

August 2026 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President of Downtown, Ryan Stoddart

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Connecting with Canva**
 - Over the last month I have connected with Canva on the possibility of making software available to students. They have been able to provide me with a pitch deck highlighting the monthly, quarterly and yearly active users. I have shared these findings with my team and the prices associated with the integration. The pricing and sso integration would require support from the university and other benefiting parties such as the alumni association, faculty(ies), and society(ies). Canva was chosen as it is a multifaceted design and editing tool that also owns Affinity (a graphic design and photo editing software) providing access to pro features on both platforms.
- **Multiple Meetings for Student Events and Initiatives**
 - Over the last month, I have partaken in 11 different meetings for projects that concern student engagement and inclusion including a meeting on food security, in-person intro meeting with university administration to discuss projects and concerns, meeting with external event holders that seek to support student engagement, meeting with FSSH public events committee to help program planning for academic year, meeting with canva regarding software integration, smaller meeting between creative club and resources aiming to engage downtown students, meeting with City of Oshawa and VP student life to access resources for student discounts, attending first executive committee meeting to share main projects, and an in person viewing of potential purchase for Downtown Lounge.
- **Downtown Lounge Arcade Cabinet**
 - As downtown vp, one of the projects in my portfolio is the maintenance and upgrade to our downtown lounge. I identified the school's IARP goal of creating a "Sticky Campus" and the lack of on-campus engagement opportunities (specifically in the realm of gaming) as an area that could easily be addressed. On Wednesday August 12th, VP Affairs and myself engaged in a viewing of a possible arcade system in Georgetown and since then I have been coordinating with OCIS to designate a space in which we may place the arcade machine.
- **Student Movie Outing Research**
 - Over the last week, I have been doing research into the ability to get tickets for 2 blockbuster movies coming out in December for which we can plan an outing to take students on the Friday prior to winter break. Possible ideas include bulk ticket purchasing and renting an auditorium for a private screening. More research will be conducted.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **First Executive Committee Meeting**
 - The Executive team and GM held our first committee meeting in which I shared my project findings and updates, while the team shared their own including legal coverage, advocacy wins, and event updates.
- **DSAC ToR Review + Interview**
 - I reviewed the DSAC terms of reference to identify any potential points of confusion and interviewed an additional candidate for the committee member position. This Candidate is third year Forensic Psychology student Hannah Traynor. She is the Digital Media Coordinator for the SSH Women's Collective and has a strong passion advocating for the downtown student experience.

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Vice-President of Student Affairs, Anwoy Barua

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- **Mock Lobby Training with OUSA**
I participated in a mock lobby training session run by OUSA, focused on practicing effective communication strategies for engaging with politicians and advocating for student priorities. Key takeaway: the importance of building genuine relationships with elected officials as a foundation for long-term, effective advocacy.
- **Attending the Ridge Barbeque**
I attended the Ridge Barbeque, hosted to celebrate the placement of the roof on the new Ridge building. This was an opportunity to connect with university senior leadership in an informal setting and continue building relationships that support student interests as the project progresses.
- **Meeting with 2200 North Team**
Met with the 2200 North team (Jordan and Tim) to discuss two initiatives: hosting Pints and Politics at the venue, and converting the space into a daytime study hall where students can access an additional, more relaxed study spot on campus. Discussions are ongoing to finalize logistics on both fronts.
- **Panelist at Student Affordability Town Hall for ONDP**
Served as a panelist at the Student Affordability Town Hall hosted by the ONDP, speaking to the affordability challenges facing Ontario Tech students, with particular attention to international students and barriers to proper nutrition and access to food more broadly across the student body.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Student Advocacy & Advisory Committee**
The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and finalized interview questions for upcoming candidate screening. Members also discussed parking advocacy, landing on a proposed pitch for a payment plan system that would give students more flexible options for covering parking costs.
- **Student Success Committee**
No updates at this time

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Vice President of Student Life, Shariq Abdul-Wahid

