



ORGANIZATION OF PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

OPUS NEWSLETTER

What is OPUS at the University of Windsor?

OPUS is the Organization of Part-Time University Students, a student group made up of volunteer part-time students who advocate on behalf of part-time students. OPUS was established in 1970 to provide a means for part-time students to have their voices heard on campus.

At OPUS, we believe that part-time students have different needs, concerns and problems distinct from those of the rest of the undergraduate student body. These students work hard to balance their many responsibilities of home, family, work, and education.

OPUS attempts to help students cope with the additional pressure of studies and the adjustment to an academic environment.

Our Mission Statement:

OPUS collaborates with the University of Windsor community to identify and to promote the collective interests of part-time undergraduate students.

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OPUS Annual General Meeting

March 31, 2010

The AGM was held on Wednesday March 31, 2010 in the OPUS Office at the CAW Student Centre room 172. The event began at 5:30 in the evening. The OPUS Annual General Meeting (AGM) is usually held in the Winter semester. The AGM serves as closure for the previous year and as a first meeting for the New Year.

All part-time undergraduate students are more than encouraged to attend to see how OPUS has advocated on their behalf throughout the year. All members in attendance have the opportunity to ask questions and review with the OPUS Board of Directors the OPUS Constitution, By-laws, and Financial Statements.



OPUS Fall Orientation

August 23, 2010



The University of Windsor offers several orientation programs throughout the year. By attending these programs, new part-time students are introduced to the university's campus and student services. Students are also provided with the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, opus members, and other incoming students. The goal of all of our orientation programs is to prepare you for a successful university experience!

The circumstances under which you are starting university will determine the orientation programs that are right for you. In many situations, you will benefit from attending more than one orientation program as the focus of the information varies.



Annual OPUS BBQ

September 22, 2010

Our first big event of the year was the annual OPUS Barbeque which was held on September 22, 2010. Everyone was welcome to the BBQ that was held outside the CAW centre. All OPUS members, part-time students, and friends of the University were invited to come and enjoy free hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian fare, chips, and beverages on the northwest corner of the lawn outside the CAW. Students were able to grab a quick bite to eat between their classes out in the open air on a beautiful day.

The event took place from 4:30pm until 6:00pm, allowing part-time students who work during the day and attend classes in the evening a chance to come and enjoy the event. The BBQ was a great way for students to get a head start at the University of Windsor, and was a great way for them to familiarize themselves with the campus. During the event, OPUS staff, directors, and volunteers were available to answer any questions students may have about OPUS or the life of a part-time student in general. Students were also treated to other OPUS related freebies including the part-time student planner and t-shirts.

Once again, this annual event was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who came out!



OPUS Part-Time Students Pub Night

October 19, 2010

The Organization of Part-time University Students along with the Alumni Association and university administrators welcomed part-time students to the **"1st Part-time Student Pub Night."** Part-time Students were provided with an opportunity to win a bursary toward textbook purchases. Two lucky part-time students were rewarded with an OPUS bursary of \$250 each. In addition, materials were handed out including the OPUS Handbook/Day planner, newsletter, and other pamphlets. The event was held at the Thirsty Scholar (Basement Pub) in CAW Student Centre Lower Level this past Tuesday. There was a tremendous turnout that included part-time students, administrators, and alumni friends of the University. Attendees were also fed with pizza, salad, chicken wings, and soft drinks during the two hours. Students also received important information about OPUS, the Alumni Association, and the Random Act of Kindness initiative.

In addition, the keynote speaker of the event was Sue Williams, Vice-President of the Alumni Association. Kaye Johnson, Director of Human Rights and Mike Morency from Windsor Essex Community Foundation also spoke to those who attended. Also in attendance were Susan Lester, Executive Director of Alumni Association, Dr. Clayton Smith, Vice-Provost Students & International, Brian Brown, President of the Faculty Association, Anne Carrick, Employment Equity Manager, and Dr. Edward King, OPUS President who all welcomed OPUS members to the event. Special thanks to the emcee of the evening Anthony Meloche, OPUS Vice-President and all those in attendance at this successful event.

