

**University of Windsor  
Senate**

5.5.3: **Report from the Student Presidents – OPUS**

Item for: **Information**

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Here's an overview of the various events and activities we have taken part in since the last Senate meeting:

**OPUS Winter Social – Feb. 8, 2024**

Our OPUS Winter social event is held once a year in the Winter Semester. This year we held our event in the CAW Student Centre in the Alumni Auditorium. We served food and coffee for our guests, students, faculty, and staff. The topics included the following from our keynote speakers: Sukanya – Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Student Rights and Responsibilities on campus), TD Canada Trust (Financial Literacy), and Erika Kustra, Ray Darling, and Isabelle Barrette-Ng (Course Modalities) for students. All students are welcome, and we had approximately 35 to 50 students in attendance at this event. We announced our "\$800 New Student Bursary" and attendees had a chance to win \$250 and door prizes.

**OPUS Free Pizza Friday – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We had several students attend this event, mostly international students. We served approx. 100 students due in part to reading week, as we normally have 200 to 250 students in attendance for this event. All students attending this event were appreciative and asked when the next event/activity would be scheduled.

**CFS Ontario Lobby Week – Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Our OPUS team met with politicians and other university groups at Queen's Park about post-secondary education issues. These sessions were utilized to raise awareness regarding concerns on tuition, affordable housing, and other matters of interest to have our voices heard. Four of our members attended the CFS Lobby Week event. Mr. Dowie, MPP for Windsor-Tecumseh, was one of our local politicians our group met with interested in hearing issues regarding First Nations related topics and was cordial. That said, he will be on campus speaking with a political science class of students next Friday afternoon.

**Student Support Services Fair – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We hosted a booth at the student support services fair. It was comprised of volunteers assisting us at the tabling event with our booth. We provided gift bag giveaways and sweet treats. We had over 200 students in attendance at our booth.

**Upcoming Events**

OPUS Annual General Meeting - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will have keynote speakers for our part-time members on income taxes and mental health. (Further details to be determined)

Spring Open House – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be a tabling event with booth and session. (Further details to be determined)