

# President, Eloghosa Avenbuan

### **GENERAL UPDATES**

### OUSA General Assembly

Between October 23 - 26. The VPs and I attended the OUSA Fall General Assembly. Alongside other member institutions we spent 4 days reviewing and making amendments to three OUSA policy papers; Mature Students, Indigenous Students, Accountability and Systems Vision. Additionally, this experience enabled us to network with other institutions while learning more about OUSA and the policy writing process.

# Academic Excellence Award Update

The award selection committee met and determined the 4 recipients for the Academic Excellence Award. I have contacted the recipients and together we are working with the finance team to get the awards processed and dispersed to the students awardees.

## Midnight Miles x Lyft

I, along with the VP Student Affairs met a representative from lyft business to determine logistics for the Midnight Miles project taking place in December. Additionally we have been working with the marketing team to determine the best plan of action for distributing the Lyft passes for students.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### Awards Selection Committee

The award selection committee met and determined the recipients for the Academic Excellence Award.

Additionally we will be meeting this week to determine the selection criteria for our next installment of awards.

# Vice-President of Student Life, Tuirani Kerfelec

### **GENERAL UPDATES**

### • Nutrition Access Program Ancillary Fee Form

Although the Nutrition Access Program (NAP) was not presented to students at the Annual General Assembly, the executive director, Brian, the President, Eloghosa, and I made the executive decision to proceed with submitting the Ancillary Fee Form to the Ancillary Fee Committee. The proposal has now been submitted, and we are currently awaiting the committee's decision.

### Lead & Link

I am currently exploring the options to host a networking and knowledge-sharing event for the clubs and society executives at the end of the academic year. The goal of this event is to create a collaborative space where student leaders can exchange experiences, discuss best practices, and highlight challenges. This initiative aims to foster stronger connections across clubs and build a supportive network that enhances student leadership development and continuity year over year.

### AGM x Townhall

I prepared and delivered the presentations for both the AGM Executive Report and the Nutrition Access Program, and the town hall. Following the AGM, I dedicated time to connect with students to gather feedback on my work so far, listen to concerts, and understand areas where they would like to see further support or improvements. This feedback will help quide my upcoming initiatives and ensure that my work continues to align with students' needs.

### OUSA General Meeting

I have attended the OUSA General Assembly for four days, where we conducted in-depth policy reviews focused on Mature Students, Indigenous Students, and Accountability & System Vision. This experience provided valuable insight into government lobbying, policy development, and effective student advocacy. Participating in these sessions strengthened my understanding of how to better represent and advocate for Ontario Tech students at a provincial level.

## • President's Council Meeting

I am currently planning to meet with all of the Societies' Presidents to check in on their progress and provide support where needed. As gala planning should now be underway, these check-ins will ensure that each society is on track, has the necessary resources and feels supported throughout the planning process.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### Clubs and Society Committee

I am currently organising our next meeting.

#### OTSU x OTU

The future meeting was scheduled on December 3rd.

# Vice-President of Student Affairs, Anwoy Barua

#### **GENERAL UPDATES**

### Town Hall

We held a student town hall. Students shared concerns related to campus services and student life. This feedback should help us quide upcoming advocacy work..

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Executive reports were presented during the AGM. Students reacted positively to the progress made so far. We received input on areas to improve transparency.

## OUSA General Assembly

I attended the OUSA General Assembly with our delegate team. Since we are a smaller institution with fewer delegates, we focused on learning the structure of policy development and understanding how other schools collaborate to work on and organise advocacy efforts. This was our first GA as delegates and provided strong foundational insight for the future general assembly, where the president and I will be co-authoring our paper on Ancillary Fees.

## • Midnight Miles Pilot Finalisation

Met with Lyft alongside the president, Mayooran, and Aaron (Web Developer) to finalise the pilot rollout, and the program is now ready to launch during the final exam period.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

# • Student Success Committee

The committee discussed a new badge-based academic support model that may be added in Canvas. The goal is to make skill-building easier to track across courses. We also reviewed ways to connect these badges to LEAP usage to help increase student retention after Reading Week. One option being explored is allowing instructors to offer a small course bonus for completing support activities, though the percentage is still being considered and not confirmed. The committee is also reviewing the Nexthub Al literacy framework to help align expectations between students and faculty regarding appropriate use of generative Al in coursework.

# Vice President Downtown, Kailey Haskell

#### **GENERAL UPDATES**

### • Downtown Gala Planning

We have secured one vendor for the downtown gala, which is the food caterer. We decided to work with a local charitable organization, The Refuge, to provide catering for this event. The Refuge provides support to youth who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, helping them to secure housing and offering opportunities for professional development, such as through catering events. For catering, the food is prepared and served by youth working with The Refuge, which gives them an opportunity to learn tangible skills. This aligns with the "humanities" side of social science and humanities, allowing us to support and give back to our local community while also fulfilling a requirement for our event. We have also reached out to TrueDan Bubble Tea and Balloons Balloons Balloons, and are in talks with a photobooth company that was recommended by the OTSU's Wellness & Support Services Coordinator.

# • Downtown Lounge Project Update

I am currently working on updating the lounge project budget and will be submitting this and beginning to order items in the next week or so. .

#### Social Media Content

I filmed a social media post to promote the updated Downtown Resource Guide with our Digital Media & Communications Coordinator, which is now posted on both my VP Downtown instagram page and the OTSU account.

### OUSA Fall General Assembly

Alongside the executive team and FSSH Board Director, I attended OUSA's General Assembly conference. During this conference, I contributed to papers on the subjects of: mature students, Indigenous students, and Accountability & System Vision. Most notably, I was able to make suggestions for the section on remote/secondary ("satellite") campuses and changes to language included in the Indigenous students policy paper.

# **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### • Downtown Campus Advisory Committee Update

The DCAC will be having a casual introduction meeting on November 17th, in person at Charles Hall. During this meeting, we will get to know each other and talk about potential areas of interest for advocacy and advisory for the OTSU about downtown campus challenges and opportunities.

# Downtown Campus Engagement Committee Update

No update to share.