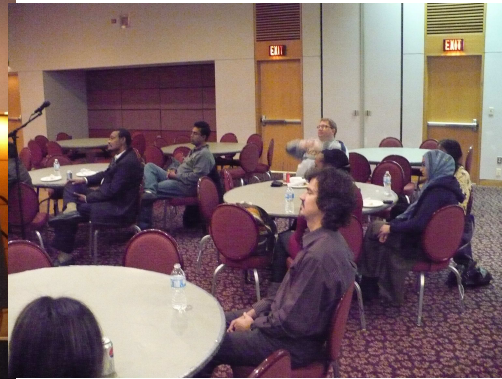


OPUS Evening Social

November 9, 2010

The OPUS evening social was held in the CAW Student Centre's Ambassador Auditorium and featured a keynote address from the Provost & Vice-president Academic Dr. Leo Groarke, along with the OPUS Vice-President Anthony Meloche who informed attendees about how to get involved with OPUS and how to utilize the many benefits and services offered. Dr. Groarke provided some information to students including how to participate with their student government and make more use of the resources available on campus. Dr. Groarke also explained how student unions' can apply and receive the strategic priority fund by creating specific programs that will help students during their post secondary endeavours. Attendees also had a chance to meet other University officials including Kaye Johnson, Director of human rights; Gregory Marcotte, Director of registrars; and Susan Page, Part-time student advisor.

Two part-time students each won a \$250 money prize toward their Holiday purchases from the Organization of Part-time University Students during its inaugural Evening Social on Tuesday, November 9. The two lucky winners were: Nasim Namaghi and Ferial Bachir.



OPUS Potluck

November 24, 2010



On November 24th, the OPUS office opened its doors to part time students for their annual pot luck luncheon. OPUS staff and associates mingled with students over a wide variety of foods. Every year, near the end of the fall semester, OPUS organizes this feast for any part time students to take some time out of their day and enjoy a friendly atmosphere. From time to time, we all come together to eat, drink, and have fun

Our menu included a variety of culturally diverse foods, just as diverse as the people who attended. OPUS staff and board members contributed to their part of the feast and were present to welcome students and spread the word about our organization.

The event was a huge success and we hope to continue this event with as much enthusiasm and fun in years to come. We look forward to a fun-filled event next year!



OPUS Winter Orientation

January 5, 2010



OPUS Reception Winter 2011

February 8, 2011

The OPUS Reception was held on Tuesday February 8, 2011. Our first keynote guest speaker was Kaye Johnson (Office of Human Rights Equity & Accessibility) who informed part-time students about the strategies and resources available on campus. She discussed the different types of discrimination that are prevalent on campus including racism, ageism, and sexism. Kaye explained how to contact the Office of Human Rights for any help, inquiries, or complains. She was an enthusiastic speaker and made the students feel comfortable by engaging them in the discussion. She was also very helpful in answering any questions.

The second guest speaker was the Vice-President of OPUS, Anthony Meloche. He discussed the available benefits and services offered to part-time students and how they can access them. He encouraged students to attend OPUS events that occur throughout the year to gain more information. Anthony also explained how students can get involved and volunteer for OPUS. For any further information, feel free to drop by the OPUS Office located in room 172 in the CAW centre.

Two lucky students were able to win a money prize worth \$250, and a door prize which was sponsored by the Alumni Association.



Student Saver Discount Program

March 8, 2011

Since its formation in 1981, the Canadian Federation of Students has operated a national student discount program. The service utilizes two discount cards: the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) and the Studentsaver Discount Card. International rules governing the issuing of the ISIC stipulate that those taking three or more classes are eligible to receive the ISIC. Consequently, the Federation produces and distributes the Studentsaver Discount Card in order to ensure that, where possible, students taking less than three courses who are Federation members have access to discounts as well. Studentsaver, is Canada's only student owned and operated national student discount service. Studentsaver helps students save money on everyday purchases like books, clothing, food, and entertainment.

Federation members ensure that solicitation of discounts happen during the required duration by ensuring solicitors are hired, trained and have the necessary materials needed for soliciting. Materials for discount solicitation are produced and distributed by the Federation's provincial office, while discount solicitation is usually coordinated by member locals in the various regions. Discount solicitors are remunerated by the Federation on a commission basis. As discount agreements are returned to the Federation's office, discount details are recorded in the online Student saver database. As the Federation's membership continues to grow, an emphasis on Increasing the quality of discounts has been a priority for 2011 discount solicitation.

Discount solicitors are remunerated by the Federation for their work:

Base Commission:	\$10.00	per accepted discount for each of the first 20 new contracts (i.e. 1–20)
	\$12.00	per accepted discount for each of the next 20 new contracts (i.e. 21–40)
	\$15.00	per accepted discount for each new contract secured beyond the first 40
Bonus Commission:	\$ 5.00	per accepted discount for each additional year to a maximum of \$10.00
	\$ 5.00	per accepted discount greater than or equal to 25 per cent off
	\$ 7.50	per accepted discount for each multiple business location (maximum of 4)

The table details how Solicitors are reimbursed for soliciting discounts in their various regions this is a great opportunity for students seeking employment and an easy way to make money working at your own time and pace. Details and materials on how to sign up as a solicitor will be available at the next OPUS Associates' meeting, if you are unable to attend, all relevant information will be left at the OPUS office and staff can walk you through what needs to be done to get started.

