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MSU Maroons

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Megan O'Brien
SUBJECT: MSU Maroons Report 7
DATE: Tuesday, February 14th, 2017

UPDATE

Happy Valentine's Day EB! I hope you are having a great start to the term!

The MSU Maroons service has overall been operating well since the last EB report given at the end of November. Our service has become less active this semester with less events however we have some activities planned.

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

SERVICE USAGE

Over the past month, the Maroons service has been less active with less activities occurring due to the nature of the semester.

We have been mainly attending varsity sports games including basketball and volleyball; we also assisted with Frost Fest and had the opportunity to run some of our own events. Please see more details under PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES.

We have finalized the move out of the Maroons Office and are now fully operating out of the committee room. This change has brought some challenges forward but we have been able to navigate them with the assistance of the VP Administration. We are now currently looking into booking MUSC Rooms for team bonding to occur, as a replacement for no office space.

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 January, the service has attended events, all of which have been fairly successful. Please see the breakdown of events below.

Event	Description	Attendance of Representatives
Maroons + FYC Exam Destressor	The Maroons + FYC Exam Destressor was held in early December as exams were first beginning. The event was a success with lots of different activities, including rock painting, board games, snacks and a movie. The event was fairly well attended by the student population.	~20
Maroons Exam Wishes	Exam wishes occurred over two days. The first day we prepped little warm fuzzy cards for students and the second day we handed them out with candy canes in Thode Library. This was a fun team bonding event for our representatives and it was well received by the students who were studying that evening.	~15
McMaster Varsity Sports	On a weekly/biweekly 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 & Recreation with the minimum number of 15 attending. In the near future, we will be participating in Volleyball Playoffs – dates to be determined with Athletics & Recreation.	~20-30
Rep Fest	During Frost Week this past month, the MSU Maroons were able to host Rep Fest in 1280. This event was very well attended by the student population and had information regarding different repping groups on campus including Faculties, Residence and SOCS. To improve the event moving forward, the location should be changed to somewhere more open such as MUSC Atrium and we should try reach out to more Rep Teams earlier to ensure they are all able to attend.	~30
Frost Fest	Frost Fest unfortunately was rained out this year however we did have representatives on	~10

	stand by to participate in promoting our service to students.	
Mandatory General Assembly	This was held on January 14 th and was used as a check in meeting for all representatives. We discussed expectations for the upcoming term, looked at social events in advance, discussed athletic game conduct and received feedback from the team.	~65 (15 in absence). *Mandatory event.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Team Bonding Events

Maroons Study Sessions

We are currently looking into booking MUSC Rooms bi-weekly to host study sessions or drop by office hours for the team. This will hopefully aid in the team dynamic and give our representatives an alternative space on campus in replacement of no office.

Goal for Team Bonding Events

Our goal based off team feedback this semester is to have one event per month focused on team bonding. Currently we have many ideas on how to make this happen including team dinners, potluck and movies, escape rooms etc. We are hoping to make this financially accessible to all representatives so everyone can attend.

Maroons Events

Skate Night

Skate Night is coming up next week on February 15th from 6:30PM – 9:30PM. The Representatives will be assisting students with taking the HSR and renting skates at Pier 8 in Hamilton. We are hoping to have people come out but also understand it is a busy times with midterms.

Paint Nite

This event is currently on the calendar for March. We are hoping to book out Bridges as a space and collaborate with FYC to host a Paint Nite. The Maroons are currently looking at contacting an art student to come out and teach students how to paint a simple painting. This will be a free event for students and we will have registration open prior so we will know how the number of supplies needed. We are hoping this event is well attended as it is unique and caters to many different students.

BUDGET

Please see the budget outline from December sent by Maggie.

McMaster Student's Union							
Dept. 0120 - Maroons							
For the Eight Months Ending December 31, 2016							
	Current	Prior Yr.	Current	Prior Yr.	Prior Yr.	Approved	% Budget
	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YE	Budget	Used
	December	December	2016-17	2015-16	2015-16	2017	To Date
All:							
3801-0120 MAROONS - MISC. REVENUE			(3,637.80)	(3,240.25)	(3,240.25)		#DIV/0!
3881-0120 MAROONS - UNIFORM REVENUES	120.00	(1,067.00)	(7,801.85)	(4,722.00)	(4,722.00)	(5,000.00)	156.04%
5003-0120 MAROONS - OFFICE SUPPLIES			132.08	74.94	113.90	160.00	82.55%
5101-0120 MAROONS - TELEPHONE			47.20	37.76	94.40	120.00	39.33%
5201-0120 MAROONS - PHOTOCOPYING			9.09		28.80		#DIV/0!
6102-0120 MAROONS - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS	4,736.89		8,663.88	4,353.35	4,723.40	1,500.00	577.59%
6415-0120 MAROONS - RECOGNITION AWARDS	45.80		45.80		1,036.17	500.00	9.16%
6501-0120 MAROONS - ADV. & PROMO.	238.00	48.00	1,130.11	489.28	1,028.88	1,500.00	75.34%
6603-0120 MAROONS - SPECIAL PROJECTS	160.00		865.00	153.63	853.13	750.00	115.33%
6633-0120 MAROONS - UNIFORMS	(120.00)	1,120.51	11,105.57	8,061.82	8,061.82	7,000.00	158.65%
6804-0120 MAROONS - MEMBER TRAINING			1,314.84	1,535.04	1,535.04	1,700.00	77.34%
7001-0120 MAROONS - WAGES	848.68	838.58	7,295.75	7,160.44	9,666.09	9,000.00	81.06%
7101-0120 MAROONS - BENEFITS	64.23	63.13	631.96	613.99	799.71	750.00	84.26%
8001-0120 MAROONS - DEPRECIATION EXPENSE				162.54	260.06		#DIV/0!
Total All	6,093.60	1,003.22	19,801.63	14,680.54	20,239.15	17,980.00	110.13%
							66.67%

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 Maggie to set up a time to meet to review and discuss 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. We have had a couple of team bonding events that have assisted with the transition of FY Maroons onto the team. We will continue to host more team-bonding events as per the feedback mentioned earlier. 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. We have had more involvement this semester, as there are fewer events that people need to attend. Other than that there have been no challenges as foreseen. I will update EB if the status on this changes.

SUCSESSES

We have been doing an amazing job at Varsity Sports Games! Attendance has been good and we have had a lot of representatives engaged at the games. Athletics and Recreation, varsity athletics and varsity coaches have praised our performance. It is awesome to see the impact we have at games and we hope to continue this success further into the semester.

OTHER

Not applicable.