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From the office of the...
Internal Governance Committee

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Armin Sariaslani, Associate Vice-President: Internal Governance
SUBJECT: SRA 21R Report
DATE: March 22, 2022

PROGRESS

Internal Governance Committee

- The committee has been very productive and our discussion within the committee have always been fruitful.
- The members of the committee have demonstrated a great level of engagement and interest in the process of policy review.

The Status of the Policy Reviews

- The policies that have been fully reviewed so far within the IG committee this year are the following: Document Management, Room Bookings, Space Allocation & Audit Committee, Communication strategies, Bylaw 6 – General Assembly, Appendix A- General Assembly Special Procedures.
- Out of the aforementioned policies changes were applied to Document Management, Room Bookings, Space Allocation & Audit Committee, Communication strategies. The first three policies have passed the floor of SRA and the Communication strategies was recently circulated to the admin team and will be brought to the floor of the next SRA.
- The committee did not see the need to modify Bylaw 6 – General Assembly. However, some minor edits are suggested for Appendix A- General Assembly Special Procedures and those changes will be applied by the end of April to be brought to the floor of the next SRA.
- I am still aiming to complete the review of three policies that in order of priority are; MSU Governance & You Committee, Promotion and Advertising and Employee Conflict of Interest.
- Consultations have been made regarding MSU Governance & You Committee with Victoria Scott and Daniela Stajcer.
- The organization of this committee will change in a way that the chair of the committee will be elected from the members of the committee to ensure that the chair has the time to allocate to the demands of the committee.

- The HR department will be consulted shortly regarding the Employee Conflict of Interest. This policy has recently been reviewed (5 years ago) and no major changes are expected to be made to the policy which is the reason for its low priority on the list of the policies to review.
- Furthermore, I believe a vote of confidence for SRA elections will reduce the interests in running for this position and an empty SRA is very much dysfunctional. I'll be consulting with the president of MSU regarding the potential of dropping this requirement for the next elections.

Transition

Long-Term Projects

- I will be consulting with the president of MSU regarding some of the environmental policies I have worked on to see how the next administration can potentially build on these frameworks.
- I have also been in contact with the president elect. I'll communicate some of the projects that his administration will need to continue working on. Furthermore, we both agreed on the need for a wide campaign for advertising MSU's healthcare policy. I'll be creating a framework for his administration in consultation with the marketing department of MSU to ensure that this campaign is conducted appropriately.

Transition Report & Hiring of the New AVP:IG

- I have been writing my transition report for the next AVP: IG to ensure a smooth transition.
- I have made myself available to the members of the IG committee to reach out to me if they have any questions before applying for the AVP:IG position
- The hiring for this position has already started on the MSU's website and qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

Acknowledgments

- I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the members of the IG committee. It is not easy to attend an hour long meeting every week on Monday 8-9 pm to discuss policies. They have been engaged throughout the duration of the committee and always guided me with their insightful comments and feedback.
- I would also like to thank Daniela Stajcer and Victoria Scott whom I have worked closely with over the past year. Our biweekly meetings allowed me to organize my thoughts and tasks that are required to be done for the week. They were always available when I needed guidance regarding my position.
- Furthermore, I have consulted with several other individuals over the past year, such as Denver Della-Vedova, Simranjeet Singh, Pauline Taggart, Michael Wooder, Chris Eley, JJ and many other individuals and I would like to thank them for taking the time to provide me with the guidance and the information I needed.

Sincerely,

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