A Message from The President of OPUS

Dr. Edward King



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS), I would like to welcome all part-time students to the University of Windsor. We hope that your time at the University will be fruitful and fulfilling. OPUS represents part-time students, provides a number of services, and advocates for students. We host orientation events for new students in January and August. We also have a number of activities for part-time students including a barbecue, an awards dinner, some potluck lunches, and several meetings with speakers on topics such as financial awards, student rights and responsibilities, stress management, and academic help. We have joined last year the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and through this organization we lobby both the Federal and Provincial governments. We provide a health plan to our members with our CFS membership at a very competitive price.

We are primarily an advocacy organization. I am a voting member of the Board of Governors which makes all financial decisions on behalf of the University. I also sit on committees of the Board of Governors. Along with three other OPUS members, I also sit on the Senate which makes the academic decisions for the University. Members of OPUS sit as voting members on all Senate Committees as well as many other committees at the University. In this way, we are able to represent the interests of part-time students on all issues both academic and financial. If you have a problem or think that any policies at the University should be changed, you can come to the OPUS office and we will see that the issue is taken to the appropriate committee.

We have an excellent "History of OPUS" written by Mary Schisler, a past president of OPUS. It is available online (www.uwindsor.ca/opus) or you can find a hard copy in the office.

I would recommend getting involved at the University outside of classes if your schedule allows. Going to the gym, being on an intramural team, joining a club or society, or getting involved with your students' union will make your university experience richer.

Respectfully yours,
Dr. Edward King

A Message from The President of the University of Windsor

Dr. Alan Wildeman



Let me welcome you to the University of Windsor. Your decision to attend as a part-time student continues a strong tradition and a strong priority for the university. You will be one of several thousand part time students on our campus, and I trust that you will find your time here to be fulfilling both inside and outside of the classroom.

Some of the services we provide to help you during your time here include:

- Part-time student new student orientation
- Advising centre (has an academic advisor for part-time students)
- Prior learning assessment & recognition
- Evening and on-line classes
- Evening library hours
- Student disability services

We of course also have opus – the organization for part-time undergraduate students - this collaborates with the university community to identify and to promote the collective interests of part-time undergraduate students. Part-time students have often had unique pathways that have led them here, bringing unique perspectives to our learning community. Some of you already have had careers and are now looking for new things to explore. Others have had family or other priorities and are returning to university after an absence. Whatever pathway your own life has taken, we are honoured that you are here at the University of Windsor. I invite you to be as engaged in your campus as you can be. Most importantly, I wish you the greatest success in your studies here. Our faculty and staff and students are what make this a special place.

Dr. Alan Wildeman

A Message from The Vice-Provost & Registrar of the University of Windsor

Dr. Clayton Smith



Welcome To the University of Windsor!

Congratulations on your decision to attend the University of Windsor as a part-time student!

Did you know that one-third of University of Windsor students attend on a part-time basis? Part-time students are a big part of who we are as a university community. In fact, frequently faculty members say how much they enjoy teaching adult learners. Some of my most memorable moments at the University include interactions with students like you.

You will find that the University of Windsor is a learner-centred educational community that puts student needs first – and that is important! In each of our nine faculties, you will find faculty inspiring student learning for a lifetime pursuit of knowledge. Added to that, we offer lots of academic support services to help you become successful!

What you may not know is how much you bring to our learning community. Some of you have successful careers and are now looking for new directions. Others have supported family needs and are now returning to university after an absence. Whatever path may have brought here is most likely a rich one. We believe that by sharing this you will enrich us all.

I wish you much success!

Sincerely,
Clayton Smith, Ed.D.

