

March 27, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

GROUP	Ontario Tech Student Union (OTSU) Board of Directors
LOCATION	Google Meet
DATE & TIME	March 27, 2025, 3:00pm
NOTE TAKER	Brian Robson, Executive Director
ATTENDEES	<p>Directors: Faculty of Science & Chair, Eloghosa Avenbuan; Faculty of Business and Information Technology & Vice Chair, Arujan Parameswaran; Faculty of Health Science, Kashaf Awan; Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Sifatul Mostafi, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, Lindsay Horner</p> <p>Executives: President, Rai Muhammad Ali; VP Student Affairs, Zainab Hussain; VP Student Life, Areej Fatima; VP Downtown, Matifadza Chidovi</p> <p>Staff: Executive Director, Brian Robson; Financial Controller, Mayooran Thurairajah.</p> <p>Students: Kevin Massey; Tuirani Kerfelec; Craigton Corda</p>
REGRETS	None

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called into order at 3:02 p.m. Moved by L Horner, seconded by S Mostafi

2. TERRITORIAL RECOGNITION

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

RESOLUTION

Moved by S Mostafi and seconded by A Parameswaran. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the OTSU Board of Directors approve the March 27, 2025, Board meeting agenda.

4. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

RESOLUTION

Moved by K Awan and seconded by S Mostafi. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the OTSU Board of Directors approve the minutes for the February 14, 2025 board meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

See the full executive reports on the OTSU website

President:

- No written report provided.
- Attended the OUSA Plenary session. Our paper was approved.
- We had multiple meetings with the University regarding cancelled events, such as the Grand Iftar. Elo attended one of these meetings. We are trying to get in alignment with the university on approving events.
- OUSA Pi-Hed dinner coming up
- I attended the Athletics gala last night.

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

VP Student Life:

- Met with the Society Presidents Council to discuss funding for the Graduate Students Society
- Working on Pangaea event next week
- Clubs & Societies Awards night at Sky Zone this evening from 7 to 9 pm
- University working group of students to collect feedback on getting events approved and improving processes so we can have a smoother year next year.
- Worked with Brad on promoting the UPass referendum, as well as promoting Pangaea

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

VP Student Affairs:

- This month was focused on OUSA. I answered questions about our paper at the plenary session.
- Feedback on PCR sets. Our paper was approved.
- Motions to bring OUSA into compliance with ONCA were approved.
- Working on OTU to host the OUSA General Assembly next year or the year after (2027)
- OUSA Pi-Hed dinner was handled by the President

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

VP Downtown:

- OUSA: co-wrote the paper with Zainab and presented the paper at the Plenary.
- My transition documents are taking a lot of time. My time as VP Downtown has been tumultuous.

- Working with faculties to highlight this in the transition documents. Active student advocacy a big part of faculty advocacy. More meetings to be held.
- Committee updates: Faculty Council meeting yesterday – helpful about the status of the university. Includes the faculty response to student events being cancelled, and be involved in creating solutions for students, advocating for students to freely express themselves on campus.

DISCUSSION

Chair reminded Execs to submit their reports on time, and to start their transition documents now.

RESOLUTION

Moved by L Horner and seconded by A Parameswaran. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the OTSU Board of Directors approve the executive report for March 2025.

6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

The update below is provided by the Executive Director.

Executive Director:

- The 2025 OTSU General Election saw 1275 eligible students vote. This is up from 1107 last year, which was up sharply from 771 in 2023.
- The Society Elections are now underway, and I am pleased to report that there were 20 candidates who received enough nominations to run. This is up from 10 in last year's election.
- There were also 13 nominees for the Black Excellence & Leadership Award this year, up from two last year. This is yet another encouraging sign of a marked increase in student engagement in OTSU activities this year.
- Student Feedback Survey for Winter Fest was included in the Board package. Feedback was positive.

DISCUSSION

VP Downtown brought up a flaw in the survey, doesn't indicate the people you didn't reach.

RESOLUTION

No resolution required.

AGENDA TOPICS

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

The update below is provided by the Financial Controller.

This was originally slated to be presented in February, but a funeral delayed this presentation. Financial Controller went through the Income Statement from September 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025.

DISCUSSION

No discussion. Or add content.

RESOLUTION

Moved by A Parameswaran and seconded by L Horner. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the OTSU Board of Directors approve the Financial Statement of Operations for September 2024 to January 2025.

8. RATIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Chair recused herself and the Vice-Chair took on Charing duties. The update below is provided by the Chief Return Officer.

The Chief Return Officer presented the results of the 2025 General Student Election. The DRO did not hear any complaints, so the election was quite smooth. Results were presented. The Election went well. The CRO recommends that the election results be ratified by the Board of Directors

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

RESOLUTION

Moved by L Horner and seconded by S Mostafi. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the OTSU Board of Directors approve the results of the 2025 general student election.

9. IN CAMERA

In camera called at 3:49 pm. Moved by L Horner and seconded by S Mostafi.

Meeting called out of camera at 4:04 pm. Moved by A Parameswaran and seconded by K Awan.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None to comment on.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Society Elections are underway.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. Moved by K Awan and seconded by S Mostafi. Motion carried.