

AUGUST 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORT

President, Eloghosa Avenbuan

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Awards Selection Committee**

This month, the newly established awards selection committee met to review the terms of reference of the ASC. Additionally, we also established the award timeline for fall 2025, with the award timeline for winter being established sometime in the fall semester. The award timeline for fall is as follows:

- September 2025: \$200 Academic Scholarship Domestic Student (x2), \$300 Academic Scholarship International Student (x2)
- October: \$250 Indigenous Student Award (x2)
- Mid-November: \$250 Teacher Nominated Award (x4)

- **OTSU Election Committee**

This month, I reviewed the general and society elections policies and procedures documents. Upon review of these documents, I added any appropriate comments and suggested policy changes to our election committee working document, including a revision of some defined terms for clarity. Additionally, the election committee met twice this month to review the policies and go over the recommendations put in place by the former Chief Returning Officer (CRO). The recommendation that the committee has made will be presented at this meeting.

- **VP Affairs Hiring Update**

The HR committee reconvened to interview candidates for the VP Student Affairs position; the recommendations regarding the candidates will be presented later in the board meeting.

- **Student Advocacy and Equity Analyst Hiring Update**

Since the board approved the new position, I have been working with the Executive Director to get the job posting on the Bamboo HR website. So far, 4 students have applied, and I have been reaching out to them to hopefully schedule interviews within the next couple of weeks, once we have our full executive team established and on board. With this timeline, I hope to have our new student position start end of September.

- **OUSA Steering Committee Meeting and Stakeholder Round Table**

On September 24, I had another OUSA Steering committee in person at OUSA headquarters in Downtown Toronto. Following our steering committee meeting, we also had a stakeholder roundtable where we met with various stakeholders and talked to them about their goals and vision and how they can best support our advocacy efforts.

- **Interview with RBC**

As part of the OUSA steering committee, we would occasionally get the opportunity to be in the media or be interviewed. This meeting with RBC was an opportunity that was presented and I could take on. I had the pleasure of participating in a 30-minute conversation with RBC's research team, providing them with insights on the common financial pressures facing students today. By participating in this research, I had the opportunity to provide them with valuable campus-specific insights on the challenges facing students, which would potentially shape future research

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Award Selection Committee**
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- **Election Committee**
Please see above for more details

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Vice-President of Student Life, Tuirani Kerfelec

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- **SUDS Conference**

This month, the Vice President Downtown and I attended the Student Union Development Summit. I have attended various workshops teaching notions such as Advocacy, Networking, media training, opportunities in Student Leadership, and how Student Unions can serve Indigenous Students. One of the most valuable aspects of SUDS was the opportunity to connect with other executive members across Canada. We shared insights into the challenges we face, exchanged strategies for overcoming them, and built relationships that will strengthen our collective efforts moving forward. I'm excited to bring these learnings back to our campus community.

- **OTSU Influencers**

To boost student engagement on campus, I have met with the Event & Engagement and Communication & Marketing managers to discuss a collaborative approach with student champions. The initiative is to partner with well-known and influential students within the campus community who can help promote our upcoming O-week and future major events through their social media and peer outreach. By using their presence on social media, we hope to increase engagement during our student-centered events.

- **Clubs sponsorship**

I am still exploring the possibility of creating a club sponsorship agreement between the student clubs and the OTSU. The goal of this initiative is to provide clubs with access to materials and resources that are not presently available to student organizations, which we could lend to them in exchange for promoting OTSU services such as the Period Project, Career Closet, E-Sport, Student Wellness, and more. This initiative is designated not only to support the growth and development of clubs, but also to strengthen the relationship between the OTSU and the student community.

- **Clubs and Society Ratification**

Since ratification opened on August 18th, many clubs and societies presidents have had numerous questions. Some have even requested to meet more frequently, as they need more assistance for the first weeks into their roles and want to better understand the ratification process. I am currently involved in the ratification process and have been overseeing the incoming ratification applications. I will be meeting with the different staff to better familiarize myself with Rubric, the platform we are currently using, so that I can better assist students that are looking to get involved this year.

- **Food Insecurity Survey**

In alignment with the recent approval of the Nutrition Access Program (NAP), I am currently preparing a survey aimed at gathering data to better quantify the level of food insecurity on campus within our student community and to understand the extent of their needs. This data will allow us to assess the demand for food support services among students and explore concrete ways to support students on campus and develop targeted solutions to alleviate food-related challenges. I am currently in communication with other Student Unions met at SUDS to better tailor our surveys.

