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Executive Board

TO: Student Representative Assembly
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Hello Assembly!

Hope you all had a wonderful snow day last week and got some much needed rest. This will be the last Executive Board report of the term, however we still have one more meeting happening this coming Tuesday.

This report will serve as an update from the Executive Board from the meeting EB 16-27. I will provide a short summary from each of the services who have reported to us, as well as additional decisions that have been made at the executive board level. The full documentation from Executive Board meetings, including service reports, agendas, and minutes, can be found at www.msumcmaster.ca/eb should you desire more detailed information.

Advocacy

Since the last update, a priority for the Advocacy Coordinator has been to support the Vice-President Education in planning the MSU Policycon for Term 2. This term, the following policies were reviewed with those in attendance: First Year University Transition, Indigenous Students Policy, and Food Security. Upcoming events for the service is the sustainability campaign that will be happening that hopes to encourage students to reduce their purchase of plastic water bottles. In addition, for the second week of the campaign, the focus will be on providing resources to students through the form of posters and videos to summarize campus recycling guidelines. Please share the campaign as it happens from March 20th- March 31st to highlight the steps students can take to build a more sustainable campus.

Clay

As the service is approaching their half term, the coordinator along with their planning team has set a great foundation for their conference to be successful in May. Fundraising for the service is often used to build a financial accessibility program for delegates that can't afford paying the full conference price. The Clay Coffeehouse which has been a staple fundraising event for the service was a success raising over \$500 for the service in one night. In addition, the Clay planning team has spent some time thinking on how to conduct staff interviews keeping the principle of equitable hiring in mind. Lastly, the outreach

coordinators have begun to do their visits to schools to promote Clay and build partnerships with high schools in the community.

First Year Council

With the very first term of the First Year Council Coordinator position coming to an end, it is evident that the administrative support has empowered the council to take on more programming events. One of their biggest term 2 event was the First Year Olympics where various teams of 8 came together to compete in a competition that encouraged them to learn more about their faculty. In addition, the residence councilors are concluding their term with year end consultations with students in residence about food options on campus. Upcoming events include the First Year Club Night (April 1st) hosted at 1280 in partnership with MSU Campus Events and the Maroons collaboration Paint Night (March 21st) where students can mix and mingle and have paint sessions.

Mac Bread Bin

A priority for the service has been to find a suitable solution for the Food Collective Centre until permanent space can be found. Past events run by the service includes a collaborative coffeehouse event with Asian Focus, a cooking class hosted in the Fortinos with Food for Thought, support for a food security session for Spark, and support for the McMaster Community Poverty Initiative. Upcoming events for the service include the exam collaboration event in partnership with PSL to support students who are on campus studying for exams. In addition, there is a food mapping project the service has taken on to map out the food options on campus that will hopefully help students identify where to find foods that fits a variety of dietary requirements. Ongoing projects by the service that has been a success is the food for fines program where a student can pay for their overdue library fines with food that will be donated to Mac Bread Bin. The long term focus of the service is going to be looking at the foundation for running the Good Food Box with the increasing student demand for the program in addition to implementing short term space solutions for the Food Collective Centre.

Macademics

Since the last report, Macademics has completed all their nomination periods and are selecting winners in addition to preparing for their final course evaluation campaign. This year, the service had a record number of nominations with over 400 TAs and 800 professors being nominated for term 2. Although the wiki-thon was successful in Term 1, the Macademics team is partnering with clubs like solar car and Deca to host mini-wikithons for Term 2. Lastly, the Teaching Awards Ceremony that happened on March 20th was a success where many professors got distinguished for their contribution to excellence in teaching. The event was live streamed, so individuals who couldn't attend the event could still participate.

Maccess

Since the last report, Maccess has been aiming to build up their community through programming and space hours. Their service usage indicates that they are consistent with last year's user statistics from WGEN when they first got a

space. A notable social media focused event that was run by the service is sharing of personal stories of volunteers on Rare Disease Day (Feb 28/29) with the aim of seeking to build awareness of rare diseases. An upcoming campaign for the service is the Join the Accessible Resistance happening from March 20th-24th focusing on themes such as self-care, advocacy workshops, eugenics and immigration law, and the intersection of capitalism and ableism.

Maroons

Term 2 is a low activity time for the service as majority of the coordinator's focus is supporting the incoming coordinator in hiring their executive team and reps for the following year. However, the Maroons did have a prominent presence at the basketball and volleyball varsity games as they ended their OUA season. Upcoming events for the service include exam destressers and a collaborative paint night they are organizing with First Year Council.

