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Executive Report August 2019



Summary

The month of August was a blur in all honesty, but it was definitely one of the most exciting months with all the program planning we had underway for end August and beginning September. We conducted two orientations, one for MAM students and the other for our incoming first-year students. The Campus is buzzing with students and I cannot wait for them to get involved with our wonderful campaigns, events and services planned for this year!

Ontario General Meeting

Ontario General Meeting took Place from August 15th-18th. Miguel Cabral, VP UA, and I attended on behalf of local 109 and discussed many motions relating to student union autonomy

and the federal elections. It was a wonderful time to reconnect with other member locals and review their plans for upcoming fall and winter semester.

MAM Orientation Week

Mississauga Academy of Medicine had its Orientation during the weekend of 23rd August where Kelly Dong, Division 4 Board Member, and I spoke to over a 100 newly admitted medical students. Kelly was a huge support and helped me communicate the amazing services, events and campaigns UTMSU has. Students were very responsive and active during the interactions which made the afternoon a successful one.

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19')

After an entire summer of tireless work and planning, Kingdom'19 finally came to life at the end of August. It was great to see the campus booming again with new faces and vivacious energy. Kingdom'19 broke all records in terms of sales selling more than 1200 tickets this year! This year our programming consisted of not only of our traditional events like Boat Cruise, Foam Party and Parade but also new events such as the Carnival Day, Magic Show and Rec Room. To add an icing to the cake, we brought in Sean Paul to perform a surprise concert for our first years! Our alternative events such as an Escape Room designed by our Orientation Committee and the Paint Night were received by an overwhelming number of students attending them and raving about them. With the support from our orientation coordinator, orientation committee, leaders and volunteers, Kindgom'19 was a huge success and paved the way for a great 2019-2020 year.

Welcome Back Week and Block Party

Still tired from the orientation week, the bustling energy from our recognized clubs and academic societies got me excited for the Welcome Back Week Tabling and Events. This weeklong festival lasted for 4 days, with the last day being cut short due to bad weather. It was great to see so many students engaging and participating with clubs and societies. Our sponsors also set out games for students to play and socialize with one another. UTMSU also began actively recruiting new volunteers to join our team and we got over 500 sign ups! Our Federal Election Campaign, Time to Be Bold, also kicked off with students engaging in healthy discussions and learning about the different platforms. We the Students Petition also continues to get new students supporting it, The four days were followed by a Block Party where games, inflatables, food and music for students to vibe to. Overall the week was a great one to drive away the blues of school starting again.

Sara Malhotra

Vice-President Internal

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The month of August and beginning September have been busier than usual. Kingdom'19 was a huge success and it's been so rewarding to have had the chance to personally interact with so many new faces. With fall semester starting and me going into my final year, my time management skills are going to be put to a test as to how I can balance school with work! So here's hoping for the best.

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19'

Kingdom'19 finally approached us after 4 months of tireless planning and anticipating. It was absolutely grand with over 1200 students registering for Frosh this year. It brought back nostalgic memories from SUPER'16 when I was a froshie finding my roots at this wonderful campus and with it's people. The events this year went over and beyond my expectations despite certain setbacks. Conciliation for the finances are underway but I have a great hunch that we maintained our spending within the stipulated budget with major credits going to our orientation marketing team and sponsors.

Welcome Back Week

Welcome Back Week was a super with getting to know all the members of our recognized clubs and societies. We began outreaching to the returning and new students telling them all about our wonderful plans for the upcoming year. Several folks signed up for outreaching which was great to see. We will also start planning our Annual Volunteer Meet and Greet for the month of September which will be the starting point for building on to our volunteer team.

Kai Ng

Vice-President External

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The past two weeks has been exciting and exhausting for me and the team. Frosh and welcome-back week have exceeded our expectations. The feedback of the two events were very positive from the students, and this makes me feel honoured to be part of this amazing team.

The UTMSU Wechat team has also finished its Mandarin Orientation. Having a total first year students' attendance of 140+, I can call this a great success.

Although my academic responsibilities have stressed me up for the past week since I could not attend every lecture due to constant meetings with the Wechat team, I have started feeling back on track now. I now feel comfortable taking courses while fulfilling UTMSU duties.

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19')

The outcome of the Frosh week is reflected from the feedback of the students and Frosh leaders. A vast majority of the Froshies are very satisfied with our event. The Frosh leaders were amazed with the Orientation coordinator's logistical and crisis response skills. Every incident occurred during Frosh was handled swiftly and smoothly, which deserves my most sincere respect for the OC and the planning committee. The executive team also worked extremely hard to support the planning and the carrying out of the event, and this was told to us by the leaders with their appreciation to our works. In conclusion, the event was a great success and an unforgettable experience for me.

