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First Year Council Part-Time Manager

TO: Members of the Executive Board
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Yearplan Update

In the beginning of the year, I had created a premature year plan. Because this service and its vision is based on elected representatives, I wanted my year plan to reflect their ideas and goals. I sent out a request for all council members to create a mini year plan 2 weeks ago. These were due yesterday, on October 31st. With that, I started modifying and detailing my year plan to ensure that it properly represents what my members want to accomplish and get out of first year council.

Because council members are only appointed on October, I did foresee the transition from training to planning events and projects to take longer. I am planning to have our first events in the next few weeks.

Events, Projects, & Activities

General Service Usage

Most of First Year Council this year has been elected. I have been having difficulties trying to get 5 other seats elected. Despite this setback, the current members are extremely excited and looking forward to this year and have started to plan our first events. Additionally, we have begun to meet with our consultation committees for the year. I have scheduled meetings for campus partners Chris Eley, Michelle Treleaven, and Cathy Tatsis to introduce themselves to First Year Council. There have been many interesting advocacy initiatives that council are extremely passionate about this year.

Projects & Events: Consultation Committees (Ongoing)

Elected members have been assigned to their consultation committees for the year. There are 3 consultation committees including Residence and Student Life, Hospitality, and Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. We have begun our brainstorming sessions and will shortly meet with campus representatives to being our advocacy initiatives.

After reading through council members' year plans, I noticed that there is a common theme of health and wellness. Noting this, I entertained the possibility of creating a new consultation committee revolving around First year student mental health and well-being and developing advocacy projects around that area. Further discussions with FYC, campus partners, and MSU representatives are needed to determine logistics and possibility of idea.

Projects & Events: Vogue style 73 Questions (Upcoming)*

One of the things that I admire in this year's council is their creativity in thinking outside the box for our events. We wanted to introduce first year council to the MSU community through a Vogue 73 Questions Style interview featuring all council members. Due to the restrictions of entering some residences, we decided it would be a nice idea to film in different places around campus. I started to contact the MSU communications department to help us in this project.

Projects & Events: Training and Transition(Complete)

Once council members were elected in the beginning of October, I started on their training and transition period. I had introduction and one-on-one meetings with them throughout reading week and had our training session on October 23rd. We proceeded to have our first official Core4 and council wide meetings in the week after.

Outreach & Promotions

Summary

First Year Council had some halloween themed instagram posts to engage first year students and to increase the number of followers for this year's cohort. My VC of Events has already received their training and we have assigned each council member to get at least 10 new followers before our next meeting on Wednesday. There has also been some discussions on hosting FYC giveaway to boost social media engagement

Finances

Budget Summary

Nothing spent to date. We will have our planning for our first event completed by this week's meeting. Because I have received First Year Council's individual year plans, I am going to update my budget for the year to reflect on council's goals and visions

Executives & Volunteers

I am very content that elected members are getting along. I have been meaning to hold meetings on campus however, with the restrictions imposed by the

university, it's challenging to find a space that can accommodate more than 12 people. I have been looking into BSB and PGCLL tutorial rooms to hold in-person meetings as many council members have expressed interest in doing so.

Successes

Council is extremely excited to start in their new roles. They have a slew of amazing and unique ideas that they want to achieve throughout the year.

Current Challenges

The biggest challenge now is getting the last remaining seats filled in.