

May 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT, ELOGHOSA AVENBUAN

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. HR Training and Onboarding

Throughout the month of May, the executives and I focused on getting acclimated with the OTSU environment, this includes gaining access to our emails and laptops, completing mandatory training and background checks. Additionally we spent this month meeting with different OTSU departments (finance, marketing, events) to get an idea of how they can best align with our goals for the year.

1.2. Project Planning

The Vice Presidents and I are in the process of determining our goals and priorities for the year based on our platforms, and student feedback. Some of these include food insecurity, increasing sexual health awareness, awards and bursaries, and Downtown engagement.

1.3. Student deals

In collaboration with the VP Student Life, I am working on creating a “Deals” page on our OTSU website that highlights the different discounts students have access to. Part of this project involves connecting with local businesses and restaurants, and as such, I expect this part of the website to launch in August.

1.4. External Meeting

This month was also spent meeting with different University officials. The executive team met with Scott Barker to discuss potential partnerships between athletics and OTSU. The VP Student Life and I met with Liv Brown from the Alumni Office to discuss collaboration ideas between our two departments, one being the Chancellor’s challenge in September, and a possibly collaboration with clubs and societies

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None to comment on.



May 2025 Executive Report

Vice President Downtown, Kailey Haskell

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. Downtown Stakeholder Outreach

I have begun reaching out to key campus contacts, including university departments and community partners within the downtown Oshawa area. Meetings with many of these stakeholders are scheduled in the coming weeks. I also registered for an upcoming downtown community event to begin building stronger ties with local organizations and initiatives. I am committed to enhancing the presence of the OTSU and Ontario Tech within the greater downtown community.

1.2. Strategic Planning and Collaboration

Planning for the upcoming academic year has started, and I am currently collaborating with the VP Student Life and VP Student Affairs on the downtown section in Student Survival Guide, as well as the President and VP Student Life on a student discounts initiative. I have also been reviewing the ideas from my campaign platform to assess feasibility and potential for cross-portfolio collaboration. I'm currently liaising with downtown staff, students, and faculty to discuss important events and initiatives, as well as community engagement opportunities for the year ahead.

1.3. Document Review and Updates

I have initiated a review and update of the Downtown Campus Resource Guide and the Downtown Student Survey to ensure all materials are accurate, current, and student focused. These tools are valuable in understanding student needs and promoting available supports, and I plan to ensure they're updated regularly to reflect ongoing changes at the campus.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

2.1. Downtown Engagement Committee

I am in the process of revamping the Downtown Engagement Committee, which previously operated under the 2023–24 VP Downtown portfolio. My goal is to restructure and relaunch the committee to ensure it aligns with current student needs and enhances engagement with the downtown campus community. Terms of reference are currently being drafted.

2.2. Downtown Advisory Committee

I am also reviewing the Terms of Reference for the Downtown Advisory Committee in preparation for the 2025 - 2026 academic year. The goal of this review is to make sure that the committee structure supports student engagement, while also facilitating meaningful collaboration between student leaders, staff, faculty, and external community partners.

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VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, JUSTIN BARRETT

1. GENERAL UPDATES

1.1. Onboarding and Training

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1.2. Food Bank Pilot Project

Advocating for the establishment of a food bank on campus remains one of my key advocacy goals. In recent discussion amongst executives and the Event & Engagement team, a more immediately feasible initiative was proposed to serve to lay a groundwork for this larger goal. We are currently considering the implementation of a "Grab and Go" program, which would provide students with access to breakfast and snacks to support their well-being throughout the day. This initiative is still under review and will be further developed through the summer.

1.3. Survival Guide

The VP of Student Affairs and I have written the first draft of the Survival Guide project which aims to support students in navigating key aspects of independent living. The guide includes practical information on Legal & Financial Support, Budgeting & Living Essential, Accommodation, Nutrition and, Mental Health Resources. This guide aims to smooth out the transition to adulthood equipping students with accessible, relevant guidance to help them manage daily responsibilities and access available support systems. Further revisions and consultations will be conducted to ensure the guide is as comprehensive and student-centered as possible.

1.4. Ancillary Fee Opposition Report

The report calls on Ontario Tech's Student Council to reject the proposed 2.5% ancillary fee hike, citing the university's robust financial position, including a \$14.7M surplus and an estimated \$62M in discretionary reserves. It argues that rising costs should be absorbed internally through spending cuts, such as reducing administrative bloat and freezing executive salaries, some of which exceed \$360K with generous perks, instead of taxing students already struggling with low incomes, debt, and rising living costs. The report shows that fee increases have not led to service improvements and urges reallocation of existing funds toward student support, transparency in budgeting, and binding commitments before any further increases.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

2.1. Student Success Committee

Met with the student success committee on May 21, 2025

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VP STUDENT LIFE , TUIRANI KERFELEC

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1.4. Discount Hub

In collaboration with the President, I have compiled a preliminary list of student discounts, with the goal of creating a dedicated section on the OTSU website showcasing local businesses offering exclusive deals for students. This initiative aims to support students' affordability and strengthen community connections. To expand and enhance this project, we are actively reaching out to local businesses to establish partnerships and negotiate additional discounts, allowing students to access more goods and services at reduced rates.

2. COMMITTEE UPDATES

2.1. Clubs and Society Committee

At this time, the team I will be working with in my role as Vice - President Student Life is not yet fully assembled. Therefore, I have not had the opportunity to meet with the full executive team. I look forward to connecting and collaborating with them as soon as the team is completed.