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MSU Macademics Coordinator

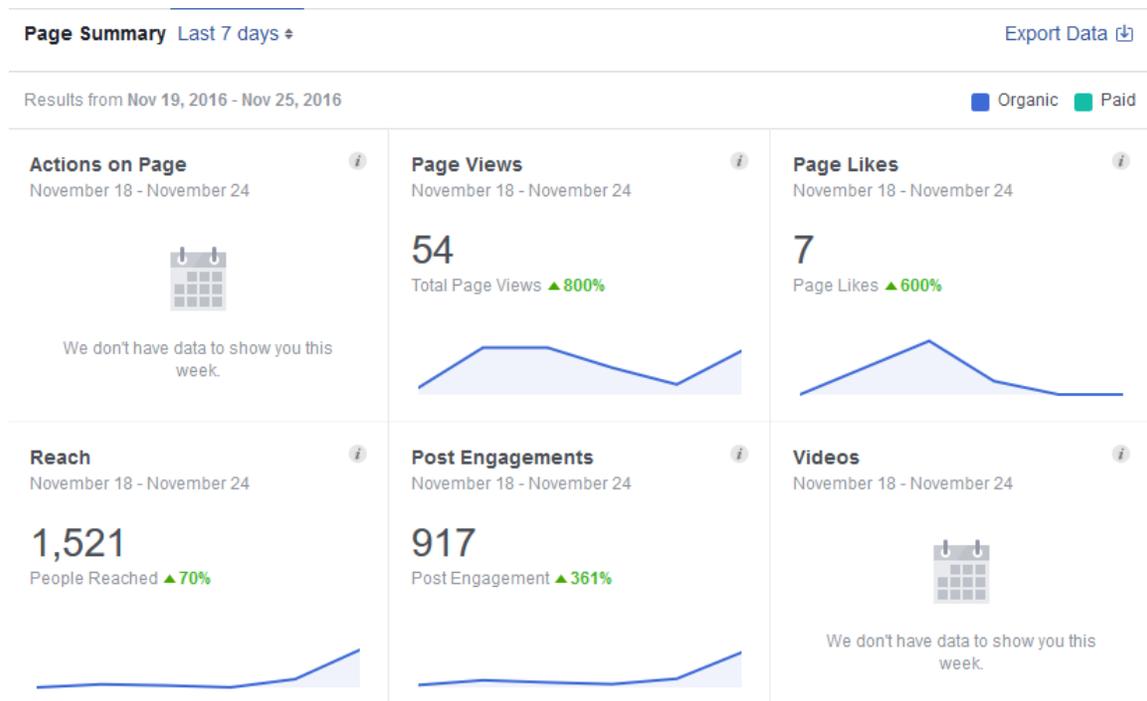
TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Rohoma Zakir
SUBJECT: MSU Macademics Report 3
DATE: Nov. 29th, 2016

UPDATE

We have completed the wikithon!! With a lot of help from Wooder, Sarah, my entire exec team, Zeinab, and faculty societies. Currently we are planning for the course evaluation period and also the course wiki campaign in January.

SERVICE USAGE

The Wikithon had space for roughly 60 people we had a total of around 50 people attend. Co hosting PNB Talks is really bringing brand new viewers to our page. Since we will be livestreaming the event I expect more people to view/like our page.



PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Wikithon

Nov. 22nd we held the first ever wikithon. We had a total of 6 teams registered as well as a few people stopped by who weren't part of a team. The event was very successful. All the tables were filled. Although the teams could not stay for the full 3 hours we had almost 200 wikis filled! Special shoutout to Kinesiology-they brought in over 15 people and stayed the FULL 3 hours. I am now working on designing tickets for the reward as well as getting the raffled Charity Ball tickets to the winner.

Working with 1280 was amazing, they are super helpful and I love their staff. Not only did the event go without any hiccups, 1280 is also helping us with the reward-1280 tickets for a club night on January 12th.