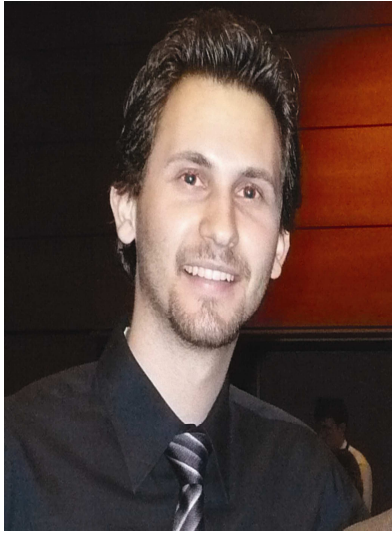
A Message from The Executive Director of OPUS

Maryan Amalow



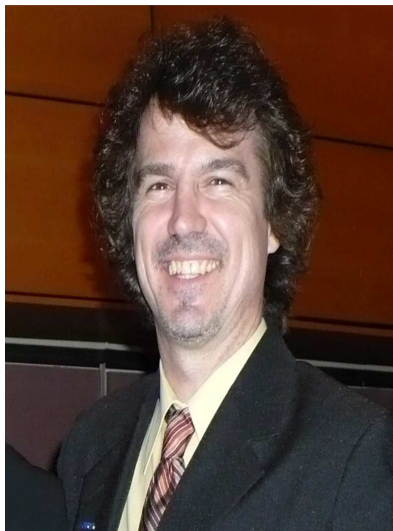
A Message from the Health Plan Administrator of OPUS

Steve Jancev



A Message from the Vice President of OPUS

Anthony Meloche



Yes, can we help you?



As your OPUS Vice President and a part-time University of Windsor student since 2003, I feel the most important function of OPUS is to serve and act in the best interests of part-time students. In order to do this, we need to hear from you what is on your mind – what would make your university experience more dynamic and fulfilling.

Engaging with part-time students one on one, or in groups gives us the insight we need to serve you the best we can. The members of the OPUS Board sit on a number of University committees including Senate, Student Committee, Academic Policy Committee, partnership in managing the CAW centre, and many more. We are your voice and represent your interests on these committees.

Personally, as a full-time employee, father, and a part-time student with a variety of interests and activities it is often hard to fit everything in. Part-time students are busy people and we realize that. We would like you to know that we are here for you when you find the time to attend an event, or need our assistance. There are a number of ways your concerns and interests can be heard. There are also a number of ways to meet other part-time students and be part of campus events as a part-time student. Here are some suggestions:

- 1 Attend our scheduled events! These are my favourite, as there are many throughout the year and it allows for a great exchange of information and meeting other students in an informal environment. We have two scheduled student forums/receptions each semester, pot luck lunches, BBQ's, and other creative events that allow us to educate you on what is available to you and hear what you have to say about your experiences at the University of Windsor.
- 2 Drop in the OPUS lounge located in the CAW Student Centre. There, you will be greeted by Maryan and Steve, and given a tour of our spacious lounge where you can use computers, quietly study, and hang out in between classes.
- 3 Call the OPUS office at 519-971-3603
- 4 Email us at opus@uwindsor.ca
- 5 Check out our new website, www.uwindsor.ca/opus it's a chock full of information at your finger tips and at your convenience. Learn about what is happening at OPUS and how you can be a part of it. OPUS has been a fixture at the university for over 40 years serving part-time students. Get involved when it fits your schedule. Let us help you have an enjoyable university experience as you strive for your academic goals. Remember, you don't have to attend all the events to stay informed. We look forward to meeting you and helping you in any way we can. See you soon.

A Message from a Director at Large of OPUS

Chris Baillargeon



Hi, everyone!

As a fellow part-time student and OPUS student representative, I bid you welcome. Currently, I have been involved with OPUS as a Director-at-Large the past few years. As a member of OPUS, I have witnessed many great changes on your behalf. One such event is the OPUS BBQ. I can honestly say I have enjoyed this one immensely for the great food, meeting students, and taking part in a great cause to promote everyone's interests for the last few years. The event in itself has been very successful; and has taken a lot of work and dedication to make it happen on your behalf. The OPUS BBQ is an annual event for all to partake in as we serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and pop. It is also a great chance to meet other students and the rest of the OPUS members. This annual event is also made possible in conjunction with the Alumni Association. Their support has been instrumental in making it a continued success.

I wish you further success in your career endeavours and hope to meet you in the future at another BBQ event!!!

In Solidarity,
Chris Baillargeon

A Message from a Director at Large of OPUS

Ahmed Ali



Dear Members,

It is my honour and privilege to have represented part-time students in the past year as a Director at Large. The primary function that OPUS performs is that of advocacy through its participation in the decision making process of university government. OPUS serves on the University of Windsor's Board of Governors, the Senate, and numerous other university committees where decisions are made that affect part-time students such as accessibility, course and program offerings, fees, student services, and the quality of student life.

