

# SEPTEMBER 2024 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

## PRESIDENT, RAI ALI

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### GENERAL UPDATES

- **Orientation and Glo-Week**  
I assisted the Events & Engagement Coordinator with the Glo-Week events by helping with setup and providing support during the activities. This occupied most of the month, as there was an event every working day during the first two weeks of September.
- **Club and Societies Week**  
The last week of September was Club and Societies Week, which included the Get Involved Fair, the OTSU vs Societies Lawn Game Battle, and the Toronto Blue Jays vs Boston Red Sox baseball game.
- **Executive Job Descriptions**  
I presented a proposed amendment to the OTSU Bylaws to the Policy Committee, which they approved. The amendment aims to:
  - **Remove detailed job descriptions** for executive positions from the bylaws (Sections 12.4 to 12.7.9), allowing for greater flexibility in adapting roles as needs change.
  - **Update executive titles** to better reflect our current strategic direction:
    - President
    - Vice President of Student Services
    - Vice President of University Affairs
    - Vice President of External Affairs

The detailed job descriptions will be maintained in internal policy documents, which can be updated as required without needing bylaw amendments.

I then met with the HR Committee to finalize the job descriptions for the new Vice President roles. The new job descriptions are ready, and I will present them to the board during this meeting.

I have also submitted a proposal for the Annual General Meeting to amend the bylaws as recommended by the Policy Committee. If approved by the board, the proposal will be presented at the AGM for final approval by the students.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Policy Committee**  
Reviewed the proposed bylaw amendment and approved it.
- **HR Committee**  
Reviewed the new executive job descriptions and approved them.

## VP STUDENT LIFE, AREEJ FATIMA

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### GENERAL UPDATES

- **Glow Week and Orientation Events**

This month, we had Glow Week, two weeks filled with events hosted by OTSU. I was present at most of these events, and they were all incredibly successful, with a great turnout and positive feedback from participants. Glow Week played a significant role in kicking off the academic year with a sense of community and engagement.

- **All Society Presidents Meeting**

This month, I also organized the first All Society Presidents meeting. During this meeting, all club and society presidents introduced themselves and shared their plans for the upcoming year. To encourage collaboration, I created a communication channel that will allow them to easily work together throughout the year.

- **Clubs Week**

Clubs Week was a highlight this month, with the Get Involved Fair having the best turnout of all events. Students were actively engaging with clubs and societies, making this event a key addition to our annual calendar. Additionally, the Blue Jays game, part of this week's events, was a big success, further contributing to student involvement and community building.

- **Club and Society Ratifications**

I continued to oversee the club and society ratification process, ensuring that all applications were reviewed and categorized based on their appropriate levels (Level 1 to Level 3). This rigorous process ensures that clubs and societies meet the necessary standards and are prepared for a successful year. Overall, we have just over a 100 clubs ratified.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Clubs and Societies Committee**

This month, I successfully hired a new member to fill the vacant position on the Clubs and Societies Committee. With this addition, we now have a complete team in place to support our clubs and societies effectively for the year ahead.

# VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, ZAINAB HUSSAIN

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## GENERAL UPDATES

- **Orientation**

This month I participated in our Orientation events and just got to engage with students. I also got the opportunity to hear their feedback during the events.

- **Durham Region Transport Advocacy (DRT)**

Actively working with Kamika (DRT Ambassador) to figure out a day where she can table on behalf of DRT to answer any of the students' questions.

Stephen Thickett provided an update on specialized drop-off services. He mentioned that depending on the reservationist, driver, and number of passengers, drop-off locations can vary. He did bring up the fact that the university has an expanded footprint since these services were implemented and he was able to propose two key requests: first, that passengers be dropped off at a specific address on campus when accessible, and second, the designation of an additional drop-off location at 40 Founders Drive, situated between Shawenjigewining Hall and the Library. I am waiting to hear back if DRT followed up with any questions. In the meantime, students were encouraged to input the specific address for their desired drop-off location (this does not guarantee that they will be able to be dropped off).

This month I was not able to meet up with Trent university as we had hoped due to conflict in our schedules due to Orientation events.

- **OUSA**

OUSA is working on changing some bylaws. These potential new bylaws do not contradict our union's bylaws. They outline the policy regarding who will be eligible to represent the Student Union at OUSA.

This month I also worked on coordinating the OUSA HO staff visit. OUSA home office staff is set to visit our campus on October 10th where they'll have the opportunity to meet some of our school senior leadership as well as our full time staff. They will also be tabling so students will also have an opportunity to ask questions. An Instagram reel to promote this will be going up sometime in the first week of October as well as give opportunity to students to ask their questions virtually (comment section of the reel). Sophia (Indigenization Strategy Intern at OUSA) is also visiting our campus early October for consultations and focus groups with students.

This month I also prepared for the Fall general assembly (GA). Delegates for this year's GA are our execs and president. I've also edited the Blue Ribbon Panel paper which is going to be presented in the upcoming GA.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

None to comment on.

# VP DOWNTOWN, MATIFADZA (MATI) CHIDIVI

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## GENERAL UPDATES

- **Orientation Week and The Oshawa Orientation Experience**

I participated in all downtown orientation programming as well as a few events at the North Campus. For the OTSU events I engaged with students and talked about our programming as well as assisted our full time staff in setting up and doing tear-down. For the faculty orientation I introduced myself to the students that attended as well as being one of the stops on their scavenger hunt in downtown oshawa. Lastly I was the University and OTSU representative for The Oshawa Orientation Experience. I was assisted by Sifatul Mostafi and Gabrielle Dymock. They assisted with Tabling and interacting with students. Orientation provided a lot of great opportunities to introduce myself and the OTSU to students across campuses. The OTSU orientation events at the downtown campus had really good attendance with some supplies running out at both events well before the end. The full time staff did a great job with the events they ran.

### **Downtown Campus Safety ( Campus Walk Program)**

I had a meeting with Campus Security on how the Campus walk program can be re-evaluated to better meet the needs of Downtown Students. I was able to gain a better understanding of the limitations of the program as it relates to the downtown campus. I provided them a list of possible changes driven by student safety concerns at the downtown campus. They are looking into what changes they can realistically make based on my recommendations.

### **Campus Store Pickups**

This was the first month that I handled downtown pickups. There were some initial communication issues that have been rectified and student now have more clear pickup instructions. Facilitating the downtown pickups has created opportunities for me to connect with Students in more ways than my regular office hours would have allowed

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