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**2017 - 2018
ANNUAL REPORT**

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WHAT IS AN AGM?

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- Approve the audited financial statements, including reports to the board.
- Approve amendments and additions to bylaws.
- Transact any other business.



WHERE ARE AGMs HELD?

The AGM is held at each campus, rotating between HMC, Trafalgar, and Davis every year.

The AGM will be broadcasted via SheridanTV for students who are unable to travel between campuses.



WHO IS THE SECRETARY?

The secretary is responsible for taking minutes during the AGM.

The official minutes are then posted on thessu.ca for reference to all interested parties.



WHO IS THE CHAIRPERSON?

The Chairperson of any general meeting shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

The Chairperson shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of members except in the case of an equality of votes cast on a matter; and then only to break such equality of votes.



HOW IS A MOTION PASSED?

A simple majority of the votes cast by the members present, in person or by proxy, shall determine all motions in meetings.



WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION?

It's totally you!

Each full-time student who has paid the student activity fee is a member of The Corporation unless, or until, his or her membership is terminated.



WHAT IF A MEMBER CAN'T ATTEND?

A member may, via means of an authorized proxy, appoint another voting member of the Corporation to attend and act at a general meeting of members, in a manner and to the extent authorized by proxy. Proxy forms must be completed prior to the start of the AGM!



HOW CAN I SPEAK DURING THE MEETING?

Easy-peasey!

Just raise your hand and wait for the chair to address you. After they have given you the floor you, may speak your mind.



WHEN DO I VOTE?

Voting happens when a motion (idea/change) will be put forward to the membership for a vote. You will then be instructed to vote for or against the motion.

HOW MANY MEMBERS NEED TO ATTEND THE AGM?

Quorum at any general meeting shall consist of twenty (20) members present in person (including existing executives of the board).



• AGM PRO TIPS! •



Ask questions about topics discussed.



Provide feedback and have your voice heard.



Vote YES or NO on motions that are brought forward.

ABOUT THE SSU

The Sheridan Student Union (SSU) is an organized body that represents the full-time and part-time students of Sheridan College.

Since 1975, the mandate of the Sheridan Student Union is to promote and advocate the benefits and interests of the student body – be it academic, social, cultural, or otherwise. Today, the Sheridan Student Union continues to be a powerful and influential voice within the Sheridan community.

Simply put: we exist to serve you, the students. We unite the student body through our programs and services and are responsible for the representation of students within the Sheridan College community. We strive to safeguard the best interests of the student body throughout the whole year, and are always looking for ways to improve the student experience.

OUR MISSION

Is to be a student led community enhancing the experience of our fellow student.

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WHY IS THE AGM IMPORTANT?

It provides members (that's you!) with the opportunity to be active in setting the direction of the Sheridan Student Union. We want to make life better for students, but we need you with us. We want your ideas, input and feedback. Students have the power to make real change on campus and in the community, and this is our chance to do just that.

PER TERM FEES 2017-2018

\$75 SSU ACTIVITY FUND

(The Spring Term rate for the SSU Fund is reduced to \$58.)

This fund supports various services, activities and events we provide for our students.

\$40 STUDENT CENTRE BUILDING FUND

This fund supports the building including major maintenance and updating of our student centres.

\$10 STUDENT CENTRE CAPITAL FUND

This fund supports the furnishing of student space including furniture, equipment and other capital assets for ongoing operations.

HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN FEES

\$285 FALL

\$191 WINTER

\$98 SPRING

*All SSU fee-paying students are automatically enrolled in the Plan. Coverage includes health, dental, vision, and travel benefits. For more details, head to the Student Union offices, or check out **www.studentcare.ca***

Students with an equivalent coverage plan can opt out of the SSU Health & Dental Plan, however these changes can only be made during the change of coverage period.

a message from your president

Sheridan Students,

As our year is coming to a close I wanted to take a moment to reflect on a year full of many important accomplishments. Although this year has been particularly challenging due to the strike, we at the Sheridan Student Union ensured your voices were heard thought out the strike and after. We started the #hearourside campaign to give our students a platform to show just how the strike was affecting them, and we worked with the college to have additional funding outside of the initial support fund to assist with lost wages.

