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PRESIDENT

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: MSU President
SUBJECT: Final SRA Report
DATE: 20th of March 2016

Dear Members of the Assembly,

We have reached the end, it.

I will like to circle back on my platforms and provide brief updates on it.

1) TUITION (Financial Accessibility):

- Tuition Task Force: The task force was created at the last SRA meeting of last year. An operating policy was recently created to solidify its existence in becoming an SRA committee.
- BOG Presentation: This was done back in the summer as Spencer and I both presented to the highest governing body of the university our plan to tackle financial accessibility. This in my opinion was the key to successfully tackling this issue.
- University Budget Submission: The Board of Directors submitted the first ever MSU budget submission to the university. In terms of financial accessibility we recommended to the university to invest more in needs made scholarships rather than merit based.
- Provincial Budget/Tuition Frame Work: As you can see in the latest provincial budget, the government of Ontario has made PSE free for anyone from a family making less than \$50,000. This is fantastic news and it comes from years of lobbying from our provincial lobby body OUSA. As the Tuition framework expires next year, OUSA will continue to lobby for a tuition freeze.
- Courseware: As everyone knows, coursewares are more affordable than textbooks. This is something Justin and I have been working on for the past year. We have been able to make decent progress on this and with Justin as the incoming president he can continue to work on this issue.
- Thankful to Spencer, Daniel, Giuliana, the whole Education team, active members of the tuition task force, Justin Monaco Barnes and others

2) CLUBS UPGRADE:

- Newsletter to Clubs: We introduced a monthly clubs newsletter that allows the student population to know what is happening with the clubs department.

- Second Clubs Admin: We added a second clubs admin who works 10 hours a week in conjunction with the clubs admin and the other clubs admin assistant.
- Online Booking of Clubspace: The booking of clubspace was moved to an online system to make the process more efficient and ease the workload on the clubs admin.
- More money to Clubs: This year we allocated more MSU dollars to clubs.
- Overall I feel very delighted with the improvements that we made to the clubs department. Clubs are a massive community of the MSU and one that we should continue to appreciate.
- Thankful to Wooder, Jess, Dan, Josh Patel, Pauline, members of CEC.

3) FOOD

- Community Kitchen: David Chen is an amazing individual. He took a vision and helped to fast track it to reality. We now have a community kitchen in MUSC where students can meet up and learn how to make healthy, delicious meals with local food.
- Food hours: We increased the hours of UM during exam periods for both semesters and worked with hospitality service to introduce a state of the art vending machine in Mills that supplies the same thing that a convenience store can do. This in my opinion is the best way to tackle late night food as it helps to keep the cost of labour down. If the next BOD wants to have this vending machine in MUSC the offer is on the table from Chris Roberts to get another one.
- Kitchen Stops: At the time of reading this report we should have 8 more microwaves in MUSC. Kitchen stops are essential for off campus students and it is something that should continue to be installed in various parts of campus.
- Thankful to David Chen and his Mac Bread Bin team, Lori Diamond, Dan, Chris Roberts.

4) WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE

- We hosted the leadership summit for women in partnership with SSC, Alumni and YWCA. To the next BOD, please continue to host this with a focus on students.
- MSU Wants You: This group in my opinion is very important group to have on campus. We were able to do a bunch of events in partnership with elections committee and WGEN. For next year, I recommend this group continues to host events but at the same time look at researching ways in removing barriers from students getting involved in the MSU.
- Thanks to Hayley, Preethi, Priya, Nishan, members of MSU wants You, Alumni, SSC and YWCA

5) GENDER NEUTRAL WASHROOMS

The University is on board with this. I expected more push backs from people on this idea but it has been received positively. I am currently in the process of drafting a policy and statement in partnership with CUPE and the GSA on

Gender Neutral Washroom. The policy will also include the washroom audit that was carried out by the University Affairs committee. The next step will be to then recommend to the university to implement these changes.
Thankful to Blake, UA committee, GSA, CUPE, QSCC and Emily

6) (In)Visible Accessibility

- Upgrades to lifts on Campus: Money has been located to upgrade all the lifts on campus. Construction should commence in May and be done before the start of the school year in September.
- The Macess app is up and running but more work needs to go to promotion on this app.
- TA Training: Part of our budget recommendations when we submitted a University budget submission was for the university to work with CUPE on implementing paid Training. Part of this training should focus on TA dealing with accommodations when it comes to accessibility.

RANDOM TIDBIT.

- Light up the night planning is in full swings, promotions should be out by the time you read this report. The event is scheduled to happen on the 8th of April 2016. Free food, rides and games you do not want to miss out. L.U.T.N. got nominated for Canadian Event industry award.
- Interested in running for a Vice-President position? Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Same applies for commissioner and speaker
- Congratulations to the new SRA
- Congratulations to the all the newly hired SOP's and PTM's
- This just in, Justin is great. Transition with him is going smoothly.
- Be excited for the SWAN SONG happening on Student Rec Night
- Club Got Talent is happening next Wednesday at 1280. You should come out and have a stellar time.

The end is near. It has been a pleasure, honour and privilege serving as your president. This job is great and you people are part of the reasons why. I wish you the best in whatever you decide to do after this year.

Best Regards,
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