



Brock University Students' Union

**A Report to BUSAC
By
Peter Opdam
Director of the Board & Social Science Councilor
Fall Term**

To: Brad Humble, Speaker; Lauren Peters, Deputy Speaker; Executive;
BUSAC

From: Peter S. Opdam, Director of the Board, Social Science Councilor, and
Chair Ethics Review Committee


Subject: Annual Fall Report

Mr Speaker,

Over the past 7 months I have been working diligently on behalf of my faculty and constituents to ensure that their needs are represented to the Union. It was during our opening meeting for this year that my fellow councillors placed their trust in me by electing me to a second term as a Director of the Board for the Brock University Students Union Inc. As well my fellow committee members granted me the honour of a second term as Chairperson of the Ethics Review Committee. Please find below a brief summary of my duties and work over the past several months.

Board of Directors:


Over the past several months I have continued on work with the Board that was started last year in my previous term on the Board, we well as working with the new Board to finalize all business endeavours that were under way. I am happy to say that we have reached great success with the purchase of two new businesses this year. BUSU acquired both RC's Clubhouse and opened a Boaster Juice franchise and sub operation in SubSouth. The Board worked with the executive diligently to review all viable options during these business decisions and it is my belief that the right decision was made with the purchase of these businesses. It is hear that I would like to congratulate both the President and the VPFA along with the Business Manager and Rob Morosin and Michele Post for their great work in the start up of our business.

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Over the course of the summer the Board met numerous times to deal with the business of the Union and to ensure that from a business and human resource stand point the Union was well prepared to offer our stake holders (The Students) another fantastic year both in service and quality of products. Again over the course of the rest of the year the Board will continue to work diligently to ensure that the Students receive exactly what they are looking for and to ensure that the best interests of the corporation are continually looked after.

Nominations Committee:

It was during my time on board and into the school year I was elected as Chair of the Nominations committee, and charged with filling all vacant SAL positions on our various committees. As many know we have been off to a rocky start trying to find a number of interested students to fill these positions as well as keeping track of both temporary and finalized SAL's. I would like to take a moment and commend Sebastian Prins for his assistance in filling these positions. Against I insist that any Councillor who has a friend or knows someone that is looking to get involved in BUSU, the remind them that a SAL position is a great place to get a taste of how things work and to get involved, and to forward any interested names and emails to myself at the earliest possible convenience.

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Ethics Review Committee:

The Ethics committee met once this year to elect its Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming session. I was again shown trust by my fellow committee members and re-elected as Chair. Councillor Lianne Bradley was elected as our Vice-Chair. Thankfully this committee has yet to meet this year on the basis of investigation and hopefully doesn't have to. I do however remind councillors that if they believe a staff member or fellow councillor has violated the Code of Conduct, and they believe an investigation is warranted, please fill out a complaint and forward it to the Speaker or Business Manager as soon as it occurs. An investigation will be opened in that case.

Social Science Faculty:

I would like to welcome the newest Social Science councillors to our caucus, your oversight and participation is greatly appreciated. Over the past year I have discussed with councillors the idea of a Social Science caucus as well as the idea that the BUSU Social Science Rep should sit on the faculty board and any department boards. I am currently in the process of speaking with Department Chairs about making this a reality. As one of the largest faculties on campus we must ensure that all student concerns that currently fall under our jurisdiction are discovered, investigated and brought to the table. Our central responsibility is service to our fellow students; we must never forget this and strive to do our best at ensuring proper representation anyway possible