

OCTOBER 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORT

President, Eloghosa Avenbuan

GENERAL UPDATES

- **President Council Meeting**
This month, we had our first society president council meeting, this was a great way for society presidents to meet and share their goals/events for the year. We also went over the society policy/rubric and answered any questions society presidents may have. The next meeting will be scheduled sometime soon.
- **NAP Tabling**
I tabled twice this month at the Ridgeback Hockey game, with the VP Student Life (on October 3) and VP Affairs (on October 17). The main goal of tabling at the hockey games was to raise awareness for the new Nutrition Access Program (NAP). Due to the limited engagement we experienced at the games, I have been working with the VP Student and our marketing team trying to find ideas to communicate this service better to student and external parties.
- **Clubs and Society training Hiring a Web Developer**
On September 3, we had our clubs and society training. In this training certain departments from the university were present, including the university risk department, to provide students with high level information to make their events successful. Huge shout out to the clubs and society department for putting this event together. Following the event, myself, and several OTSU staff met with certain university officials present at the clubs and societies training event to have a debrief.
- **Sight Loss: Accessibility and Inclusion at Work**
On October 14, I attended a workshop called Accessibility and Inclusion at work, learning more information about World Sight Day, and expanding my knowledge on ways we can be more inclusive in the workplace.
- **Midnight Miles**
Our VP Affairs Anwoy Barua, has started a campaign called midnight miles, a program that provides students with discount Lyft rides during final exam season. So far, I assisted Anwoy with establishing a budget and we met with external partners such as Lyft business to gather more information on the logistics of this program to see how it can be incorporated at the OTSU. We plan to launch this service in December.
- **OUSA GA Preparation**
In preparation for OUSA for the OUSA General Assembly, I organized a 1 hour training session, equipping my delegates with all the knowledge they would need going into the conference. I also worked on sorting out the logistics, including car rentals and hotel booking, ahead of the event. Additionally, I familiarized myself with the policy papers to be brought forward at the GA, in preparation for October 23.
- **Fall Convocation**
I had the privilege of being a part of the platform party for the October 16 fall convocation. It was great representing

the OTSU while celebrating with students on their special day. I also spent some time tabling, with the VP Downtown, to hand out composites to graduates after the ceremony.

- **Sexual Violence Advisory Committee Fall Convocation**

I am a member of the sexual violence advisory committee and we had our first meeting in the end of september. This was a chance for all the committee members to introduce themselves, and I also got to learn more about the different services and supports each department provides to students who were survivors of sexual violence. The committee will reconvene within the coming months, and when we do more updates will follow.

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- **Election Committee**

The election committee met to review proposed dates for the 2026 general and society elections. We also discussed the addition of a new position (chief returning officer). All of which will be discussed in greater detail in this meeting.

- **Awards Selection Committee**

The awards selection committee met and determined the criteria for the first award called academic excellence award. We also met this month to select the four winners of this award.

- **Policy committee**

The Policy committee meet this month to go over the students large applications, and to review the recommended bylaw changes ahead of the AGM.

Vice-President of Student Life, Tuirani Kerfelec

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- **Trent Student Association Collaboration**
I have been in contact with the Vice-President, Campus Life, to explore the possibility of collaborating on upcoming events. After speaking with many students from the downtown campus, it is clear that there is a strong interest in hosting larger-scale events there. If this collaboration moves forward, it has the potential to significantly increase student engagement and strengthen connections between students and the broader university community.
- **Creator4change x OTSU**
In collaboration with our Vice-President, Downtown, we met with Arkyn Cornell, the student lead of The Studio. For more details, please refer to the Vice-President, Downtown report.
- **Homecoming Event Assessment**
This year, the Alumni Office brought back the Homecoming event, which took place on September 20th. The office sought feedback from various university stakeholders to evaluate the event's success and identify areas for improvement.
- **President's Council Meeting**
We hosted our first President's Council Meeting, which had a strong turnout. The discussion covered several key topics, including general questions about Rubric, updates to policies and procedures, and the introduction of an equity position within societies. Some presidents expressed interest in implementing this new position, and further research is being conducted to assess the potential benefits of integrating it into their organizational structures.
- **Health & Dental Plan Inquiry**
As the health and dental plan opt-out deadline was on September 30th, many students reached out with questions and concerns. Most inquiries were related to the plan's coverage details, eligibility requirements, and the steps to successfully opt out or submit proof of alternate coverage. The high volume of questions during this period highlighted the importance of improving communication and providing clearer resources for students ahead of future deadlines.
- **Clubs and Society Executive Training**
On October 3rd, we have hosted our Clubs and Society Executive Training, the session was well-received and provided valuable clarity on administrative processes and available supports. This initiative marks an important step toward strengthening collaboration, improving transparency, and empowering student leaders to manage their organizations more effectively.
- **Women In Clubs Ratification**
This year, we received a significant number of applications from Women in Clubs seeking ratification, representing 13% of our total club ratification capacity. Following discussions with faculty members, we have decided to merge Women in Clubs so that they reflect and represent each faculty.
- **Food Insecurity Survey**
In alignment with the recent approval of the Nutrition Access Program (NAP), I have finalized the program's survey, which was submitted to the Research Ethics Board and successfully approved. The survey is now live on the website.

and ready to collect data on students' needs and experiences related to food insecurity on campus.

