It’s now or never to go through life with certain expectations of how things operate. Take autonomy for instance – when you graduate from high school there is an expectation that we will go to school from September to April, Monday to Friday, experience 500 person classes and be considered by our institution as ‘just a number’. The perceived sense of autonomy are not necessarily the realities however, or at least they shouldn’t be.

Imagine an undergraduate experience where teaching and research were considered equally important, where outside-the-classroom experiences were no longer exclusive to the classroom, but an intricate part of your undergraduate education. Imagine that the hegemony of experiential education, self-directed learning and interdisciplinary studies are no longer buzzwords, but a significant limiting directive when we react with university administration and provincial MPPs.

McMaster President, Patrick Deane has identified these areas in particular to further develop and impact education, self-directed learning and interdisciplinary studies. Our vision for undergraduate education is one in which students don’t have to make sacrifices or choose that academics one week or volunteer experience.

The MSU would like to see students move away from expectations, and start laying the groundwork for what we want to get out of university, along with unparalled support for students and the Wellness Centre – student success involves not just maintained, but developed in terms of quality, but not just quality.

The discussions on the future of education not only at McMaster, but in this province have been extensive, and the MSU wants to be at the centre of all sewer. We are an education and advocacy group for GLBTQ members of the Queer community at McMaster contact QSCC at qscc@msu.mcmaster.ca. The curry of student success is the MSU’s first priority and QSCC is the MSU’s primary partner in the QSCC's social events. The students and their allies. The centre, located on the second floor of the MUSC, maintains the largest LGBTQ resources library in Hamilton.

Be sure to look out for more announcements occurring in second term. If you’re interested in taking part in planning please contact us.

Early this week was the McMaster Pride Parade, one of the highlight celebrations of Pride Week Members of the Queer community and their allies paraded through McMaster, alongside campus and community partners, including our MSU President Matthew Dillon-Leitch. This was an energetic and powerful demonstration from those who support the equality of all McMaster students and oppose Homophobia and Transphobia.

If you’re interested in participating in next Pride Week events, contact us by Saturday 11AM – 1PM in the QSCC social space (MUSC room 221). The film featured on black gay men and their experiences of anti-oppression, which is why the MSU’s stance on anti-oppression is so important. It can start by filling out the Quality of Education Assessment at president.msumcemail.ca. It shouldn’t end there though. We are also putting together a document and sympson on what it means to be a student at McMaster, what is lacking in the current framework for undergraduate education and of course, in what ways does the remedy exceed already.

For more information please contact us by较低的＠ðs.mcmaster.ca.

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