



Angelina Oblak	Arts and Science Student Rep	Sept/2024	36.75 hours
-----------------------	-------------------------------------	-----------	-------------

LOOKING BACK

Hours Breakdown
(Meetings, events and activities that I've attended in my role, with an hours breakdown)

- Tabling in the Grove: 1 hr (Sept 4)
- Water Fight in the Grove: 2.5 hrs (Sept 5)
- Arts & Science Curriculum Committee: 1.5 hrs (Sept 6)
- Fresh Fest Set-Up at Helper Hall: 4 hrs (Sept 6)
- White Lie Cabaret: 3 hrs (Sept 6)
- Fresh Fest Volunteering: 8 hrs (Sept 7-8)
- Fresh Fest Take Down: 2 hrs (Sept 8)
- General Faculties Council (GFC): 1.5 hrs (Sept 9)
- Degrees Committee: 1 hr (Sept 12)
- Debrief Fresh Fest with Communication Coordinator: 1 hr (Sept 13)
- Meeting with the Dean's Team: 1.5 hrs (Sept 13)
- Media/Events GA Training: 1 hr (Sept 16)
- Arts & Science Council Meeting: 1.25 hrs (Sept 19)
- ULSU AGM: 3.5 hrs (Sept 19)
- Attended ULBC Open House: 1 hr (Sept 22)
- Mental Health Planning Meeting 1: 45 min (Sept 23)
- Mental Health Planning Meeting 2: 1 hr (Sept 26)
- Connection Café: 30 min (Sept 26)
- ULSU Strategic Planning Committee Meeting: 1.5 hrs (Sept 27)

Highlights and Reflection on monthly activity
(Information of note, what went well, what did not)

September has been a whirlwind of activity and engagement. Fresh Fest was a major highlight, and although it came with its share of logistical challenges, it was rewarding to see students having fun and connecting with one another. My involvement in the Arts & Science Curriculum Committee and Degrees Committee allowed me to advocate for student needs in important academic areas. Meeting with the Dean's team was another key moment, as it strengthened our relationship and led to discussions on future student engagement events.

Working on Mental Health Week planning has been particularly meaningful. It's important to create spaces where students can prioritize their mental health, and our upcoming activities will provide them with resources and support. Additionally, I've been increasingly interested in the ULBC development project, wanting to advocate for greater student involvement in discussions concerning the development. Overall, it has been a productive and fulfilling month, with a lot of groundwork laid for future initiatives.

Projects in Progress

(Projects that I am currently working on, who I am working with, what resources do I require?)

Mental Health Week Planning: Continuing to finalize event details and coordinate resources with the mental health planning committee. We have a full week of activities planned, from meditation sessions to free food stations, aimed at promoting mental well-being.

ULSU Strategic Planning: Continuing to collect student input and feedback for the five-year ULSU plan. Tabling events are planned to gather this input, and I will work closely with other GA members and to ensure we effectively engage with the student body.

Advocacy for ULBC Development: Organizing follow-up meetings with contractors and other stakeholders to ensure student concerns are addressed in the South Campus development. I'm particularly focused on advocating for affordable housing options, student-centered amenities, and sustainable practices.

Arts & Science Student Engagement Events: After meeting with the Dean's team, I'm working on coordinating events that will connect Arts & Science students with faculty members. These events will foster stronger communication between students and faculty, allowing for more active student involvement in decision-making and academic policies.

Completed Projects

(Projects that I have completed, what went well, what did not, and why)

Fresh Fest Volunteering & Coordination: Assisted with the entire Fresh Fest event, from set-up and ticketing to artist coordination and take down. The event went smoothly despite logistical challenges, and the debrief meeting allowed us to identify areas of improvement for next year's event.

Arts & Science Curriculum Committee Meeting: Participated in discussions about curriculum and admission policies, with an emphasis on transfer students and multidisciplinary majors. Contributed to decisions that will affect students' academic experiences.

Mental Health Planning (First Phase): Completed the initial planning phase for Mental Health Week. We've outlined events, assigned tasks, and secured the resources we need to ensure a successful week of activities.