- **NAP Fundraising during Athletics Games**

We held our first fundraising event on October 3rd, which unfortunately did not achieve the expected results. As a result, we have begun re-strategizing our approach to improve future fundraising initiatives. I am currently in communication with the Athletics Department to explore ways to enhance collaboration and strengthen event execution. Additionally, I am working closely with our Marketing team to refine our promotional strategies and increase visibility for upcoming events.

- **NAP Marketing Strategies and Campaigning**

With the Town Hall and Annual General Meeting (AGM) approaching, I have been working closely with the Marketing team to strengthen both the online and in-person presence of the Nutrition Access Program (NAP). Our goal is to ensure that as many students as possible are aware of the program, its purpose, and the resources available through it.

- **University x NAP**

We met with Steve Thickett and other key stakeholders to review the data the university has been collecting on food insecurity. The findings revealed that approximately 30% of students experience some level of food insecurity. This valuable data reinforces the importance of the Nutrition Access Program (NAP) and demonstrates that our students will significantly benefit from its initiatives.

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- **Clubs and Society Committee**

I had one-on-one meetings with a few members who wanted more context about the policy and procedure changes that took place over the summer.

- **OTSU x OTU Advisory Committee**

No comment

Vice - President Student Affairs, Anwoy Barua

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- **Focusing on New Initiatives**

This month, I continued focusing on new student-centered initiatives such as “Founders 40” and “Midnight Miles.” These projects aim to improve student engagement, safety, and campus experience while exploring innovative ways to generate revenue for the OTSU and strengthen our advocacy efforts.

- **Midnight Miles – Late-Night Rides Pilot**

The president and I met with Alex Courgi (a representative from Lyft) to discuss how we could implement this new idea, which will provide students with affordable and safe late-night transportation options. The Midnight Miles initiative aligns with President Steven Murphy’s “sticky campus” goal by encouraging students to remain on campus for late-night study sessions and events without worrying about transportation home. The program will operate as a pilot project in partnership with Lyft, offering students \$10 off rides between 8 PM and 2 AM for two weeks, funded by a \$2,000 budget. It will run on a first-come, first-served basis with approximately 100 rides per week. This project is a major step toward advocating for student safety and enhancing accessibility for evening commuters.

- **Founders 40 – Early Stage Development**

Founders 40 is a new idea still in the early planning stages, designed to generate sustainable revenue for the OTSU while strengthening alumni and community connections. This project aims to celebrate and engage forty key partners or donors who contribute to the growth and longevity of the Student Union. I presented this idea to President Steven Murphy as a potential legacy project that I plan to develop and leave behind during my term. The goal is to create a long-term, positive impact that benefits both current and future students while reinforcing OTSU’s commitment to sustainability and growth.

- **Student Success Committee**

I attended a Student Success Committee meeting where we focused on improving student retention and faculty engagement. Discussions included developing strategies for early check-ins, interactive teaching approaches, and better communication between professors and students to strengthen the sense of belonging on campus. I attended a Student Success Committee meeting where we focused on improving student retention and faculty engagement. Discussions included developing strategies for early check-ins, interactive teaching approaches, and better communication between professors and students to strengthen the sense of belonging on campus.

- **AGM Preparation and Student Concerns**

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), I have been reviewing feedback and addressing student concerns that have been raised throughout the term. Many students have reached out regarding issues and I am actively working to ensure these are communicated to the Board and integrated into our advocacy efforts. It is important that we remain transparent and proactive in addressing student feedback as part of the VP Student Affairs portfolio.

- **OUSA Preparation**

With the OUSA General Assembly approaching, I have been reviewing OTSU’s involvement and preparing for our contributions. I examined the previous Ancillary Fee Paper from 2022 to assess what has changed since then and to identify new advocacy priorities around student affordability, fee transparency, and institutional accountability. I also completed the delegate form and worked with the executive team to ensure our advocacy aligns with current student challenges.

Additionally, I have been actively working on advocacy related to Bill 33. I collaborated with the marketing team to create a link for students to voice their opinions on how this bill could impact their post-secondary experience. I also authored an article on Bill 33, which will soon be available on the OTSU website, providing students with a clear summary of the bill, its implications, and why it is important for them to get involved.

