

DECEMBER 2025 EXECUTIVE REPORT

President, Eloghosa Avenbuan

GENERAL UPDATES

- **OUSA Student Advocacy Conference**
Between November 23rd - November 27th, the VP Affairs and I attended the OUSA Student Advocacy Conference in Downtown Toronto. We were able to meet with multiple MPPs and Ministers to advocate for the post-secondary sector, calling upon various recommendations established by OUSA.
- **OTU Ancillary Fee Committee**
On November 18, I attended the Ancillary committee meeting, along with my VP Affairs. In this meeting, we reviewed and approved various ancillary fee proposals brought forth by multiple departments, one of which was the nutrition access program fee.
- **Midnight Miles x Lyft**
First drop of midnight miles happened on November 26, and I am pleased to announce that 68 students have signed up for the program so far.
- **Hiring Administrative and Governance Officer**
I assisted our HR Generalist and Executive Director with the hiring of our new Administrative and Governance Officer position. We conducted 2 interviews, and have chosen Katie Lapp. Katie was a recent senior administrator for a local company and has experience in sales and customer service. We are excited to have her join the team!
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony**
On November 11th, my VP Student Life and I got to represent OTSU at the Remembrance Ceremony that was organized by OTU and DC. It was an amazing honour to celebrate this special day, and a huge thank you to all the stakeholders who made it possible.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Policy Committee**
The policy committee met this month to appoint the second student-at-large candidate. Additionally, we finalized the terms of reference for the policy. Both items will be talked about in greater detail during this meeting.

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Vice-President of Student Life, Tuirani Kerfelec

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- **President's Council Meeting**

Finding a time for the President's Council to meet with all the societies has been very challenging as we approach the end of the semester and final exam season. As a result, we've decided to schedule the full council meeting for the start of the next term. In the meantime, we will continue communicating by email to ensure all societies remain updated and any urgent matters can still be addressed promptly.

- **Health Plan Fair**

I participated in the Health Plan Fair to promote the Nutrition Access Program. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness and discuss the program's future, including the food hampers and grocery gift cards that many students were eager to learn about. I also connected with healthcare professionals who offer affordable services for students, and we will be following up to explore possible collaborations. In addition, I met with Alumna representatives, and we took some time to debrief about student inquiries regarding potential changes to the coverage.

- **NAP Inquiries**

Some master's students have expressed interest in contributing to the Nutrition Access Program. I met with them to answer their questions and discuss the program in detail. I have taken their feedback and suggestions into consideration, and they have also asked about the different ways they can actively support and contribute to the initiative.

- **NAP Volunteer Protocol**

I have created a protocol for the Nutrition Access Program for volunteers to follow when assisting with the Breakfast Table and Snack & Go. These volunteers are part of the OTSU Volunteer Program, and the protocol ensures that everyone supporting the initiative follows consistent, clear, and efficient procedures.

- **Brilliant Catalyst Innovation Fund Jury**

I had the honour of serving as a jury member on November 26th. It was wonderful to connect with so many club executives and learn about their ambitious projects. I also had the opportunity to connect with the Brilliant Catalyst staff, which was a great addition to the experience.

- **Lead & Link Planning**

I am still researching venue and catering options to host this event. After discussing with our staff member, we are considering merging this event with the Clubs Award Ceremony to streamline planning and enhance attendance. We are looking to host the event toward the beginning of April.

- **Equity Position in Society Research**

I met with MSU's President to discuss the VP Equity position within their societies. Through our conversation, I learned that this role focuses on supporting members' mental health and wellness, while also fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students in the community. I am continuing to reach out to other student unions to further my research and explore the potential of integrating a similar position within our own societies.

- **Improving Rubric Navigation**

With the Community & Marketing team, we are also working on improving the accessibility of the Rubric. After the AGM, students expressed to me the difficulties they were encountering with the Rubric. Although our Member

Engagement Coordinator is always available to support students, we decided to upload a Rubric Guide to our website to ensure students can access clear and helpful instructions at any time.

- **OTSU x Library Meeting**

The President, the Vice-President of Student Affairs, and I met with the Library team to discuss our recent projects and upcoming initiatives. This semester, we collaborated to host a study break event at the Library, which received positive feedback from students. Building on this success, we are planning to host similar wellness-focused study break events during the next midterm and final exam periods.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Clubs and Society Committee**

Finding a time for the committee to meet has been very challenging as we approach the end of the semester and final exam season. As a result, we've decided to schedule our meeting for the start of the next term. However, we will continue communicating by email in the meantime to ensure everyone stays updated and any urgent matters can still be addressed.

