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From the office of the...
Vice-President (Education)

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Maya Hobbs, Vice-President (Education)
SUBJECT: OUSA Welcome Conference
DATE: June 9th, 2024

Dear Members of the Assembly,

On May 27th and 28th, I attended the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) Welcome Conference in Toronto. This conference provided the opportunity to meet the rest of the members and learn more about OUSA and my role as a Steering Committee (SC) member representing the MSU. The report below outlines the highlights of the conference.

Welcon Itinerary

The itinerary for the conference consisted of various sessions, including an overall introduction to OUSA and the members. Zanab Shah from Bettering facilitated an Anti-Racism Training session during the conference for SC. OUSA also organized stakeholder roundtables where we had the opportunity to have discussions with several sector stakeholders. These stakeholders included: College Student Alliance (CSA), Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT), eCampus Ontario, Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO), and Council of Ontario Universities (COU). Another session we participated in was the Research and Policy Overview where we learned more about OUSA's policy process. Lastly, at the end of the conference we held the first Steering Committee meeting of the year.

OUSA Executive Elections

As promised in my Vice-President (Education) campaign platform, I ran for OUSA President. In preparation for the presidential campaign, I held consultations with the majority of current OUSA Steering Committee members, OUSA home office staff, as well as a few previous Steering Committee members. I also put together a campaign document that was circulated to the voting members prior to the election. Elections were held at the first Steering Committee meeting where the

candidates presented, and the members voted. Unfortunately, I lost the majority vote and was not elected for OUSA President.

OUSA VP Administration/HR

Following the presidential election, I ran for Vice-President Administration/HR and was successful. This means I will not only represent the MSU on the Steering Committee but also hold an additional executive role. Responsibilities of VP Administration/HR entail chairing the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee, responsible for taking meeting minutes during Steering Committee meetings, in charge of organizing performance appraisals for OUSA's home office staff, among many other tasks.

OUSA StratCon

I will be attending OUSA's Strategic Planning Conference on June 4-6th in Toronto. A report detailing the conference's goals and accomplishments will be available for the next SRA meeting.

If you have any questions about OUSA, please reach out. I will also be delivering Advocacy Training during SRA training on June 8th which will explain more about OUSA and the other organizations we are a part of.

Best,

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