Peer Support Line

Since the last report, PSL has partnered with various student groups on campus such as MMPJ and MISCA to provide a forum for students to talk about their experiences with islamophobia and indigenous student experiences. In addition, PSL will be running a peer support 101 session in collaboration with residence life to better equip community advisors and students with knowledge of active listening skills and discussing how to support the people around you in the best way. Overall, PSL has seen an increase in usage compared to last year with close to 50 calls and 80 chats being initiated in the last two months. Upcoming events for the service are to run the exam support campaign with Mac Bread Bin and a self-care campaign with SHEC.

QSCC

Since the last report, representatives from the QSCC spoke at City Council about the Trans Protocol and implemented a successful Queer History Week in collaboration with Diversity Services. Many of the events hosted as part of the campaign such as the LCBTG+ History Timeline and the No Pride in Policing Keynote was well attended. The campaign was received well by the community and the coordinator recommends continuing to run this campaign for future years.

Student Community Support Network

Since the last report, SCSN has been busy focusing their programming efforts on the Engage your City Campaign. Part of the campaign was to develop stickers that local businesses can put on their store window stating "Mac Students are Welcome Here" which is intended to encourage the continual building of positive relationships between students and the Hamilton community. Beyond the campaign, SCSN has also worked this term to strengthen the communication with Municipal Law Enforcement to come up with better ways to handle complaints. A notable event for SCSN was the housing event run in collaboration with FYC and Spark which had almost 50 people in attendance. Upcoming events for the service are the Community Engaged Dinner organized to celebrate students who have contributed greatly

to the Hamilton community in addition to project Hamilton which is an amazing race style scavenger hunt across the city.

MACYCLE CO-OP

There were some structural changes that were made for the MACYCLE Service. The operating policy and job description was amended to reflect the visionary direction that Executive Board wanted for the service. The operating policy changes put a deadline for the incoming coordinator to hire executives as historically, the service has only been run with one coordinator and no executives. In addition, the MACYCLE term was reduced to make it a seasonal service as opposed to a full year service. MACYCLE will operate like MAC Farmstand, however the term will conclude at the end of November.

Spark

The incoming Spark coordinator wanted to make some changes to the job descriptions to reflect the current roles of the Volunteer and Events Coordinator. Terminology on the job description was updated in addition you will find a reallocation of % of certain competencies in the job descriptions.

MSU Underground Media + Design Operating Policy

The operating policy for the Underground was updated to reflect the structural staff changes that were made this term. It was crucial that the management team of the Underground was in the position to directly support the design team with respect to workload and technical components as we are seeing an expanded capacity for design and multimedia support needed in the MSU.

Sponsorship and Donations

The Executive Board approved several sponsorship and donations requests at meeting 16-27. For more information about the approved sponsorships and donations, refer to the memo that can be found under the Executive Board Documents for 16-27.

Wage Review

The Executive Board approved the Wage review Committee's recommendations effective May 1 for the Bread Bin Assistant Director, Assistant Clubs Administrator (Events and Promotions), 1280 Restaurant Shift Supervisor, 1280, Kitchen Shift Supervisor, Assistant Clubs Administrator (Administration and Policy), and the following wage reviews for the Silhouette positions:

- Arts & Culture Editor
- News Editor
- Opinions Editor
- Photo Editor
- Sports Editor
- Video Editor
- Arts & Culture Reporter
- Features Reporter
- News Reporter
- Photo Reporter

Production Coordinator
Online Content Coordinator
Social Media Coordinator
Sports Reporter
Online Editor

Hiring

Outside of meetings, members of the Executive Board have been very busy hiring next year's part-time managers for the various services. The following is the updated list for 2017-2018 Part-Time Managers:

Diversity Services Director	Lilian Obeng
Diversity Services Assistant Director	Alexii Hernandez
Chief Returning Officer	Ashley Eom
Deputy Returning Officer	Victoria Liu
EFRT Coordinator	Samantha Aung
MAC Bread Bin Director	Taylor Mertens
Maccess Coordinator	Lauren McClinton
Macademics Coordinator	Ive Vekikova
MACycle Director	Richard Chen
Maroons Coordinator	Karan Chowdhry
PSL Coordinator	Lucia Lee
PSL Assistant Coordinator	Pranali Raval
QSCC Coordinator	<i>Ongoing</i>
SCSN Coordinator	Stephanie Bertolo
SHEC Coordinator	Sutina Chou
Spark Coordinator	Lindsay D'Souza
SWHAT Coordinator	Carly Van Egdome
WGEN Coordinator	Padmaja Sreeram
FYC Coordinator	Hazra Chowdhury

Again, if you are looking for more details on any of the above, I suggest looking at documentation found at msumcmaster.ca/eb. I am also happy to answer any questions you might have.

Regards,

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