

Executive Reports

October 2020

Mitra Yakubi

President



Executive Summary

Hellooo! Happy end of October. It's hard to believe that I'm already halfway through my term as President. It's been such a good experience so far I've been able to work on so many great initiatives with my team. This month I



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continued my work for the Mental Health Peer support Program, we trained all our volunteers and on-boarded them to the team. During this month we also released our Education for All campaign testimonials and are now planning a panel for the month of November.

Agenda

1. Mental Health Peer Support Program
2. Education for All Campaign
3. Sharing Series
4. Commissions
5. Ontario Executive Committee
6. VolunTEAM
7. Meetings Attended

Mental Health Peer Support Program

The Mental Health Peer Support Program development is fully underway. During this month we held two training sessions to prepare our volunteers for the peer support program. The sessions were well attended with over 50 attendees; the executives and part-time staff were all in attendance. The next step in the program is to launch the program and have students sign-up.

Education For All Campaign

The UTMSU is determined to continue the fight for free and accessible education which is why we launched our Education for All campaign. This campaign has 7 demands and its been very successful since launched with many student testimonials and over 400 emails sent to UofT administration demanding for better post-secondary education. This month we also released student testimonials as part of the campaign and next month we will hold a panel with guest speakers.

Sharing Series

The presidential team has taken a lead on the sharing series we began by sharing talent on our campus including artwork and dance videos. This time,



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we shared tips and tricks for studying during reading week which was made of a few clips from me and my team giving advice for studying. It was very well received by the student body as we received a lot of great feedback.

Commissions

This year we held our commissions three days back to back. The commissions were really successful as we had over 60 attendees in each session, we were able to initiate a lot of great conversations and get feedback related to what they wanted to see on campus.

Ontario Executive Committee (CFS)

As the UTMSU representative on the OEC I meet regularly with the local representatives from other unions and the CFS executives. This month we met to discuss the motions that were passed from the OGM to the OEC and we had the opportunity to ratify the candidates for the constituencies and commissions. I'm really excited to announce that I was elected to be the chair of the Women's Constituency group.

VolunTEAM

This month we had the opportunity to train our core volunteer group - VolunTEAM. With over 80+ volunteers, we have successfully started the program and arranged bi-weekly meetings for the team to get involved. The VolunTEAM volunteers will also hold their first event in the first week of November. The event is VolunTEAM Cafe - Games edition where we will facilitate multiple games in breakout rooms on the zoom call.

Meetings Attended

October/1 - Weekly ASAC meeting
October/1 - Campus Groups banking meeting
October/1 - Mitra x Mudassir x Grayce
October/1 - Stella's Place

October/1 - Seminar Series
October/2 - BOD Meeting #6
October/3 - VolunTEAM training
October/5 - Meeting w/Aya
October/5 - Presidential team meeting



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October/5 - PT staff meeting
October/6 - Check in w/vC's
October/6 - Ed4All Meeting
October/6 - Campus Council
October/7 - Check-in w/Adiba
October/7 - Online mentorship meeting w/cse
October/8 - Weekly ASAC meeting
October/8 - Mitra x Mudassir x Grayce
October/8 - Stella's Place
October/8 - Orientation Debrief
October/8 - Team Meeting
October/13 - Dress Rehearsal
October/13 - UTMSU Focus Group
October/14 - Peer Support Discussion
October/14 - QSS Meeting
October/14 - HCC x UTMSU discussion
October/14 - Mitra x Mary
October/15 -Pre-brief Training
October/15 - VolunTEAM training
October/15 - Stella's Place
October/15 - Team meeting
October/16 - Food Summit
October/17 - Peer Support Training 1
October/19 - Campaigns and advocacy meeting
October/19 - EARC meeting