- **Fundraising during Athletics Games**

As part of the NAP initiative, we decided to participate in various campus games and fundraise events to help support the next phases of the program. The goal is twofold, first, raise funds that will allow us to expand our services and, second, to increase awareness about food insecurity among students. This initiative will also help the OTSU gain greater visibility and foster a more meaningful connection with the student community.

- **NAP Webpage**

I am currently working in collaboration with our Communication & Marketing to develop the official webpage for the NAP. This webpage will serve as an informative hub where students can learn more about the purpose of the initiative, explore the initiatives currently being offered, and understand how the program is expected to evolve over time. The goal is to ensure transparency, increase awareness, and make it easier for students to engage with the program as it grows.

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- **Clubs and Society Committee**

Following the Board's decision at the last meeting, I am still in the process of recruiting two students at large to fill the remaining positions on the committee. Only two additional applications were received, and I am currently working on conducting the interviews with each of the applicants.

- **OTSU x OTU Advisory Committee**

No comment

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VP of Downtown, Kailey Haskell

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Downtown Campus Lounge Project Update

In the past few weeks, I have met with administrative staff from the Office of Campus Infrastructure and Sustainability to discuss furniture options and tour the proposed space in Charles Hall. As of now, they have not approved my furniture suggestions, and we are working on finding solutions that work for both the university and the OTSU. The project has been pushed back to be launched for late October due to scheduling issues related to the availability of individual staff.

Humanities Society Gala Planning

On August 18th, I met with the OTSU engagement and events team to discuss planning of the Downtown Campus gala event, hosted by me and the Humanities Society. During this meeting, we determined who we need to reach out to, which includes vendors, entertainment options, etc., and when event details need to be finalized, which is by early October. We also decided we will be calling this event something other than a “gala” to recognize the distinct differences between other society gala events and this pilot project event, which will be branded as more of a formal social event, with name ideas to come in the upcoming weeks.

Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)

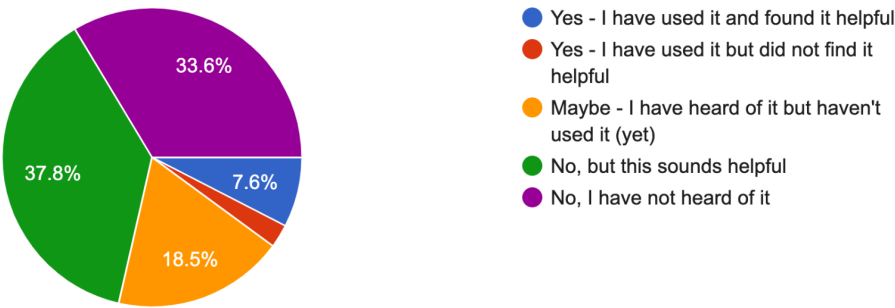
On August 8-11, I attended the Student Union Development Summit along with the VP Student Life, which was extremely valuable to my role as VP Downtown. I attended workshops related to advocacy, media training, accessibility, and next steps after working in student leadership. My biggest learning takeaways are related to how to become more involved with local government, the importance of having three key messages during meetings, public speaking, and interviews, as well as the value of transparency and honesty when speaking to media, students, and/or university administration, as well as the importance of finding “champions” of your project/cause within both the university and student union staff, as well as the student body. During this summit, the VP Student Life and I were able to network with various other student union executives and gained some key contacts to help with some of our initiatives for this academic year.

Downtown Events and Experiences Survey Results

I have been reviewing the results of the Downtown Events and Engagement Survey, which included responses from 123 students. The results revealed some important insights, including the following:

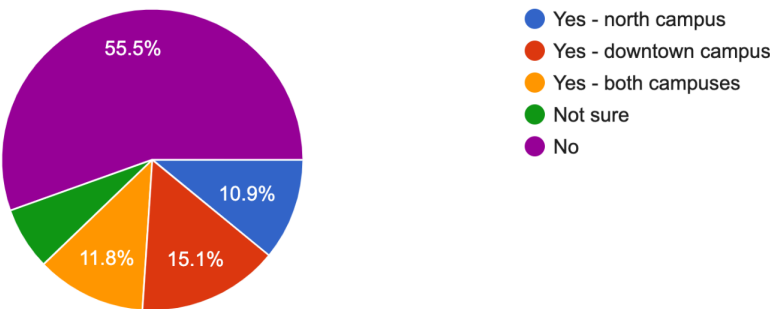
Have you seen or heard about the OTSU Downtown Campus Resource Guide?

