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TO: SRA Members and Committee Chairs  
 FROM: Aiman Dhiloon, Associate Vice-President  
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 SUBJECT: Operating Policy – Welcome Week Awards  
 DATE: SRA 220 – February 26, 2023

**Dear Members of the Assembly,**

One of the policies the committee has reviewed this year is for the Welcome Week Awards, which was last reviewed five (5) years ago. The Welcome Week Awards are given to the faculties/groups that demonstrate the most passion and involvement over the course of Welcome Week, and are an important part of recognizing the work done by WW Reps!

The major change to this policy is the removal of the Residence Cup. This is a change with historical contexts – in the past, it has been difficult to incorporate all students into the Residence Cup scoring, as not everyone is part of residence life. Furthermore, we believe that it makes the most sense for Housing & Conference Services to award some form of Residence Cup/Award for the Residence Orientation Representatives. The changes are outlined below in further detail.

Section	Current	Proposed	Explanation
Policy Title & Section 1 Heading	“Welcome Week Awards”	“Welcome Week Faculty Cup”	This is to recognize the removal of the Residence Cup, which is no longer awarded by the MSU.
1.1	“Two awards shall be granted during Welcome Week, the Faculty Cup & the Residence Cup;”	Removing this section entirely.	This is to recognize the removal of the Residence Cup, which is no longer awarded by the MSU.
1.1.2	“The Residence Cup Award shall be granted in recognition of	Removing this section entirely.	Again, Faculty Cup is no longer being awarded by the MSU.

	the residence of Society of Off-Campus Students (SOCS) that has demonstrated superior spirit and presence during Welcome Week.”		
1.2.3	“Contribution to Shinerama”	Removing this section entirely.	Shinerama is no longer a part of Welcome Week, and thus cannot be judged.
1.2.4	N/A	“Spirit during Faculty Fusion”	Faculty Fusion is a relatively newer event that was not previously included on this policy but should be considered for the Faculty Cup.
2.2.4	“The Shinerama Coordinator”	Remove this section entirely.	Shinerama is no longer a part of Welcome Week.
2.1.4	“The Residence Orientation Planner”	Remove this section entirely.	The ROP does not need to be included in this selection committee, as the Residence Cup is no longer being awarded by the MSU.
2.1.6.1 & 2.1.7.1	“(…) member shall not be involved in Welcome Week as a current Faculty Representative, Residence Representative or Residence Community Advisor with Residence Life;”	“(…) member shall not be involved in Welcome Week as a current Faculty Representative;”	Because the Residence Cup is no longer awarded by this committee, there is no conflict of interest for SRA & MSU members if they are involved as CAs or RORs.
2.1.6.2	“Should no SRA member be found, the SRA	“Should no other eligible SRA member be found, the SRA member must abstain from	Clarifying that it is only the faculty that matters for granting the Faculty Cup, and

	member must abstain from the vote of the award that is relevant to their organization/affiliation.”	the vote of the award that is relevant to their faculty.”	that this should only occur if there are no other eligible SRA members available.
2.2	“Vacancies created through a member’s resignation or recall shall be filled by the Board of Directors from the SRA membership.”	“Vacancies created through a member’s resignation or recall shall be filled by a member of the Board of Directors.”	Clarifying that someone from the BoD should be filling the position in the case of a recall/removal.
3.4	“The Selection Committee shall, with concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, award the Welcome Week Awards to the participating groups that it deems most worthy.”	“The Selection Committee shall, with concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, award the Faculty Cup to the participating faculty that it deems most worthy.”	Once again, making language specific to the Faculty Cup.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email prior to the meeting.

Kind regards,  
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