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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Maxwell Lightstone, EB Member
SUBJECT: SRA 17F Report
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Hello Assembly!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, welcome week, and first couple days of classes. This report will serve as an update from the Executive Board from meetings EB 17-04, EB 17-05, and EB 17-06.

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.

Expenditures

A capital expenditure of \$4 964.16 was approved for the installation of an eyewash station in TwelvEighty, to comply with health and safety requirements.

A further expenditure of \$9 270.00 was made from the \$99 000 allocated to the TwelvEighty Café project, for the construction of the Union Market Prep Space.

SWHAT

SWHAT last reported in EB 17-06, mainly focusing on preparing for welcome week and the new year with promotions materials. They participated in SuccessFest, run by Horizons, and signed 34 first year students up to receive a notification of volunteer applications. They are currently hampered by the fact that they do not yet have a space for the upcoming year.

Shinerama

Shinerama last reported in EB 17-06, focusing on both welcome week preparation and events that have been run throughout the summer. Shinerama raised money through events such as bottle drives and bar blitzes, allowing them to enter welcome week with over 35 thousand dollars, number one in the country.

WGEN

WGEN reported in EB 17-06. They have hired exec, run exec training, worked to expand their resource library, and continued their Binder program. They are working to expand the binder program, and invite companies to send them donations of funds or items to support their programs. They will be hiring and training volunteers with a redesigned training program, launching a Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Peer Support

Group, launching a Gender Based Anti-Black Violence Peer Support Group, and building a Trans Literacy Campaign. The WGEN yearplan was approved in EB 17-05.

Horizons

Horizons last reported in EB 17-06, providing their final report for the year. The Horizons conference ran successfully with 185 delegates attending, with overwhelmingly positive feedback provided. The staff were all commended for their work leading up to and during the weekend, and the service ran under budget. Horizons had a very successful fundraising campaign, which should be cultivated and supported for future years. There were also a significant amount of recommendations made for improvement in future years. One point worth highlighting is that the amount of food ordered for delegates was insufficient, as teenagers each than university students.

SCSN

SCSN most recently reported in EB 17-06, and had their yearplan approved at that meeting as well. Since the PTM was hired in mid-summer, most of the time has been spent getting accustomed to the role, planning, and meeting with previously hired execs. Timing and transitions have been an issue, but the Coordinator is getting support from other PTMs and the BOD.

SHEC

SHEC reported last in EB 17-06, with their second report. Applications for first year volunteers were scheduled to close this week (Sept 7), and training is scheduled for next weekend. SHEC participated in SuccessFest at Horizons, and planned for a Wellness Fair. They were also working on the Ways to Wellness video, and getting things on track for peer support training.

Farmstand

Farmstand's most recent report was in EB 17-06. They discussed the renewal of the local food discount card, preparing a promo video for the service, recipe videos, and obtaining fruits for the farmstand by having a CSR drive up to a farm.

Upcoming events include 'Tasty' type videos, a local food fest on Sept 27th, and a staff appreciation event. Concerns were raised about the appropriateness and possible liability that could result from a CSR driving to pick up fruits from a farm.

The Farmstand Year Plan was approved during EB 17-05

Spark

Spark last reported to EB 17-06, with most of their time focused on hiring staff and a team. Positions were filled, and a meet and greet is planned for the 8th of September, followed by training on the 16th and 17th. Spark attended SuccessFest, and signed over 100 students up for their mailing list. Upcoming events include Welcome Week (since passed), Sessions programs, an escape room event, and a first year formal in November.

EFRT

EFRT's EB 17-05 report relayed an active summer, with their call volume increased considerably compared to the same period last year. This has been attributed to the presence of the North American Indigenous Games. EFRT was initially requested to assist with medical response at NIAG, but encountered a much lower quality of coverage across the rest of the events than would be necessary for a games of the scale of NIAG. They were under much higher demand than was expected at the onset, and billed the university and the games to cover the increased cost.

