



Brock University Students' Union

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Academic Affairs/External Affairs Committees
End of Year Report**

I am very, very disappointed to say that this year, the Academic Affairs Committee never reached quorum and held an official meeting. It is even more disheartening to know that never in this committee's history, has it ever reached quorum. Last year was the first time this committee had been in existence, and last year as well, no meetings were ever officially held.

Saying that, I think this is a very valuable committee, which fell victim to many of the same fates as other committees this year. Meetings were attempted in September, November, January and March, all with the same result. However, informal discussions did take place at one almost-meeting which three people did attend, and there is certainly cause to continue attempting committee work to deal with university policy and issues.

The External Affairs Committee was, in mathematical terms, infinitely better on a technicality, but in practical numbers, not much better. The External Affairs Committee per-se never met and reached quorum, but the External Elections Sub-Committee has the exact same membership, and did reach quorum once in September to review the federal election campaign strategy. The results of this meeting were presented to you at a BUSAC meeting on September 22nd and the final federal election report was sent to BUSAC on October 20th.

Meetings were attempted in May, September, November, January and March, but individual members of the committee did come and discuss issues with me throughout the year on topics of their concern. I still feel that this committee has one of the highest potentials of any, as we have so many policy positions through OUSA and CASA, but BUSU itself has never officially endorsed these through council, or even necessarily discussed them before our delegates are sent to conferences. This is a massive hole in our representative system and allows the VPUA too much power, in my opinion, to shape our external policy without input.

I'll just close with the following thought....next year will be better, for both committees.