
Atif Abdullah

President

Executive Report September 2019



Summary

The month of September and early October has been busy with membership development and welcoming so many students back to campus. Our focus has been our ongoing projects that we promised during our elections and a huge focus on federal elections. It is so important to get students to go out and vote and make sure student voices are heard. Operationally we've been running smoothly with our new printing service, health and dental plan and creating our final budgets based on first semester opt out number. Oh, and not to forget, have you tried the new Shawarma Poutine at our pub, it'll definitely be your new favorite menu item.

Printing

We heard students loud and clear! Our printing service has seen a decline in quality and one of our priorities was to refresh and implement a new printing system. We have successfully worked with IT services to now allow students to not only print from their personal gadgets but also print from anywhere on campus (on UofT WIFI) and pick it up at the student centre. Out of funds? Just go online and top up using your personal account, it's as simple as that. Not to mention, we now have new printers, the best volume printers on the market are now in your student centre.

Volunteers

The UTMSU is nothing without our volunteers. They form the base of our work and it's important to build a strong base to make sure that more and more students have input into our work. We had about 500 people sign up to volunteer with the UTMSU, a record-breaking number. We had our volunteer meet and greet and we'll be holding many more exciting commissions to keep volunteers involved and hearing their feedback.

UPASS

Conversations are well underway with the City of Mississauga for the renewal of our UPASS contract. Our main goal is to lower the rate of increase annually and aim for an inflationary increase by the next contract in 3 years. Part of the conversation is also service improvement and a conversation around Presto implementation to create a system to better track data and transit usage, so we are able to create reports when lobbying for better transit provincially.

Federal Elections

Did you know millennials are the largest voting block this federal election? Which makes it all the more important to make sure we are out there talking to students about the importance of voting and why it is so important to have your ballot cast. We worked with Elections Canada to secure a polling station right here on campus which allowed all students to vote right here on campus, regardless of their riding. We saw over 3000 students come out and vote, a 38% increase from the previous federal elections. It's time to be bold at the polls and show our representatives why student voices matter!

Sara Malhotra

Vice-President Internal

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September has been an exciting month and definitely an energy booster for me seeing all our members return to campus with new and fresh energy. Prepping for the federal elections, building more volunteers into our volunteer team and hiring for new staff took up most of time. Closing orientation books and making sure all the commitments made to and by sponsors were met was surely a challenging task. We also planned a leaders and volunteer appreciation to thank all the orientation members for a very successful Frosh '19 Week. Upcoming months pose interesting challenges with balancing school and internship while making sure the amazing work at the UTMSU continues to go above and beyond!

UPASS Meeting

Discussions with MiWay have progressed to the contract stage where we are negotiating hard to move rate increases towards a stable inflationary increase. We are also working on analyzing heat maps and services provided by MiWay so as to provide students with the most accessible transit options. Also, we are working with the University to see what requirements and security

measures need to be met before we begin piloting the project to migrate UPASS onto a Presto system to make it more convenient for our commuters on campus.

Federal Elections

Young voters make up the largest voting block this election. Students have the power to vote on the basis of issues that matter to them such as climate justice, fairness for international students, indigenous rights and last but definitely not the least a free and accessible post-secondary education. UTM was fortunate enough to have an advanced polling station on our campus within the Student Centre. Along with staff and volunteers, we went door knocking for residents as well as conducted outreach for the days of the advanced polling. The lines at the advanced polling were always full and it was a treasure to converse with students on issues that mattered to them. Over 2000 students had voted by start of Tuesday which was a delight to hear! Fingers crossed the government that does end up taking office understands the importance of education and advocates and acts on behalf of student voices.

Volunteer Meet and Greet

Our volunteer meet and greet had many students, new and familiar faces, come out to learn about the amazing ways member voices can be heard on campus and how they can be involved with our events, services and campaigns. A large number of our attendees also took part in rotated discussions on our three pillars and provided feedback on what they want to see come out from each. Our commissions for each will also start in the upcoming month which will be interesting to see students raise concerns and work towards them in a united way. If you aren't involved yet, what are you waiting for?! Shoot us a message over our social media or send an email to volunteers@utmsu.ca and get involved.

Hiring

As folks may know, our executive director Munib Sajjad stepped down last board meeting as life presented with a wonderful and different opportunity. Munib has been part of the Student Movement for over 10 years and has been a source of support and inspiration. We wish him all the best for his future endeavors! Since then we conducted interviews for a new Executive director. Along with the hiring committee, the executives have hired a new Executive Director, Nour Alideeb. We are delighted to be working with Nour and are excited for the upcoming months.

Kai Ng

Vice-President External

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As the Federal Election is approaching soon, the UTMSU team has been working hard to make sure our students are informed about the election and are able to cast educated votes. The WeChat team has also finished its first retreat of the year. It allowed the team members of the WeChat team to get to know each other.

Federal Elections

As the election date which is October 21st is approaching, UTMSU has done multiple events to inform and to educate UTM students about the election. One of the events that I was in charge of was the residence door knocking door hanger day. The executive team and our staffs all came out on that day to knock on every single door of the UTM residences. We talked to students about the election on an issue-based manner, trying to make sure they are well-equipped for voting. Also, as we have an advance polling station at school, we make sure to send all available students to the station to cast their vote, the outcome was amazing. We had over 2000 students voted at the advance polling station, the result exceeded our expectation. In addition, we designed an election flyer door hanger to make sure students that did not answer the door were still able to know about the election via the flyer, we did not want to miss any student.

UTMSU WeChat Team

During the reading week, the WeChat team organized a retreat road trip to Algonquin Nation Park. Many first-year members including a few non-members from UTM came to our trip. We try not only to make sure all WeChat members felt welcome to UTMSU, and know about what UTMSU ideology is about, we also try to make the first year non-WeChat-



members to feel welcome to our trip. This is not only a trip for WeChat member, but also a message to all UTM students that the WeChat team is inclusive to everyone.

