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I am the VP External for APUS. Under my portfolio I sit on the Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Ontario, which means I hold the voting power on behalf of APUS at the Federation. I work closely with the Exec team providing support as needed in our work on a tri-campus basis. I am also the APUS rep at UTSC, so my goal is to reach out to APUS members on that campus. **I collaborated with the VP Events and Outreach** to brainstorm outreach strategies for **UTSC**. This was successful as I reached out to the ED of AccessAbility Services, and we were able to get APUS' bursary information into their newsletter before the deadline. This also resulted in our participation in **UTSC's Clubs Week**. I would like to invite anyone who is at UTSC to reach out to me at my email [vpexternal@apus.ca](mailto:vpexternal@apus.ca). If you know any members at UTSC please let me know. We have handbooks and notebooks and other items at the UTSC campus and I would love to make sure they get to our members out here.

Also, the Scarborough Student Union, **SCSU** is currently looking to hire one part-time student to become a board of director. If you're interested, please let me know and I can give you more detailed information.

I started as an APUS Board Member last year, but the term was shortened due to Covid. I felt I did not have as many opportunities as I would have liked to participate and gain a good understanding of APUS. So I accepted an invitation by our president to participate in Lobby Week with the CFS. That experience really inspired me, and I decided to run for the position of VP External. The learning process is continuous, and I am grateful for the support I receive from the very dedicated team I work with on the Executive.

### **Internal APUS Meetings**

I attend all regular bi-weekly **Executive meetings**. I also assist management as needed with respect to human resources. I was part of an **Onboarding Meeting with APUS President** and **VP Internal** for a new hire. I also attended a meeting with the VP Internal and a temporary hire to ensure our health and dental opt out period ran smoothly this fall. And currently I am sitting on the hiring committee again with the VP Internal to fill another vacant staff position. This means reviewing all applications and together with the hiring committee determine who will make it to the interview stage to find the successful applicant.

### **Internal APUS Training, Events, and Workshops**

I attended the **APUS Summer General Meeting**. This was the first Summer General Meeting for me, and it was very informative to see how APUS engages with our members on an ongoing basis. I also attended our **APUS Fall Orientation** including our prep meeting and both days of orientation. I learned a great deal from the amazing presentations. In these meetings and orientations, the exec are expected to present an aspect of the content being shared.

## U of T Committees and Governance Meetings

I attended the **OVPS Meeting** with the Executive. We requested an UMLAP extension until Cycle 3 and back to campus directives which was successful. We had a follow up meeting to give feedback and make recommendations to prioritize student needs. I took part in a **Tri-Campus Meeting with VP External Executives** to discuss **CR/NC** and standardizing the process for all three campuses.

## CFS Meetings, Workshops, and Events

As Susan has already mention our attendance at the **CFS-Ontario General Meeting** and I attended all three days. This was a first for me and it was insightful to hear the discussions and observe the process of passing motions and actively voting on those motions. CFS also provided detailed information of **Robert's Rules** broken down in a very clear and precise way which helped my understanding of how the meeting are chaired. Part two of the **CFS-OGM-2** was held in September and I attended all five days. This was a first for me and it was insightful to hear the discussions and see how the caucus and the constituency groups were broken up and facilitated. I would also like to add that before these OGM APUS execs have prep meetings prior to the **CFS-OGM** where we review over all the motions that have been submitted by the Ontario universities and decide how we would like to vote. We also had debrief sessions after Day 1 and 2 of CFS-OGM. For the upcoming **CFS National General Meeting**, Susan has already given the details.

The CFS has a lot of opportunities to get involved. Here are a few:

**The GTA coalition** advocates on issues that impact university and college students in the [City of Toronto](#) and the [regional municipalities](#) of [Durham](#), [Halton](#), [Peel](#), and [York](#) such as public transportation, housing, cost of living for students. This is a great way to get to know the CFS and who the stakeholders are. All students from these member locals are invited to these meetings. So if you're interested please email me.

**The Ontario Skills Development Symposium** - or CFS Skills week features leadership workshops and training. is an opportunity for students from across the province to come together and build skill sets that can be used to support the day-to-day operations of their students' unions.

**CFS RISE Summit:** The **Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit (RISE)** summit is planned **by** racialized students **for** racialized students! This summit holds workshops, panels, and more, not only to form community, but to learn about ways that we can harness our collective power in pursuit of a better post-secondary experience for racialized students everywhere.

So I hope my report captures your interest in all the ways you can become involved. I encourage you to take the first step and run for the APUS Board in February/March.