



SRA REPORT

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First Year Council Chair

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Justin Lee, Chair
SUBJECT: SRA 16F Report
DATE: October 24, 2017

Dear Student Representative Assembly,

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

As a council, after being elected, we were tasked with coming up with our own individual year plans, but soon we hope to combine these plans together into one large First Year Council master year plan. A couple examples of what would go into our master year plan includes:

1. Vice Chair Internal wants to build stronger communities within residence (make your room feel like home).
2. Ease transition to off campus housing (Coordinator mentioned SCSN, Spark and Off Campus Resource Centre).
3. Advocating for first year concerns in residence which ties closely with residence consultation committees.
4. Inclusiveness and bridging gap for off campus students.
5. Pushing the diverse MSU services to the front lines of the average first year students' awareness so they can see all the support that is readily available to them if they need to be called upon.
6. Provide a forum of discussion.

As a council we are still planning out how to carry out these objectives throughout the rest of the year. With the residence related objectives, the coordinator has been working closely with Residence Life. We also have maintained good relations with the Society of Off Campus Students so we can work closely with them throughout the year to improve the first year experience for off campus students as well.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

This year, Residence Chairs have begun to explore a new role with residence programming. In collaboration with Residence Life, we are using the Residence Life Activity Fund to plan large scale, building wide events. The residence chairs will be facilitating these events with CA's, ROR's and the alternative planning committee. Residence Life Activity Fund is the money IRC used to charge each student, but because IRC is no longer existent, FYC is working with Residence Life to see how we can utilize this money.

The framework for consultation committees has been restructured, where last year there were six committees, this year there are four, that still target the same themes. The first

one is the Housing Conference Services Budget Committee. This committee is working with Kevin Beatty on the Bates renovation plan. Then the dining committee is working with Cathy Tatsis, they are set to have their first meeting in November and they advocate for hospitality concerns. Third is Student Life and this encompasses Residence Admission, Residence Facilities and Residence Life. Last one is Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We've planned an event called Jamfactor that brings in elements of a lighthearted jam session with the intimate setting of a coffeehouse. Performers of all kinds of different talents are invited to come out to Bridges to enjoy a night of music, trivia, minute to win it games and art!

Spark formal planning has yet to go underway, but we will have begun right after Jamfactor has ended. Details about the Spark Formal (November 16) are yet to be discussed at detail during our Sunday meetings.)

We wanted to bring back a classic event in Cookies and Cram. This will be an informal studying session for first year students to come to where they can meet with other students while studying. We will be providing cookies as well as feature a speaker from an MSU service to talk about their platform which compliments one of my year objectives about helping first years be more aware of first year services.

For our team social, we have decided to go to TJ King Karaoke after our meeting on a Sunday, which the details are still being finalized for.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The FYC coordinator has faced challenges with communicating with Residence Life, in terms of the Consultation Committees, we don't have set Residence Life staff on the committees. The Dining committee is set, but other committees aren't fully ready as residence life has not been communicating back effectively.

SUCCESSSES

All elected council members are excited and ready to make an impact, We have a diverse and dynamic group that brings a plethora of different types of ideas. We have also started rough planning of some future events as well as in depth planning of some residence events within a month of being elected already. This particularly group has a lot of ambition and is willing to put in the work. A handful of us also shot a promo video for Jamfactor and it went very well. Nicely shot and the group filmed brought a positive energy.

Best,

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