UPDATE
Wow, so many things are happening right now. Since the last time I reported, WGEN hosted our Halloween Event, Spooptacular, which was a great success with new faces coming in for the programming. Lots of opportunities to engage with community partners and make new friends this month - we tabled at the International Women’s and Children’s Health Conference, and are attending the Leadership Summit for Women this weekend to table and slink around. We’ve also been very much involved with the final stages of SA policy draft, and co-hosted the student consult session of the sexual assault policy this week with Allison Drew-Hassling and CO.

SERVICE USAGE
There is never a quiet time in WGEN (except right at 9:30am). Which is amazing for the service and also hard for my brain as I sit and work in the back. But it truly is a time to be alive. We are continuing to push the debrief forms with our volunteers so they can fill out number of people, types of peer supports offered, etc. There have been some reach outs to myself and my VC regarding sensitive disclosures – and due to the new debrief forms, we’ve been able to do follow-up within ~12 hours, so I’m happy about that.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
Started up a new consent poster campaign and SA poster piece which will be coming out in January. Starting thinking about the roll-out of the SA policy in Jan, some ideas around info graphics or a video we can make to explain the wordy policy in layman terms.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
We’ve been in the thick of planning for Transforming Mac week – our 2nd biggest annual campaign – and we have 6 WGEN events. QSCC is co-hosting the week with us, which is truly less stressful and means we can all be a bit more streamlined and focused.

VOLUNTEERS
My volunteers are lovely and kind, we have had better retention this year than last – people are excellent at showing up for their shifts, and getting coverage if not. I often have check-ins with people about concerns that come up in the space, I think folks feel comfortable enough to approach me which calms me cause I know I will hear about it before it turns into a big thicc thing. Debrief system is working well.
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Other expenses: Have definitely spent about half of our special projects in October/November because of the opening event and Halloween. Transforming Mac is going to cost us less than last year because we have a lot of in-house expertise (aka. stacked exec members) and QSCC is splitting all promotions and joint event costs. TLDR; spent more than last year at this time, but I’m OK with that because we’ve also done more.

CURRENT CHALLENGES
There aren’t enough hours in the day to do the things we need to do. I worry that I am pulling hard on my exec team at times because we have this big huge year plan and so many good ideas – and because the subject matter is close to everyone of course they want to do the absolute most. I have to think about student life realities and be cognizant of the balance. Also, I hope my inputs from the wage review process get some serious attention and change moving forward – would like to get an update on this process.

SUCCESSES
The Halloween event was a big hit, and the follow-up consent poster campaign received ~250 shares and 35,000+ reach – amazing. We also hosted our first volunteer appreciation of the year, and had about ½ of our total volunteers come out throughout the event, which I am happy about. We led the Toxic Relationships event for MacTalks this week, very cool very great. WGEN space was at max capacity. Oh I almost forgot, we also had 100 binders (http://gc2b.myshopify.com/) donated to us from an amazing American company we reached out to – they paid for expedited shipping and gave us an absolute array of binders – FOR FREE. That’s a equivalent of ~ $3,500 USD. There is good coming out of the US, folks. Can confirm.

OTHER
Life is quite consumed with Transforming Mac week, but its next week and we’re all very excited. 10/10 recommends you folks come out if you can to next Friday’s art show in Wilson building because art is cool and trans history is important, and join us for a candlelit walk of remembrance afterwards.