October/20 - Check-in w/VC's
October/20 - student's life commission
October/21 - Check-in w/Adiba
October/21 - Services Commission Meeting
October/21 - Seminar series
October/22 - ASAC meeting
October/22 - Food advisory committee
October/22 - Mitra x mudassir x grayce
October/22 - Clubs Committee
October/22 - Campus Affairs
October/22 - Team meeting
October/23 - Policy and Procedure Committee
October/23 - Academic and Advocacy meeting
October/24 - Peer support training 2
October/24 - WEchat Training
October/26 - OEC meeting
October/26 - OEC meeting
October/26 - Prep meeting
October/27 - Check-in w/vc's
October/27 - OEC Meeting
October/27 - Black statue meeting w/ICCIT
October/27 - OEC meeting

Sincerely,

Mitra Yakubi

Mitra Yakubi (she/her)
President

Fahad Dayala

Vice President Internal



Executive Summary

Happy Fall everyone. It's difficult to believe that I am halfway through my term as Vice President Internal. I write this with great excitement about the initiatives I have worked on this past month, along with my team. We had our first set of Commissions Meetings, which resulted in valuable feedback from our student body at UTM.

We finalized our procedures for

our Fall By Elections, and started working on the Campus Groups Portal, to better support our student-run clubs and societies. The next big-thing is the Annual General Meeting, and we have started to prepare and plan for that. We hope to see you all out there.

Agenda

1. Commissions
2. Services
3. Fall Elections
4. Campus Groups Portal
5. Annual General Meeting
6. Meetings Attended

Commissions

October 19-21, we had our first set of Commission Meetings. These are a great way for students to give feedback, and bring fresh ideas on what they want to



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see their student union work on. This is also a great opportunity for us as executives to share the work we have done so far, understand the needs of the student body, and work accordingly. I chaired the Services Commission Meeting, where we discussed the current services we have at UTMSU, and some new services we are working on for this year, and the years to come. This meeting also resulted in some new ideas for us to work on regarding services, which the student body wants.

Services

UTMSU Services are a key part of student life at UTM. Based on the feedback received from the students at the Services Commission, my team has started working onto such options, and we are excited to bring some results soon. I am also working along with my associate to create a video of all the services we have at UTMSU, to better promote and reach out to students.

Fall Elections

This past month, we started our Fall Elections process. This year, elections are very different to a normal year. We are doing telephone voting, where students will get information on how to vote through their UToronto email inbox. The voting period is from October 28-30. Make sure you vote.

Campus Groups Portal

We have started working on the Campus Groups Portal which will make processes easier for our clubs and societies on campus. A working group has been created, and we are looking into different platforms and options open to us. I have been in conversations with different organizations, and have expressed our needs with the portal.

Annual General Meeting

It's almost November, and it's time for our Annual General Meeting to be held soon. The Annual General Meeting is a great opportunity for students to get involved in the major decision making processes of the organization. You can



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bring up initiatives that you would like to see the student union to work on. We would soon be releasing more information regarding the details of the meeting.

Meetings Attended

Oct 3 - VolunTEAM Training #1

Oct 5 - Check-in w/ Hamid

PT Staff Meeting

Oct 8 - Campus Groups Portal

Discussion

Orientation Debrief

Team Meeting

Oct 12 - Check-in w/ Hamid

Oct 14 - QSS Meeting

Oct 15 - Check-in w/ Mary

QSS Shuttle Bus Advisory

Team Meeting

Oct 17 - Peer Support Training

Oct 19 - Check-in w/ Hamid

Campaigns & Advocacy

Commission

EARC #4

Oct 20 - Student Life Commission

Oct 21 - Services Commission

Seminar Series

Oct 22 - Services Video

Brainstorming

QSS Shuttle Bus Advisory

Clubs Committee #4

Team Meeting

Oct 23 - Policy & Procedures

Committee

APUS AGM

Oct 26 - Check-in w/ Hamid

Prep Meeting

Oct 27 - Meeting w/ BetterImpact

Parking & Transportation

Advisory Meeting

Oct 28 - Meeting w/ Admin

Oct 29 - HR Meeting

Check-in w/ Mary

GTA Coalition

Bursary Committee Meeting

Team Meeting

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fahad Dayala', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Fahad Dayala (he/him)
Vice President Internal

Lily Pan

Vice President External



Agenda

1. WeChat Team Volunteer Application
2. UTM Food Service Campaign
3. Quality Service to Students (QSS) Council Meeting
4. UTMSU Commission Meeting
5. Meetings Attended

WeChat Team Volunteer Application

After a reviewing process and interviews, we are very excited to see some returning volunteers and welcome the new volunteers to join our UTMSU family. We have held our first official team meeting on October 11, as well as having a volunteer training on October 24. They have been given some updates about how the year will be looking like. This is also the first time we



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have had UTMSU101 and Anti Oppression training in mostly Mandarin. I hope this helps our volunteers better understand the union, especially what the union stands for.

