UPDATE
The QSCC has built upon the successes of the beginning of this year, focusing most of our attention to MacPride Week, which has proven to be our most successful yet.

SERVICE USAGE
Our daily usage has continued similar levels from the beginning of the year, with slightly more traffic the social space, and Newcomers attendance averaging 20-25 participants. Our attendance for MacPride increased dramatically this year, which will be discussed below. Our facebook group has continued to grow, and our Twitter presence has increased dramatically.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
Our main events/activities were in celebration of MacPride Week, a week of events presented by the QSCC, hosting an event each day. We co-hosted a community health forum with the AIDS Network on Nov. 5, with many community partners attending. We hosted the 4th annual MacPride march, including a rally for the first time, attracting more than 200 participants, varying from administrators, students, athletes, and other allies. Wednesday, Nov. 6, the QSCC held an open house, with Feminist Alliance McMaster hosting a Gender Expression Workshop afterwards. Wednesday evening, we hosted a short film screening with discussion with the director, called “What I LOVE about Being QUEER”, with over 20 participants and outstanding feedback. Thursday, Nov. 8, our health exec hosted a body image workshop with 15 participants. Thursday evening we hosted our annual Drag Show off campus, featuring karaoke, with around 80 attendees, and the venue completely packed, with great feedback. We held an “Exec Auction” at the Drag Show to better introduce our Exec to the MSU and QSCC community, raising over $400 to be donated to local LGBTQ at-risk youth. Friday featured Free Hugs day, a QSCC tradition, with many volunteers participating. We also held tables in the MUSC entrance for three days of the week, as well as cohosting a table with SHEC featuring LGBTQ intimacy and health issues.

Other events have included “Gayser Tag” with over 25 participants at both dinner and the laser tag, and participation in Trick or Eat, collecting an overflowing cart of donations. As the coordinator, I have appeared on CFMU’s The SHEC Show and Exploring Our
Communities. The QSCC has been featured in weekly articles in InsideOut in The Silhouette, as well as an article on the President’s Page.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
With exams coming up, we will soon be closing for regular hours. We will be hosting a small video game night before the break, and Newcomers’ will continue until the exam period. We are currently beginning to plan for Sex and the Steel City and our “formal”, which will be revamped into a more accessible “Social”. Each exec will also be planning a small event next semester, including movie nights, discussion groups and other events.

BUDGET
We have spent significantly more on MacPride events this year, which was crucial in making this year’s the largest MacPride to date. This will result in us having a more limited budget for our “formal”, which we have planned for by changing the event

CURRENT CHALLENGES
Space issues continue, mainly with the popularity of Newcomers’. We have also started to have lower volunteer shift attendance, which can be attributed to midterm season. Myself and the exec are currently working with volunteers to minimize the amount of desk shifts missed.

SUCCESSES
This year’s MacPride has been one of the most highly attended, with fantastic feedback for all events that the QSCC or partners have hosted. Additionally, the majority of people attending the events were not regular centre users, making MacPride a successful outreach campaign.

OTHER
The QSCC owes many thanks for the success of MacPride week to the excellent contributions made by Athletics and Recreation, Phil Wood, The AIDS Network, Feminist Alliance McMaster, SHEC, and Human Rights and Equity Services.