

WGM Report: For More information on any of the following activities/initiatives, please contact Chemi Lhamo at President@scsu.ca

Spearheaded the first Mental Health Advisory Council of UTSC that includes student representatives leading the conversation about mental health at UTSC with various stakeholders from Health and Wellness, and the Dean. Due to limited spots for students to voice their opinion, President launched a working group that invites all students to be a part of the committee to tackle the issue from the students perspective.

WUSC: SCSU managed to continue the refugee program during the cuts of SCI to ensure that the students under the program are supported like promised. We had multiple meetings with WUSC head office, the chapter at UTSC, International Student Centre representative to continue the program despite the uncertainties and the future of it.

As Chair of the Council of Student Services, President chaired all meetings and ran the business as tabled. This committee had presentations from all departments of Student Affairs that have access to CSS funds such as Health and Wellness, Athletics and Rec, Academic Advising, DSL, ISC, Enhancement Funds, Equity and Community Fund etc. President also served as the representative on the Finance committee that oversaw part of the budget of Student Affairs that determines student fees.

Open Educational Resources: President met with Sarah, the librarian to explore OER options and the possibilities for us to take on a campaign to tackle the high costs of textbooks and revolutionize education with online tools that are FREE for students. We are at a time with students picking textbooks over lunches and hence, through this project, we can implore for various faculties to take on OER over expensive resources.

Meal Exchange Conference: President took part in a digital workshop on Food insecurity where through digital means, we explored the challenges that we face as Students. Here, we strategize ways to unite the student movement via aiming for a sustainable goal for ALL students. Emphasizing the needs of our marginalized students and all of the identities that aren't centred within the institutions we operate in.

Alumni Association: President attended various alumni association initiatives to build relationships with the AA and the SCSU. This connection has provided various opportunities for the union from funds donated to our food centre to clubs funding that can be dispersed for groups that do not meet our clubs funding requirements but still require funds for their initiatives.

CAO Forum: President along with student representatives sat in this meeting to discuss various issues from ablution stations, prayer spaces, lights in the sidewalk from Panam to South campus among others. Food options for vegans and standardized signage that determine whether

In partnership with the Alumni Department, the President is exploring a proposal for a revamp of the TV Lounge. This project proposal will be developed for the end of this semester for it to hopefully come into fruition over the summer months. Through the generosity of an alumnus of UTSC who is passionate about giving back, we look forward to this partnership with DARO.

President is in conversation with upper administration about the possibility of starting a committee for Affordable housing on campus. This means the exploration of co-op housing for students, affordable and safe housing options. Despite the building of a new residence, the availability of housing is limited for students at UTSC. President has been to community meetings to voice the challenges of students and had multiple meetings with various stakeholders such as government representatives of various levels to start conversations of safe rooming houses, co-op buildings, and options for UTSC students.

Canada Summer Jobs Grant: President has applied for funding over \$30,000 to provide students at UTSC summer job opportunities to work and build with the SCSU. President has followed up with government officials to strengthen the grant application. Given this funding, we would be able to hire up to 4 students over the summer months to take on various innovative projects.

Hart House: Board of Stewards Meetings were attended by the President to represent SCSU and ensure that Hart House initiatives included the voices of Scarborough Students.
Global commons: President attended the Global Commons conference that was a e-conversation on Climate Justice and Environmentalism with leaders from across the world. This summit is continued with smaller conversations happening at UTSC, please do not hesitate to contact me for more info.

Humanz of Hip Hop: President along with VP Equity, ensured that the tradition of human library at UTSC continued and ran smoothly. For the third annual year, SCSU in partnership with Hart House, DSL, and the Library hosted the Humanz of Hip Hop human library.

President had meetings with Joshua from IamPossible, a mental health advocate for a possible partnership, as students at UTSC are interested in bringing initiatives to campus that tackle Mental Health.

President attended the International Women's Day Luncheon hosted by Andrea Horwath, joined by various femme leaders across Toronto. Here, president was able to connect with various organizations and powerful femme leaders who are organizing in Toronto. This space allowed for meaningful conversations on how to tackle the system, the various injustices in multicultural communities like Scarborough, and move forward in just ways. This meeting allowed for new doors to open for SCSU so that we could also host these inspiring women on our campus.