UTMSU WeChat Mandarin Orientation

The Mandarin Orientation hosted by the WeChat team was taken in place September 13th in the Blind Duck Pub. It was an orientation catered to all mandarin speakers, but we were glad to see a few non-Chinese and non-mandarin speakers participating in the event. The event was prepared for maximum 170 participants, the final attendance was around 140-150. We are more than satisfied with the attendance. The event included a series of performances, an UTMSU executive introduction, and a motivational speech by myself. The main purpose of this event was to introduce UTMSU and the WeChat team to first year students while spreading the awareness to the SCI movement. The message was carried out successfully as we got more than 30 new applications to join the WeChat team from first year students. The WeChat team will continue the work of providing support to Chinese students on campus, while making sure all students feel welcome to our event and understand the purpose of WeChat team.

Habon Ali

Vice-President Equity

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The past month has been energetic and electric! We have been successful in welcoming 1000+ students through our frosh programming Kingdom '19 and our welcome week - Sauga fest warmly welcomed back our 14000+ students to campus life. Thanks to our incredible orientation committee, leaders and volunteers Kingdom '19 ran smoothly and was a resounding success. As orientation and Kingdom come to an end, I am looking forward to connecting with students and relaying the amazing campaigns, services and events we provide. I am also looking forward to encouraging them to join us in this process by becoming actively engaged with their students' union.

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19')

Frosh 2019 was a smooth success. From start to finish the executives, orientation committee and leaders showed professionalism, enthusiasm and empathy. We welcomed over a thousand first year students to our campus. Over four months of planning resulted in such a smooth experience.

Queer Orientation

This year the UTMSU is collaborating with Out at UTM, the Women Gender and Equity Centre (WGEC), the Sexual Education Centre (SEC) and the Mental Health Round Table (MHRT) to host three events for queer orientation week. These events will be occurring the first and second week of October. Please keep an eye out on FB and Instagram and join us in experiencing Queer Orientation.

Welcome Week

We hosted Sauga Fest from September 9-13th. This week was so incredible as we had the chance to host our clubs and societies while engaging students on our campus.

Miguel Cabral

Vice-President University Affairs

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This month was by far one of the busiest for not just myself, but for everyone at the Union. Hype week leading into our Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19') was a big success smashing the record for ticket sales! Sauga Fest took place the following week after collaborating with clubs and societies for another successful week filled with excitement. I also met with the dean to The Multi-Faith centre was renovated bringing a new refreshing look to the space as well as the lobby document was finished up and is currently under review.

Hype Week

Hype Week went smoothly. I was on the ground most of the week running between buildings and outreaching. I worked in collaboration with administration to speak to both students and parents during orientation sessions speaking about what the student union is and how we are here to support students throughout their undergrad. I spoke about numerous topics including campaigns, services and events as well as of course Frosh Week!

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19')

Frosh week was filled with a good mix of work and fun. Feedback from students was very positive! I spent the entire week running around campus supporting the team where I could. I was either moving tables from one side of the campus to another, spraying students with paint or even hyping up students during the parade downtown. By far it was the heaviest workload I have faced during my time, but a beautiful experience nonetheless!

Meeting with the Dean

A couple other members and I of the UTMSU met with the dean Angela Lang and Loretta from the office of the registrar to discuss our priorities of the union and policies we would like to see implemented for this upcoming year. Policies such as self-assigned sick notes were discussed and we are currently waiting to receive data from the pilot project, which we should be here by the end of September

Multi-Faith

The multi-faith was refreshed and completed. The lobby document was also finished. The document is currently being reviewed and minor adjustments are being made before the final version is presented.

Richelle Nelson

Vice-President Campus Life

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Hello Folks, I hope you are all doing well. A lot has happened since my last executive report, there have been a whirlwind of events that I have had the pleasure to be apart of as well as lead.

UTMSU Frosh Orientation Week (Kingdom 19')

ORIENTATION HAS PASSED! Woohoo! We had an amazing event, SHOUT OUT TO MITRA AND THE ORIENTATION COMMITTEE AH AH! We broke a record by selling the most single frosh



tickets by hosting over 1,200 froshies! We also introduced new events as well as decking out recurring events to make Kingdom'19 go out in style. This event really showed the resilience of our team. With being down some people for the week. We really showed what this team is capable of when it seems like things may be going wrong.

We faced thunderstorms and schedule changes and had to rearrange most of frosh week DURING THE WEEK! But it worked out, and it turned out even more amazing than I expected, WE GOT FREAKING SEAN PAUL! The little caribbean kid in me cried. All in all the week was successful!

Welcome Week

After Frosh, welcome week ensued! It was 5 days of tabling and socializing, it was AMAZING, we had brunch on Tuesday, and I used that time to talk to students about why the UTMSU has free food opportunity and enlighten them about the realities of food insecurities. It was a great way for me to also bond with some club executives and find ways to support them during the year.

Block Party

On Monday September 16, we hosted a block party. We had a BBQ and carnival inflatables. This was a great way to end Sauga fest and keep the energy going on campus.