



# REPORT

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## MSU Maroons Coordinator

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Karan Chowdhry  
SUBJECT: MSU Maroons Report 4  
DATE: Tuesday, October 31, 2017

### **UPDATE**

The MSU Maroons are continuing to do really well as we go on through the academic year. Not a lot has changed since the last time I reported, which is why this report is a bit shorter. As you will see below, we've hosted some brand new events, and started some new collaborations we hope to see strengthen as we move on throughout the year.

### **SERVICE USAGE**

I don't really have a way to quantify our last month. If you look below, I have numbers of students in attendance at events, and that's about the best I can do!

### **PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

#### **Homecoming**

The MSU Maroons helped staff both on campus concerts, as well as offered a huge presence at the varsity football game. The concerts went really well from the perspective of our service. We felt they were adequately staffed, and my volunteers felt equipped with the resources necessary to fulfill their roles throughout the night. We also held a social media contest in collaboration with the campus store, that allowed 4 students to join us on the field during the football game. This went really well as it attracted a lot of people to our facebook page, and the first years that had the opportunity to join us really enjoyed it. It was nice to see the team all together once again, and this weekend, although exhausting, was great for team morale.

#### **Fantasy Leagues**

We are currently hosting fantasy leagues for both NHL and NBA. We have over 50 students participating in total across both leagues, and they are enjoying. There was no buy in, and there will be prizes at the end, so these students are excited! Since we run the information through our facebook page, this was a great way to draw more attention to our social media.

#### **Raptors Home Opener**

We hosted a viewing for the Raptors home opener on October 19<sup>th</sup>, in CNH B107, as a midterm destressor. We saw about 40 people access the venue throughout the night,

which was less than we were expecting. We think a part of this was because the venue, CNH B107, is very secluded from where people on campus are at night. In the future, we plan to host similar events, but will try to get venues closer to those or music, so we are close to students to come and drop by. We will also frame the event as more of a “Study and watch” rather than “just watch.”

### **Jamfactor with FYC**

Assisted FYC in the planning and facilitation of Jamfactor – a coffeehouse-esque event in Bridges. The event saw over 60 people come out, and there was an art showcase, as well as food available. It went really well, and was one of the liveliest coffeehouses I’ve attended (all bias aside). I’d like to acknowledge Hazra and the amazing work she’s been doing with FYC – under her leadership, her council really did a fantastic job planning this event.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

### **Pumpkin Hike**

We will be working with SCSN to host the community pumpkin hike! This is always a great event, where we get into the community and help students carve their pumpkins, and then greet families as they walk the trail later that day. We have representatives volunteering throughout the day, starting at 2:30PM, and ending at 10:00PM.

### **Holiday Staff Appreciation Event**

The start of the academic year is a very busy time for the MSU Maroons. We have welcome week, which leads right into the first week of school which is full of events like sidewalk sale and clubsfest. Once we are done with those, we get a kickstart on our own events, such as opening ceremonies, intramurals, and year long training. Once these wrap up, we are into homecoming, which is an extensive volunteer commitment. I am now planning a staff appreciation event, because without the outstanding commitment of my volunteers, none of what we do is possible. They do a lot more than their job description asks for this first month, and I am taking the time to let them know their time and commitment is valued, and does not go unnoticed. We will be having a holiday themed event in November, with a gift exchange and food to just say thank you.

### **Exam Destressors with SHEC**

This year, we will be working in collaboration with SHEC to have exam destressors. We will be handing out care packages to students studying on campus, which will have a combination of things from SHEC, as well as some of our own promo material, a nice warm message, and candy of some variety.

### **Christmas Parade**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking part in the Hamilton Christmas parade, with SCSN. We will be opening up the event for other representatives, as well as MSU volunteers to join us. We will also have a promo push for first year students to join us.

## BUDGET

	Current	Prior Yr.	Current	Prior Yr.	Prior Yr.	Approved	% Budget	
	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YE	Budget	Used	
	September	September	2017-18	2016-17	2016-17	2018	To Date	
All:								
3305-0120 MAROONS - TRAVEL REVENUE						(\$6,500.00)	0.00%	
3801-0120 MAROONS - MISC. REVENUE			(\$3,090.00)	(\$3,637.80)	(\$8,324.80)		0.00%	
3881-0120 MAROONS - UNIFORM REVENUES			(\$932.25)	(\$5,141.85)	(\$7,801.85)	(\$7,500.00)	12.43%	
5003-0120 MAROONS - OFFICE SUPPLIES			\$107.03	\$89.70	\$144.50	\$160.00	66.89%	
5101-0120 MAROONS - TELEPHONE	\$21.84		\$54.60			\$123.64	\$120.00	45.50%
5201-0120 MAROONS - PHOTOCOPYING					\$14.91			0.00%
6102-0120 MAROONS - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS	\$260.00		\$260.00	\$3,269.25	\$10,584.67	\$1,500.00		17.33%
6415-0120 MAROONS - RECOGNITION AWARDS			\$545.00		\$45.80	\$500.00		109.00%
6501-0120 MAROONS - ADV. & PROMO.	\$1,500.00	\$13.05	\$1,520.00	\$873.11	\$2,033.91	\$1,500.00		101.33%
6603-0120 MAROONS - SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$485.00	(\$30.00)	\$485.00	\$1,034.50	\$750.00		(4.00%)
6633-0120 MAROONS - UNIFORMS	(\$62.15)		\$4,065.13	\$7,243.74	\$11,105.57	\$11,000.00		36.96%
6804-0120 MAROONS - MEMBER TRAINING		(\$428.54)	\$921.95	\$1,314.84	\$1,314.84	\$2,000.00		46.10%
6901-0120 MAROONS - TRAVEL EXPENSE			\$695.38			\$7,000.00		9.93%
7001-0120 MAROONS - WAGES	\$689.93	\$1,013.50	\$3,288.39	\$5,247.47	\$9,666.90	\$7,500.00		43.85%
7101-0120 MAROONS - BENEFITS	\$54.93	\$91.66	\$284.08	\$467.70	\$783.29	\$900.00		31.56%
Total All	\$2,464.55	\$1,174.67	\$7,689.31	\$10,211.16	\$20,725.88	\$18,930.00		40.62%

Budget management is going well. I have caught up a bit on my budget tracker, where I was previously falling behind, but still have some work to do. Overall its going well though.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer dynamics are still going great! In my previous experiences on the service, around this time of year, it becomes difficult to have volunteers attend events. However, this year that isn't the case, as even through the busy times of the year, we have still had very good event attendance from our volunteers.

## CURRENT CHALLENGES

There really isn't anything in particular. I think as we approach hiring and transition, things may become busier and I may face some challenges then, but as of right now, there isn't anything that's too challenging. I've found a good way to balance all my roles currently, and am happy with how this is going.

## SUCSESSES

I am quite proud of the organization and leadership of my leadership team on the Maroons. My leadership style involves giving my leadership team members the responsibility of running their pillar, and making myself available for support as/if needed. This lets me focus on the general direction of the service, as well as coordinating our volunteers. Considering the success of our events, social media presence, and involvement with athletics, I would say this is going well.

## OTHER

I would like to thank you for allowing me to have an extra week to submit this report. Last week was extremely busy for me, and this extension was great – thank you.