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SRA Finance Commissioner

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Yelena Banjavcic, SRA Finance Commissioner
SUBJECT: SRA Report
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PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

1. *Stepping into the role:* Although it took a couple of weeks for myself to feel completely comfortable in my first every position with the MSU, I can confidently say that I believe I have efficiently stepped into the role of Finance Commissioner. It was challenging to learn my roles and complete my training at such an accelerated pace in the middle of the semester. I have learned a lot from Ryan MacDonald as well as my committee during our meetings.
2. *MSU Discount Card:* I have discussed with Ryan our goals for this project and began putting them into action. I have compiled a list of every vendor who has in the past or is currently offering to work with McMaster University in by giving discounts to students including: ECC, MESScard, Local Food Discount Card, The Social Card, The MSU Almanac and the DeGroot Emerald Card. Additionally; I have added the discounts offered from these vendors listed. My hopes for the next steps of this project are to get in touch with the vendors, explain the benefits of this MSU discount card to them, and request that they offer us a discount with their company for the MSU Discount Card. This way, instead of having many smaller discount cards within the school that many students may not know about, we can have one discount card for all of our students.
3. *TwelvEighty Analysis Report:* Discussion about how to approach students and efficiently gather student feedback was the topic of our last Finance Committee meeting. I am in touch with Mike Wooder to get an online survey started for students. This project will be the focus of the next few weeks for me.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Thus far, I have not had a chance to hold any events with the McMaster community considering I have stepped into this role half way through the academic year. I am very excited for the upcoming events I am planning.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

As a part of my TwelvEighty Analysis Report, I am planning on collecting data from the student population through an online survey, in-person discussions, and a focus group. For the online survey, I have begun creating a list of questions I would like to see on it. To implement the survey I will be working with Mike Wooder and to maximize feedback on the survey I will reach out to all my friends and acquaintances asking for them to promote and share it. As for the focus group- it is still a working progress and I hope to

have this operational for the week after reading week. I will discuss the details further with Ryan in the upcoming week.

My hopes for the next steps of the MSU Discount Card project are to get in touch with the vendors, explain the benefits of this MSU discount card to them, and request that they offer us a discount with their company for the MSU Discount Card. Since all the vendors I am planning on reaching out to have at some point in the past or have currently offered discounts, I believe the odds are with my best interest. This will be done by email as opposed to calling or visiting the vendors in person to make the project more time efficient.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Determining whether to conduct a series of shorter surveys for the TwelvEighty Feedback or to do one longer one. I do not have experience running surveys with the MSU and I am not sure which will be most efficient and bring the most feedback from students.

VOLUNTEERS (Commissioners only)

My committee of volunteers has been very helpful in terms of answering questions and providing insight on certain topics during our meetings. One challenge was finding a time where we could all meet considering how diverse our schedules are. After comparing schedules and finding a time for us to get together, some members were still not able to attend. This is a minor challenge, anything discussed will be reported to the members who have missed the meetings.

SUCCESSSES

Working with Ryan and my committee has been a pleasure. They have been very patient and understanding toward me and I am really enjoying working in this role.

Best,

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