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- **Student-at-Large Advocacy Committee (SAAC)**
All positions for SAAC have now been filled. The committee will begin its work focusing on student advocacy priorities, including campus safety initiatives, academic accessibility, and upcoming advocacy campaigns.

Vice President Downtown, Kailey Haskell

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- **Downtown Gala Planning**

I have had multiple meetings throughout October to work on formative planning for the downtown campus gala event. We have pushed this event back from December to January 16th (January 24th as an alternate/backup date) primarily for logistical reasons, as the university and OTSU will be closed during our originally proposed date. We have been having some difficulties finding vendors who meet the insurance qualifications for an on-campus event, and are now collaborating with the downtown faculty and support staff to share ideas and potential contacts. I should have a more in-depth update for next month, as the event risk assessment will be submitted by then.

- **Downtown Lounge Project Update**

The furniture was ordered for the lounge and we are now in the process of updating the project budget and starting to order the other items (game system, board games, etc). The lounge space should be fully set up by the end of the semester. Once it is in place, we will be doing casual events in the lounge to increase student engagement downtown.

- **Campus Farm visit**

I went to the campus farm to learn more about the university's current sustainability initiatives as well as to take inventory of available furniture and accent items for the downtown lounge, including shelves, coffee tables, etc. I was able to secure a shelf for item storage, which I will be decorating and labeling according to what is stored in each shelf.

- **Social Media Content Planning**

I am currently working on the first Downtown Deets video after recently receiving the recording equipment I needed. I will be recording and posting this video on October 21st, in order to promote the upcoming OTSU events, and hope that this will increase downtown student engagement at the Townhalls, "Falloween" events, and the AGM. Myself and the VP Student Life are also planning to post something like an "OTSU girlies series" where we go to various local businesses and restaurants to promote them to students, and we may invite students to come with us and be in the videos as well. I'm hoping that this can transition into having semi-regular casual events at local establishments and on campus for students to engage directly with the executives in a non-formal setting, which will likely start next semester once the downtown lounge is set up fully.

- **Tabling at Convocation**

Alongside the President, I tabled at the downtown convocation event on October 16th. During this event, we engaged with many students and gave out graduate composite photos, and through discussions with graduates and their families increased knowledge of our service for grad photos.

- **Downtown Campus Advocacy - On-Campus Food**

Since the original placement of the live ramen vending machine at Charles Hall, I have personally ensured that it was in working order and reached out to the university to arrange maintenance when it was not working. I have further advocated for additional vending machines to be implemented, and the university staff let me know that they are planning to add three additional vending machines throughout this academic year.

- OTSU Podcast Planning with the Creators4Change Studio**
 Earlier this month, Tui'rani, the VP Student Life, and I met with the student manager of the Creators4Change podcast studio at Charles Hall. We discussed the concept of an OTSU podcast, with myself and the VP Student Life as the main speakers. We are now working on a plan for content, and are aiming to have a bi-weekly podcast starting in the winter semester. The podcast name might be "OTSU and You" but we will confirm by the end of semester.
- Outreach to Downtown Oshawa community** I have reached out to a few downtown Oshawa community members and businesses, including Kop's Records, who is now offering a student study space within the record shop. I have also reached out to the Community Livingroom Art Studio about their new in-person space downtown about potentially having student-specific drop in art times. I will update you all as I become informed about this initiative.
- ALMA Resident Tour**
 In the beginning of October, I did a tour of the unofficial student residence building that is located behind Charles Hall. During this tour we discussed collaborating for promotion and events, and they expressed interest in tabling at Frost Week in January. I will be attending some of their upcoming events to engage with students and bringing promotional material for downtown events including the Humanities Society gala, the end of year celebration, and frost week.

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- Downtown Campus Advisory Committee Update**
 Over the past few weeks, I have reached out to the committee members who were approved at the September board meeting. Unfortunately I have not received responses from all of the originally approved members, so I will be amending my committee members and hiring up to one additional student for this committee.
- Downtown Campus Engagement Committee Update**
 On Friday, October 10th, I met with the Downtown Campus Engagement Committee for the second time. During this meeting, we primarily discussed how to address the lack of bookable/quiet study spaces at the downtown campus, and resolved that we will form a smaller group to come up with a multi-year plan to share with the university, which will include recommendations such as: better advertising for current study spaces, moving from three separate booking systems to one universal booking system, allocating one of the third-floor cubical spaces as a bookable and/or quiet study space with the goal of eventually having walls built up around it, and having some drop-in or bookable times available for students to study in the Teaching and Learning Centre located on the second floor of Charles Hall.