

APRIL 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT RAI ALI

GENERAL UPDATES

Hiring for VP Student Affairs and Board Positions

This month, the HR Committee conducted interviews for the Vice President of Student Affairs and Board of Director positions. The committee will present its recommendations to the board for final approval.

End-of-Year Transition Materials

Priority was given to creating transition videos and documentation to ensure a smooth handover for the incoming team.

Engagement with University Leadership

The university's senior leadership has acknowledged MSA's concerns, and communication remains ongoing. However, Dr. Steven Murphy has cancelled the last two scheduled meetings without providing a reason, likely to avoid addressing these concerns. It is critical that the incoming executives continue working closely with the university to advocate for equity-centered policies that support marginalized groups on campus.

OUSA PiHead Dinner

Attended the Partners in Higher Education (PiHead) Dinner hosted by the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA). It was an honour to recognize and celebrate the valuable contributions of our professors.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

HR Committee: Recruitment Progress

As noted above, hiring for the VP Student Affairs and Board of Director positions was a major focus this month. The HR Committee has completed all applicant interviews and will soon present its recommendations to the board for approval.

VP STUDENT LIFE, AREEJ FATIMA

GENERAL UPDATES

Promotions and Communications

This month, I collaborated with the Communications team on end-of-year social media content. I wrote a farewell article alongside the other executive members to reflect on our term and thank the student body for their support. I also worked with Brad on filming sessions for additional social media posts to help wrap up the year and highlight our accomplishments.

OUSA

I attended the PiHead (Partners in Higher Education) Dinner with the rest of the executive team. This event provided an opportunity to network with university partners, celebrate our collaborative achievements over the past year, and strengthen relationships that support student life initiatives.

Transition and Handover

I dedicated significant time this month to preparing transition documents for the incoming VP Student Life. I also met with the incoming VP to walk her through the expectations of the role, current projects, and key areas of focus to ensure a smooth and informed transition.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Clubs and Societies Committee**

I held my final meeting with the Clubs and Societies Committee this month. At this meeting, the committee finalized a proposal to update the Clubs Policies and Procedures. This proposal has been brought forward to the Board for review and approval. The proposed updates are intended to make the policies clearer, more accessible, and better suited to the evolving needs of our clubs and societies.

VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, ZAINAB HUSSAIN

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- **OUSA**

At the beginning of March, I took the time to understand and familiarize myself with the Learning Innovation section of Tech Enabled Learning Paper.

This month, representatives from OTSU attended OUSA's Fall General Assembly and plenary as delegates to offer feedback on student-written policy papers directed at the provincial government. This session, held at Waterloo, also featured a presentation from eCampus Ontario on Open Educational Resources (OER). They provided valuable insights into the current efforts to promote OER implementation and highlighted the role of student advocacy in this process. Delegates also heard from Dr. Donna Strickland, Nobel Prize winner and professor at the University of Waterloo, who spoke on the importance of STEM education for the development of technology.

During this plenary, new bylaws were passed to comply with the ONCA guidelines. The bylaws were voted on by the delegation across universities. Both papers, including *A Comprehensive Strategy* and *Tech-Enabled Learning*, co-authored by Mati and me, were also approved. For the remainder of March, I will continue working on the body text. The SC will also be tasking the incoming SC to work on an interim paper focused solely on AI in post-secondary education, to further address students' concerns not encompassed within the *Tech-Enabled Learning* paper.

I also focused on determining the scope of Ontario Tech potentially hosting OUSA's Spring 2026 GA. This is an ongoing process to ensure a smooth transition.

The PIE Head Teaching nomination and table booking were overlooked by Ali, and I relayed the information to the OUSA home office staff.

Worked on writing a portion of the Rundown issue updating the student body regarding OUSA papers and PiHed.

- **Transition Documents**

I started organizing various documents and links and began preparing the transition documentation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

No Committee Updates

VP DOWNTOWN, MATIFADZA (MATI) CHIDIVI

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- **OUSA**

The 61st OUSA conference was held this March myself and VP Student Affairs Zainab attended as authors. As authors, this was our final opportunity to work on our PCR sets and incorporate delegate feedback before our papers (and the sections we worked on) were presented and passed plenary. Our paper was passed at plenary and will be the resource OUSA uses to advocate for Tech-enabled learning in our province. This led to a conclusion for a large portion of our work on the paper. I will be working on the body text for the sections of the paper I am responsible for, this will be completed before the end of my term.

- **Transition Documents**

Working on my transition papers has consumed a large portion of my time. I am working on incorporating changes i suggested in my downtown student engagement paper into the documents. This has included working with the faculty and downtown societies to include the downtown vp in the planing of more student engagement opportunities at the downtown campus.I will continue working on this till April.

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- **FSSH Council meeting**

Attended the monthly faculty meeting and heard about the faculties plans for recruitment in the up coming recruitment cycle. As well as other faculty specific updates.