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AVP Municipal Affairs

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Ryan Tse, AVP Municipal Affairs
SUBJECT: SRA 18F Report
DATE: October 1, 2019

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

Municipal Budget Submission and Municipal Advocacy

Over the summer and the first few weeks of school, I worked with Shemar (VP Education) and Gachi (MA Research Assistant) to develop and finalize a document we will submit to the city ahead of the 2020 Hamilton budget deliberations. The document includes six recommendations on the areas of transit, employment, sustainability, accessibility, and bylaws.

We plan to meet with city councilors and other stakeholders starting in October and throughout first semester to advocate for these priorities. I have also been planning to possibly delegate to city council on these priorities before the budget is finalized, though the exact date has not been finalized yet.

Promote MSU Landlord Rating System

I have been working with my committee to plan an advertising strategy to promote Yomes, the landlord rating system the MSU launched last spring (add a review at <https://yomes.com/review/mcmaster>!).

Our strategy will include in-person advertising (booking a room in MUSC with incentives for students to leave a review, class talks) and a social media push. I am also working with the founder of the platform to create a raffle where students can enter to win prizes by leaving a review of their student house.

Campus Event with Maureen Wilson

My committee has been brainstorming potential topics and format for hosting Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson for an on-campus event, something she has been receptive to. If any caucus or board members have any input on what an event with Maureen might look like, let me know!

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- Attended meetings held by the Ainslie Wood/Westdale Community Association, Hamilton Transit Association, and the Hamilton Youth Steering Committee
- Completed AVP MA yearplan and submitted to SRA
- Set up roles for MA Committee members

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

1. Municipal budget submission: we will begin meetings with city stakeholders in October
2. Landlord rating system: The advertising campaign, including a raffle, is planned to run from November to February
3. Lighting student consultation: I hope to finalize the questions for a survey we can run to gather student feedback on inadequate lighting in the McMaster area by the end of October
4. Door Hangers: We plan to hand out Door Hangers in October to the nearby neighbourhoods to promote bylaw education and tenant rights.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- There were some issues with finding a meeting time that worked for all my committee members, but we have settled on a time
- With limited experience in the past with SRA and MSU governing structures, I felt overwhelmed at first (especially over the summer) by the number of different roles in the MSU but I have slowly worked to become familiar with everyone and their roles

VOLUNTEERS (Standing Committees only)

Working with my committee has been great so far. All the committee members are very engaged and enthusiastic about the projects we are planning for the year. We have been establishing a good rapport among the group and the meetings are truly enjoyable.

I have scheduled one-on-one meetings with all the members of my committee so that I know what projects and goals they are passionate about and how I can chair the committee in a way that supports each of them. I want every member to work on what they want to and what they have time for according to their respective schedules. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year!

SUCSESSES

I'm proud of the work the budget submission team has accomplished so far in developing a final document and I'm confident and excited as we head into the "advocacy" stage of the process.

Best,

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