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## First Year Council Coordinator

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Kristen Webster  
SUBJECT: First Year Council Report 1  
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### UPDATE

Everything is pretty good in FYC land. We had a very successful first semester; we put together many big and small events and advocacy campaigns, and have set up ourselves well for the future. I really look forward to what we do this semester, especially with our remaining budget. Now that the team is in the swing of things, I believe it's only up from here! Hope you're all well, happy semester 2!

### SERVICE USAGE

Our events have been very successful so far. Our cupcake launch resulted in 300 new likes, breaking 1000 followers on Facebook. Our Fishbowl night was well attended, and the live stream was viewed many times. Our Marauder's Nest event had 27 pitches, which was equal to about every time slot filled. The Exam De-stressor we co'd with the Maroons on was very well attended. Most of our Facebook posts hit around 3000 views, most of our Instagram pictures get 40 likes, most twitter posts get 3-5 likes. I would consider these all successes. Each residence has held a creative event to get feedback from students, which all were well attended.

### PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

This year has been successful in projects thus far. Each residence has held one event to get feedback from first year students, of which each event went smoothly. Each was well attended. Examples of these events include "Cookies and Conversations" "Cupcake-Bake and Talking" "Build Your Own Woodstock" "Conversations with CrisTEA".

The residence committees have had initial meetings with McMaster employees, we look forward to implementing programming this semester. Last semester the Events committee put on Marauder's Nest to get feedback from students, and the Dining committee produced a survey that got 250+ responses and resulted in extended Centro hours. Those are the only concrete bricks and mortar events so far, other events are in the works.

We held the fishbowl night and cupcake launch, both of which were successful, as mentioned above.

### UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Coffeehouse: Jan 12, Bridges. No barriers.

Amazing Race, McMaster: No date, probable Feb. Goal to raise awareness about other faculties, bring some connection amongst residence friends. Barriers include making a race event accessible.

Club Night: Working with Campus Events. All ages, 1280, March. Working with Al, no barriers so far.

Other than that, no concrete activities are planned. Each residence will hold two more feedback sessions like in semester one, each committee will hold one round table like Events and Dining did in semester one.

## **BUDGET**

Spent 2085.80 of 6100, giving 4014.20 remaining.

We partnered with the Maroons and Campus Events on our events so far.

I have no concerns.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

No challenges. Biggest barrier is getting people together to do volunteer appreciation.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

Biggest challenge is getting responses from full time McMaster employees. They don't usually email back very fast. I plan to get a wee bit more aggressive with those who are responding more slowly.

## **SUCCESES**

I love everything we've done so far. Our events have been successful in the planning and implementation phase, they have been well organized and attended. We are certainly making a name for ourselves this year, reaching many first years with our events.

Absorbing IRC was probably the best thing that could have happened to FYC, I am looking forward to what happens in the future.