
POSITION	President ▾
REPRESENTATIVE	Rai Ali ▾
DATE	Aug 20, 2024

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. CASA

I decided not to attend the CASA PoliStrat 2024 conference due to ongoing travel expenses. However, I plan to attend at least the next CASA conference at Parliament Hill to represent OTSU and continue our involvement in federal student advocacy.

1.2. Ex-Officio Seat at the Academic Council

My meeting with President Murphy to discuss our pursuit of an ex-officio seat at the Academic Council is scheduled for this Thursday. I will provide further updates after our discussion.

1.3. OUSA

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) represents the interests of approximately 160,000 students across nine student associations in Ontario. Given that OUSA's advocacy is student-driven and evidence-based, I have delegated the role on the OUSA Steering Committee to the VP Student Affairs, as it aligns well with their portfolio.

1.4. VP Job Descriptions

We are in the process of hiring for the policy committee, which will be tasked with reviewing and recommending bylaw changes. Once these recommendations are finalized and approved by the committee, I will present them to the board.

1.5. Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)

I attended the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) this month. The summit provided an excellent platform for student union representatives from across Canada to exchange experiences and ideas. SUDS is non-partisan and welcomes representatives regardless of group affiliation, offering valuable insights into best practices for student-oriented organizations.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

2.1. Policy Committee

Currently hiring for the two OTU student members at large positions.

POSITION	VP Student Life ▾
REPRESENTATIVE	Areej Fatima ▾
DATE	Aug 21, 2024

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. Club and Society Ratifications

This month marked the opening of the club and society ratification process. I have been actively involved in reviewing and categorizing each application according to the appropriate ratification levels (Level 1 to Level 3). The process has been rigorous to ensure that all clubs and societies meet the required standards and are positioned to succeed in the upcoming academic year.

1.2. Registrar's Office Interview

To enhance OTSU's visibility and student engagement, I filmed an interview with the Registrar's Office. This will be used for social media exposure, highlighting the work OTSU is doing and reinforcing our commitment to student representation and support.

1.3. Orientation and Clubs Week Preparation

Significant progress has been made in preparation for Orientation Week and Clubs Week. All planning is complete, and we have packaged and distributed OTSU merchandise for the orientation kits to the Student Life department. These events are crucial for student engagement, and we are well on track for a successful rollout.

1.4. Conflict Resolution Amongst Clubs/ Societies Executives

As the ratification process progressed, I have been involved in resolving conflicts among various club and society executives. Addressing these issues promptly is critical to maintaining a collaborative environment where all clubs and societies can thrive.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

2.1. Clubs and Societies Committee

We identified the need to fill a vacant position on the Clubs and Societies Committee. I have been reviewing applications for this role and will soon begin interviewing candidates. My goal is to ensure that we have a strong, cohesive team in place to support our clubs and societies throughout the year.

POSITION	VP Student Affairs ▾
REPRESENTATIVE	Zainab Hussain ▾
DATE	Aug 16, 2024

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. Academic Appeals

Last month, I discussed the progress on rewriting and adding information to the appeals. This month, I continued working on the Academic Appeals content.

1.2. Transit Advocacy

Transit advocacy initiatives are ongoing. This past month, I met with Shannon for advice on delegation and am awaiting additional meeting minutes from previous years when OTSU served as a delegate. Additionally, a meeting with Trent and DC is scheduled for the end of August to discuss and align our DRT priorities, which is crucial before delegations.

Regarding the specialized drop-off/pick-up service, I am waiting to hear back from Stephen Thickett about potential next steps.

1.3 OUSA

This month, I spent time learning about OUSA and participated in onboarding training. I also attended the think tank for the policy paper on tech-enabled learning and joined the Steering Committee meetings. Additionally, I wrote a blog post about OUSA to help familiarize OT students with what it entails.

Before the end of August, I plan to post on Instagram to see if students have any specific questions about OUSA and to include frequently asked questions in the blog. This will also help in finding a co-author, as greater awareness among students may generate more interest.

I am also working on determining the best date for OUSA members to visit OT, which will be finalized once the executives have met with President Murphy (now scheduled for the end of the month). Furthermore, I received training for the Student Advocacy Conference.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None to comment on.

POSITION	VP Downtown ▾
REPRESENTATIVE	Matifadza Chidovi ▾
DATE	Aug 16, 2024

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. Downtown Campus Bookstore Pickup

The OTSU will facilitate bookstore pickups at the downtown campus. Students will now be able to place bookstore orders online for downtown pickup. The bookstore will also host some pop-up events during the school year at the downtown campus. The first one will be hosted along with one of our downtown orientation events.

1.2. Orientation Week Planning

Finalising O-week plans from the OTSU, FSSH and the city of Oshawa. I will be providing support for all downtown orientation week programming. I am also in talks with the OTHS about holding other orientation week programming at the downtown campus hosted by the downtown societies.

1.3. Student Union Development Summit

It was an excellent networking event and provided an opportunity to get input from other student unions on advocating for students effectively and engaging students in unconventional ways. Also, it was a great opportunity to meet with vendors and explore OTSU's options.

1.4. McMaster Student Union Conference

It was a great networking event. Provided some input on handling municipal relations and advocacy and opportunities for collaboration with other student unions.

1.5. Student Engagement

Explored new ways to engage students at the downtown campus, including re-vamping downtown deets and looking into the Bounce application dedicated to driving student engagement, looking at ways to take advantage of it.

1.6. Meeting with OTHS

Meet with the executive team. This is to get some insight into their yearly plan for engagement. I also gained some perspective on how to support them best this year.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None applicable