- **OTSU x OTU Advisory Committee**

The committee planned to meet on December 3rd.

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Vice-President of Student Affairs, Anwoy Barua

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- **Library Leadership Meeting**

During the Library Leadership Meeting, I met the library leadership team for the first time and began building a collaborative relationship. We discussed several ways to enhance the student experience within the library, including improving study-space accessibility, expanding student-focused supports, and identifying opportunities to make the environment more welcoming and responsive to student needs. This conversation helped establish a strong foundation for future partnership as we continue working to elevate the academic and campus experience for Ontario Tech students.

- **Advocacy Week at Queens Park (OUSA)**

During Advocacy Week at Queen's Park, the President and I represented Ontario Tech in partnership with the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA). Over the week, we met with Premier Doug Ford and multiple Members of Provincial Parliament to advocate for stronger protections, funding, and support for post-secondary students across Ontario. These conversations centered on affordability, student wellbeing, and the long-term sustainability of the sector. This engagement reinforced our commitment to elevating student concerns at the provincial level and ensuring Ontario Tech students remain represented in key government discussions.

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Vice President Downtown, Kailey Haskell

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- **Downtown Gala Planning**

This event has been updated to the name “Ontario Tech Humanities Society Presents: Downtown Winter Prom. It has been officially approved by the university’s risk management department, and we have confirmed the Refuge for catering, as well as a photobooth service, with the help of the OTSU’s Wellness & Support Services Coordinator, Dianne Montecillo. We will have photographers at the event from the Media Pass club, as well as additional media coverage from work study students with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. Most recently, the OTHS President and I put together a list of items to order before the winter break, most of which are decorative. The event is scheduled from 6:30 to 10:30 pm on Friday, January 16th at Charles Hall. A special thanks goes out to the OTSU’s Events and Engagement team for helping with the planning of this event.

- **Downtown Lounge Project Update**

I updated the budget to include specific products, and the Executive Director put an order in for a TV stand with storage, the game table, which includes air hockey, ping pong, foosball, and pool. Some other things will be ordered before the winter break, including board games, craft and sensory items. The lounge chairs are being delivered the morning of December 4th, and I am meeting with staff from the Office of Campus Infrastructure to receive this and decide where to place it in the designated space. I have been facing some challenges with this project due to limited availability of electrical outlets downtown, as a second vending machine was placed where the lounge was intended to be located. Staff from the Office of Campus Infrastructure are currently helping me work to resolve this.

- **Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities - Faculty Council Meetings**

I attended the October and November faculty council meetings to update downtown faculty and support staff about my projects, as well as general OTSU events and initiatives. Through attending these meetings I have gained meaningful insight about downtown campus events, services, and support available for students.

- **OTHS Annual General Assembly**

I attended the Humanities Society’s AGM, where they shared their budget and plans for the 2025-26 academic year. This was a great opportunity to connect with downtown students and build relationships between myself and the executive team of the OTHS.

- **Downtown Campus Parking Update**

Students received an email notifying them about the new hourly parking being offered at Charles Hall, which I followed up with to ask some important questions that I was asked by many downtown students. This included: the hourly parking rate, availability of parking spaces for parking pass holders after 2:00 pm, and if additional parking passes are being sold for the winter semester. The answers to these questions were: \$5 an hour, the same as at North Campus, parking is always available for parking pass holders, but there will only be reserved spots until 2:00 pm, and there will likely be limited winter semester parking passes available for the winter semester. Students have expressed valid concerns about this update, which I will be communicating to upper administration at the university.

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- **Downtown Campus Advisory Committee Update**

The DCAC had our first meeting on November 17th, where we discussed the purpose of the committee, reviewed the basics of Roberts Rules of Order, and discussed potential advocacy items for the rest of the 2025-26 academic year. We also reviewed the role and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair, and called for interest in the Vice Chair position, which only Gabrielle Dymock was interested in. The motion to appoint Gabrielle was passed with a unanimous vote.

- **Downtown Campus Engagement Committee Update**

No update to share.