



Student Society Report - Dec 2024

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Executive Members

The MFAc Student Association is led by a dynamic and diverse team of executive members, each bringing a unique set of skills, experience, and perspectives to the organization. This collective expertise strengthens our ability to achieve our mission and support the growth of the MFAc community.

- **Mr. Zeyuan (Tony) Wang** — President
- **Mr. Jahirul Islam** — Vice President
- **Xiangyue (Kevin) Kong** — Marketing Officer
- **Favour (Oluremi) Momoh** — Secretary
- **Enoch Wobenu** — Treasurer
- **Ms. Ying (Chloe) Liu** — Member
- **Mr. Mark Asiedu Gyamfi** — Member
- **Mr. Felix Amanor Otu** — Member

1. What We Have Done

1.1 Rebranding to the MFAc Student Association

We have initiated and made significant progress in rebranding the MFAc Student Society into the MFAc Student Association. This change reflects our commitment to expanding our scope, increasing our impact, and enhancing our service to the MFAc community. As part of this effort, we secured approval from the York University Graduate Students' Association (YUGSA) to formalize the name change. Our next step is to update the name on our Community Bank Account, which will allow us to operate officially as the MFAc Student Association.

1.2 Securing Financial Support

We successfully established a Community Bank Account, enabling us to apply for and receive the Operating Grant Fund (OGF) from YUGSA. The OGF provides essential funding that supports wellness workshops, social networking activities, and other events that enhance the student experience. Our efforts to secure financial resources have also included applications to the Student Wellness Initiative Fund and outreach to key stakeholders such as New College Head Zachary Spicer.

1.3 Building a Stronger Team

We have strengthened our leadership team by recruiting Xiangyue (Kevin) Kong as our Marketing Officer. Kevin's expertise in community engagement and event promotion is expected to significantly enhance our visibility and reach within the MFAc community.

1.4 Enhancing Event Portfolio

We have successfully organized various events, including wellness workshops, social networking activities, and professional development sessions such as job search strategy sessions and virtual industry meetups. These events provide students with opportunities to develop workplace awareness, skills, and industry insights.

1.5 Collaborating with MIAB

To increase the accessibility of resources, we have collaborated with the MIAB COM Coordinator and the MIAB EAB Coordinator to begin the development of an official website for the MFAc Student Association. This website will serve as a comprehensive resource hub for students, featuring event announcements, updates, and tools to support student development.

2. What We Are Doing

2.1 Developing the MFAc Student Association Website

We are currently collaborating with the MIAB COM Coordinator and the MIAB EAB Coordinator to build and maintain the official website for the MFAc Student Association. This website will act as a central platform for communication, event promotion, and community engagement.

2.2 Hosting the New Year Celebration Event

We are in the process of planning and organizing a New Year Celebration event for the MFAc community. This event will serve as a festive gathering, providing students with an opportunity to network, relax, and build stronger connections with their peers.

2.3 Expanding Funding Sources

We are actively exploring alternative funding opportunities to diversify our financial support. This includes potential applications for funding from the Alumni Office and external organizations. Our goal is to create a sustainable funding model that supports long-term growth and impact.

2.4 Strengthening Internal Processes

To enhance financial accountability and oversight, we are introducing a co-treasurer position to work alongside our current treasurer, Enoch Wobenu. This move aims to ensure better fund management and strengthen our internal controls.

2.5 Advancing Student Well-Being

We continue to organize wellness workshops focused on stress management, work-life balance, and mindfulness. These workshops provide students with mental health resources and support networks to promote holistic well-being.

2.6 Progressing Rebranding Efforts

The rebranding of the MFAc Student Society to the MFAc Student Association is nearing completion. With YUGSA's approval secured, the final step is to update the name on our Community Bank Account. This change will allow us to fully operate under the new name and signal our expanded mission and scope.

3. What We Will Do

3.1 Join the Student Community & Leadership Development (SCLD)

We plan to join the Student Community & Leadership Development (SCLD) next semester. Membership in the SCLD will enable us to access more funding from the Alumni Office and gain free access to York University's soccer fields for sports activities, reducing our operational costs and expanding our ability to host community-building events.

3.2 Secure External Funding

We will seek funding opportunities from external organizations outside of York University to diversify our financial support and create a more stable financial position for the MFAc Student Association. This will reduce our reliance on internal grants and create new revenue streams for future initiatives.

3.3 Launch the MFAc Student Association Website

Our plan is to officially launch the MFAc Student Association website in the coming semester. This website will serve as a key communication tool for the MFAc community, promoting events, publishing updates, and offering student support resources.

3.4 Increase Sports and Cultural Activities

With the anticipated membership in the SCLD, we will expand our recreational offerings by organizing sports activities using York University's soccer fields. We also plan to introduce cultural exchange programs, which will encourage students to share their diverse experiences, foster cultural understanding, and strengthen community bonds.

3.5 Expand the Executive Team

We will continue to strengthen our leadership team by actively recruiting for key roles as needed. We recognize the need for additional support to manage our growing list of initiatives, and we aim to fill any gaps in capacity to ensure operational excellence.

3.6 Formalize and Implement Co-Treasurer Role

We will formalize the role of the co-treasurer to support fund management. This initiative will ensure greater accountability, reduce workload for the treasurer, and create a more robust financial oversight structure for the MFAc Student Association.

Conclusion

The MFAc Student Association's ongoing transformation reflects a commitment to growth, development, and student success. Through rebranding, securing essential funding, and enhancing our organizational capacity, we are setting a strong foundation for sustained impact. Our past achievements, current efforts, and future plans are guided by our mission to provide students with meaningful opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth. We look forward to creating a more connected and engaged MFAc community.

For any questions or more information, feel free to reach out to us by email miabss@yorku.ca

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