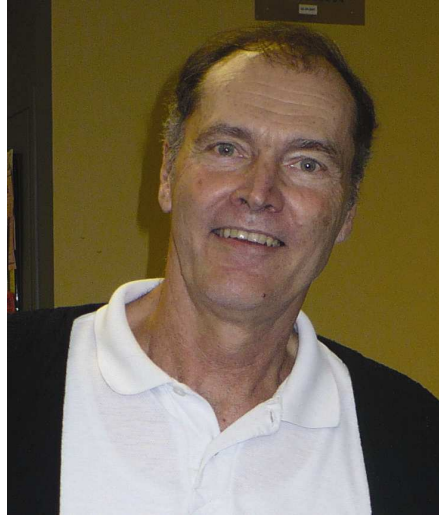
The major goal of OPUS is to ensure equal opportunity of quality education for all part-time undergraduate students. An effort to improve the conditions of part-time students on campus, and to make them an integral and acknowledged part of the University of Windsor is mandated by the OPUS Constitution and Bylaws. The organization of part-time students is a very active organization that represents the interest of all part-time students. We advocate on your behalf at all those committee meetings that take place at the University.

In addition, OPUS hosts many events throughout the year that all part-time students are invited to attend. Our wonderful staff at OPUS including the Executive Director and Health Plan Administrator do an extraordinary job in informing all the members of these events by mass email, through the Lance, and posters all over campus. We had a wonderful year and I am certain the same will continue in 2011.

We encourage you all to get involved with OPUS events and become an active member. Please visit www.uwindsor.ca/opus or the OPUS office located at the CAW room 172 to find out how you can engage with other part-time students.

A Message from a Part-time Student

Ken Tornoey



A few curious students have asked me why a retired person would want more education. After all, as retired there is no point in working towards a degree as a means to achieve a promotion, a better job, or even any job.

I became a student in the 60's, and after graduation went on to live pretty much like all graduates do. As the years passed, it seemed that there were so many things that were either beyond my ability or there was just never enough time to experience what I wanted to do in life. The answers to many of life's questions go unanswered because there is no time to solve them, or it's easier to be lazy and forget the issue altogether.

It seems that we all face a challenge to know more about the world we live in and especially the world of tomorrow. The better we understand things, the easier it is to decide whether to accept or reject each one of the endless life choices we all must make. Education never makes a right choice better, but it seems that most of our worries are actually about wrong choices and how to fix them. By studying the life choices of historical world figures, most having made plenty of mistakes, our own personal mistakes can seem petty in comparison and in this way our self-expectations become more realistic.

Our expertise and habits tend to keep our interests focused on whatever field of specialization we know best. If you would like to extend your horizons beyond your comfort zone, consider becoming a part time student. In the classroom, you can understand why historical figures did what they did, and then relate their actions to your own which will enable you to make your own judgements. Whether by distance education (right from your home) or on campus, knowledge and understanding are easily offered to any who dare to learn. Give the OPUS office a call to get more information.

A Message from Your Part-Time Student Advisor of the University of Windsor

Student Page, Part-Time Student Academic Advisor



New Part-Time Students!

I'm delighted to welcome you to the University of Windsor!

I know you are a widely diverse group but you have in common the choice to add education to your already busy schedule. Congratulations! It may be challenging but it will surely be an enriching part of your life!

I would like to offer a few suggestions that may help pave your way to feeling comfortable as a U of W student.

First, I invite you to contact or visit the Advising Centre whenever you have a concern! My colleagues and I look forward to getting to know you. In fact, take advantage of all the Student Services outlined in this handbook. We understand that those first few courses can produce some confusing moments and we can help answer your questions!

As well, avoid the temptation of the "drive-thru education" defined by driving in every Tuesday evening just in time for class and that's all. Instead, have a "gourmet experience". Take a little time to meet other Part-Time Students in the OPUS lounge; get to know your professors and teaching assistants! You are now a valued part of the campus community. Come back for a play or concert. Bring the kids to a football game or BBQ.

Again, welcome, and I wish you success and enjoyment in your time at the University of Windsor!

A Message from the Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)



Dear OPUS members,

As a part-time student at the University of Windsor, you are a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The CFS unites more than one-half million students across Canada and more than 300,000 students in Ontario. Together, we can effectively advocate for an accessible high quality post-secondary education system and for students' rights to both the federal and provincial governments.

Students have accomplished much by working together. In 2009, students lobbied for and won, the first-ever national system of grants. In March 2010, after an intensive year of lobbying, students won many positive changes to the Ontario Student Assistant Program (OSAP) including the creation of a new part-time student grant. And, this past January, the government announced that it would create a province-wide system of credit transfer. Working through the CFS, students were instrumental in the creation of this new system.

