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| Angelina Oblak | Arts and Science Student Rep | Summer/2024 | 17.5 hours |
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LOOKING BACK

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

- Arts and Science Council: 1 hr (May 2)
- GFC Prep: 1 hr (May 6)
- GFC Meeting: 1.5 hrs (May 6)
- General Assembly Meeting: 2 hrs (May 22)
- GFC Meeting: 2 hrs (June 3)
- ULSU Strategic Planning Meeting: 1 hr (June 6)
- Meeting with Maleeka: 1 hr (June 12)
- General Assembly Meeting: 1 hr (July 3)
- Strategic Planning Committee: 1 hr (July 31)
- General Assembly Meeting: 2 hr (August 12)
- Emergency General Assembly: 2 hr (August 27)

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

This summer was relatively quiet in terms of Student Union activity, which is typical for this time of year. The General Faculties Council (GFC) and General Assembly (GA) meetings primarily focused on updates and discussions rather than the introduction of new initiatives.

During the GFC meetings, we covered a range of issues, with a particular focus on curriculum updates and institutional policies. There was a significant discussion surrounding Bill 18, which poses potential challenges to institutional autonomy and academic freedom at our university. The council passed a motion requesting exemptions for post-secondary institutions. We also would discuss several academic program updates. These discussions were thorough and included substantial feedback from various faculties.

In terms of General Assembly meetings, most were centered around Executive Council reports on their summer advocacy and engagement efforts. Throughout these meetings, there was strong emphasis on external advocacy efforts and strengthening collaborations with other Student Unions to push for better post-secondary policies at the provincial level and the federal level. Most notably was our discussions surrounding the eventual referendum for the UPass; work is still ongoing in figuring out what exactly the city is looking to raise the price of UPass to and the circumstances should the referendum not pass.

The ULSU Strategic Planning sessions were also a key focus of my summer work. These meetings allowed us to set the groundwork for a comprehensive strategic plan, covering the ULSU's core values and future goals. We worked on refining these values, focusing on how to better serve the student body in the coming years. The discussions were highly collaborative, with input from several members, aiming to ensure that our plan reflects the evolving needs of students.

I also met with Maleeka to discuss ongoing initiatives and my plans for the position I hold going into the Fall 2024 term.

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

Strategic Planning: This is an ongoing initiative aimed at developing a comprehensive long-term plan for the ULSU. The strategic planning sessions over the summer have been pivotal in laying the groundwork with a focus on values like transparency, affordability, advocacy, and sustainability.

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

Regular Participation in General Assembly and GFC Meetings: I attended all scheduled meetings over the summer, actively engaging in discussions and ensuring that student voices were represented.

Strategic Planning Framework: While the final strategic plan is still in progress, we have made significant headway in outlining the core values and objectives for the ULSU's long-term growth. This framework will guide future discussions and decisions.

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

Limited Activity in the Summer: As expected, summer was a quieter period with fewer major initiatives being launched. This made it difficult to engage fully with the student body, as most students were off-campus. Additionally, many committees ceased meetings over the summer, limiting my ability to work on larger projects.

Goals I've accomplished this month:
(kept up with regular duties &/or accomplished additional goals)

Maintained Engagement with ULSU Responsibilities: Despite the slower pace of the summer months, I continued to attend all necessary meetings and contributed to key discussions in both the GFC and General Assembly. My involvement in the strategic planning process has also been a major highlight of my summer work.

Advocated for Student Interests in GFC: My participation in GFC meetings allowed me to represent student interests in critical discussions about academic programs and institutional policies.

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).

Strategic Planning: Finalizing the ULSU Strategic Plan in the coming months as we move into the fall semester. This will involve working closely with other committee members to ensure that our goals are aligned with student needs.

Goals for next month:
(What I would like to accomplish next month as a ULSU representative)

Increase Student Engagement: As students return to campus in the fall, one of my key goals is to increase engagement with the ULSU through outreach and advocacy events.

Important dates/deadlines:
(important deadlines related to my goals or position).

September 4, 2024: Marking the start of the Fall Semester



