REPORT

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Mac Bread Bin

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: David Cheng
SUBJECT: Mac Bread Bin Report Five

UPDATES

Pay it Forward
Pay it Forward has begun this week in Bridges Café. We’ve decided to do a soft launch.

Transitional Things
I am currently transitioning Veronica and Meg into the role. Veronica and are having one hour meeting per week to talk about projects that need it’s rough edges sanded out.

Community Kitchen – Expansion & Vision
We’ve reached out to MISCA to submit a proposal to Indigineus Studies Program. We plan on using the Kitchen with MISCA at least once a month.

There was an agreement that the teaching kitchen in the Wilson Hall cannot be used for any purposes beyond indigeniuous affairs. Mac Bread Bin and the MSU will respect this and not pursue to turn the Teaching Kitchen into a bookable space.

Good Food Box
Again, please keep in mind that the Food Collective Centre cannot facilities the distribution of produce yet. I have decided to encourage Veronica to continue with the $7 subsidy for Mac Bread Bin Partners. Those who are eligible to receive this subsidy are able to to order confidentially via their Unique ID code.
After discussions with the Grace Lutheran Church, we will have to revert to charging non-student staff $15 as the Church provides a $3 subsidy for students.

We’ll be working with the Grace Lutheran Church and Pastor Loretta to promote their cooking workshops on every first Tuesday of the month. They charge $2 per class. This may be a good alternative to Community Kitchens on Campus.

**CHALLENGES AND SHORT-COMINGS**

We’re low on food inventory. We hope that our Donate A Meal campaign where students are donating their meal plan funds to us will help us stock the shelves of Living Rock Ministries and us as well.

- We were not able to release the booking system for Liberty Kitchen this year.
- We were also not able to make a wallpaper banner in the Food Collective Centre.
- These items will be left for Veronica to prioritize during her term.

**The Future of Community Kitchens at McMaster.**

Veronica, Meg, and I have differences in how Community Kitchens will fruitate on campus. They suggested to reopen the possibility of using Bridges Café. I have learnt that this is my time to let go and let others choose the direction of Mac Bread Bin.

We have also confirmed that Mac Bread Bin will have access to the Kitchenette in MUSC. Lori Diamond has been very supportive of our efforts.

Veronica and Meg are looking into alternatives for the location of Liberty Kitchen and Community Kitchen

**SERVICE USAGE**

We had three new Mac Bread Bin partners resgister with the service. They’ve been more comfortable to order hygenic products as we’re seeing a greater demand for them.

**UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Mac Mind Crawl**

We received 3200 dollars from various partners. Mac Mind Crawl is officially Feed the Bus replacement event this year. We’ve incorporated a food drive to gain some food donations and make up for the lost. However, it is worth noting that Mac Bread Bin usually donates
most of their collected donations from the event to community partners as we did not have a very high usage in previous years.

**Good Food Boxes**
Good Food Boxes are now available to order for April 2016.

**BUDGET**
We currently do not have any money left. However, Mac Mind Crawl will provide us with flexibility in stocking up food and buying supplies that can be handed down to Mac Bread Bin after Mac Mind Crawl is over.

**VOLUNTEERS**
The Good Food Coordinator, Adriane Pong, has hired her team for the FCC. We have expanded hours at the Food Collective Centre from Monday to Thursdays from 11:30pm to 6:30pm and Fridays from 11:30am to 4:30pm. Exam schedules will be announced shortly.

**CURRENT CHALLENGES**
I have realized that it’s really hard to engage with students with any events – even if it has free food. We really need help from everyone to promote Mac Mind Crawl and make this one of the largest events of the year. We have four services, five MSU clubs, 6 Community Partners, and more than a dozen University Departments participating.

**SUCCESSES**
Mac Bread Bin Coordinators have not impeached me.

**OTHER**
I want give a huge shout out to everyone who have been involved with the growth of Mac Bread Bin.

Adriane Pong – Thank you for your amazing recruit
Tiffany Got – Thank you for always being so on top ad thorough in Meal Exchange events
Miranda Babbit – Thank you for your endless skills of writing proposals and grants
Meg Hsu – Thank you for for being so organized and keeping us all just as organized
Veronica Van Der Vliet – Thank you for being the next director of the service. I know you will take the service to the next level and build on top of the community that we’ve worked so hard to build this year.
Karishma Manji – Thank you for your dedication in waking up so early to pack Good Food Boxes at the Grace Lutheran Church

Cassandra Masschelein – Thank for taking amazing photos of Bridges Café when we made it festive.

Accounting Office – Maggie, Kevin, Sean, Maggie, Alex, Jodie, Rachel, Sarah – Thank you for dealing with ridiculous reimbursement system

Office Clerks (Jackie, Val, Karis, and Gaby) – Thank you for always dealing with my emergencies

Jess and Victoria – Thank you for not requesting that I should be fired.

BoD – Thank you for being so different and always taking a different perspective for every situation (when it didn’t come to money [obviously]).

... And lastly, thank you to everyone who I missed in this shout out who have put their support in Mac Bread Bin.

THANK YOU