ULSU AGM and By-election: Successfully conducted the by-election, which filled important representative positions. The successful candidates for the by-election were Ilham Rawji for A&S rep, Parneet Sidhu for Calgary Campus rep, Bradley Pike for DSB rep, and Francine Tshilumba for 1st year rep. After the by-election we went ahead with our monthly GA meeting where we discussed the approval of the Executive Council's Action Plan for the 2024-2025 academic year, the formation of standing Audit and Finance Committees, and the approval of funds for a new freezer for the Zoo kitchen. Additionally, a QIP grant was approved for painting the LPIRG office. Reports were given by various council members, and working groups for U-Pass, housing, and policy were discussed.

Challenges I've encountered:

(eg: I can't get volunteers, not enough funding, the equipment didn't work properly, etc.).

Fresh Fest Ticket Line Issues: One of the major challenges during Fresh Fest was managing the ticket lines and ensuring smooth entry for students. The lines were longer than anticipated, and some attendees expressed frustration. We've discussed this issue in the debrief and will implement better line management

strategies for future events, including additional volunteers and improved communication with security, volunteers, and attendees.

ULBC Development Advocacy: The lack of initial student representation in the ULBC development plans is a major challenge. Although I've had the opportunity to discuss these concerns with a contractor at the ULBC Open House, it will take continued advocacy and follow-up meetings to ensure students have a meaningful role in shaping the future of South Campus.

Time Management: With so many different events and committees to participate in, balancing all my responsibilities has been a challenge. However, by staying organized and prioritizing tasks, I've been able to manage my workload effectively.

Goals I've accomplished this month:

(kept up with regular duties &/or accomplished additional goals)

Contributed to student engagement and school spirit by volunteering at and coordinating several Fresh Fest events.

Increased student engagement through tabling and event participation, including Fresh Fest and the Water Fight in the Grove.

Advocated for student concerns in GFC and Curriculum Committee meetings, specifically regarding enrolment challenges and curricular proposals.

Successfully completed the first phase of planning for Mental Health Week, ensuring we have a solid framework for promoting mental health and wellness among students.

Began important advocacy work on behalf of students in the ULBC development, voicing concerns about affordable housing and the lack of student representation in the planning process.

MOVING FORWARD

Current or upcoming tasks:

(upcoming activities or tasks I will be participating in or spearheading, possible timeline of completion, who will I be working with).

Mental Health Week Execution: Finalizing logistics and overseeing event execution. I'll be working with other committee members to ensure each day's activities run smoothly and that students are aware of the resources available to them.

Strategic Planning Feedback Collection: Continuing to gather input from students for the ULSU's five-year strategic plan through tabling events and surveys. I'll also collaborate with other GA members to analyze and incorporate this feedback into the final plan.

ULBC Advocacy: Scheduling follow-up meetings with ULBC representatives to continue advocating for student needs in the South Campus development. I'm aiming to ensure that student voices are heard at every stage of the planning process.

Arts & Science Student Engagement Events: Coordinating events that connect Arts & Science students with faculty members, with the goal of fostering greater communication and involvement in academic policies.

Upcoming Meetings: In October, I will be attending several key meetings, including the Working Group for the Student Academic Code of Conduct, ULSU Strategic Planning, General Faculties Council (GFC), and Clubs Council. I will also participate in the General Assembly meeting to continue representing Arts & Science students and contributing to the ULSU's decision-making process.

Conference Attendance: At the end of October, I will be attending a conference unrelated to my duties with the ULSU. This may limit my availability

	<p>for the last week of the month, but I will ensure that all necessary responsibilities are addressed before my departure.</p>
<p>Goals for next month: <i>(What I would like to accomplish next month as a ULSU representative)</i></p>	<p>Successfully execute Mental Health Week, ensuring that all events are well-attended and impactful for students.</p> <p>Begin gathering student feedback for the ULSU strategic planning process through tabling events.</p> <p>Arrange and attend a meeting with ULBC representatives to advocate for student needs in the South Campus development project.</p> <p>Attend the Working Group for the Student Academic Code of Conduct, ULSU Strategic Planning, GFC, Clubs Council, and General Assembly meetings to contribute to discussions and decision-making processes.</p>
<p>Important dates/deadlines: <i>(important deadlines related to my goals or position).</i></p>	<p>October 7-11, 2024: Mental Health Week</p> <p>October 10, 2024: Next General Assembly meeting</p> <p>October 21-31, 2024: Food Fright Food Drive</p> <p>October 21-29, 2024: Attending a Conference, with limited availability for ULSU duties</p> <p>October 28-31, 2024: Halloweek</p> <p>October 31, 2024: Halloween Cabaret</p>