce Holland, Conservative Party candidate
  o Met with different stakeholders to strategize for the federal elections campaign

♦ Ombudsperson Review Committee
  o Received the ombudsperson review report on September 16th
  o Reviewing the report and looking to develop next steps with the university

♦ Senior Administration Meeting
  o Requested more details regarding the outcome of the international students support task force
  o Was promised to hear more about it in Senate, but nothing was mentioned then

DSU Committee Updates

Grants Committee

♦ Met on September 16th and reviewed a number of individual and society grants as well as sponsorship requests
Commissioner Activities

- Supported with facilitating the society expo

Miscellaneous Updates:

- N/A

Regular Meetings

- 12th of Sept – Executive Committee
- 16th of Sept – Executive Committee
- 17th of Sept – Staff Meeting
- 19th of Sept. – Executive Committee
- 23rd of Sept. – Executive Committee
- 24th of Sept. – Social justice team meeting
- 24th of Sept. – Staff meeting