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## AVP Finance

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Jess Anderson, AVP Finance  
SUBJECT: SRA 19H Finance Committee Report  
DATE: September 16, 2019

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Dear Members of the Assembly,

So far, the Finance Committee has held two meetings (Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the MSU Committee Room) and has hit the ground running! The committee was quickly tasked with helping to organize and prepare for the Financial Transparency Tabling occurring in the Second and third week of the semester. Our updates are as follows;

### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN:**

Objective 1: The financial transparency week is well underway, and by the time this meeting commences, the campaigning and opt out period will have come to a close. So far, the financial transparency week has been going very well and we are seeing a fair number of students engaging with our representatives at our tables. While trying to educate students on what the MSU is, what it does, and the services housed under it that aid students in various ways, our committee members have been diligently engaging with as many students as possible. The committee has greatly appreciated the help we have received from the Board of Directors as well as several other SRA members that have helped in our tabling efforts! As the committee has only has two meetings thus far, all of their efforts have been directed towards the Financial Transparency Campaign and attending a mini training session with the VP Finance (Alex) to go our FAQ's and how best to table in general.

### **FUTURE DIRECTION:**

In the coming weeks, the committee will start planning for our SLEF (Student Life Enhancement Fund) Campaign that is set to take place in early October! We will be working on solidifying how we want to go about campaigning, where we will be tabling, as well as how we can best engage students to take part in this amazing initiative. In addition, we will be reaching out to the Non-MSU groups to begin the process of reviewing. This will include reaching out to the 5 groups; McMaster Solar Car, Marching Band, Incite, OPRIG, and Engineers without Borders and asking for their budgets for the coming year then compiling a list of questions based on the received budgets.

### **SUCCESES:**

The Finance Committee has done an amazing job at maintaining continuous communication with myself and one another as well they have quickly adapted to the fast pace nature of this

committee (especially throughout the first semester). We are so lucky to have such a passionate and cooperative committee that provides help wherever possible!

**OTHER:**

Throughout the summer months, I have had the opportunity to kickstart a few individual projects in my position as AVP Finance with the gracious help of the VP Finance (Alex).

Clubs Discount Card: Over the course of the summer I was able to solidify four additional partnerships with local Hamilton businesses to add to our existing Clubs External Discount Card! These partnerships including; Boston Pizza, Fortinos, Onezo Tapioca, and Paisley's Coffee House. All of our partners are very excited to be working with the MSU this year and hope to continue collaborations with our union in the future.

Sponsorship & Donations: Throughout the summer we have received 7 different sponsorship requests and 8 different donation requests! I am overjoyed to see that so many different groups and individuals are trying to make use of the funding this year! As of right now, we have approved 3 donation requests and the balance of the Sponsorship and Donations funds is sitting at \$7000. The committee is in the process of coordinating a meeting time that works for everyone and we hope to host our first meeting of the school year next week!

Archives/1280 Revamp: Another little side project that I have been working on is going through a bunch of different archives that we have on campus (in the basement of Mills Library) in the attempt to find unique, dated photos that we can potentially enlarge and/or make a collage to hang in 1280. This idea behind this is making 1280 feel more like a student-oriented space, while also encompassing McMaster heritage and how far it has come over the years!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email!

Sincerely,



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Please find some neat photos from our Financial Transparency Tabling courtesy of Connor below!