To mark the annual human rights day, the President was invited to lunch by MPP Bhutila Karpoche. President also attended the dinner hosted by Elizabeth Dowsdell representing SCSU via the invite of the Mosaic Institute. Representatives from various youth driven organizations were present at the dinner and that allowed for building more opportunities for UTSC students through possible partnerships with the graduate schools and various fellowship programs.

December 6th vigil marking the massacre at l'ecole secondaire is commemorated at UTSC every year. President and VP Equity had the opportunity to share remarks to that not only spoke to gender based violence, but also emphasize the importance of the nuanced struggle of women of color, femme identifying folks, women with differing socio-economic status, women at every margin of this society.

SCSU holiday party, President hosted a holiday part for all staff, volunteers, friends and family of the union to give back and as appreciation for all those involved.

President along with the board of director for Management spoke at a panel on labour relations. Here, both representatives had the opportunity to share about the workings of the union in comparison to other student groups on campus such as MESA. Heyden, being a part of both entities was able to outline some of the key differences in the two entities. President had the opportunity to address some serious concerns of management students along with some about our services we provided such as the food centre!

Coordination and management of Rex's Den: President, along with VP Operations have had various meetings in regards to the upkeep of Rex's Den all while exploring ways to update the Den. President has explored sponsorship opportunities to optimize our usage of the stage with Alumni relations, along with multiple meetings with management team both on ground and administratively.

President met with MP Gary Anandasangaree, to discuss various items from transit, housing, the Canada summer jobs grant, concerns of international students with visas, the student choice initiative etc. Here, we were able to receive support for grant opportunities, the office's support for affordable housing for students.

Women and Entrepreneurship: President attended initiatives by the hub and gate to support and build relationship with various entities on our campus. Here we were also introduced to phenomenal UTSC student entrepreneurs with cool startups. This marks a possibility for future partnerships with the Hub for UTSC to create for entrepreneurs beyond their academic departments.

President and VP Equity attended various sessions of the Traditional First Nation Hand-Drum making events hosted by Juanita, the Indigenous coordinator at DSL.

President and VP equity attended the Bell prison phone 29th rally outside Bell Canada calling for 3 demands. Prisons phones are owned by Bell and they charge \$1/min with a maximum of 20 minutes to only landlines in 2020. Hence, President spent the rest of the day collecting petition signatures at Yonge and Dundas square calling for the 3 demands on Bell Let's Talk Day.

Upon many requests by students, a Kobe celebration was hosted for his infamous basketball career. President hosted a space for the basketball fans to celebrate Kobe's legacy on the court by playing his last game on Rex's screen, having art destressors and an open mic to share words.

Campus Security: There were multiple locker incidents that took place and hence required an investigation. President followed up with the head of Campus Safety to look further into creating plans of prevention of thefts on campus.

Elections 2020: The incoming executives and board ratification is scheduled to be at the February Board meeting. President served as Chair of the ERC to administer the hiring of the CRO and provide support.

First aid awareness day hosted by EMRG UTSC, President tabled at the meeting place throughout the day talking to students about SCSU services available and committees that students can join to get more involved.

President was invited to speak at a conference in Strasbourg, France with Professor Dibyesh Anand from University of Westminster, Hong Kong student activists from Hong Kong and

Zumretay from the World Uyghur Congress about various injustices taking place across the world, with a focus on Modern day China. Here, President had the opportunity to share some of the projects taken on by UTSC students to raise awareness about their respective fight for justice and how our campus finds ways to build allies within various movement i.e. our Racialized Students' Collective.

Indigenous House Planning Meetings: President has been attending the planning committee meetings for the Indigenous house and advocating for the importance of including student, emphasis of indigenous students' voices on this project. This project will soon come into fruition and it's important for the union that students are part of this project.

Upcoming initiatives:

Possible partnerships for a high school outreach summit along with building relations with Admissions office to make our union's presence known to prospective students. Exploring for future partnerships with the Hub to provide opportunities for students from all departments to learn about entrepreneurship. Scheduled talks include Human Rights Panel at UTM, UofT Munk School of Global Affairs. There are also upcoming meetings with Principal, dean and Vice Provost as we prepare for transition.