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*From the office of the...*  
**Vice-President (Education)**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Elizabeth Wong, Vice-President (Education)  
SUBJECT: SRA 22E Report  
DATE: July 8, 2022

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Dear Members of the Assembly,

Although it has only been a month since my last report, it has felt a lot longer. I am beginning to really set into my role and understanding of being a member of the board. While I spent the first month of my role meeting stakeholders, I have started to think a lot about the structure of the education team during this past month.

I have started to have discussions and do research on the full-time position that I had mentioned within my year plan. While, I don't believe that the position will be hired for this year, I am hoping to establish the position for the incoming VP next year. This has also made me think about the overall structure of the education team and whether or not there should be structural changes that would collapse and clarify responsibilities.

As a board, we recently did goal planning with the General Manager, John McGowan and Executive Assistant, Daniela Stajcer. We planned out our year together and listed off the initiatives that we wanted to complete. The process was very exciting and a bit overwhelming when thinking about all of the things we all wish to complete this year. It made us all realize how fast the year has started to go so far. We are excited to continue to work with the SRA in achieving your year plans and some of the initiatives from our year plans and goals as well.

I have also started my work as the Chair of Governance Committee on UCRU. I have started to grow the committee and determine where the direction of the committee should go this year. We are having a lot of talks about establishing a fee structure so that UCRU can start to develop as an organization.

I am taking this month to really plan out the year with the education team and to touch base with my team to determine priorities for the year. I have put my focus into ensuring that we have a solid internal base for the upcoming school year. Looking forward to meeting with you all in-person in September. I am very much excited to be collaborating with all of you throughout the year as well.

## **Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities**

The board recently visited the MSU Childcare Centre together where we had a fun morning hanging out with the kids and staff. It was fantastic to get the opportunity to

actually visit the Childcare Centre in-person and to see all of the amazing work that they do on a daily basis. We had lots of fun playing tag, having toy car chases, drawing, and sand fights! We are hoping to be able to visit the Childcare Centre on a monthly basis as a board.

Mitch and I have continued to work on the Rep Wellness Lounge initiative that we are trying to plan for Welcome Week. We created a list of sponsors and have sent out numerous emails and messages thus far. We haven't had the best of luck getting sponsors but are staying positive and hoping we can get a few. We are continuing to look for sponsors to send out another round of emails and message requests. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to us!

We are very excited to have Laurentian's Students' General Association's President, Avery Morin and Vice-President Education, Ana Tremblay come to visit us later in July. They are looking forward to visiting our offices and having chats about the structure and interworking's of our organization. We may have other universities also reach out to plan visits to the MSU in the future!

We recently had a great meeting with the McMaster Graduate Students Association and talked about areas of overlap with both of our organizations. We are hoping to collaborate further with them on better supporting international students, especially when they first come to Canada. We are also hoping to have further discussions around transit and mental health as well.

### **Current Challenges**

At the time of writing my report, I have finish hiring on my team. It has been difficult to hire in this cycle but am excited to fill spots within my team. I believe that hiring has been a challenge for the organization and we are hoping that engagement with hiring will pick up once the school year starts.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Wong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

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