Your membership in the CFS also comes with many benefits that I hope you take advantage of. For those of you who are taking three courses, or are a student with a disability and taking 40 per cent of a full course load, you are eligible for the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). If you are taking fewer courses, make sure to get a Studentsaver discount card to access savings at stores in Windsor and across Ontario. In addition, right in time for tax season, you can also file your taxes online for free through ufile.ca. Visit www.cfsontario.ca for more information about these and other services.

Grassroots campus organizing combined with cooperative student-owned services form the foundation of our collective work. As a member of the CFS, I invite you to take advantage of the cost-saving services available to you and to get involved in the campaigns for a fully accessible high quality public post secondary education system. For more information about the services and campaigns of the Federation, please talk to your representatives at OPUS or email federation@cfsontario.ca. Best of luck for the remainder of the term,

Sandy Hudson
Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award has been initiated in 2007 by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) to recognize and applaud the efforts of OPUS members and executives who selflessly assist part-time students in their efforts to achieve academic excellence. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes efforts of individuals that have contributed over a number of years to keep the Organization running at full steam and advocating for part-time student issues at the University of Windsor.

Friend of Students' Award

This award was initiated in 2005 to give particular recognition, thanks, and encouragement to those who have not only sought out and solicited the participation of students, but have reinforced their value as respected participants in a team of council members seeking to make change for the good at the University of Windsor. Many changes have taken place at the University of Windsor - changes for the good of all students. Students and professors alike have been working throughout the years on behalf of students; these improvements have touched many areas. Whether it is in facilitating the full access of the physical environment here at the University or in the learning experience itself, giving effective feed-back to professors, or in ensuring capable visionaries in position of leadership

Teacher of the Year Award

This annual award has been initiated in 2006 to recognize those professors at the University of Windsor who demonstrate outstanding dedication to part-time students, helping them achieve academic excellence and greater learning. The Professors nominated for OPUS Awards will be considered based on the letter submitted by the students, the OPUS Evaluation, and the Teacher Evaluation and ratings from the University of Windsor. All nomination forms are to be filled out and returned to Maryan Amalow in the OPUS office. Forms are available online or can be picked up in the OPUS office.

Faculty Awards

This annual award was initiated in 1992 to recognize and applaud "The efforts of University of Windsor faculty members who unselfishly assist part-time students in their efforts to achieve academic excellence." The 2002 Teaching and Learning Initiative at the University not only highlighted the importance of faculty recognition, but also recognized OPUS as a leader in acknowledging faculty for their support of student needs, desires, and aspirations. In keeping with this tradition, commencing 2003, a maximum of three faculty members may receive recognition for their teaching accomplishments. The range of recognized teaching accomplishment may include, but are not limited to, effectiveness in large-class teaching, effective implementation of teaching and learning innovations, or development of materials for flexible learning and delivery.

Support Staff Awards

These annual awards were initiated in 2002 to acknowledge the important contributions of staff in supporting teaching and learning at the University of Windsor. Outstanding support staff are all too often taken for granted, while few receive public acknowledgement. Their impact may be felt as, but not limited to, resource persons attending committee meetings, individuals maintaining a comfortable environment for students, faculty and staff providing timely advice or assistance with a professional demeanor, or persons assisting students with dietary needs.

Volunteer of the Year Award

This award has been initiated in 2007 by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) to recognize and applaud the efforts and dedication of OPUS volunteers who selflessly assist OPUS in organizing events and fulfilling its mandate year after year. The OPUS Volunteer of the Year award recognizes outstanding volunteers that have brought enthusiasm and a renewed spirit of energy at OPUS events.

Student With Disability Achievement Award

Value of \$500, this award is awarded annually towards tuition remission to a current part-time undergraduate student with a disability, as defined by the University of Windsor. The successful applicant must have completed a minimum of five (5) course credits at the University of Windsor at the time of nomination and have demonstrated leadership abilities within the University community by raising awareness and promoting accessibility.

Disability Campus Community Recognition Award

This annual award was established in 2002 by the Organization of Part-Time University Students to recognize a University of Windsor faculty or staff member who has in the previous year demonstrated guidance and leadership in advancing accommodations and accessibility for students at the University of Windsor. The nominee either demonstrated innovative and responsive accommodations and/or provided support for a student with a disability. Nominations may be made by anyone associated with the University of Windsor campus community

Appreciation Award

This award has been initiated in 2003 by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) to recognize and applaud the efforts and dedication of OPUS Board of Director, Employee and Work Study who selflessly assist OPUS in contributing and fulfilling its mandate year after year. The OPUS Appreciation award recognizes outstanding members that have brought enthusiasm and a renewed spirit of energy at OPUS.

