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From the office of the...
Horizons Coordinator

TO: Members of the Executive Board
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SUBJECT: Horizons Report 1
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UPDATE

Since starting (Feb 1st) I have hired my Planning Team! We've stuck to the same structure Christine introduced last year based on feedback from the team. One thing that will be improved on is collaboration within the exec roles.

Collaboration between the Events and Sessions coordinators will occur with the goal of having Events be worked in with learning outcomes embedded. This was "demo'd" last year through a workshop on Brainstorming and creativity that was run by Jonathon Davis last year downtown at the CCE on One James North. Specific goals are going to be outlined at our Vision meeting which is to come soon.

I will also hope to have the Outreach Coordinator and Media/Design coordinator work together more frequently to coordinate promotions for both Staff hiring and delegate recruitment strategically. Specific goals are going to be outlined at our Vision meeting which is to come soon.

I have mainly just been doing 1 on 1s with my Planning Team members and planning seeds regarding their roles and visions.

SERVICE USAGE

At the moment we haven't had any students access the service as we have to wait until registration or staff hiring promotions begin.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Applicants workshop was a partnership between Horizons, Spark and CLAY. It occurred on Feb 11th and we had 6 students attend with around 6 volunteers present. The setting was intimate and it ended up being an alright experience for those who came despite turnout. Feedback from staff tells that it should move towards being hosted during the week to maximize turnout.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We are having conversations with Housing and Conference Services and the date for horizons is currently set to be July 27th-29th with training being the week before. I also helped run Applicant's workshop (see below) with Spark and CLAY.

BUDGET

I'll be submitting budgeting proposals to the finance department this week so I have been drafting ideas for this. I don't have it attached because at the time of submission I don't have anything concrete done, though this will be done by the end of the week as per request.

VOLUNTEERS

I am currently in the stage of planning/running the Vision meeting for our planning team. I plan on completing an on-boarding package for my Exec. We'll get a chance to do a SWOT (success, weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats), do some bonding, and talk about our specific roles and how they intertwine.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Fortunately, I haven't come across any challenges yet given my recent start time. Other than our exec team having extremely messy schedules, all is well.

SUCSESSES

We had (what I think) is a record number applications for Exec! There was 51 people who applied for positions on the team, I think this speaks to the strength of last year's conference and the empowerment students felt to apply. Many of the applicants were coming from diverse backgrounds and I'm hoping to continue projecting for a diverse hiring of students. We currently have 4 Science students, 1 commerce students, 1 humanities student, 3 health sciences students, and 1 engineering student. While still dominated by science I'm looking forward to at the least, increasing the spread of our team's experiences to capitalize on the strengths of unique perspectives and backgrounds in creating a strong conference.