119 responses



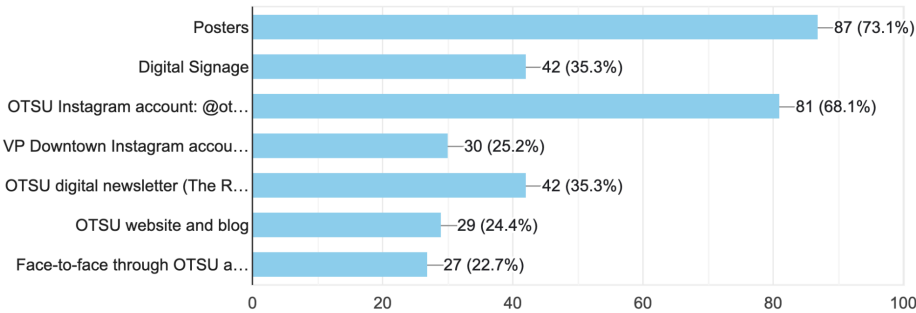
Did you attended O-Week events at north or downtown campus in the fall semester?

119 responses



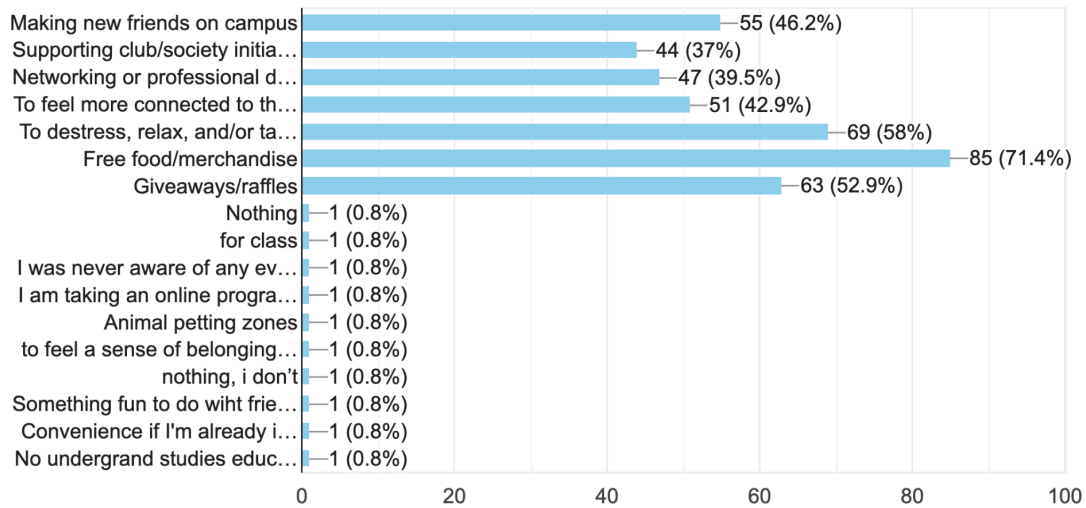
How would you like to learn about the OTSU's events and activities? Please check all that apply.