Senior members of EFRT attended a training weekend in Rochester NY in July, which included ride-alongs with local EMTs. The training was very valuable, and EFRT will be exploring how to create partnerships with local Emergency Medical Services to allow for a local experiences of that nature.

EFRT's year plan was approved during EB 17-04.

Macademics

The most recent report from Macademics was during EB 17-05, wherein the majoring of their activities were transitioning exec and planning for the year. They participated in SuccessFest, have grown their following on facebook and twitter, and report no issues aside from difficulty scheduling exec meetings.

The Macademics yearplan was approved during EB 17-06.

Maccess

Maccess reported at EB 17-05, and EB 17-04. Their updates included finalizing selections for executives, and preliminary planning for events during the year. The service scheduled to be at the MSU Welcome Week Wellness Fair, and was getting ready for training following the complete hiring of their executive team.

MACycle

The service reported at EB 17-05 with many strong updates and changes to the space. An official price list was created, with prices at 110% of the component price, and are significantly less expensive (110% vs 200%-300%) than what can be found at other bike shops in the area. In terms of shop upgrades, a cash register has been installed, storage and work areas have been increased, and general organization has been improved.

Discussions are ongoing between the MSU and Security Services to come to a better arraignment regarding how abandoned bicycles are treated and dealt with.

While the space has been improved a lot, it is still not ideal. There is an issue of fumes from motorized vehicles seeping into the space, which is a health and safety hazard.

Maroons

The Maroons reported at EB 17-05, mainly preparing for the year and especially welcome week. They participated in SuccessFest, hosted a retreat for Marrons and Shinerama teams, and ran a livestream answering questions from first years.

Upcoming events included four more livestream, increasing outreach by posting Maroon reps in MUSC on Mondays, going to a Jays for team bonding, extensive training in advance of WW, collaborating with Ath & Rec for homecoming, and more.

Peer Support Line

The most recent PSL report was during EB 17-05, which focused on interviewing for executive positions, planning for training in September, and analyzing call data from previous years. They attended SuccessFest, and are excited about their new space.

Updated to the Peer Listener job description were approved, to require a commitment to extended hours in March and November.

QSCC

The Community Center's last report was at EB 17-05. Following the approval of updates to the job descriptions during 17-04, exec and facilitator positions were opened for applications. Time has been spent on hiring, working with the PACBIC LGBTQ+ working group, working with the EIO, and making changes to the Peer Support Volunteer JD.

Diversity Services

DS last reported during EB 17-04. Most of the past activity was planning and meeting with university staff and committees. Future events included a great deal of training to different groups in advance of, and following welcome week. Concerns were raised about whether providing the training should be a priority for an MSU service, and when it was ok for Diversity Services to state that they were not able to take on a commitment.

The Diversity Services year plan was approved in EB 17-05.

MacBreadBin

BreadBin reported in EB 17-04, and returned in 17-05 to discuss enhanced delivery options for the good food box. The food collective center has been closed, which means that the only food bank option on campus is the lockers of love program. That program has not been used by very many people over the summer, but the thought was that it was necessary to keep running for those individuals. The director, assistant director, and MSU president attended the National Student Food Summit in June, which was very educational. Hiring was not completed at the time of reporting.

For future activities, MBB will be collaboration on a Spark session to run a cooking class, recovery of leftover food for students in need is an ongoing conversation, and MBB intended to work with Horizons on programming.

Regarding the Good Food Box, MBB was directed to investigate the feasibility of delivering the food directly to students. For future years, the recommendation was made to remain working with Grace Luthran Church for sorting and packaging, make connections with local farms to increase the capacity of the program (currently the capacity is 50 boxes/month), and run a delivery service from the MSU. For this year, the most feasible solution is to offer two food boxes: The regular \$12 with pickup from the MSU office, and a \$30 organic box with delivery, provided by an external partner. The decision was made to move forward with the two price system for the time being.

Their year plan was approved in EB 17-05.

Underground

A new logo for Underground was approved in EB 17-04, for rollout starting in September.



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.

Warm Regards,
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