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QSCC Coordinator

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| TO: | Members of the Executive Board |
| FROM: | Daniel McGuire |
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UPDATE

From the last EB Report the QSCC has had several annual events, Gazyer Tag and MacPride. For those unfamiliar MacPride is an annual, week long, collection of events that celebrate the diversity within the LGBTQ+ community

SERVICE USAGE

The QSCC has had a huge increase in the number of inquiries for information since MacPride. Our Gazyer Tag event had over 25 people. The QSCC Drag show had record numbers reaching over 115 people. As well our MacPride march was also a record turnout. I am not good at estimating numbers, but it's somewhere between 150-250 people. This year there was a greater presence from faculty and staff than ever before. The Body +ve Workshop was almost at max capacity in the female identified side with ~17 individuals, and the all inclusive side was about half full at ~10 people. We officially only have two more spaces for Desk Shift Volunteers.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

In late October the QSCC had our annual Gazyer Tag Event. It was a huge success, gathering new people and many said they enjoyed it. Our Body +ve Workshop had overwhelming amount of positive reviews. Many felt that it was educational and succeed in helping promote and explore body positive thinking. The Pride march was overwhelmingly successful. Countless people approached me after because they had seen the march. The numbers this year also help increase our numbers. People who might not have been willing to participate before felt they could with a crowd for safety around them. Hopefully this effect will raise our numbers for future years. The MacPride speaker had ~20 attendees, less than anticipated. This may have been in part because of our choice to hire a community leader as opposed to a famous author, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The QSCC will be focusing on daily operations for the remainder of the term. A volunteer appreciation event is being planned for just before the exam break. We will

also be advertising our support programs, such as newcomers and peer support, taking advantage of the new attention created by MacPride.

BUDGET

We have use approximately \$812 of our promotions budget. Our annual campaigns budget is nearly exhausted with approximately \$2254 spent. This is roughly on track as MacPride is “annual campaigns”

CURRENT CHALLENGES

One of the largest problems facing the QSCC right now is the large amount of volunteers. Often people use volunteering as an opportunity to enter the space until they are comfortable doing so without an excuse, or they are looking to give back to a service which has given so much to them. I would appreciate feedback on potential ways to get more people involved. We expect ~10 applicants minimum for the winter term and because of why people volunteer it is difficult to turn them away.

SUCSESSES

As mentioned before the Pride March was the largest so far. This is a huge accomplishment for the LGBTQ+ community on campus. Having such a visible presence is amazing for the QSCC numbers, but it also helps people feel safe. Seeing recognizable faces in the crowd or even just a swarm of supporters can help someone feel empowered and protected. One of the largest challenges of being LGBTQ+ identified is a feeling of isolation. Invisible minorities are impossible to see, so it’s amazing that the MSU helped show them that there is support, friends, and peers around campus.

OTHER

I would like to thank my executive for ensuring MacPride was successful by handling daily operations. As well, I still endorse and suggest a committee to run or aid in organizing MacPride, as mentioned by both Jyssika and I in eb reports for three years in a row. MacPride will shrink if a full time student is expected to run this many large events in a week and handle day to day work of managing 55+ volunteers.