119 responses



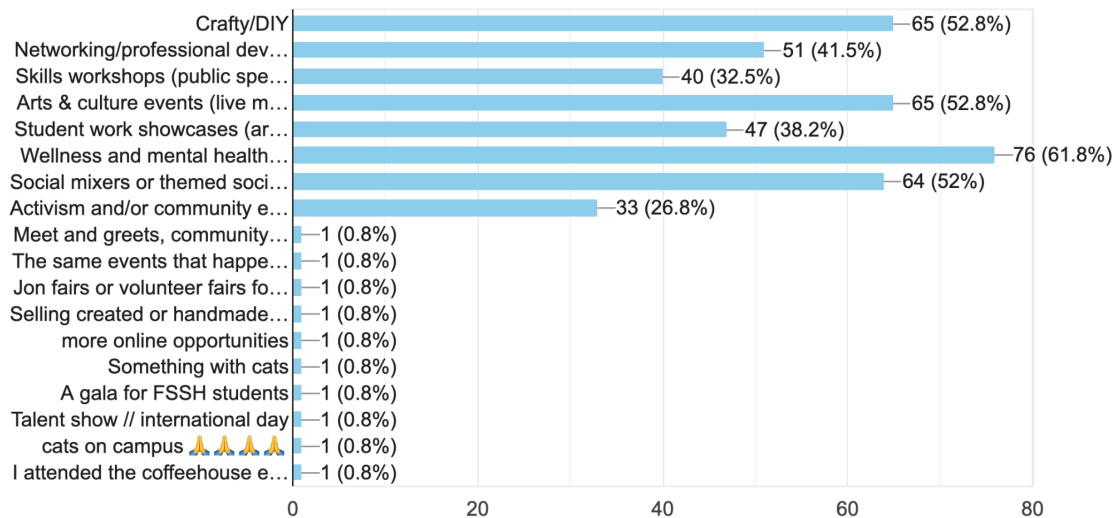
What motivates you to attend campus events? Please check all that apply.

119 responses



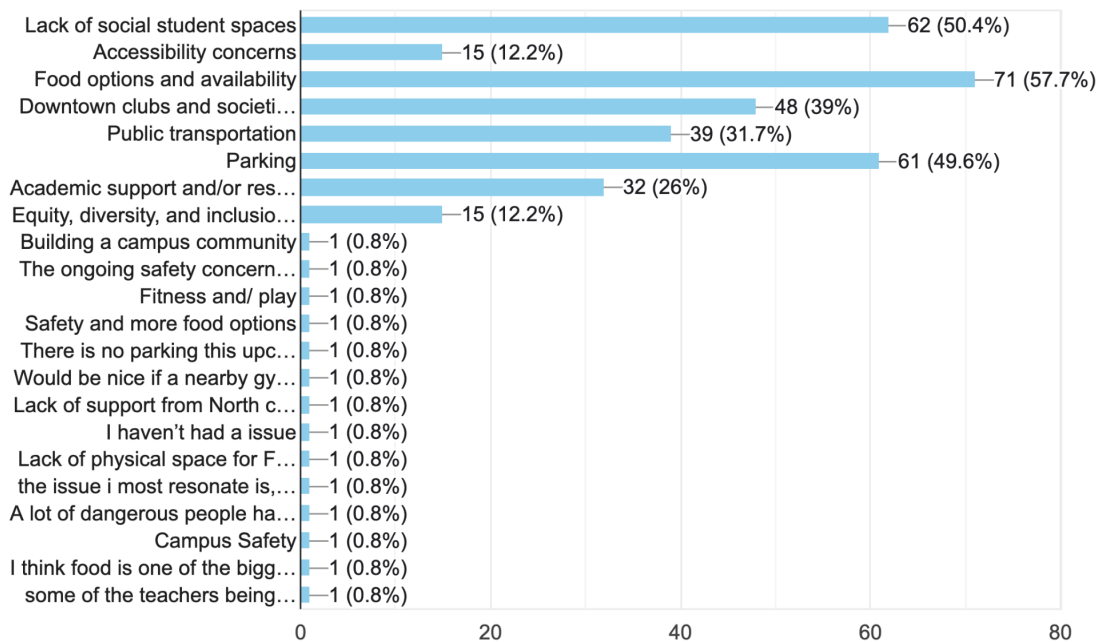
What type of events and initiatives would you like to see at the downtown campus? Please check all that apply.

123 responses



What downtown campus related issues resonate with you the most? Please check all that apply.

123 responses



COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Downtown Campus Advisory Committee (DCAC)**

I have now received three applications for the DCAC, and will commence interviews within the next week. I have had two other downtown students tell me they are planning to apply, and I am hopeful that I will have enough committee members to begin meeting in late September or early October. I have also included the updated Terms of Reference as an agenda item; the proposed update changes verbiage around who can apply to the committee in order to be inclusive of undergraduate and graduate students studying at the downtown campus.

Downtown Campus Engagement Committee

This committee will be meeting once monthly, commencing on August 27th. During this meeting, I will be talking about: downtown campus O-Week events, on-campus food options and hours, accessibility, Downtown Events and Engagement survey results, and a project update about the downtown campus lounge space. I will provide an update next board meeting about any specifics or actionable items that come out of this meeting.