Course Evaluations

COURSE EVALS ARE NOW OPEN! Please share our video! The video is set up like a PSA promoting quality evaluations over quantity. In addition to that, we will also be tabling in different libraries to run our social media contest. Students will submit a screenshot of their completed evals and then we will run up a treat to them.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Course Wiki Campaign

The campaign will be held the first week we are back from winter break. The reason it will be held at that time is to provide students with resources to pick/swap their courses.

PNB Talks

One of the objectives on my yearplan was to collaborate with Intropsych. The course has undergraduate TAs and a professor who does research on pedagogy. I was able to work with Dr. Kim and this year, although we weren't involved in a lot of the planning, we were able to convince Dr. Kim to open the conference up to public! Macademics' role in this conference is in promoting it. Intropsych TAs take a course on education and are trained. This is one of the final projects they are assigned, a presentation. The reason I wanted to collaborate on this conference is because it highlights TAs that have been trained and taught how to give proper presentations to students. The event will also be livestreamed, in case you cannot attend!

OUSA Award

My TAC Coordinator and I have also been working on a project to look into all the awards that we currently give out. One of the most prestigious awards we give out, the OUSA Award, has no clear criteria. After checking the OUSA website as well, we found that its really up to the university to figure out how they want to choose a winner.

Kornelia and I recently had a meeting with Dr. Arshad Ahmad from the McPherson institute on this matter. He was able to provide us with the criteria he uses for the President's Award. We are currently working with him to develop a proper formal criteria.

Teaching Awards Ceremony

Council Chambers has been booked! The award ceremony will be on March 20th! This year I was hoping to make a few changes to the ceremony. I wanted to provide all the nominees with something they can take away from the event. We are currently working on inviting speakers who will either deliver some sort of a short speech or an active workshop type event during the ceremony. I am hoping to invite Dr. Kim and Dr. Arshad.

BUDGET

As you can see we have used up all of the TAC promo budget. I have been working with Ryan and Blake in order to make sure I have enough in my budget to plan other Macademics campaigns.

<i>McMaster Student's Union</i>							
<i>Dept. 0312 - Teaching Awards Committee</i>							
<i>For the Six Months Ending October 31, 2016</i>							
	Current	Prior Yr.	Current	Prior Yr.	Prior Yr.	Approved	% Budget
	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YE	Budget	Used
	October	October	2016-17	2015-16	2015-16	2017	To Date
All:							
5003-0312 TCHA - OFFICE SUPPLIES						25.00	0.00%
5101-0312 TCHA - TELEPHONE	56.60	33.96	56.60	45.28	113.20	120.00	47.17%
5201-0312 TCHA - PHOTOCOPYING						50.00	0.00%
6401-0312 TCHA - AWARDS & MEETINGS			-119.20	188.70	706.70	1,620.00	(7.36%)
6501-0312 TCHA - ADV. & PROMO.	23.03	108.45	1,229.70	108.45	620.24	1,200.00	102.48%
7001-0312 TCHA - WAGES	448.58	447.84	3,136.13	1,228.52	3,610.36	3,300.00	95.03%
7101-0312 TCHA - BENEFITS	38.66	33.23	258.76	74.67	233.81	175.00	147.86%
Total All	566.87	623.48	4,561.99	1,645.62	5,284.31	6,490.00	70.29%

VOLUNTEERS

I need to work on having better volunteer appreciation. Since our last meeting I was able to get two first year representatives to join our team from FYC! They are both amazing and one of them is even featured in our course evaluation video! In total we have 3 new members on our team.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

I think there is a lot more I can do in terms of volunteer appreciation. My exec team has brought up the idea that I should split up the volunteer team into subcommittees. This is something I am working on. A lot of my team is interested in more than one project so it is a bit difficult to have them attend more than one meeting. If you have any suggestions, I am open to feedback!

SUCSESSES

MY TEAM. These past few weeks I have learned so much from my team alone. They have independently organized their pillars of the service. I have supported them through this, but am INCREDIBLY proud as I watch them grow so much! If you ever see any of them in the office please give them a high five for all the work they have put in.

The Wikithon went successfully! I was afraid that we would not have enough people but thankfully, we had good turnout at the event and the wiki now has filled courses!

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Nothing else, thank you!!