



# REPORT

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## Maroons Coordinator (interim)

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Kristina Epifano  
SUBJECT: Maroons Report 4  
DATE: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

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### **SERVICE USAGE**

The maroons held a coffee house in conjunction with FYC called “Pumpkin Spice, Maroons and FYC” on October 17 2018 in Bridges. Attendance to the event was great, they had to go out and purchase more pumpkins, they purchased 140 pumpkins and all of them were utilized. There were more people interested in signing up to participate in the coffee house than they had number of available spots so they started earlier to accommodate all performers, there were 15 performers total.

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

#### Pumpkin Spice, Maroons and FYC

The maroons held a coffee house in conjunction with FYC called “Pumpkin Spice, Maroons and FYC” on October 17 2018 in Bridges from 8-1030pm. Attendance to the event was great, they had to go out and purchase more pumpkins, they purchased 140 pumpkins and all of them were utilized. There were more people interested in signing up to participate in the coffee house than they had number of available spots so they started earlier to accommodate all performers, there were 15 performers total. This event was held collaboratively with FYC and they were able to utilize some of Service Special Project funding to purchase extra pumpkins.

#### Pumpkin Hike with Cootes Elementary School

This started at 1pm and ended around 930pm. The maroons went earlier to help carve pumpkins and set up the trail for the hike. They also played a role in lighting the path for community members and walking students through the trail and then take down at the end of the event. The event was very successful, a lot of community members came through and it was great to work with the event leads from Cootes Elementary School. There was good turn out amongst the maroons, around 10 were there throughout the entire event, alternating shifts. After the event some maroons helped out with activities that were being run by Smiling Over Sickness. This included arts and craft, a Halloween photobooth and additional pumpkin painting.

Municipal Election

Maroons worked with the Education Team to walk students to polling stations and worked at the #MacVotes Campaign table in MUSC. There weren't that many students who needed walks, so the Maroons walked around MUSC to raise awareness of the election and to encourage people to go out and vote.

Commit(men)t and Allyship

In partnership with SACHA, the maroons were able to lend a helping hand for this event that was hosted for male allies. Maroons helped with registration, selling raffle tickets, and directing attendees to their correct location - as they had different group discussions taking place in different rooms around campus.

**UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Exam Destressor

The leadership team is currently brainstorming one destressor event to host during the exam period for students.

Exam Care Packages with SHEC

The maroons will be packaging and distributing exam care packages with SHEC during the month of December.

Spark Formal

The maroons will be helping to guide students to and from the Art Gallery of Hamilton. They will be taking HSR busses with first year students who are attending formal to ensure they are able to make it there and back safely

Holiday Social for Volunteers

The Leadership Team is going to be planning a social/appreciation event for their volunteers. They are looking at doing a potluck and gift exchange at the moment.

**BUDGET**

All looks good on the budget side. They are over in training, this is mainly because SACHA didn't end up getting paid for training last year so I had to process the invoice this year and take it from this years budget.

<i>ACCOUNT CODE</i>	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>BUDGET / COST</i>
5003-0120	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	65.76
Office Supplies	REMAINING IN LINE	94.24
6102-0120	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	260.00
Annual Campaigns	REMAINING IN LINE	1,540

6804-0120	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	2121.71
Training	REMAINING IN LINE	-1,121.71

6501-0120	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	1,500
	REMAINING IN LINE	500
<b>TOTALS</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		
<b>REMAINING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		

**VOLUNTEERS**

The leadership team has been great in keeping in communication with the rest of the volunteer team. We have been very transparent with the hiring process and the next steps with the service. Volunteers have been bringing concerns to the leadership team which is nice. It has been a busy first term so they are planning an appreciation event for volunteers prior to the winter holidays.

Engagement continues to be an issue, as there are lots of sign ups for shifts but then some volunteers end up not showing up or communicating last minute that they cannot attend.

**CURRENT CHALLENGES**

There were challenges with working with SCSN on the pumpkin hike. They were unable to acquire volunteers so they didn't participate as much as they maroons did, however it was still branded as being a partnership between the two services.

Meals for the pumpkin hike that were meant for the maroons ended up getting eaten by other individuals so the leadership team ended up ordering more pizza for their volunteers, this was taken out of the maroons annual campaigns budget.

**SUCSESSES**

The leadership team has been great throughout this whole process and have made this transition easy on me. We had a meeting to discuss how we would move forward working together and they have been working hard to keep spirits on the team high while also having to resolve some conflict or address volunteers concerns.

Sincerely,

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