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Maccess Coordinator

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Hilary Zorgdrager
SUBJECT: Maccess Report #4
DATE: November 1st, 2018

YEARPLAN UPDATE

As I'll talk about later, this has been a difficult month for me. Thus, unfortunately, a few community events fell through the cracks. My executive team is working hard to prepare for the rest of the community events we hope to run this year as well as planning for advocacy campaigns next semester.

SERVICE USAGE

Service usage has increased steadily since the beginning of the year, with the space frequently running out of available chairs by about 1PM. Our slowest days continue to be Fridays. However, a number of students have expressed they enjoy having the space open every day of the school week, especially as many students have appointments at the SWC or SAS on Fridays.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, due to staffing concerns and a myriad of obstacles, we haven't hosted any events since my last report. The executive team has been focusing on preparing two advocacy campaigns for next semester. We intend to host a smaller week-long campaign in relation to #BellLetsTalk in addition to a larger scale campaign with Disvisibility Week, which was fairly successful last year.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

On Monday, I met with Kate Brown from the Equity and Inclusion Office to discuss future Disability Discussions after the success of our first one this year. We have planned a discussion for November 29th focused on stigma as it relates to invisible disabilities. This event will also serve as an education piece for the upcoming International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd. We've reached out to the 'Crippling Grad School' reading group to co-facilitate the event with Kate and myself.

We have booked Haley Greene to take photos for Humans of Maccess in mid-November. These photos will be released at the beginning of the winter semester and will act as promotional materials for additional hiring in January,

as we have had a lot of interest from new users in applying to be a safe(r) space volunteer.

Additionally, a request for promotions for support groups has been sent to the Underground and as of the time I am reporting, all support group facilitators will be trained to start groups in the next two weeks. The groups we are running this year are: chronic illness, mood disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders, anxiety/OCD, self-care, ADHD and ASD (Autism Spectrum). Miranda (PCC) and I have also discussed the possibility of running a collaborative group between our two services regarding the intersections of LGBTQ2SIA+ and disabled identities.

BUDGET

We haven't spent much of our budget this year as the bulk of our events have been community-based and only required supplies we already owned or that were donated to us by campus partners.

I mentioned last time the intention of making a large order of fidget toys and I still intend to do this. However, as mentioned, with a number of obstacles in my way, this project was delayed.

In the next couple of weeks, I will also be buying a number of supplies for the self-care group being run by one of our volunteers including supplies to create 'coping boxes', more hot beverage supplies and journals for service users attending the group. I estimate this will cost about \$100.

<i>ACCOUNT CODE</i>	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>BUDGET / COST</i>
6501-0118 MACCESS - ADV. & PROMO	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$555
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$1445
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<i>TOTALS</i>		
TOTAL BUDGETED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING		\$8600

TOTAL ACTUAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	\$555
REMAINING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	\$8045

VOLUNTEERS

We have had two incidents of inappropriate comments from two different volunteers this year. However, both volunteers have learned from their mistakes and continue to be active and meaningful members of the Maccess community.

The executive team and I are planning on having an arts and crafts social at the end of November to act as both a volunteer social and appreciation. We are planning on giving each volunteer a fidget toy and a card written in and signed by members of the executive team.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

As mentioned previously, I've had slight difficulty keeping up with things as a result of a flare up with my disability and completing a difficult task which was discussed last time I reported in closed session. However, the Reading Week gave me adequate time to re-charge and my executive team has been doing an excellent job in their roles, which reduces the strain on me.

SUCSESSES

Overall, volunteer retention has been EXCELLENT. We have a number of volunteers willing to go above and beyond to keep the space and our community welcoming and inclusive. We've had a much simpler time than last year with staffing the space as a result of the community forming between the volunteers.