Dear Members of the Assembly,

This report will detail all that Executive Board has been up to in the past two weeks from November 15-22, 2016. This report consists of reports from MACycle, QSCC, WGEN, the Advocacy Street Team, Diversity Services, EFRT, Elections, Mac Bread Bin, and the CLAY Yearplan.

**MACycle**
The service is holding many new events this year. One includes a Newcomers Night to build up bikes with a refugee family in the area, and provide them with helmets. The service will also collaborate with SCSN for their cycling advocacy week, as well as collaborate with Cycle Hamilton and New Hope to encourage a connection between cycling communities across Hamilton.

**QSCC**
The service is happy about the Sexual and Gender Diversity Policy that was passed at the last SRA meeting. It is comprehensive and will be used in future advocacy efforts. QSCC held very successful events, including a workshop during MacTalks about queerness and mental health, the [Trans]forming Mac campaign, and Mac Pride. Mac Pride had a banner painting event this year, had a large rally with multiple speakers in attendance, as well, held Let’s Talk Queer workshops which yielded very thorough and intelligent discussion.

**WGEN**
WGEN has been quite busy recently. The service held a quaint Halloween event, engaged with community partners by being tabled at the International Women’s and Children’s Health Conference, attended the Leadership Summit for Women, and very heavily consulted for the Sexual Assault Policy draft. WGEN co-hosted the [Trans]forming Mac campaign, hosting 6 WGEN events.
Advocacy
AST just completed their Mac Talks Week with great success and nearly consistent attendance across all events. Planning of the specific events were outsourced to groups and services on campus to lighten the logistics burden on the Executive Team. Some partners include Jack.org, Diversity Services, WGEN, QSCC, PSL, SHEC, Macademics, Mac Alliance for Body Peace, and the Mac Money Center. Some problems with timely scheduling occurred, thus, not all partners were able to participate this year. However, certain groups are very excited to collaborate during next year’s campaign. The MSU Policy Conference was very successful for its first time running. A lot of very good feedback was made by the MSU members in attendance, and the policies were passed during the SRA meeting the following day.

Diversity Services
The Culture is Not a Costume campaign has been run for the past two years, and was very successful this Halloween as it was widely shared. The service also held an event during MacTalks to facilitate discussion on the intersections of race and mental illness. The outreach extended well past the attendance of highly involved members, and brought in a lot of new faces. Diversity Week is currently being planned and the team is excited to move forward. Other new projects include a voluntourism campaign, and a ‘Donald Trump’ event that will respond to the air of fear.

EFRT
Business as usual. The main focus right now is for experienced members helping with training of the rookie team members. The members are utilizing their training manuals well. The newer team members usually shadow senior members, and that part of their training has been completed. Rookie team members are now responding to calls by themselves. As a result, double senior shifts have ended and their schedules have resumed back to normal. In terms of usage, call volumes have been quite steady this month. December training is happening a week early so as to not coincide with the exam period.

Elections
The Elections Department has begun planning for the 2017 Presidential Election, specifically the coordination and planning for the debates and meet and greet events. The Department has also been planning for the referenda coming up which include HSR, and the Ath. and Rec fees. There has been a lot of communication with the University regarding the referenda since it is such a big project that has been proposed and will be posed to the students. Nominations for the Presidential period are open from December 1, 2016 to January 12, 2017. A lot of good feedback was received from the Elections 101 event. Additionally, the MSU Governance and You Committee held their first meeting. Please message Helen if you are interested in joining.
Mac Bread Bin
The Lockers of Love program has seen some increase of usage since the Food Collective Center has been closed since the summer due to health and safety reasons. Past events include coordinating with MSU Spark to host a cooking class for first year students. The Social and Political Advocacy Coordinators partnered with AST during the MacTalks Campaign to hand out 300 snack rations at libraries to promote healthy eating. The service is now planning for the Food Security Forum, as well as will begin more frequent cooking classes at Fortinos in the next term.

CLAY Yearplan
Since the yearplan is quite long and detailed, outlined below are some main changes brought forth this year: CLAY is moving to Camp Trillium since it is much closer than Muskoka so as to reduce transportation costs, as well as an accessible camp site. Crown Ward is a foster care system in Ontario, and had paid for 46 delegates last year. Taylor is looking into strengthening relationships with them and hopefully have more delegates from the program attend. Peer Support training will be increased this year for staff members to properly address any sensitive disclosures. As well, a trained counsellor will also be on call to address more severe problems that arise for mental health reasons, and to provide more sensitive support.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this report.

Regards,

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