



Brock University Students' Union

**A Report to BUSAC
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It has been a pleasure to serve the students of Brock in my second year as a Councillor for the Social Sciences faculty to Brock University Students' Union Administrative Council (BUSAC). This has been a very productive year, as I also completed the first year of my two year term on the university Senate, and I was also sent to represent undergraduate students to the general assembly of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA).

As a Councillor, I have always been happy to speak with students and hear their concerns regarding a multitude of issues. There have indeed been many issues this year; flat rate tuition controversies, the proposal to eliminate 3rd year degree programs, budget cuts, and a referendum to allow Brock TV to collect per credit fees to fund their operating budget.

As a BUSAC Councillor, I have always taken conservative stances on legislation because it is my responsibility to ensure the value of the student dollar is maximized and as an organization we may make efficient use of our resources, especially since we are facing an economic. I did not vote on capital and club funding requests that were extravagant or wasteful, and as a Senator I fully supported the budget cuts because we simply cannot afford to run a massive deficit over the next five years that would force the university to consolidate its operations and services at the expense of our students. I also strongly support the elimination of third year degree programs so that our university may be able to offer students full preparation for the workplace and gain a more academic reputation that will enable us to compete with the more prestigious universities in Ontario.

I would lastly like to thank Jody Thomas for being an inspiration and a talented leader who has effectively engaged the students and their interests. I wish incoming President Lianne Bradley and her executive the best of luck in their transitions and integration. I look forward to continue to work with you and bring to the table my vision for the next year.

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