UTM Food Services Campaign

As the Campus Food Service currently at a consulting stage, we have been collecting general members' opinions through social media and the commission meeting. Some of the data and ideas collected from last year is also reorganized. These has been and will continue to be delivered at the meeting with Kaizen, which is a third party hired by the UTM Hospitality and Rental Services office that is responsible for the consultation.

Quality Services to Students (QSS) Meetings

This month, at the QSS meeting, we have been provided with some updates about how the timeline for 2020-2021 will be looking like. I was also elected as the UTM student representative at the Council on Student Services (COSS). I am glad to be given the opportunity and I am looking forward to the first meeting that will be happening in November.

Besides, executives and some of our part-time staffs have been attending the QSS Advisory meetings, which gave us the chance to directly present some of the questions to various departments.

UTMSU Commission Meeting

The commission meetings were held during the week of October 19. I was able to gain so many inspirations from there. Especially from the Campaigns and Advocacy Commission. Both my associate and I was able to present some of the parking and food services related work to students and collect some feedbacks. Those feedback has been compiled and will be bringing forward either to the related departments directly or at their QSS meeting. Campaigning has been looking very different this year considering that in previous years we would be able to reach out to students and have conversations in person. This year, we have been receiving feedbacks mostly through social media and email. The commission is a great opportunity for us to have discussion with members.

Meetings Attended

October 3	VolunTeam Training
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October 5	Part-time Staff Meeting
October 6	External Associate Check-in WeChat Coordinator Check-in
October 7	WeChat volunteer Interview
October 8	WeChat volunteer Interview Communication Check-in with External department WeChat volunteer Interview Orientation Debrief Team Meeting
October 9	WeChat volunteer Interview WeChat volunteer Interview
October 11	WeChat Team Meeting
October 13	UTMSU Focus Group Meeting WeChat Coordinator Check-in
October 14	WeChat volunteer Interview QSS Meeting #1
October 15	VIP VP-Principal Virtual Town Hall QSS: shuttle bus advisory group Team Meeting
October 16	Virtual Forward Food Leadership Summit
October 17	Peer Support Training #1
October 19	Campaign and Advocacy Commission Meeting #1 EARC Meeting #4 Check-in with ED
October 20	Student Life Commission Meeting #1 External Associate Check-in WeChat Coordinator Check-in
October 21	Services Commission Meeting #1 Seminar Series: Discrimination in Healthcare
October 22	QSS: shuttle bus advisory group Team Meeting
October 24	Peer Support Training #2 WeChat Team Training
October 26	Lobby meeting prep
October 27	Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee
October 28	Meeting with Admins Divest Meeting with Guelph
October 29	GTA Coalition Team Meeting

Noha Farawi

Vice President Equity



Agenda

1. Commissions
2. Divest Now
3. Anti-Racism Training & Increase in Indigenous Content
4. Seminar Series
5. Trans Day of Remembrance
6. QSS Meetings
7. Bursaries
8. Meetings Attended



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Commissions

Lily, Anushka, and I chaired the campaigns and advocacy commission. We had more than 60 students come out! It went great. People were very engaged and interested in our initiatives. A lot of folks showed interest in the Divest Now campaign from my section of the commission.

Divest Now

We are going to start this campaign by meeting with folks from Guelph to discuss how they were able to divest from fossil fuels on their campus. After that, a working group will be created to initiate this campaign. The working group is open to anyone interested in the campaign.

