

JANUARY 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT, RAI ALI

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Elections**
 - Elections have been postponed by the board.
 - Efforts are underway to remove outdated communications and create a revised communications plan to keep students updated.
- **UPASS Referendum**
 - Continued collaboration with the Communications team to finalize messaging for the UPASS referendum.
 - Ensuring clear and informative communication about the referendum question to engage the student body effectively.
- **End-of-Year Event Planning**
 - Coordinating with Areej (VP Student Life) to organize the end-of-year event.
 - Currently finalizing event details to ensure a memorable experience for students.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Elections Committee

- Successfully hired a third student-at-large member for the Elections Committee.
- Finalized key election details, including the updated election dates.

VP STUDENT LIFE, AREEJ FATIMA

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Winter Fest**

This year, our Winter Fest served as the Frosh Week for students beginning their academic journey in the winter semester. These two weeks were filled with engaging and entertaining events that received excellent feedback from participants. Students expressed their appreciation for the programming, which helped foster a sense of community and belonging. To further enhance the student experience, we have a ski trip planned for the end of the month, and to close January on a high note, a New Year's Revival Party is scheduled for January 31st. These events aim to sustain the momentum of student engagement on campus.
- **Carriage Cup**

The Carriage Cup ice hockey game, hosted by Athletics, was a fantastic opportunity for OTSU to connect with the student body. I attended alongside VP Downtown, Mati, and we had the honor of performing the puck drop with President Murphy. We also set up OTSU tables at the event, distributing free pom-poms and spreading school spirit. The event underscored the importance of collaboration between Athletics and the Student Union in building a vibrant campus culture.
- **Grand Opening of the Wellness Nook**

The Wellness Nook at the North Campus officially opened this month and has been met with overwhelming positivity from students. Deputy Provost Mary booked a tour with me to see the space once it was open. She had nothing but positive feedback and expressed her excitement about being able to guide students to this space whenever they felt the need. Since its launch, the space has been frequently booked by students, reflecting its utility and popularity. I also wrote an article for the OTSU website to increase awareness about the Wellness Nook, and overall the feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many complimenting its design and purpose.
- **Planning for Future Events**

Our engagement team and I have been actively planning the upcoming Clubs and Societies Banquet and the Pangea event. We are exploring a variety of ideas to ensure these events celebrate the achievements of our student leaders while creating memorable experiences for attendees. Additionally, we aim to collect feedback from students on these events to guide their development in future years, ensuring they continue to meet evolving student needs and expectations.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Clubs and Societies Committee**

This month, the Clubs and Societies Committee held a productive meeting to discuss key factors impacting our operations. We focused on refining existing policies and introducing new ones to improve the student experience. While we addressed several concerns raised by committee members, certain matters require follow-up meetings before reaching a final decision. Once the committee finalizes its proposals, I will present them to the OTSU Board for approval. This ongoing work reflects our commitment to creating efficient and effective policies for clubs and societies.

VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, ZAINAB HUSSAIN

GENERAL UPDATES

- **OUSA**

I continued working on the OUSA paper (Tech-enabled Learning). The first draft of the PCR and body text will be completed by the end of January. I attended the meetings, including a special meeting regarding OUSA membership fees, and began reviewing the PIE Head Professor nomination.

- **Winter fest**

I will be helping out at the New Years Revival dance party.

- **Durham Region Transportation**

I worked alongside the communications team to develop a strategy for delivering the UPASS referendum question to students. I confirmed the dates with Kamika for the tabling event: February 12th at Downtown Campus and February 13th at North Campus. Additionally, I raised a concern with DRT regarding Bus Route 56, which several students had emailed me about.

- **Period Project**

I wrote a blog post regarding the period project drive being hosted by the Athletics department.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

I was unable to attend the Student Success Committee meeting due to a scheduling conflict with my class. However, I reviewed the meeting notes to catch up. The discussion focused on the committee's goals, particularly around transition programming and creating a survey for faculty and staff. They also explored the need to streamline academic support initiatives, specifically the Take Five, Chem-Pass approach, and the Leap program. The group agreed to divide tasks and reconvene in February to report on progress.

VP DOWNTOWN, MATIFADZA (MATI) CHIDIVI

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Food Insecurity**
Attended a meeting with senior university staff to better understand supports that are available to students as well as brainstorming ideas for best practice for our institution. First step was determined to be creating a resource guide to assist students in finding more affordable options
- **OTSU Municipal Involvement**
Continuing to explore ways to get the student union in more consistent conversations with the municipal government, and to strengthen municipal advocacy.
- **Frosh week**
Assisted with running Frosh week events at the downtown Campus
- **Ousa**
Writing the Tech-Enabled Learning Paper with Zainab we have completed the first draft of pcr's and some body text

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