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Clubs and Societies Focus Group:**
Still currently in the works with Interim GM and executive team members, will be reported to the board once completed.
- **Conferences/Events:**
Attending the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS), a national conference for student union leaders, taking place August 14-17. The summit focuses on good governance practices, strengthening relationships between student unions, and collaborating with other unions on shared projects and initiatives, along with networking with student leaders from across the country, including alumni who have gone on to successful careers.
- **Faculty Society Hiring**
Managed the FESA (Faculty of Education Student Association) executive selection process, including interview guides and hiring correspondence. Currently helping hire for executive positions. Also assisted the Science Council (Faculty of Science) with hiring for executive positions.
- **Societies Week & O-Week Planning:**
Continuing to work with the society presidents on logistics for Societies Week (September 21-25), including confirmed day assignments, marketing materials, and location bookings for each society's event.
- **Projects:**
 - **Bidet Project:** Awaiting an update following the meeting with the Vice President of Administration.
 - **OTSU NetWorks Program:** Continued development of the career networking initiative with Career Centre and Alumni Association, including the Networking 101/102 series and an alumni mentorship layer.
 - **Student Discounts:** Progressed the 2026/2027 partnership renewal cycle. Connected with the City of Oshawa to engage local businesses across the city, spreading awareness of OTSU's student discount partnerships and working to develop new ones.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Committee Updates For This Period:** Completed hiring for the Clubs & Societies Committee. The Committee held its first official meeting this period, which included work on the revised Sanction Procedure, and reviewing the Terms of Reference of the Clubs and Societies Committee.

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President, Kailey Haskell

GENERAL UPDATES

- **OUSA Policy Paper Writing**

Myself and the Vice President of Student Affairs have attended a “think tank” and submitted our first edits to the Principal, Concern, and Recommendation sets for the LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit policy paper for OUSA.

- **CASA Committee Work**

I have met with all three of my committees and was elected to the position of Accessibility Officer for the EDI committee. I am supporting these committees in their work plans with research, building training materials, and additional tasks that will be determined in the coming months.

- **Operational Support**

To support the full-time staff and organizational operations, I have assisted with onboarding of our Interim General Manager, participated in interviews for the HR Generalist role, and attended contract bargaining days alongside full-time management staff.

- **Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)**

The executives will be attending the SUDS conference from August 14-17th, which includes workshops, speakers, and activities related to good governance practices, advocacy and governance relations, and different models of student unions across Canada. We will also have opportunities to ideate, network, and build connections with executives from across the country, as well as to meet previous student leaders who are now successful in their careers.

- **University Meetings**

Over the past month, I have met with our university liaison Director of Student Experience and Communities, Nathan Riley, and will soon be meeting with the Academic Council as the graduate student representative, and am consulting with the university on their Accessibility Day event as well.

- **Meetings with Political Candidates**

I have successfully scheduled meetings with six municipal candidates and the MP for Whitby, Ryan Turnbull. This is in addition to the two meetings that have been held earlier this summer, and I will keep the Board updated about further meetings.

- **Pints and Politics Planning**

The Vice President of Student Affairs and I have started to plan for Pints and Politics, working collaboratively with the OTSU's Event Coordinator. The date of this event will be October 9th, and we are confirming a venue and event

details in the upcoming weeks. This event will include time for students to network with municipal election candidates and round table/panel discussions facilitated by the executives.

- **Meetings with Political Candidates**

I have reached out to both MPs for Oshawa to set up an introductory meeting, as well as the candidates for Oshawa's municipal election for Wards 2 and 4, who we will be inviting to speak to students at Pints and Politics.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **HR Committee**

No updates to share.

- **Finance Committee**

No updates to share.

- **Policy Committee**

Two students have been selected to join this committee, pending approval from the Board of Directors.

- **Awards Selection Committee**

One student has been selected to join this committee, pending approval from the Board of Directors.

- **Elections Committee**

The job posting for students to join this committee is now on the OTSU website, with one applicant received so far.