Dear Members of the Assembly,

Welcome to the home stretch of SRA meetings! Congratulations once again to President-elect Justin Monaco Barnes. I'm sure that now that the dust has settled either you or your friends have begun to consider running for a VP position. I just want to formally extend an invitation to anyone that is considering running for VP Admin to please come shadow me for a day or set up a meeting to have a better and more holistic understanding of the role.

I also wanted to take a moment to extend my thank you's to the speaker and the members of the assembly. I have heard nothing but good feedback after the SRA day! I'm sure that many students who were on the fence about running in this election may well be members of the assembly next year!

Contrary to last report, my blogging is a little bit more on time. I'm up to date through to January now which is good! As always, I continue to have an open-door policy which PTM's and SRA member readily take advantage of! I think this is one of the best parts of my job - just being able to chat and catch up with people throughout the day!

PLATFORM/PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

Peer Support
1) NEW JOB!! Since the last report we have officially passed the Training Resources Research Assistant (TRRA) position and it is currently open on the MSU website. Hiring for this position will hopefully be completed at the end of February/beginning of March. This person will have a TON of reading to do,
so I’m hoping to help that get set up as soon as possible!

2) PEER SUPPORT GENERAL POLICY. This is basically done. I have received feedback once more from Spencer. I will just need to do some final formatting and write the maroon paper version.

3) PEER SUPPORT DEPARTMENT OPERATING POLICY. This is also done. I’ve just been waiting to have the general policy all done before moving forward with this.

4) VISITING WESTERN PSC. Once the TRRA is hired I would like to make a trip to Western to visit their Peer Support Centre. It will be great to see what they do, what works, and what doesn’t, and bring that knowledge to Mac as we continue to work toward a peer support network on our campus.

5) PSL TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT. Conversations have been ongoing between the outgoing and the incoming coordinator. There has been conversation about reducing the number of volunteers and moving to a recruitment model more similar to EFRT. This will be useful for the service as we can provide a graduated training system that will allow us to provide more in depth training, but in a cost effective manner.

6) PSL ASSISTANT COORDINATOR. This is a conversation that has been in the works since December. We are getting closer to finalizing the job description and hopefully opening the hiring for this position.

PTM On-boarding Package
This idea originally came from my pre-election conversations with incoming PTM’s. PTM’s have been send the package for review so that I can update it for the newest batch of PTM’S!

MISC
SLC: The annual McMaster Student Leadership Conference took place on January 16th. Spencer and I hosted a community hack workshop in the afternoon. Overall, 400+ students attended the conference.

MSU and YOU radio show: Every week Dan and I host the MSU and You Radio
Show on CFMU from 12-1. If you would ever like to be on the show, please don’t ever hesitate to meet us outside the door right before the show.

SRA Professional Development Day: Thank you again to Inna for being instrumental in organizing this. It was a very insightful day and we loved having Matthew Greene come in and speak with us!

Best,

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