Anti-Racism Training & Increase in Indigenous Content

Our next steps to having an Anti-Racism training implemented and also an increase in Indigenous content in classes will be scheduling meetings with individual departments to discuss it. Before we meet up with departments, we want to make sure that societies are also on board. That's why we will meet with societies first, and then ask them to join us in lobbying their respective department with this.

Seminar Series

Learning and Unlearning Sustainability: Seminar Series kicked off at the end of last month. We had a seminar with Riley Yesno on Promoting Indigenous Language. Later this month we had our second seminar with Professor Leanne De Souza on Discrimination in Health Care. Both seminars went great and were extremely educational. Our next seminar is happening on November 25th which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Speaker is yet to be finalized. Keep an eye out for it!



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Trans Day of Remembrance

I am on the Tri-Campus Trans Day of Remembrance planning committee. We meet weekly to discuss our plans and initiatives for November 20th.

QSS Meetings

QSS is the Quality Service to Students. I sat on the Shuttle Bus Advisory Group and also the HCC Advisory Group. Both groups were very educational, however, it seemed like no one was listening to our recommendations and comments, unfortunately.

Bursaries

The bursary committee will meet for the third time this year on October 29th to finalize all fall bursaries. We saw a huge increase in applications this fall.

Meetings Attended

- Weekly checkings with Lauren (Associate)
- Weekly checkings with Reagan (Racialized Students Coordinator)
- Weekly checkings with Sydney (Food Centre Coordinator)
- BI-weekly equity team meetings
- Weekly team meetings
- BI-weekly Checkings with Executive Director, Mary
- All Out September 30th planning meetings
- Trans Day of Remembrance planning committee
- Equity handbook planning meetings
- Seminar Series pre-briefs
- Meeting with Campus Groups Coordinator, Felipe
- Meeting with the Sustainability Office and Global Sustainable Foods
- QSS: Shuttle Bus Advisory Groups
- QSS: HCC Advisory Groups
- Peer Support Training
- APUS AGM
- Campaigns and Advocacy Commission
- Services Commission
- Student Life Commission
- Bursary Committee

Anushka Sokhi

Vice President University Affairs

A purple rectangular graphic with the text 'Education for All' in a large, white, stylized font with a black outline. Below the text is a white rectangular box containing the text 'Students demand support' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Education for All

Students demand support

Executive Summary

This month has been planning and campaigns heavy! The UTMSU team has met with our administration to discuss the demands of our Education for All Campaign. Additionally I have been working with my associate and our Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator to plan a dope Academic Advocacy Week!

Agenda

1. Academic Advocacy Campaign
2. Fairness For International Students Campaign
3. Societies
4. Commission Meetings
5. Meetings Attended

Academic Advocacy Campaign

The Know Your Academics Campaign is rolling steadily and along with our Academic Coordinator, I have been working on the Academic Advocacy Week and how the events for the same are going to look like! The week is planned



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for the second week of November with dope events planned about Academic Advocacy and tips for the school year! Campus Partners like IEC and Downtown Legal Services will be attending for folks to get to know more information about their rights at UTM!

Fairness For International Students Campaign

An additional campaign that my team and have been working on is the Fairness for International Students Campaign for the UTM campus, this campaign is a sister campaign to Education for All! Recently the UTMSU executive had the chance to meet with the members of the UTM Administration to discuss the demands of these campaign. We have also managed to circulate an emailer tool to our students and have had more than 300 students email our administration to see immediate change! We are also going to be having additional follow up meetings with our administration to keep demanding change and fighting for international students! We have also seen advocacy efforts provincially to fight for more international student rights!

Societies

This month, we hired a new Campus Group Coordinator, Felipe Nagata. I have had multiple meetings with him and my associate, Deepti to set up additional introductory meetings with Societies. This month has been pretty exciting for societies because I got the chance to work on really exciting initiatives and get the student body involved in things that they are interested in seeing on the UTM Campus! This month we also had our first ASAC Meeting to discuss society funding etc.

