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TO: Student Representative Assembly
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SUBJECT: SRA 18J Report
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PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

OUSA Tuition Policy and OUSA Fall General Assembly

I completed the OUSA tuition policy this weekend at the Fall General Assembly. The MSU put forth excellent arguments and a fantastic delegation, I couldn't be more proud. The tuition policy has turned out very well. My sections were not that contentious, which is great, and I was able to make it even stronger because of the feedback the Assembly provided. Our weekend at McMaster for the Fall GA was overall quite successful. The MSU was very strong and we got what we wanted in the end. I am looking forward to the next general assembly in March at the University of Waterloo.

Experiential Education at McMaster

The Provincial & Federal Affairs committee has been hard at work completing a comprehensive report on experiential education at McMaster. We have passed the second of three checkpoints for the report which should be completed at the end of the term. This is in preparation for the OUSA Experiential Education Campaign that will be held in second term.

MSU Policy Writing

I helped author the MSU Tuition policy this term. I am excited to receive feedback at Policy Conference on Saturday, November 10 and then see it pass at the SRA meeting after this one!

Student Perceptions of Data Collection

The PFA committee is currently promoting the survey to accompany this project. We require help with promotion as I have expressed through both the facebook group and facebook group chat. The results of the survey will be analyzed and written into a report during second term.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

OUSA General Assembly

In preparation for the Fall 2018 general assembly, I helped promote, hire, train, and attend the assembly this past weekend. As mentioned, the MSU got what we wanted for the most

part! We will be advocating for a tuition freeze until fair funding proportions have been restored.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Student Perceptions of Data Collection

Please help us promote the survey! It would be very helpful if your SRA pages could promote the survey and if you can all fill it out individually. We will keep the survey open until mid-November (unless we have to extend it) and begin to analyze the results once it has been completed. The committee will then take the data and turn it into a report.

UCRU Lobbying Week

Steph, Ikram, and I are going to Ottawa at the beginning of December for federal lobbying week! We'll be lobbying on several different priorities, including the reallocation of tax credits to upfront grants.

Policy Conference/MSU Policy Writing

Policy Conference is on Saturday, the day before this SRA meeting. We will be receiving feedback from all of you and incorporating it into the policy. I will be in the Tuition Paper room all day, collecting feedback with Tereza the research assistant in charge of that policy. A lot of PFA members are also policy authors and I'm excited to see them continue to improve their sections based on your feedback.

Experiential Education

PFA is currently in the process of finishing their sections for the experiential education at McMaster report. This report will provide us with a comprehensive understanding of where we are exceling and what gaps need to be filled to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality and affordable experiential opportunity during their time at McMaster. This report will also be connected to the OUSA campaign that we will run at McMaster in second term. We will use the data and information to tailor the campaign to McMaster and communicate to our students the impact that provincial advocacy on the issue can have on our campus.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Things are smooth sailing at the moment.

VOLUNTEERS (Commissioners only)

The committee has been incredible. The quality of their work has made my job of revision and guidance very easy and I'm so excited to see the final product of the experiential education report. They've also done a great job of promoting the data collection survey and being engaged with the committee and the Education Team as a whole.

SUCCESESSES

Our VP Education Stephanie has done a fantastic job at leading the MSU's advocacy efforts this year. She was a true champion at OUSA General Assembly over the weekend and I could not be happier with her. Steph's dedication to us and our students is inspirational and grounding. I wouldn't have been able to get through General Assembly, or this term, without her. Please show her gratitude for working so hard and fighting the good fights.

OTHER

Please promote the Student Perceptions of Data Collection survey through your SRA pages, personal pages, to your friends, and in your classes!!! The results of our survey will influence our provincial advocacy but only if we get enough responses! If you have questions, please let me know. Also, please complete the survey as individuals!!!

Best,

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