Throughout my experience as SSU President, I have been fortunate enough to take part in many community events that showcased just how talented and diverse our Sheridan community really is. These experiences also shed light to the challenges our students face and how we as a Sheridan community need to continually bridge our resources to collectively serve our students, I know I have come out more motivated than ever to continue to build a holistic environment that ensures all of our students feel welcomed and supported.

I have also had that pleasure of working with many talented student leaders who without them we would not be living up to the mission of SSU, we are students among our peers working to enhance the student experience. We want to ensure that your voices are heard and if there is something you want to see on campus we are here to lead the charge on your behalf, so please don't be afraid to share your thoughts and help us create something that will have a long-lasting effect on our Sheridan community. I hope to continue working on initiatives and collaborative efforts that will have a lasting impact on my fellow students.

Congratulations on your perseverance and dedication this year Sheridan Students!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enrique', with a stylized, flowing script.

Enrique Ponce
SSU President

a message from your board of directors

Despite the difficulties that the strike as posed for all students, I'm hoping that each and every student can reflect on their 2017/2018 year and find some incredible achievements. The Board of Directors is in existence to ensure that the Student Union is receiving guidance from students and ensuring that the student voice is present in a variety of forums that can be out of reach to some students. While not as front facing as many of the other Student Union services that you use, we promise that we're always working behind the scenes to ensure a positive student experience for everyone!

This year, the Board has been involved with numerous projects that seek to improve student life across all campuses. At the Trafalgar campus, the installation of, and advocacy for, gender neutral washrooms seeks to make the campus more inclusive for all students. In addition, the opening of Booster Juice at the Davis Campus has provided students a healthy option to get some food on the way to their classes, or while taking a break from studying. For the HMC Campus, the further work completed on HMC2A, the new student center set to open in the coming years, has shown our commitment to ensuring equality of services across all three campuses.

The Board has recognized the importance of the Shuttle Bus in assisting students commute to campus, and across campuses, and this has been a challenge that we remained firmly committed to. In the coming year, you'll find out about some of the solutions that you, the student, will have the opportunity to voice your opinions on, and ultimately vote for in the coming year's referendum. As a result of the Ontario College Strike, the Student Union slightly underperformed on initial financial expectations, but has managed to continually perform strong, with great fiscal performance that exceeded expectations! In the event that you wish to review the audited financial statements for the year, please don't hesitate to visit the Student Union office on your campus to request a copy or find them online at thessu.ca.

In addition, it is important to recognize the incredible work that your Student Union President has been completing this year, and the incredible achievements that he has been able to advocate for. From the Sheridan/Student Union Supplemental Support Bursary, to the increased student presence on a variety of campus committees, Enrique has provided the student body with numerous incredible achievements to be proud of, and we look forward to the work he'll do in the future.

As with each passing year, the Board would like to thank all of the highly dedicated and passionate staff members who attempt to bring a fantastic student experience to Sheridan students, shown by the amazing events they plan, the clubs they facilitate, the food they prepare and serve, and the posters they design. Thank you to each and every staff member who makes the Sheridan Student Union run, we really couldn't do it without you!

A final thank you to each and every student for the opportunity to represent your voice this year, and for all of the incredible feedback you have provided us this year. Here's to making next year even better!

Sincerely,

Ben LeBlanc

SSU Board of Directors Chair

on behalf of the 2017-2018 Sheridan Student Union Board of Directors

To find out more about our Board of Directors, and how you can get involved, visit thessu.ca/discoverchange

As a student led community, Sheridan Student Union maintains a strong commitment to the continued improvement of student life at Sheridan College. Our Board of Directors, Student Executive Team and administrative staff work to enhance the student experience, and facilitate opportunities for growth throughout the year.

Here's a look at some of the amazing things we coordinated at Sheridan this past year!

