

Hello engineering students! My name is Sofia and I am the ESS President for this year. I am here to bring you the updates report for everything we the ESS have gotten up to this year! Since this team took up the mantle in May 2024, we've accomplished a great many things together!

Our policy changes from the last Annual General Meeting expanded our team, adding two new exec positions (VP Francophone and VP Sustainability) and three new manager positions (Manager of Marketing, Manager of Student Success and Wine and Cheese Coordinator). Even with our expanded team roster, we had assembled a full officer team for this year! So far, it has been a year of navigating challenges with acclimating to the expanded team and figuring out how to integrate the new positions. The individuals filling these roles have been incredible at adapting to the new mandate and laying the groundwork for each position moving forward! I could not be more proud of the team we have.

Over the summer, the 101 Week Committee, led by our awesome, hardworking VP Social Eric and 101 Week Coordinator Mackenzie, planned an awesome 101 Week for our incoming first years! This is the first year we had a 101 Week Committee plan our 101 Week due to a policy change implemented last year, so it was a great way for us to see how this committee worked and how to make changes and improvements for next year. This 101 Week was a huge success, seeing many of our first years enthusiastically participating in the activities and integrating in our culture, as well as getting involved in ESS on the Board of Directors and with our other endeavours!

The Board of Directors has also been hard at work with the policy side of things. We implemented many changes into our By-Laws recently, and members are constantly suggesting policy changes to make in the next amendment cycle. Stay tuned and attend our next Annual General Meeting to stay updated with our policy updates!

We put on lots of fun events for people as well! From DUSTED to collaborating with Carleton's eng soc, to attending conferences like the Engineering Students Societies' Council of Ontario's Professional Engineers Ontario's Student Conference and Presidents' Meeting to the Wine and Cheese for this fall's Iron Ring recipients, our team has worked very hard to make sure our students stay engaged with us! Our VP Francophone is also working very hard to make sure the Francophone engineering community feels included and represented in our affairs and events, and with awesome Franco events coming up, you won't want to miss out! Make sure to check out our events next semester as well, including another DUSTED and our annual Engineering Ball in March!

Our VP Services has also been hard at work this semester, designing the very cute Otis engineering program patches with her design team! Make sure to stop by our office to pick up yours, and keep an eye out for other awesome merch we have and are planning!

For the first time, we also held our presidential election separately from the rest of the executive team, in November. We also elected co-presidents for the first time! Eric and Aiden are already

getting ready to take on the role, especially with the transition coming soon. Sadly, due to personal reasons I have resigned as the President for the rest of this year, but I am confidently leaving ESS in capable hands that will carry us through the rest of the academic year.

It has been a great privilege serving as the ESS President for the past 8 months! Keep an eye out on our social media (@uottawa\_essaeg) to stay up to date with everything we're up to in real time, and make sure to swing by our office hours in CBY A05 to connect with us!

On behalf of the ESS, I wish everyone a happy holiday season and all the best in the upcoming semester! Keep an eye out on our website for the next update for the winter semester, put together by my successor.

All the best,

Sofia Ershova  
President, 2024