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## First Year Council

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Halle Lawson, First Year Council Chair  
SUBJECT: SRA 21Q Report  
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### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

The First Year Council has progressed through the year plan at a steady pace. Each member continues to pursue role-specific goals. Likewise, the team simultaneously collaborates on large projects together. Undoubtedly, as pandemic restrictions recess, the scope of FYC's impact grows in parallel. Some of the council's most recent projects are anticipated to have the greatest reach of any this year.

### **PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Since the last SRA meeting the First Year Council has completed various projects, activities, and events. Some highlights from the month of February include consultation committee projects. For instance, applying for to the McMaster Okanagan grant in hopes of securing funding for seasonal affective disorder (SAD) lights throughout residences. To apply for this grant, the wellness consultation committee met with Archway to discuss collaboration. These talks demonstrated an interest for future ArchwayxFYC partnerships -- particularly, those which bolster the wellbeing of first-year students.

Additionally, the council has been having weekly meetings for planning upcoming initiatives. Some meeting highlights include planning a first-year formal, developing better residence resources for prospective students, and working on a website for first-year students.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

First Year Council has several major events planned for the remainder of the term. On the near horizon is First Year Formal. For this dance, we selected the theme "Starry Nights." Already

approximately seventy percent of tickets have been sold – a great statistic considering the CIBC hall venue has the capacity for five hundred first-year students to attend.

Furthermore, the First Year Council is working to develop updated residence resources, such as new video tours of rooms, and photos of different room styles within each residence. This information will contribute to content within the proposed first-year website.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

Today's challenges surround the upcoming first-year formal. There have been struggles in coordinating the venue, decorations, and marketing materials. These struggles are the product of a short timeline. Although the formal is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the council only started planning within the past two weeks. Despite this, First Year Council is up for the challenge. Each obstacle encountered so far has been handled effectively.

## **SUCCESSSES**

Recent successes surround the council's ability to plan the formal. Despite a tight timeline, each member's passion, dedication, and spirit has prevailed. It seems First Year Formal is shaping up to be a successful event!

All the best,

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