

2014-2015 FAUW Representative Report

Overview

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as LAUW's Representative to the Faculty Association of the University of Waterloo's (FAUW) Board of Directors. As an ex-officio member of the FAUW Board, this LAUW role involves attending bi-weekly FAUW Board meetings, serving on the Council of Representatives, and serving on the FAUW Subcommittee on Communications. During the last year, a key FAUW outreach tool has been the [FAUW Blog's](#) 'Did you know?' feature which highlights timely issues such as policy updates, ongoing class scheduling concerns, FAUW nominations/elections, snow day procedures, etc. Other FAUW communication channels, such as Twitter, Facebook, and Google+, continue to exist. As well, the FAUW Board recently began to host FAUW Grad House Socials as a forum for issues such as the recent FAUW Board election—namely promoting the opportunity to get involved.

Academic status support

A key role of this position is updating, and connecting with, the LAUW Executive on relevant matters that come up during FAUW Board meetings, and similarly, to connect with the FAUW Board on relevant LAUW matters. During the last several months, a continuing topic of interest has been the idea of academic status for University of Waterloo Librarians. The LAUW Executive has been fortunate to have the FAUW Board provide the needed support for this conversation to exist, and this was recently demonstrated by the FAUW Board's willingness to review a draft academic staff document¹ detailing why academic status is worth exploring in the context of local and national evidence. Deserving special thanks and recognition for their support of LAUW are David Porecca, as FAUW President, and Steven Bednarski, as St. Jerome's University Academic Staff Association Representative.

New FAUW faces

Erin Windibank accepted the position of FAUW's Executive Manager as Pat Moore retired in December 2014 after working with FAUW for many years. Monique Bevan also joined during the fall as the FAUW Community Relations Coordinator. FAUW will have a new President, as well as Directors, commence their terms on July 1, 2015.

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¹ This document was shared by Nancy Collins with all University of Waterloo Library Professional Librarians in advance of the April 1st academic status discussion.