



# REPORT

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Sarah Figueiredo, AVP Services  
SUBJECT: SRA 180 Report  
DATE: February 24, 2019

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### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

The Services Committee officially completed the Diversity Services and Access report. The Maroons report and SCSN report are almost complete, and will be finalized by mid-march. We will use the last few meeting of the year to create external research for WGEN and Macademics which can be utilized by next year's services committee.

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

The Diversity Services and Maccess report have been reviewed by Executive Board, and I am currently working towards addressing their questions and suggestions. For SCSN and Maroons I have had meetings with the part-time managers of the services and the committee has been doing external research. I have also had the opportunity to meet with other community members who are involved and impact by these services (such as the AVP Municipal Affairs), which has been extremely useful as they have provided critical insight into services part time managers are sometimes unable to provide.

Our survey launch was delayed due to committee member turnover, but the external surveys for both services and an internal survey for SCSN are finally active and expected to close March 3rd, 2019.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Our SCSN and Maroons report are almost complete, with our survey results guiding the final suggestions. As mentioned above there are currently three surveys available on the MSU website, as well as the internal SCSN survey being circulated internally via email. Our internal Maroons survey is slated to be released March 4th to March 10th. The final reports for both SCSN and Maroons are expected to be completed within the following two week.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

This section was mostly summarized in current challenges. Additionally, in a follow up conversation with EIO I came across a miscommunication that occurred between and EIO executive, leading to old and incorrect information being relayed to the committee. I was able to clarify the information. This is a challenge that comes with managing a committee. I wanted to give members the autonomy to research and utilize the connections they have in hopes of creating a space conducive to growth. The situation has already been remedied, as I am now present in all conversation that are utilized for the report. I believe this just speaks to an ongoing challenge all committees face with balancing autonomy, accountability, and accuracy.

## **VOLUNTEERS (Standing Committees only)**

We had a higher turn over rate at the beginning of this semester, with 4 of the 6 committee members stepping down due to other engagements. This has slowed us down significantly, with having to arrange new committee times and allowing individuals to become comfortable with the committee and it's mandate. Though, our new members are very engaged - I am very excited to see all the fantastic things they will accomplish! Shoutout to Martino Saliccioli (SRA Humanities) who had taken over for me during my LOA and did a fantastic job!

## **SUCSESSES**

I am very excited to see our Maccess and Diversity Services suggestions come to fruition! Executive Board had a very positive reaction to the reports,

which is nice knowing the committee's hard work has done paid off! I'm excited to see success play out in the long run - how these reports will positively impact student life at McMaster!

**OTHER**

N/A.

Warm Regards,

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