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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Amylia Mesic, SRA Social Sciences Caucus Member
SUBJECT: SRA 19I Report
DATE: October 6, 2019

The Executive Board has now met twice since the beginning of the fall academic term. Within this report, I will be summarizing the reports presented to the Executive Board on September 18 and September 25. I will be summarizing the reports of ERFT, MACycle, Macademics, Maccess, Shinerama, Diversity Services, and the Food Collective Centre. We have also updated job descriptions for volunteer roles for Campus Events, the Administrative Team and the Child Care Centre. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

EFRT - Albert Huynh

EFRT has been busy with the responder hiring process, and responding to McMaster Welcome Week and FOCO events. Service Usage in the last month has increased in comparison to the previous year. In regards to Welcome Week, ERFT found that it's wellness wagon was a success as they were able to inform hundreds of first-year students about ERFT as a service available on campus. They are currently working on their orientation process and training for responder candidates alongside responding to the influx of calls received from students. Training for executive members of EFRT has been completed, and ERFT is now working on updating job descriptions for the executive team to ensure they are ready for the academic year.

MAC Cycle - David Zaslavsky

MACycle is working at its full capacity and service usage is high. Since they have reopened they have successfully brought in 168 new members and on average have 10-20 people using the service daily. Volunteer training will be taking place this month (October) and their bike auction that took place over the summer went successfully. They are busy planning upcoming events such as The Cold Weather Bike Commuting Workshop.

Macademics - Fairuz Karim

Macademics has been busy during September with Clubsfest, the Macademics Blog and planning their Academic Workshop Series initiative. Clubsfest was a success for Macademics as they were able to engage with students and collect feedback from students using their Vision Board. This, in turn, positively contributed to their advocacy platform. They plan to post their first blog post sometime before the reading week in

October to highlight the importance of reading week in regards to academic success. In addition, they have been working closely with SSC on their Academic Workshop Series initiative, which is new this year. They also have collaborated with the Student Navigators to help refer students to different services that could be of assistance to them. Macademics is also planning to work with FYC to help engage with the first-year community to promote their resources such as the Resource Hub. Macademics has also successfully created its volunteer hiring structure with the help of its executive team. In addition, volunteer hiring has commenced as interviews took place in September, and they plan to host volunteer orientation during the first week of October. Service usage in the last month has increased, especially in regards to the McMaster Used Textbook Sales Facebook page, Macademics Resource Hub and Course Wiki.

Maccess - Brittany Allan

Maccess successfully opened their space on September 16, 2019. In addition, the majority of volunteers have been hired and trained. Service usage has increased since the opening of the Maccess space, and social media presence has increased as well. They have been busy planning for their meet-n-greet in October for service users and volunteers. In collaboration with EIO, they have promoted the Disability Discussions which will take place on October 10, 2019.

Shinerama - Alexa Cerio

Shinerama was another success this Welcome Week in terms of fundraising efforts and social media presence. Alexa has spent the summer busy planning for Welcome Week and Shine day. Shine day was a success; however, McMaster did raise less than previous years due to the time cut as Welcome Week Representatives only shined for half of the day this year. Shinerama Executives were successful in keeping community engagement was strong, especially with the Cystic Fibrosis Hamilton Chapter. Shinerama this year raised a grand total of \$7,790.94.

Diversity Services - Prarthna Sakhuja

Diversity Services has been busy with events such as Clubsfest, and hiring a Bridges Coordinator alongside training for the coordinator. The executive team has undergone training while volunteer applications had been re-opened in hopes of gaining more responses. Volunteer applications closed on September 29, 2019. Diversity services have also been making efforts to increase their social media presence by doing online giveaways. They are currently focusing their efforts on new ways to get more people involved with the service.

Food Collective Centre - Oliver Chow

The Food Collective Centre has completed volunteer hiring, and training, in addition, has introduced its Good Food Coordinator to their role. They recently have successfully hosted their first event this term, Ladles of Love and have begun taking orders for the first Good Food Box of the year. The FCC has also been busy with events such as Graduate Students Resource Fair and Clubsfest in which they were able to engage with students as well as familiarize the service to new students. A positive outcome that came from these two events was that they were able to bring some attention to the food bank located on campus. In addition, FCC has partnered up with SHEC to offer safe sex products and pregnancy tests within their space. In the past month, they have re-opened

for the 2019-2020 school year and are busy balancing the many programs they are running.

PROGRESS

The Executive Board has now met twice and have transitioned out of summer meeting times to this terms meeting times. We have continued to stay busy and are meeting with the PTMs of our various services weekly.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The Executive Board has now successfully transitioned to having weekly meetings instead of bi-weekly meetings. A current challenge we have been faced with is coordinating a meeting time that works for every executive board member due to everyones busy schedule this term.

SUCCESSSES

A major success came from the approval of the logo change for the Pride Community Centre (PCC). The Executive Board was asked to the approve a change to the logo of the Pride Community Centre to alleviate the concern that the current pink flamingo imagery contributed to a stereo-type of flamboyance and femininity. The pink flamingo imagery was in opposition of the current anti-racist principles of the PCC as it targeted to a white audience and thus undermines the importance of the PCC's role as a service that can be accessed to all students regardless of racial background. In addition the Executive Board has become more familiar with the multiple services of the MSU and it's PTM'S. We are looking forward to the year ahead of us.

Best,

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