SEPTEMBER 2017

- The SSU launched the Breakfast program! Every month the SSU provides free breakfast to students to remind them of the importance of starting your day off right! Come grab a bite to eat and learn about our other services such as our Food First Program!
- We successfully sponsored a World University Service of Canada (WUSC) student refugee program and formed WUSC Sheridan Local committee
- SSU teamed up with Sheridan Athletics to host and facilitate Sheridan College's Homecoming. This will be a partnership that we will be continuing moving forward.
- SSU Programming Department had their first massive Desi Jam hosting over 800 Students in the Davis Gymnasium. This will be an annual Event.
- We launched newly updated menus at both The Den and Marquee.
- SSU opened our very own Booster Juice franchise at the Davis Campus!

OCTOBER 2017

- President of SSU along with 6 other college student union Presidents went to speak with the Minister of Education Deb Mathews to discuss and advocate for an end to the strike.
- Post Secret Creator, Frank Warren hosted a speaking event with luncheon in our Musical Theatre Room. First time hosting Frank Warren and his wonderful initiative www.postsecret.com
- We invited international students to join us for an International Thanksgiving Dinner to learn about Thanksgiving within the Western culture and meet new friends while enjoying delicious food.

NOVEMBER 2017

- SSU launched its Perks Program! Sheridan students will have access to exclusive discounts from their favourite shops, restaurants, gyms and much more!
- SSU introduced our fully branded Food First Donation Bins. Located across campus these colourful bins will be used to collect donations for our Food First program. What a great way to give back to your fellow students!
- SSU, in collaboration with FAAD, helped successfully launch the *Student Showcase* in the Trafalgar Campus B-Wing. The showcase utilizes the display cases outside the Tim Horton's to display and celebrate student artwork and projects.

DECEMBER 2017

- SSU's 3rd Annual Kids Holiday Party Was hosted at Both Campuses! Sheridan Student Parents brought their Children to Open Gifts and see good old St. Nick!

JANUARY 2018

- The SSU Health and Dental plan has a lot of valuable information that all students need to know, and no doubt all students have many questions! In addition to our website, social media platforms, brochures and in office assistance, the SSU has started setting up booths, cleverly called “The Whole Tooth,” every Change-Of-Coverage Period to help students learn all they need to know about the plan.
- SSU ran the #TextbookBroke campaign through which we advocated for open educational resources for students.

FEBRUARY 2018

- SSU worked collaboratively with the Indigenous Center for Learning and Support and Sheridan College to bring guest speaker Roberta Jamieson, President & CEO, Indspire for an engaging and thought-provoking keynote at HMC.
- SSU worked with campus and community partners to host the Student Leadership Conference which featured ~300 attendees and a number of student led workshops on a variety of topics surrounding leadership and skills development.
- SSU formed a new partnership with the Centre for Indigenous Learning and Support to create a designated space (SSU Clubs Room) in order to serve the Davis population once a week.
- SSU hosted the 5th Annual Beerfest featuring the James Barker Band @ The Marquee!
- Through advocacy the SSU worked with the college to provide additional funding support for those who lost wages due to the strike called the “Sheridan/Student Union Supplementary Support Bursary”
- The SSU Design Team successfully finishes work on the Sheridanlife Radio brand identity. To be unveiled fully at the station’s launch party in March.

MARCH 2017

- SSU hosted a Housing Fair in collaboration with third-party partner Places4Students. The Housing Fair took place at all 3 campuses and featured local landlords as well as resources for students to provide valuable information such as: living on your own, such as fire safety, transit information, waste management tips, etc.
- SSU hosted a Financial Literacy Workshop with focus on student budgeting
- Sheridan Life Radio had its official Launch party!

APRIL 2018

- SSU is having its first ever tax clinic! The tax clinic will be held 3 days, 1 day at each campus. Volunteers registered with the CRA will come in and file students’ tax returns for free!
- SSU will be hosting the first ever Sheridan Life Gala for the Entire Student Body! The Sheridan Life Gala will be an incredible night for the entire student body to celebrate their accomplishments during over the course of the school year! We are also happy to share that we have been collaborating on some very important and exciting projects this year. Not only have we been working closely with Sheridan on the HMC C-Wing ensuring the student perspective, but we have also invested in the joint SSU/Sheridan College student portal project, creating an enhanced communication platform for clubs.

We are proud to be part of the Sheridan community, and look forward to continuing our commitment to the overall student experience at Sheridan College.

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