Dear Members of the Student Representative Assembly,

The EA Committee had several goals for this year, as summarized by our yearplan at the start of the year. In this report I will review the status of those goals.

1) Policy Review Framework

This goal was completed during the summer of 2015. The framework that emerged has been appended to this report. It will also be included in both my and the VP (Education)’s transition report.

2) Policy Updates and Maroon Papers:

Policies were separated by easy to understand clades on the website (i.e. University, External, etc.). Furthermore, Maroon papers were created for all external policies, except for indigenous students, which is currently under review and it’s updated copy will be accompanied with its maroon paper.

a. International Students Policy

This policy is being discussed at this meeting and has been completed.

b. Indigenous Students Policy

The committee recently received the information from indigenous students focus groups. We are not working with the University Affairs committee and are devising the framework for this policy. We are anticipating having the principles, concerns, and recommendations completed for next year’s committees to detail and complete.

c. Student Engagement & Retention Policy
This policy is being discussed at this meeting and has been updated.

d. Tuition & Post-Secondary Affordability Policy

This policy has been updated and approved by the SRA.

e. Student Housing Policy

This policy has been updated and approved by the SRA.

3) Increased OUSA Presence and Awareness

While we were unable to run a campaign specifically about OUSA, we did begin integrating their policy summaries into our campaigns. For example, for tuition, we distributed OUSA pamphlets to inform students about what their provincial lobbying group is advocating for. Furthermore, several MSU members wrote blogs for OUSA, maintaining McMaster’s strong contribution level from the past year. Lastly, we will be posting OUSA policy briefs on the MSU website for easy student access.

4) Municipal LobbyCon (now Municipal Advocacy Week)

The Community Engagement Coordinator largely completed the coordination of this project but several EA members partook in productive meetings with community members. The Report from the week is available under the Reports tab on the website.

5) Federal Election

The campaign this year was a large-scale effort involving the entire Education Team. The committee accomplished its goals for involvement by helping in promotion, synthesizing information for creating the webpage.

6) ChangeCamp Preview Day

The first ChangeCamp Preview Day was held this year and was a great success with many students learning about what ChangeCamp is and how they can engage with their municipality. This was coupled with an extremely strong ChangeCamp. I encourage the assembly to check out the report later this month!

7) Entrepreneurship Conference

This project is in flux. Significant work has not started on it and it may instead become a transition event for the Education Team and SRA in mid-April.

8) Student Housing Campaign
This campaign was a great success. By collaborating with SCSN and Advocacy Street Team several awareness events were run as well as a focus group that helped create the student housing policy.

9) Sustainability at Mac & In Hamilton

This event is upcoming next week and is being done in collaboration with MacGreen and SRA Science.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Regards,

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