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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Simranjeet Singh, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
SUBJECT: SRA 22L Report  
DATE: Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Hello to all members of the assembly,

Since the last SRA meeting, there have been two executive board meetings held, specifically EB 22-17 on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and EB 22-18 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. EB 22-17 was initially to take place on November 18<sup>th</sup> but was rescheduled to November 25<sup>th</sup> as a result of scheduling conflicts. There was little out of the ordinary for both meetings, with agendas mostly consisting of reporting from part-time managers as well as approval of minutes from previous meetings.

At EB 22-17, approval of minutes for the previous two meetings, EB 22-15 and EB 22-16, was completed with no further edits, after which there were reports discussed by the PTMs heading FYC, Macademics, Maccess, the Maroons, PCC, and SHEC. All PTMs shared noteworthy projects the volunteers of their services/elected bodies are working on. In FYC, a prominent activity was the finalization of FYC subcommittees, an initiative to allow FYC representatives to focus on either events or promotions. The is that this will allow first-year elected representatives to find an area they are passionate about as they accomplish their initiatives, and its structure will be modified as needed by FYC moving forward. FYC looks forward to using these resources to plan events and collaborations with MSU Services as well as MSU clubs moving forward.

Macademics also gave forth important updates regarding the progress of Teaching Awards, for which approximately 3000 nominations in total were received for instructors and teaching assistants. In addition, the Research and Resources Committee has been formed, and will begin the process of sharing monthly blog posts so to inform students of various academic resources available.

Similarly, Maccess also had a series of events and initiatives for which updates were shared. DisVisibility and History Week was held from November 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> was a prominent initiative to highlight the discrimination faced by individuals a part of the disabled community and advocate for greater accessibility. Additionally, at the time of the report, Maccess was in the planning stages of events/initiatives associated with International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which took place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Aside from these Maccess-specific initiatives, Maccess also collaborated with the other peer-support services, SHEC, WGEN, DEN, and PCC, to distribute exam care packages to students.

Moving on to PCC, it was highlighted that the PCC-space has enjoyed far more service usage recently, showing success of outreach to the student body. Ongoing events such as monthly bingo nights, biweekly watch parties, and weekly book club meetings likely strongly contributed to this development of a sense of community. At the time of the report, upcoming events included The Gender-Affirming Clothing Swap, the Poetry Slam and the Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil.

SHEC similarly has a high degree of service usage, especially between the hours of 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. As a result the service has put in more orders of pregnancy tests and menstrual care products. SHEC celebrated the success of their volunteer social, and described planning for what at the time were upcoming events, specifically the "Spill the AnxieTEA Campaign" and "Cum One, Cum All!". Finally, the SHEC Director also highlighted the progress on the Collective Care program, an initiative in collaboration

with WGEN to deliver free sexual health resources to students.

Maroons also shared a series of noteworthy updates. The service has created schedules for attendance of reps to various McMaster Varsity Athletics games, namely football. The service has moved more so to basketball and volleyball as the football season has ended. Furthermore, the Maroons reported that the Intramurals's season has completed and was overall a large success. Volunteers indicated very favourable views of the intramurals, which most described as a positive social experience. Fundraising initiatives for Movember were also highlighted. Finally, the Maroons Coordinator shared some details regarding the progress on the Service Review being done in collaboration with the AVP: Services.

Moving forward to EB 22-18, there were only three service reports at this meeting, specifically by Spark, SWHAT, and WGEN. Spark's report highlighted the completion of all Fall semester sessions, a significant milestone in the service's progression. Approximately 50 first-year students would regularly attend these sessions, representing a healthy level of service usage. Furthermore, the service also had the annual "So You Think You Can Craft?" event, and "Hike and Hangout", which collectively amassed 64 first-year registrants. Spark is hopeful for what this level of engagement means for the Winter term.

SWHAT similarly had many positive semester-end updates. The service completed a successful Walk-a-thon and operated all the way to December 21<sup>st</sup> to fulfill the needs of students during exams. SWHAT averaged 4.4 walks per night during November, though this was heightened to 6.75 walks per night during the Walk-a-thon. These numbers are much higher than September and October, which averaged 2.9 and 4.2 walks per night, respectively. For the future, SWHAT also is planning a "Community Safety" week during January to ensure students have more knowledge of how to move through the Hamilton community securely.

For the final service report during this period, WGEN, noteworthy successes were also apparent. WGEN completed its first campaign week, "Transforming Mac", which centres and celebrates the trans community. Space usage is averaging between 5-8 visits by students per day. WGEN now looks forward to collaborating with SWHAT on the "Community Safety" week, starting Survivors programming, and collaborating with SHEC on Collective Care.

Finally, EB 22-18 ended by striking hiring boards for all part-time manager positions, a task needed to ensure the hiring process for all directors, assistant directors, coordinators, as well as the CRO and DRO can take place smoothly in Winter of 2023. This summarizes EB 22-17 and EB 22-18.

Best regards,



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