Commission Meetings

This month we also had our first set of commission meetings and had also 60 people in each one which was a great turnout! We got to hear a lot of great feedback from our membership as well as talk to them about our plans and campaigns, It was lovely to engage with our membership that way!

Meetings Attended

- Monthly UTMSU Office Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Team Meeting weekly on Thursday



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- QSS Meeting
- QSS Academic Advisory Meetings
- Education for All Campaign Lobby Meeting with UTM Administration
- Meeting with Michael
- ASAC Meeting #1
- Weekly Meeting with Deepti (Associate to VP UA)
- Meeting with Jihan – Biweekly (Academic Coordinator)
- International Student Advocacy Meeting with CFS and other SUs
- Meeting with the Office of the Registrar
- Meeting with Dean of Academics – Amrita
- Campus Group Portal Discussions
- Board Meeting #7
- Weekly ASAC Check-in with Felipe (Campus Group Coordinator) and Deepti (Associate to VP UA)
- Seminar Series
- UTMSU Commission Meetings – Services, Campaigns and Advocacy and Student Life.

Tarwah Afrah

Vice President Campus Life



Executive Summary

Hello folks! I hope you are doing well and surviving throughout the midterm season. October has been a month of heavy preparations for the Halloween season. Amid a pandemic it is important to find methods in which we can keep our members engaged from the safety of their own home. Campus Life is traditionally based on in person events, we have not faced times like this in recent UTMSU history, so it is challenging and fun maneuvering through this “new normal.” In the past month I have also had the opportunity to meet with different clubs to discuss collaborations. After the completion of Halloweek the shift is now toward having regular programming for our students to take part in, this type of programming will be under the “That’s My UTMSU: (Themed Event).” This series was started earlier in the term and will be rebooted in November.



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Agenda

1. Campus Groups
2. Halloweek
3. Student Life Commission
4. Meetings Attended

Campus Groups

This month was focused on finalizing the funding for campus groups 2020-2021, it was vital for us to speed this process up so folks are able to host events, as well as preparing for the fall semester, fall audits are now around the corner which require campus groups to send finance from september to november. We have also started searching for a portal that will be the main base for all things related to Campus Groups.

Halloweek

Halloweek is our annual spooky season events where we are able to celebrate with our members we had a wide array of events of both synchronous and asynchronous events to cater to our members

October 28, 2020

Fright Night - Halloween Movie Night

October 29, 2020

Ghouls Night-In - Escape Room

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

October 30, 2020

Costume Contest

Trick or Treat

UTM Student Centre

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (or until materials are gone)



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Student Life Commission

The Student Life Commission had over 60+, this space where students are able to voice what they want to see their union do. Amazing ideas were brought forth such as podcasts and networking events. The Student life commission allows for us to actively involve member in the work we do, at the UTMSU.

Meetings Attended

Health & Counselling Centre
Advisory Group-Tuesday, October 27
QSS Meeting Monday, October 26
Peer Support Training #2 Saturday, October 24
WeChat Team Training Saturday, October 24
QSS: Career Centre Advisory Group Friday, October 23
Team Meeting Thursday, October 22
Campus Life Check In Thursday, October 2
Clubs Committee 4 Thursday, October 22
QSS: Shuttle Bus Advisory Group Thursday, October 22
Seminar Series: Discrimination in Healthcare Wednesday, October 21
Services Commission Meeting #1 Wednesday, October 21
Health & Counselling Centre
Advisory Group Tuesday, October 20
Student Life Commission Meeting #1 Tuesday, October 20

Campaigns and Advocacy
Commission Meeting #1 Monday, October 19
Peer Support Training #1 Saturday, October 17
Skit Recording Friday, October 16
Team Meeting Thursday, October 15
Tarwah x Mary Thursday, October 15
QSS: Shuttle Bus Advisory Group Thursday, October 15
Halloween x VC x Campus Life Friday, October 9
Team Meeting Thursday, October 8
Orientation Debrief Thursday, October 8
Halloween Events Meeting Thursday, October 8
Campus Groups Portal Discussion Thursday, October 8
PT Staff Meeting Monday, October 5
VolunTEAM Training Saturday, October 3