Alumni Association Academic Achievement Award

Value of \$500, this award is awarded annually toward tuition remission only to a registered part-time student who has a minimum cumulative GPA of 11.0. The successful applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of five courses on a part-time basis as well as completed at least 30% of their program at the University of Windsor. This award may not be combined with any other OPUS awards.

Alumni Association First Year Part-Time Undergraduate Student Award

Value of \$500, this award is awarded annually toward tuition remission, to a registered part-time student in their first year of study in any program at the University of Windsor. This award may not be combined with any other OPUS awards.

Dr. Kathleen McCrone Award

A single tuition remission award of \$500 is awarded annually to a part-time student who has the highest cumulative average and who is enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The one-time only recipient must be in Year 2 of studies with 80% of all courses completed as a part-time student while in attendance at the University of Windsor. This award was established in 2002 by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) in recognition of Dr. Kathleen McCrone's dedicated service to the promotion of academic excellence and to the University of Windsor where she served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for 12 years.

Wayne Girard Leadership Memorial Award

Value of \$500, this award is applied towards tuition remission. Awarded annually by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS). Established in 2009 in memory of Wayne Girard, who, while serving as the Treasurer of the Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS), exhibited the values and interests of all part-time students. Preference will be given to a part-time student who values physical fitness and has provided volunteer services to the University of Windsor and/or the Windsor-Essex County Community. The recipient must be registered as a part-time student in any field of study program at the University of Windsor. The successful applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of ten courses on a part-time basis at the University of Windsor. This award may not be combined with any other OPUS awards.

Mary C. Schisler Award in Dramatic Art

Value of \$500, this award is awarded annually towards tuition remission by the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) to a student enrolled in the School of Dramatic Art. Based on academic merit, preference will be given to a part-time student with a minimum cumulative average of 10.5. OPUS established this award in 2002 in recognition of Mary Schisler who, while President of the OPUS Board of Directors, supported the Arts and Humanities by establishing the "Alumni Evening with University Players."

Ken Long Memorial Award

Value of \$500, this award is applied towards tuition remission. Established in 1996 in memory of Professor Ken Long, who while serving both as Dean of Students and as a faculty member of the English Department exhibited not only a concern for all students, but displayed a special affinity for part-time students. The recipient must be registered as a part-time student in the Language, Literatures and Cultures program. The successful applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of ten courses on a part-time basis at the University of Windsor and possess a minimum GPA (Major Average) of 10.0. This award may not be combined with any other OPUS awards.

OPUS Bursaries



Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS) Bursaries

Value of \$500 each. Six bursaries applied to tuition remission for a single undergraduate course are offered annually by OPUS. The number of bursaries varies from year to year, based on demand and financial resources as determined by the OPUS Board of Directors. Eligible applicants must be registered as part-time undergraduate students, and meet strict financial and academic standards as determined by the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office. Candidates must be Canadian citizens/Permanent Residents residing in Ontario.

Alumni Association Part-Time Undergraduate Student Bursaries

Value of \$500 each. Two bursaries applied to tuition remission for a single undergraduate course are offered annually by University of Windsor Alumni Association. Eligible applicants must be registered as part-time undergraduate students, and meet strict financial and academic standards as determined by the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office. Candidates must be Canadian citizens/Permanent Residents residing in Ontario.

Part-time Undergraduate International Student Bursaries

Value of \$500 each. Two bursaries applied to tuition remission for a single undergraduate course are offered annually by the Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS). The number of bursaries varies from year to year, based on demand and financial resources as determined by the OPUS Board of Directors. Eligible applicants must be registered as part-time undergraduate international students, and meet strict financial and academic standards as determined by the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office.

2010 OPUS Awards Banquet



The 18th Annual 2010 OPUS Awards Reception & Dinner on Thursday March 11, 2010 was a huge success with over 16 award recipients and 140 guests that came to support the winners. It was a real celebration of those outstanding individuals that make our university a better place and those students that lead the way to a brighter future. A special thank you goes out to OPUS President Dr. Edward King and OPUS Executive Director Ms. Maryan Amalow, for being splendid hosts during the evening and to the OPUS Health Plan Administrator Steve Jancev for performing an outstanding job as the master of ceremony for the evening.

