



OUSA

Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance

Student Advocacy Conference 2025

November 24-27

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) represents over 160,000 students in the province at nine member institutions. We are a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy group striving for accessible, accountable, affordable, high-quality, equitable post-secondary education in Ontario.

What is OUSA's Student Advocacy Conference?

Student Advocacy Conference (SAC) is OUSA's annual, week-long advocacy initiative. Students from across Ontario - delegates from OUSA's member associations - meet with legislators and staffers at Queen's Park on the most important issues in post-secondary education. At each meeting with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), delegates highlight the student-written, evidence-based policy recommendations that OUSA advocates to government and ministries all year long. This year 's SAC ran from November 24th to 27th, where eighteen delegates from nine university student associations across Ontario championed student advocacy to represent the concerns of over 160,000 undergraduate and professional, full- and part-time students in our province.

Our Priorities and Recommendations

Investing in Post-Secondary Education

The provincial government should establish a fund to provide post-secondary institutions with funding to increase work-integrated learning (WIL) in disciplines where such opportunities are currently lacking.

The provincial government should modify the Co-operative Education Tax Credit so that the maximum credit value employers can claim equates to 30% of the current average co-op salary.

Student and Community Safety

The provincial government should mandate that all establishments with a liquor sales license have a sexual violence policy that includes recourse for how to identify, intervene, and respond to situations of gender-based and sexual violence between staff, staff-patron, and patron-patron.

The provincial government should work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to establish a program to provide funding and training to municipal property standards departments for the purpose of improving their inspection capabilities, implementing licensing programs, and developing high-turnover and high-density building inspection teams, such as RentSafeTO.

Meeting Post-Secondary Demand

The Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security should work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop an action plan for improving the supply of both market and non-market housing to meet the affordability needs of communities in student areas.

The provincial government should allow for upward adjustments to midpoints in cyclical corridor negotiations reflective of increasing Southern institutions' enrolment projections and offer Northern institutions the possibility to reduce their downward adjustments to the lower boundaries.

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We would like to thank all MPPs and their staff for meeting with us during and after our Student Advocacy Conference. We appreciate your engagement and thoughtful comments, and look forward to working together to improve the post-secondary sector for students.

Queen's Park Reception

During this Student Advocacy Conference, OUSA co-hosted a reception with the College Student Alliance and Ontario Student Voices. Ministers, MPPs, legislative staff, stakeholders, and students gathered at Queen's Park for an early morning breakfast and conversations about post-secondary issues.

A special thank you to PA Lorne Coe, MPP Peggy Sattler, MPP Stephen Blais, and MPP Aislinn Clancy for offering remarks at the reception.

