To the most honorable Assembly,

This report will inform you on the Executive Board meetings of March 2nd and March 9th.

The MSU Services continue to work hard to fulfill their mandates and offer students extensive and useful resources. All the services who reported are fiscally stable and continue to operate with efficacy. Special regards David of MAC Bread Bin, who presented his research on food systems at McMaster. SPARK, Diversity Services, and WGEN continue to interact with students through their week long programming. CLAY is innovating in its hiring processes to ensure equity and have raised a significant amount of funds to subsidize costs for students.

Job Descriptions
The executive board confirmed the following job descriptions

Shinerama and Terry Fox – Events Coordinator
PSL – Events Coordinator
   Promotions Coordinator
   Peer Listener Job Description

Diversity Services – Events Coordinator
   Indigenous affairs Liaison
   Promotions Executive
   Research and resources Executive
   Social and Political Advocacy coordinator

Service Reports,
The executive board heard reports from

Diversity Services,
MACgreen
Spark
WGEN
Elections
Clay
Maroons
Diversity Services

Diversity Services is pleased with the outcome of diversity week. For diversity week, they had a mixture of intimate workshops on feminism, race, and faith. They collaborated with perspectives on peace to picture peace, and Kim Milan was their keynote speaker. Diversity week has come a long way and is still looking to learn and grow. They have done fantastic work so far. Updates made to the diversity services JD to reflect the new structure of the service, see minutes for details. Ryan Deshpande and Lilian Obeng have been hired, as the new director and assistant director respectively. The service continues to run AbiliteTeas and continue to encourage students to showcase their artwork at bridges café. They hosted training to their volunteers to upgrade their skills

MACgreen

MACgreen executives have been working towards organizing the march 12th sustainability conference. Their used but not bruised drop off boxes have been put back in place. At the last PACNL meeting, they discussed the future of MACgreen and its effects on the other sustainability services on campus. They have also been doing bi-weekly walks to cootes to ensure there aren't any damages to the land.

Spark

Spark welcomes Wid Yaseesn in as the new PTM. They have registered several success this year. The most notable one is the successful first year feedback forum. They have also had higher participants for their sessions this semester. Their applicant workshop was also well received. Spark will not be having opening ceremonies next year. Kevin and Lindsay continue to create engaging and relevant session for team leaders. There was disappoint across the service from not being able to launch learning to fly campaign. The service is looking forward to their transitions, volunteer recognition and closing ceremonies.

Maroons

Megan O’Brien has been hired as the new Maroons Coordinator for the 2016-2017 year. They are in the process of hiring their Executive Team and will be hiring Representatives the first weekend of April. The Facebook page has almost doubled over the last term. The marrons continue to support our marauder sports teams. The PTM is currently planning the maroons closing ceremonies

WGEN

At the time the report was received, International Women’s Week had not yet happened. They tabled at SACHA’s IWW event. They also did additional training to ensure their volunteers are more comfortable in their roles. WGEN has hired a bright new PTM. They have been developing a strategy for post shift de briefs to properly understand how people are using peer support. The WGEN volunteers continue to execute with expediency and our epically dope. The service has run into some technological difficulties; this has halted some of their debrief processes but they hope this is resolved soon. We are looking forward to hearing from WGEN about IWW and the status of the patriarchy.
Elections

The Elections Department is currently finishing up SRA Generals and has successfully completed the Presidential and Referendum election. These past two months have been some of the most stressful, yet rewarding months of the Elections Department and we are so thankful for all the support that we have received thus far! We were able to break records this year with having the highest voter turnout for Presidential/Referenda as well as the second highest number of candidates running for SRA Generals. The Elections Department has also submitted a recommended budget for the upcoming year as well as finalized our Simply Voting contract for the next two years. The elections department are facing challenges with the registrar’s office as a result of the registrars changed policy. They are in conversations with the general manger to and the BOD to ensure this is no longer a problem.

Clay

Preparations for the conference are coming along smoothly. The CLAY volunteers are working exceptionally hard to fulfill their mandate. CLAY hosted an Applicant’s Workshop in collaboration with Spark and Horizons in February. Their event had a large turnout of 87 participants. CLAY made changes to their interview sessions to ensure equity. They needed people to ensure they are demonstrating passion towards CLAY values. Their Coffee house raised $1300. They are hoping to see upgrades made to the MSU applications website to have a better registration system.

See the completed minutes for more details, and please feel free to ask any and every question you deem necessary.

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