Chartwells Campaign

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Habon Ali

Vice-President Equity

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School is back in full swing and this past month has been exciting and full of incredible work with clubs on campus and external partners. We were excited to work closely with the Women Gender Equity Centre, the Mental Health Round Table, Out at UTM and the Sexual Education center to provide a queer orientation for students on campus. We mobilized students (undergrad and grad students) to attend the historic Global Climate Strike. We were able to partner with Link Mental Health to provide more accessible off-campus options for mental health options. We are continuing with our campaign promise to provide consent training to clubs and societies. Thanks to Zero Waste UTM and various vendors in our community, we also had the chance to host a zero-waste farmers market. I look forward to what the next month brings!

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

On September 20-27, 2019, we saw a record 7.6 million people globally take to the streets and strike for climate action. The biggest climate mobilization in history. UTM made history on September 27 when we joined the Toronto Global Climate Strike. Coalition members come from groups including Fridays for Future Toronto, Climate Justice Toronto, ClimateFast, No One is Illegal, Fight for \$15 & Fairness, Migrant Rights Network, Toronto 350, Rising Tides Toronto, Indigenous Climate Action, Greenpeace Canada, The Leap came together to demand Indigenous, Rights & Sovereignty, Defending Land, Water & Life, Zero Carbon economy, No Worker Left Behind, Universal Public Services & Infrastructures, Justice for Migrants & Refugees, and Futures for All.

Mental Health Awareness Week

On Mental Illness Awareness Day, we were proud to partner with LinkMentalHealth to provide affordable and diverse mental health options off-campus for individualized needs, with no wait times. We shared some information on our social media platforms and posters throughout campus. We look forward to continuing this partnership and including LinkMentalHealth in our Mental Health Awareness Week.

Clubs and Societies Training

We held Clubs and Societies Training on October 9 and 22. Alongside, Richelle, Kai, and Miguel, I was able to include a consent training within the larger presentation to our clubs and societies.

Farmers Market

We are holding a Farmers Markets in collaboration with Zero Waste UTM on October 23 and



24. The purpose of this market is to provide students with sustainable options for clothing, reusable products and produce. We are happy to be collaborating with Zero Waste UTM to bring amazing vendors to UTM.

Miguel Cabral

Vice-President University Affairs

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This month was a month of changes. The first big one happening with the weather. It is officially fall and needless to say it has gotten colder. That isn't the only change however, we brought in a new marketing coordinator, Nicola, to improve our marketing strategy at the UTMSU. The federal elections campaign also took a big emphasis this month as elections were on the 21st of October and I spent time outreaching on campus and door knocking at residence. The CFS court hearing took place downtown in the courthouse on October 11th. I as well as the president and the executive director attended. An important meeting took place in regards to Multi-faith spaces on campus: issues were brought up regarding these spaces to members of administration.

Meetings with the ASAC committee took place as well as elections for HSS are also underway. During the reading week I also took lead on the UTMSU X MESA camping trip bringing 55 students to Rockwood Conservation Area.

UTMSU X MESA Camping Trip

On October 12th and 13th I braced the cold and went to the UTMSU X MESA collaborative camping trip to Rockwood Conservation Area during the reading week. The first day was super cold, but it was a good opportunity to connect with great people, take advantage of nature and go canoeing (This time my canoe did not flip WOOHOO!!!) The campfire is where everyone spent their evening as it was the only source of heat, especially when the temperatures dropped to below minus two, which meant you had a great time connecting with everyone! The downsizing of attendees from over 100+ to only 55 made for a better experience overall.

SCI Court Hearing

The Canadian Federation of Students and York University's Student Choice Initiative challenge was heard in court on October 11th. I as well as the president and the executive director attended. After seven hours the challenge against looks like it will have a positive outcome! The final decision will be made within the next few weeks.

Marketing

The new marketing coordinator Nicola was hired at the UTMSU. I have met with her a few times and discussed marketing strategies that can be implemented to help promote UTMSU campaigns, services and events.

Multi-Faith Meeting

An important meeting took place on October tenth where myself along with the Muslim Students Association met with administration to speak about issues regarding the current state of multi-faith spaces. Using the information collected in the multi-faith lobby document to push for an improvement of the facilities currently available to students. A follow up to this meeting will be going out soon.

ASAC Meeting

Meetings with the ASAC committee continue to happen. The main topic of discussion is the dispersal of fees from the university. The process has been delayed, but I continue to work to get the funding to societies as soon as possible. Furthermore, elections for HSS are currently underway and the UTMSU has hired a Senior Returning Officer to run elections for this society.

Student Centre Cleanup

For the student centre cleanup let's just say it's about time! During the reading week. On October 16th and 17th myself and a couple of execs and a few other members of staff came in and cleaned up the student centre. The storage closet was by far the dirtiest spot, which most likely hasn't been thoroughly cleaned in years finally got organized! The green room, the exec room and storage room also were cleaned.

UTM Campus Council

I ran for a seat on the campus council and won! I look forward to keeping student's concerns at the forefront of the conversation.

Richelle Nelson

Vice-President Campus Life

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Hello Folks, I hope you are all doing well. Read on to see what the Campus Life Portfolio has been up to the last month!

Halloween

I have been working with clubs and societies as well as our Events associate to finalize and complete Halloween festivities that are taking place October 29th -31st. I hope to see you all there throughout the week!

Mental Health TownHall

In light of the events that have happened on our campus, I have been looped into working on initiative to provide better mental health supports for our members with our Academic rights coordinator Olson Crow. Having our first Mental Health town Hall on October 10th, where we collected input of changes students would like to see from the university.