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MACycle Co-op

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Connor Bennett
SUBJECT: MACycle Report 3
DATE: Week of Feb 11

UPDATE

MACycle has been very busy despite the cold. Busier than in previous years from my experience with the service, which is exciting. The most pressing issue for us is the solidification of a site for our relocation after Wentworth House gets demolished. This issue is discussed further in the challenges segment of this report.

SERVICE USAGE

On average, over a 3 hour shift through this semester, between 5 and 10 customers come to use the service. The needs vary between inflating tires to more involved repairs that can last the whole three hour shift and extend into the next day.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Running the shop and keeping customers satisfied remains the main focus of our service. A current project that is ongoing and will continue for the rest of the term is collaborating with Michael Eagen, a professor in the History department who is teaching an Arts and Science technology class (ARTSCI 3BB3) that is focusing on the bicycle. As part of the student's requirements in the class, they have to spend time at MACycle working on their bike or one of our projects. It has been a great experience so far – the students all seem quite keen, and it is a good chance to collaborate and promote our service.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The main upcoming event, which we are very excited about, is a collaboration with the Rev Wear fashion show. It is the 10th anniversary of the event, which will be held atop Jackson Square in the former bank space. There will be a section of the fashion show that is dedicated to cycling and acknowledging MACycle's contribution to cycling and cycling culture in Hamilton. For the event, MACycle will perform a bicycle build on stage as the models show off bicycle-inspired clothing.

BUDGET

The status of our budget is good. We are on track to meet most of our budget lines quite closely. Nothing of concern in this area. In past years, the parts expenditures have gone over budget, but this year it seems as though we will be closer to the allocated budget line.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The biggest challenge has been with regard to the relocation of our service. This year, we were told time and again not to worry, but it was made quite clear that a permanent solution has not yet been finalized when Will and I met with the people in charge. They told us that they would like suggestions from us about spaces on campus that could be suitable. This comes as a surprise given what we have been told up until the meeting. At the meeting we were not discouraged at a lack of want to find us a solution, but a lack of available space on campus.

A second meeting is planned for the week of February 11th, which will hopefully bring good news.

SUCSESSES

The most exciting success has been the effective collaboration with Michael Egan and his Arts and Science students. We look forward to teaching more of the enthusiastic students in his class. Also, in our mind every student walking out of the shop with a rideable bike and more knowledge about bicycle maintenance and repair is a great success.

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