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Operations Commissioner

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: SRA Operations Commissioner
SUBJECT: Final Report
DATE: March 15, 2016

Dear Assembly,

Operations Committee '15 was a wild ride. We accomplished a lot so the way this is going to work is by semester. I will then provide a table of updates on my YearPlan and each point's status by now.

Summer

Naturally, I started with clubs. Operating Policy 1.9.9.1 – Clubs Executive Council was edited to allow for a peer support framework, actual SRA responsibility, and the capacity to act as a true governing body for clubs. This policy was not really upheld this year due to poor communication with the Clubs Administrator and the sheer fact that no one is used to this body doing anything. I intend on meeting with the new Clubs Administrator once they are hired to review this policy and communicate implementation strategies. After I got that off my chest I worked together with Ehima and the founders of MSU Wants You to cement their working group in the MSU with an Operating Policy.

Towards the end of the summer we drafted our first original with the creation of the Constituent Outreach Policy. I definitely had high hopes for it and was eager to set a precedent for communication. It ended up needing a minor tweak to make it work later but it was empowering to see something I ran on come to fruition from scratch with the help my committee and several others. We hit the ground running and I am very grateful to my committee members and others who got involved for their willingness to work over the summer and set us up for success this year!

Fall

After a minor edit to Operating Policy 3.6 – Key Access that allowed people to get Committee Room access keys if they really need them, we turned our attention to the grossly outdated Operating Policy 1 – Services. The original intent was the clean it up and add sections regarding creation and review but in the end we decided on a separate policy for those while the services listing was successfully updated and PTMs and SOPs were differentiated in OP 1. The Services Creation and Review Policy is now available for you to review as Brandon and I would love to have you pass it at this meeting. Aside from passing these policies, Operations was doing the behind the scenes work on the Constituent Outreach Policy at this time as well as discussing potential changes to VP elections because I was a member of the VP Ad-Hoc Committee at this time.

Winter

Here is where things got spicy and I genuinely worried for a while. First I had to pass the edit to the Constituent Outreach Policy that would smooth over a miscommunication that was preventing people from adhering to it. Then the Presidential campaign period ruined everyone's January, we had to deal with the VP referendum fallout, and we had lots left on the table so I felt behind. It is with great pleasure that I remind you the edits to VP, Speaker, and Commissioner Elections passed so our internal elections should be more efficient, transparent, and equitable. In case you missed it, I did cry out of joy after. Operations also managed to draft the Services Creation and Review policy, reorganize all our Operating Policies into a system that makes sense, address the end of PTM/start of SRA term overlap, and provide feedback on several other important new policies. I know we are giving you a lot to think about at the last meeting and I apologize but I am so glad to be finishing off my term with some bold changes on the table.

YearPlan Comparison

Point	Outcome
Update and improve the Club Executive Council policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This policy was successfully edited and passed• Implementation will require consultation with the incoming Clubs Administrator
Pass a broad Constituent Outreach Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This policy was successfully drafted and passed• This policy will require a heavier hand from the Speaker for proper implementation until the assembly becomes used to it• Data collected from Outreach Hour logging will be passed onto the next Operations Commissioner for them to do with as they please
Pass an Accountability Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This policy proved to be excellent in theory and terribly difficult to execute in reality• Carter and I have discussed this and are sending a set of heavy recommendations to our successors• Carter and I still think an official mechanism for accountability would benefit the Assembly greatly and hope to see our successors work together on this issue

Review being a PTM and SRA member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We felt it was unfair to limit the opportunities of PTMs at the end of their term when SRA is an elected position • If a PTM who is at the end of their term and has not been rehired for next year wants to represent their constituents they should be given that chance for both their sake and the constituents that voted them in • More information on this matter is pending review at EB this week and I will be adding it to agenda for Sunday after having received their input
Edit the VP Election process to be in line with the suggestions from the VP Ad-Hoc Committee once voted upon by the SRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After many rounds of consultation, this policy was successfully edited and passed • We are very excited to see it in action this April!
Review, update, and improve the Services Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy was successfully edited and passed • The companion policy regarding creation and review is available for you to read now! • Officiating a process for creation and review is of utmost importance for maintaining the integrity and quality of our services in the future
Create and pass the Inclusion Council Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Inclusion Council Policy from last year's committee proved to not be of any merit • The Operations Committee is leaving the next Operations Committee with recommendations regarding how to have something with the same principle as Inclusion Council function through PACBIC instead should they be interested in upholding a focus on equity
Play an active role in the implementation of BDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of BDS was much slower than I thought it would be • The official boycott list was just completed meaning unfortunately the responsibility of taking care of BDS will fall on the next Operations Commissioner as my term is near over • I intend to make myself available for communication to them should they need support in this endeavor
Pass the MSU Wants You Policy to take it from working group to committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy was successfully drafted and passed

I personally think my actions reflection my intentions well and I hope you are satisfied with the changes I made and still plan to make. Operations endured 10:00 PM meetings, many late night edits and e-votes, quite a few seats being dropped, and meetings that definitely went over an hour to make this happen. I feel very privileged to have gotten to work with such an accommodating group and one that is so good at having thoughtful discourse on important topics. I greatly enjoyed my time as your Operations Commissioner and highly recommend going for it if you are interested. As always, please do not hesitate to ask me any questions regarding this report or running for Operations Commissioner because I will be more than happy to help you out. Good luck with life beyond the Assembly!

Sincerely,

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