OPUS Lifetime Achievement Award

- ♦ Mary Schisler

Teacher of the Year Award

- ♦ Dr. Rosemarie Denunzio

Volunteer of the Year Award

- ♦ Shirley Kidd

Disability Campus Community Award

- ♦ Karen Gignac

Dr. Kathleen McCrone Award

- ♦ Sabrina Amicone

Support Staff Awards

- ♦ Debra Goulding
- ♦ Tim Gregorian
- ♦ Steve Jancev

Friend of Students Award

- ♦ Anne Carrick

Faculty Awards

- ♦ Dr. Lorenzo Buj
- ♦ Dr. Giuliana Salvato
- ♦ Dr. Mohamed Hassan Mohamed

Student with Disability Achievement Award

- ♦ James Salmons

Recognition Appreciation Award

- ♦ Ahmed Ali

Wayne Girard Leadership Memorial Award

- ♦ Anthony Meloche

Academic Achievement Award

- ♦ Mike Binder

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OPUS bursaries 2011 (valued at \$500 each) were given to NINE part-time undergraduate students chosen based on financial need.



Who are we?

The Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) is the student body at the University of Windsor, which represents the part-time undergraduate students. A part-time student is defined as anyone registered in 3 or less courses, during the Fall or Winter semesters.

OPUS is led by a volunteer Executive Board of Directors who are all part-time students. The Executive, along with the volunteer Class Representatives, continue the OPUS Assembly of Representatives, which meet once a month during the regular school year.

What do we do?

The primary goal of OPUS is to ensure equal opportunity to quality education for all part-time undergraduate students. The greatest function that OPUS performs is that of advocacy, through its participation in the decision making process of university government. OPUS is concerned with both the academic and social well-being of their students and provides a number of services for them. OPUS offers 10 bursary awards in each of the Fall and Winter semesters, valued at \$500.00 each.

Are you a part-time student?

Benefits to you!

- Learn you are not alone
- Meet fellow part-time students
- Become better informed about issues that affect you on campus
- Help-part-time voices to be heard
- Become part of a support system that can benefit you and others

What does OPUS have to offer?

- ♦ A chance to be part of the Board of Directors and serve on various committees advocating on behalf of Part-time students
- ♦ A lounge for part-time students to study or meet friends. It also includes a kitchen area, access to the Internet and telephone services
- ♦ Ability to learn about the many issues that affect all students by volunteering as an OPUS associate
- ♦ Several OPUS Awards and Bursaries awarded and Free Tuition Draw each year!
- ♦ Orientation for Part-Time Students, Annual BBQ and great chance to meet new people!
- ♦ Universal Health and Dental benefits for all Part-time students
- ♦ Essential Services including printing, photocopying, and faxing

ORGANIZATION OF PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



**ADVOCATE • VOLUNTEER • MEET NEW PEOPLE • HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS
AWARDS • BURSARIES • ORIENTATION • BOARD OF DIRECTORS • AGM**

OPUS was established in 1970 to provide a means for part-time students to have their voices heard on campus.

Become apart of our Board of Directors and serve on various committees advocating on behalf of part-time students. Enjoy our part-time student lounge with kitchen area, internet access, telephone services, and meeting opportunities. Essential services including printing, photocopying, and faxing. Volunteer as an OPUS Associate today or stop by our office or website and discover what OPUS has to offer you!

MISSION STATEMENT	HEATH & DENTAL BENEFITS	BENEFIT OPT-OUT
OPUS collaborates with the University Of Windsor community to identify and to promote the collective interests of the part-time undergraduate students.	Through our membership with the Canadian Federation of Students, the benefits carrier is Green Shield Canada, one of the best known non-profit benefits provider in the country.	All part-time undergraduate students are charged the same fee. You may Opt-Out of the plan if you are already covered by a comparable plan during the Opt-Out period.

Detailed information regarding your benefit plan, Opt-Out procedures, opting-in family member(s), and many more services and involvement opportunities are available on our website. Students can also pick up information in our office in the C.A.W. Student Centre.

C.A.W. Student Centre, 1st Floor, Room. 172
Telephone: 519-971-3603 opus@uwindsor.ca

www.uwindsor.ca/opus

OPUS's Plan of Action 2011

- Availability of Courses offered in evenings/online, etc.
- Part-Time based programs in Nursing, Education and Engineering
- Availability of more classes during intersession/summer semesters
- Access to scholarships/bursaries through U of W
- Awareness of campus services and access including accessibility of the campus for students with disabilities
- After-hours Child Care Services
- Availability of athletic/fitness facilities
- Availability of the Academic Writing Centre
- Availability of the Financial Aid Office
- Enhancement to the OPUS Health/Dental Plan coverage by providing additional benefits

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