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Queer Student Community Centre Coordinator

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Daniel McGuire
SUBJECT: QSCC Report #3
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UPDATE

The QSCC finished first term with daily operations and a volunteer appreciation event. For this coming term we hope to focus on athletics, the Formal/Mixer, and more regular workshops.

SERVICE USAGE

The QSCC has had low usage for the first two weeks of term 2. At the end of week two and beginning of week three numbers reached the same levels as last term.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

After MacPride the QSCC focused on smaller events.

I have completed Job Descriptions for all the positions within the QSCC as they hadn't been updated after several years and changes to the structure of the QSCC. I have asked Jakob Brodka to review them before I submit them.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

For the term we want to experiment with winter athletic events outside of McMaster Intramural Sports. This will include programming such as: Ice Skating, Waterfall Hike, Dance-Dance Revolution Contest, and yoga. We will be hosting a Women and Trans dinner/lunch exclusive event in collaboration with WGEN. We are also looking into a Queer Slam Poetry Night for the middle of February. As well, we are planning a clothing swap with a focus on allowing people who might not feel comfortable buying clothes that matches their gender identity. We have also begun preparation for our Formal/Mixer which will be hosted at the end of March.

I have also begun working towards updating the QSCC's current "safe space" policy. Currently my goal is to create an MSU wide "Safe(r) Space" policy using collaborative research with campus partners such as WGEN. The goal of making an MSU wide policy

is to create a guideline/standard when training on issues of AOP and push forward in making the MSU a more inclusive space for a wider range of identities, especially in services without a strong focus on social advocacy.

BUDGET

	Budget	Percentage Spent
Community Outreach	\$500.00	0%
Annual Campaigns	\$2,500	75.06%
Adv. & Promo	\$1,500	55.87%

I have included some important budget numbers. I want to focus on spending the Community Outreach budget as most community outreach last term took the form of MacPride.

Our annual campaign budget is slightly under spent. This is due to, in part, our MacPride speaker being significantly cheaper than expected.

Adv. & Promo is right on track and will allow us to create promo which can be used for many years, such as our Peer Support Posters.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

One of our larger challenges is volunteer retention. With so many volunteers first term it was hard to make Desk Shift Volunteers feel like they were needed as there was always someone around to cover them. As well, we have volunteer recognition but it is hard to do anything that actually feels like a reward seeing as we have ~\$2.58 per volunteer for appreciation. The only events we can currently host usually come with a price for the volunteer, or they are not very popular. This has led to fewer volunteers choosing to continue through the second term. Fortunately we should have enough volunteers to perform daily operations efficiently.

SUCCESES

The executive team has begun to work more collaboratively again and are eager to support each other and myself in creating more programming this term.

OTHER

I am really proud with how many of the QSCC Executive have dealt with certain issues in the Centre. In general they have stepped up and, when necessary, aided in tasks outside of their job descriptions to support fellow Executives in crisis. I personally thank all the Executives who worked in creating a positive team environment.