



# REPORT

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Aly Khalifa  
SUBJECT: QSCC Report 4  
DATE: March 21 2016

## UPDATE

- Queer History Week was successfully implemented since my last EB report.
- We are planning on having one more event before wrapping up the year; Gayzer Tag.
- The QSCC spoke at the City Council meeting about the Trans Protocol which was passed unanimously. The QSCC was featured in the Hamilton Spectator: <http://m.thespec.com/news-story/7175083-solid-support-for-hamilton-transgender-protocol>

## SERVICE USAGE

## PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

### Queer History Week

The campaign finally happened and the community was very receptive to it as it allowed the QSCC to explore avenues of programming it traditionally hasn't. The first event was our LGBTQ timeline which was attended by 15 people, I think the display was informative for a lot of people who came and helped contextualize the rest of the campaign. LeRoi Newbold delivered a very moving keynote about the involvement of Black Lives Matter in the Toronto Pride Parade and the need for an intersectional lens in the LGBTQ community. The keynote was attended by about 50 people. The movie screening event brought out only 2 people which was disappointing but also expected since movie nights haven't been popular for the QSCC in the past. What Moves at the Margins also had low attendance but the attendees seemed to enjoy it. Our Religion and LGBTQ identities event went really well, drawing about 15 people. Everyone was very engaged in the conversation. Overall, I think this campaign speaks to a lot of issues that are rarely talked about in queer spaces, and I hope future Coordinators will continue hosting the campaign (or a version of it) as I think it contributes to creating an inclusive culture within the QSCC. The campaign wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of the Diversity Services team and we were very grateful to have had them collaborate on the project.

## **Year Summary**

Since this is my final EB report, I wanted to highlight some of this year's projects, with regards to my year plan, and also make some suggestions as to what I think the QSCC should prioritize in the future.

### **Campaigns**

The QSCC was involved with 3 campaigns this year: Mac Pride, (Trans)forming Mac, and Queer History Week. Mac Pride was successful this year with large turnouts at the march and rally. Some of the smaller content of the week did not gain as much attention though, including the Lets Talk Queer workshop series. I personally think Mac Pride has become too large of a campaign because we offer so many events within one week and cater to a relatively small community, so turnout suffers since people can only go to a certain number of events in that week. I would recommend that the next Coordinator priorities essential events for the week and leaves the rest of the programming spread out throughout the year. The Lets Talk Queer series would probably be very successful spaced out over a semester. We took on a larger role with (Trans)forming Mac this year, a collaboration with WGEN. I do hope that the QSCC and WGEN continue to partner on this campaign in the future. Finally, Queer History Week was a new campaign that I wanted to implement this year and I am looking forward to seeing it grow in the future as the next exec team takes it on.

### **Volunteer Restructuring**

I made many structural changes to the QSCC volunteer this year, with the creation of the Social and Political Advocacy Executive position which was essential to the campaign creation process. Space volunteers were also restructured to allow in space peer support, which has been successful (most QSCC peer support was in the space this year). I believe some things to look at for the coming year would be to look at volunteer engagement, as volunteers have expressed wanting to be more involved with programming, and as a result I believe shift attendance suffered. I think a possible solution would be to look into a committee structure similar to SHEC's or Diversity Service's, where an executive leads a committee of volunteers to create the QSCC's programming.

### **Social/Political Advocacy**

The QSCC has taken on many advocacy projects this past year including helping with the creation of the MSU Sexual and Gender Diversity Policy, working with PACBIC on the creation and implementation of the LGBTQ+ working group, speaking in favor of the Trans Protocol at a City Council meeting, as well as educational programming such as Queer History Week. I have presented the SGD policy to the PACBIC LGBTQ working group with the hopes that they will take on similar priorities.

### Improving Trans Inclusivity

One of the challenges I faced coming into this role was trying to create a more inclusive environment for trans folk within the QSCC after the previous year had alienated many community members. To tackle this I implemented a survey of trans students specific to the QSCC, made sure that all volunteers received Trans Inclusion as part of their core training, piloted the Trans Community Group, and took on a larger role within the planning of (Trans)forming Mac. The Trans Community Group has been a very successful program, with 10 people in regular attendance at meetings. I would like to see the group grow in the future and perhaps be integrated into the executive structure. Of course, my efforts have not completely solved the underlying issues that existed, the process of creating a more trans friendly space requires commitment and effort from future coordinators and volunteers. Trans students are an integral part of the QSCC community, and their concerns deserve to be heard and addressed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

#### Gayzer Tag

This is our last event of the year and is meant as fun way to end off. We will be heading up the mountain to play Lazer Tag. Since intramurals did not run this semester, the money will go towards paying for everyone's tickets, so the event this year will be free! The event is scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

### BUDGET

<b>McMaster Student's Union</b>				
<b>Dept. 0119 - QSCC</b>				
<b>For the Nine Months Ending January 31, 2017</b>				
	Current	Current	Approved	% Budget
	Month	YTD	Budget	Used
	January	2016-17	2017	To Date
All:				
5003-0119 QSCC - OFFICE SUPPLIES			100.00	0.00%
5101-0119 QSCC - TELEPHONE		251.50	600.00	41.92%
5201-0119 QSCC - PHOTOCOPYING			24.00	0.00%
5202-0119 QSCC - COMMUNITY OUTREACH			500.00	0.00%
6101-0119 QSCC - FORMAL EXPENSES				0.00%
6102-0119 QSCC - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS	(100.85)	2,190.20	3,000.00	73.01%
6494-0119 QSCC - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	205.28	265.44	500.00	53.09%
6501-0119 QSCC - ADV. & PROMO.	150.00	1,349.23	1,500.00	89.95%
6604-0119 QSCC - RESOURCE PURCHASES		31.76	300.00	10.59%
6804-0119 QSCC - TRAINING EXPENSE		361.72	750.00	48.23%
7001-0119 QSCC - WAGES	344.09	3,963.70	5,700.00	69.54%
7101-0119 QSCC - BENEFITS	24.29	279.74	400.00	69.94%
8001-0119 QSCC - DEPRECIATION EXPENSE		656.78	1,200.00	54.73%
<b>Total All</b>	<b>622.81</b>	<b>9,350.07</b>	<b>14,574.00</b>	<b>64.16%</b>

**VOLUNTEERS**

- N/A

**CURRENT CHALLENGES**

- Dr Peterson, who has gained notoriety for being transphobic (eg refusing to use the correct pronouns for his students/colleagues), was invited to speak on campus. His presence presents a safety threat for trans students, so we are monitoring the situation.

**SUCSESSES**

N/A.

**OTHER**