UPDATE

October Referenda Appeals

- The appeals meeting for Referenda sides took place on November 16, 2016. We had a long discussion on several fines that were put forth.
- The Elections Committee decided to uphold the decision to disqualify and invalidate the referendum. A few other fines were overturned.
- Results are still unofficial until the Electoral Appeal Board meets.

Planning for Presidential and Referenda

- We are in the process of planning for Presidentials, specifically organizing the Meet n’ Greet and Debate and when and where that will be happening.
- We have met with University administration to discuss the Athletics and Recreation Referendum that will be going forward in January. We plan to further collaborate on creating a guideline that allows them to distribute information in a way that would not violate the integrity of the election. The Elections Committee will also meet to discuss this matter.
- Proclamations will be released December 1st, 2016

MSU Governance and You

- We have held our first meeting last week to both get feedback on the Elections 101 events as well as to generate ideas for outreach in February.
- The next meeting will be held Thursday November 24, 2016 a 4:30, everyone is welcome to join
- We have some ideas for a conference style event in February, which we will begin working on at this meeting

SERVICE USAGE

Service usage has been fairly reduced these past 2 weeks. We have had an average number of requests for meetings and usage of office hours. From now until the New Year, we only have one request for an external election, which will be happening in a few weeks.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
As mentioned in our past report, the largest past event we’ve had is the October By-Election and Referenda and no events have taken place in the last few weeks.

**Appeals Meeting**
- We held the appeals meeting for this election cycle this past week in which all 8 Elections Committee members attended.
- For a full breakdown of the results you can visit msumcmaster.ca/elections.
- The committee decided to uphold the disqualification of the “Vote Yes” to the Exclusive Club Card Referendum and to maintain the invalidation of the referendum. All results are pending the Electoral Appeal Board.

**MSU Governance and You**
- First meeting was held with many members of SRA Science coming out.
- Several ideas for cross-collaboration on a large event set tentatively for February 11, 2017. Target all elected positions with speakers on the process of running, how to create a campaign, and discussions on barriers facing different demographics in running in an at large election.
- Next meeting is Thursday November 24, 2016 all are welcomed to come out. We will be moving onto action items for this initiative.

**UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Presidential Campaign**
- Nominations open December 1st, 2016 and close January 12, 2017 at 5pm
- Currently creating the promotional plan for Presidentials. Kritika is working on getting posters and promotional items (buttons, coffee sleeves, lanyards etc.)
- Trying to find an appropriate date for the Presidential Meet n’ Greet sometime in the first 4 days of campaigning.
- Debate has been set for January 19, 2017 from 5pm-7pm

**Referenda**
- Proclamations for January Referenda are also opening December 1st, 2016.
- Currently creating a promotional plan for this as well, which will go hand in hand with the items mentioned above for Presidentials.

**BUDGET**
VOLUNTEERS
- There were initially some members on EC who were not showing up regularly to committee meetings
- We had a talk with these members to discuss scheduling issues and remind them of the importance of these meetings- members have been more consistent since then
- We are gearing up for Presidentials as a team
- We let members know they must inform us by Nov 11th if they wish to drop EC to be on a presidential team

CURRENT CHALLENGES
- Since we wrapped up our most recent election, there have not been too many new challenges recently
- We are worried about the intensity of presidentials, and want to make sure we are prepared for this election
- One challenge has been finding a time that works for everyone for Governance and You, since certain PTMs or a representative from their service must attend

SUCCESSES
- Successfully concluded appeals process for referenda- any further appeals will go to EAB
- Had good feedback from MSU Governance and You Committee on the seminar event we ran in October to remove barriers for people running for elections- will consider doing something similar to this in the future for SRA elections

OTHER
- Since we just wrapped up two major elections (FYC in September and By-elections and Referenda in October/November) we are taking some time to recuperate for presidentials