

The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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As the calendar year comes to a close, I want to reflect on my first seven months as MSU President. Reflecting on this job allows me to appreciate my own effort as well as the efforts of those around me. Reflection also allows me to recognize the progress that we have made together so far, while acknowledging those goals that have yet to be achieved.

During my presidential campaign, I made a number of concrete promises to students. In the spirit of accountability and transparency, I highlight below some of the promises I have already fulfilled, as well as projects I will be working on in the second semester. Some projects

are more complex than others, but the complexity makes this job interesting and enjoyable.

I did not accomplish any of these things on my own. Much of the credit belongs to the people around me, who are always willing to contribute. These people are too numerous to thank individually. If you have helped out on a project, even in some small way, know that I am grateful. You make my job worthwhile, and the MSU could not function without you.

It is a pleasure and an honour to serve as your president. The Summer and Fall terms have been electrifying. I am super excited for an even better Winter term, full of programs, events, and infrastructure upgrades that will make our campus more fun and more accessible to all who study, work, and live here.

If you have comments or suggestions on anything related to the MSU, feel free to drop by my office in MUSC 201. You can also call me at 905-525-9140, ext. 23885, or send me an email at president@msu.mcmaster.ca.

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★ ★ PRESIDENTIAL PROGRESS REPORT ★ ★

▼ ACCOMPLISHED ▼

▼ IN PROGRESS ▼

October **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Thanks to the drive of the Mac Bread Bin coordinator and his team, we already have a community kitchen in Bridges Cafe, where a professional chef runs workshops on how to cook various dishes.



Summer **KITCHEN STOPS**

Students returned from summer to the welcome sight of upgrades in the student centre, particularly more kitchen stops. This includes toasters, microwaves, and kettles in MUSC.



October **LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FOR WOMEN**

In partnership with Alumni and the SSC, the MSU engaged in productive discussions on how to empower and encourage women-identified individuals to take up leadership and governance positions.



April **TUITION TASK FORCE**

At the beginning of my term, the SRA approved the creation of a tuition task force, in order to investigate McMaster's tuition breakdown and available financial assistance.



Ongoing **CLUBS UPGRADES**

MSU Clubs now have more funding, and the Clubs department has more administrative staff. In addition, Clubspace bookings are moving online, and the new Clubs newsletter has seen a good response.



TUITION CAMPAIGNS **January**

In partnership with the VP Education and the Education team, the MSU will a Tuition 101 campaign and a letter-writing campaign in the second semester.



FROST WEEK **January**

The planning for Frost Week is in full swing. Expect a frosty week packed with fun events, just as great as previous years and with a few new additions.



STUDENT LIFE ENHANCEMENT FUND **January**

The ideas have been collected. Students will get a chance to vote on them in January, once the VP Finance, other campus partners, and I have established their feasibility and sustainability.



GENDER NEUTRAL WASHROOMS **Ongoing**

Expect to see Gender Neutral Washrooms introduced during the Winter term, accompanied by an educational campaign focused on accessibility and sensitivity.



LIGHT UP the NIGHT **April**

In April 2016, this hugely popular event will return for a second year, with more rides, more games, and more food to close out the academic year. Get excited.




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