

AGM – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Good Evening everyone,

It is an absolute pleasure for me to be addressing you for the very last time as the President of the Fanshawe Student Union. When I took on my role I was asked to say a few words, I said “Being President is a dream come true” and now I would say “My dream has been accomplished”.

Being elected during a bi-election was not really easy to get started with everything I wanted to achieve half way through the term, so I started my journey with 5 things that I thought needed most attention.

1. **Being available** – the very first week I sent out a survey, also a message to students with my contact information, for students to reach out in any situation. I was successfully able to meet with lots of students, sort issues and also provide them with guidance. We as a team also worked on the surveys individually and we are still working to accomplish all of them
2. **Volunteers** – Today we have almost 200 trained volunteers, successful implementation with all them turning up for their shifts with excitement, successful events and also enough opportunities for most of them
3. **Pop -ups** – I planned on being out in the field on every campus to make sure I manage and meet as many students as I can. I was always present at events and made sure to have personal interactions and I met so many students along the way. Many of you here can attest to that
4. **Work opportunities** – Collaborated with career services and the Alumni and successfully conducted a Social Networking event for the students and employers to equip them for the Job fair and also provide them an opportunity to contact recruiters personally. We are still working on increasing opportunities and that will be a constant endeavor.
5. **Fun days with the Executives** – We planned for fun days where students can come chat with us, grab some food, play some games, listen to music and get to know our directors and our coordinators. It was definitely a successful event but we had to cancel our events due to the current situations.

Along with these planned targets we also advocated for students needs within different departments, with the international office, career services, ombuds and also for the south campus and the downtown campus and tried our best to improve their student life experience, we personally went out there with a couple of events and some amazing breakfast. We managed to bring a smile on every student’s face whenever we went out there.

Being a part of all the college level meetings helped us to voice out student concerns and provide valuable inputs to make favorable decisions for all the students. Being able to provide a solution when students reached out to me gave me the most happiness in this entire journey.

The best part of this entire experience was to be able to work with my FSU staff who are the most amazing people on this planet and also who supported me through all the times. I would not be able to do anything without them. My sincere thanks to our President Peter Devlin whose constant encouragement helped me pursue my path with confidence. Of course, All the VP's Michele, Gary, Jeff and Jenny and also Janice and Darlene who always had my back!

It has totally been a wonderful journey and These are the memories I'm gonna cherish forever for my entire life. Wishing the best to our upcoming President Katyayini Thakur, Cheers to new beginnings and Good luck!

Thank you!