UPDATE
The MSU Maroons service has overall been operating well since the last EB report given at the beginning of this month. We have several upcoming activities planned and have been successful with the events we have hosted/attended.

Below outlines specific updates related to the service and its operation.

SERVICE USAGE
Over the past month, the Maroons have been quite busy with events throughout campus.

We have been mainly attending varsity sports games including basketball and volleyball and we have also assisted other services with events. The Maroons have been able to attend one local Hamilton event, which was fairly well attended by our representatives. Please see more details under PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES.

We are still in the process of moving out of the Maroons Office in MUSC B111. We are currently all pack up however have had some delays in the process as we no longer will have access to the Safe Space in the basement as originally planned. We are now looking for ways to store our supplies in the Committee Room with it still being equally as accessible for our service.

The Maroons Executives continue to meet regularly on a weekly basis to discuss updates regarding portfolios, discuss current projects, evaluate the teams effectiveness and develop strategies to improve the service overall. We are currently planning for some future events, please see more details under UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES
Over the past month of November, the service has attended multiple different events, which have been successful. We have participated in one local Hamilton event as apart of the Maroons. Please see the breakdown of events below.
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<td>McMaster Varsity Sports</td>
<td>On a weekly basis, the MSU Maroons attend 2-4 varsity sports games which have include Women’s/Men’s Basketball and Women’s/Men’s Volleyball. For the most part, representative participation has been fairly good and we are maintaining our contract we have kept with Athletics &amp; Recreation with the minimum number of 15 attending.</td>
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<td>Hamilton Santa Claus Parade</td>
<td>Hamilton Santa Claus Parade happened on November 19th. The event was very successful in general and we had a lot of First Year Maroons attend and participate. Overall we had fewer representatives than we would have liked but the ones who did attend stepped up to the plate and marched with McMaster Pride in the event. For future, this is definitely an event that could be continued but we would recommend partnering across McMaster earlier to get more campus groups involved to both increase participation and potentially decrease cost.</td>
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<td>Spark + FYC First Year Formal</td>
<td>On November 24th, First Year Council and Spark had their First Year Formal. Not very many people participated in terms of assisting, however they did not need many volunteers. It was difficult to have Maroons participate and representatives needed to be reminded multiple times. This could be because the event was difficult in nature – standing outside in the cold for 2 hours holding a sign – and representatives could have been busy with school work.</td>
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<td>Maroon Monday</td>
<td>Maroon Monday happened every Monday of the month and has had high participation. Representatives have posted each week and we have had external non-Maroons post as well. We are still reaching and promoting more with hope to see continued improvement.</td>
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UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Team Bonding Events

*Eggnog*

Eggnog is happening on December 3rd and we have approximately 50 representatives attending. This will be a fun appreciation event for volunteers to attend and have fun with fellow representatives.
**Maroons Christmas**
Maroons Christmas will be another team bonding event that is pending for December 4th but is still to be determined. We are hoping to have a potluck at one of the Maroons executives’ houses and do Secret Santa (or Christmas Gift Steal) with the team.

**Maroons Study Sessions**
Currently we have booked out MUSC Rooms for December 13th and 20th for Maroons to come and study during the exam session. We will also use these rooms potentially for suit painting parties as the First Year Maroons should be receiving their suits early December. These rooms will be used to positively build team morale and is a substitute for no longer having an office space.

**Mandatory Meeting**
This meeting is more of a training session that will happen in January. Very preliminary planning will be discussed this upcoming Maroons Executive Meeting.

**Maroons Events**

*Maroons Exam De-Stressor*
Maroons and First Year Council are in the preliminary processes of planning a Pre-Exam Destressor on December 7th from 6PM-10PM in MUSC Atrium. We have booked out the space and are setting up a meeting to discuss information pertaining to the budget, activities and overall operation of the event on Monday, November 28th. The current idea is to host a movie in the Atrium with snacks, board games, arts and crafts and other activities.

*Maroon Exam Wishes*
Maroons this year will be doing Exam Well Wishes to students in the past. This includes having Maroon Rave Cards printed at Underground and having Maroon Representatives Sign business cards wishing students good luck with exams and happy holidays. These will then be distributed in Thode Library with candy canes and Maroons Promotions Stickers (in the process of being ordered). The tentative dates for this will be December 11th – 12th.

*Rep Fest (Frost Week)*
We are currently in the process of planning for Frost Week. At the last meeting, it was discussed that the Maroons would host Rep Fest which would be an event catered to students interested in becoming representatives for their faculty, residence, SOCS, indigenous studies or Maroons. I have explored the option of having this event in 1280 as MUSC Atrium is currently booked for Diversity Week with MSU Diversity Services. This option is not within our financial budget so I have reached out to Shaarujaa (VP Admin) and Ryan (VP Finance) for more assistance. I will update you on the progress or execution of this event next EB meeting.
BUDGET
Please see the budget outline from October sent by Maggie.

The budget remains on track since the last EB Meeting. There are some discrepancies between the budget I have kept track of and the estimate that Maggie has presented here on the spreadsheet. I have emailed Ryan to set up a meeting to discuss and review finances to ensure no mistakes or miscounts have been made on either end.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers for the most part have stayed the same. The team dynamic remains overall positive. The First Year Maroons have seemed to become very close with one another, which is great to see. The Upper Year Maroons have continued to suggest they would like more team bonding events – hence the further planning of more in December. The Maroons Executive Team and myself will continue to monitor the volunteer situation and update EB of any large changes.

CURRENT CHALLENGES
Continually our challenge seems to be volunteer retention. With persuasion and consistent reminders we have been able to achieve minimum numbers for events however with the term being busy people are less available. We are hoping to address some concerns at the general mandatory meeting held in January (date to be determined). If EB has any ideas in terms of implementing a system or advice it would be greatly appreciated.

SUCCESSES
The First Year Maroons who have joined the team are doing an absolutely FANTASTIC job at their role. They are dedicated individuals who routinely come out to events and it is inspiring to see their passion develop for McMaster over such little time of being here. This new initiative has definitely seen ups and downs in terms of how it was first implemented but it has been astoundingly successful overall.