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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Craig Dawdy, Executive Board
SUBJECT: SRA 22N Report
DATE: February 12, 2023

To the Members of the Assembly,

This report serves to cover two executive board meetings in great depth to properly capture the operations, exchanges, dealings, emotions, and unrepented desire to better the McMaster community. Both meetings stood to be on the briefer end of discussion, ending within about an hour, however executive board's members contemplations on the agenda items faced was far from surface level.

The first meeting we can discuss occurred on January 26, 2023. I called in remotely but a truly unfettered drive for productivity was present at the executive board table.

Reporting period unfolded as expected with notable take always being such:

- ◇ FYC and Diversity + Equity Network delivered passionate reports for the reporting period, with themes of concerns about drawing more to their events. While they were met with no questions or comments from the board, there were murmurs of budgetary uncertainty as neither report contained budget update.
- ◇ Macademics addressed the momentum being made towards the award season we now find ourselves now within, their raison d'etre as a service, arriving as planned, stress present none the less.

Following that we moved to closed session.

- ◇ You just had to be there, I guess.

Moving out of closed session, we entered into information session. Information was shared, detailing the usual wide array of information on the various comings and goings of the board and its members and advisors. Of positive note was McGowan's information on the MSU meeting the rising tide of inflation successfully, and that the organization was on track to break even for the year. Rejoice of the room.

Some departed into the morning, others exited the teams call.

Next, we come upon the meeting which occurred February 2, 2023. While I also called in remotely for this one, the raw enthusiasm was more palpable than ever. At the offset I amended the agenda to include recommendations from the sponsorships and donations committee. All those present were in favor.

Report period was populated by reports from Maroons, PCC, and SHEC.

- ◇ SHEC provided immense depth in the trends and insights of their service. Painting a lifelike picture, quantitatively and qualitatively.
- ◇ PCC noted continuous management and leadership turmoil in relation to hiring, but nevertheless their words expressed an unrelenting enthusiasm for the march towards greatness of the services future.
- ◇ Maroons were concise in their communication appropriate in their detailed description of the onslaught of events and engagement they had planned.

It was noted and appreciated that all services provided financial updates.

Moving into the business of the sponsorships and donations committee. At the prompting of Scott, I provided a detailing of how the sponsorships and donations committee has been arriving at their recommendations to dispersed funds to the McMaster and Hamilton community. Upon clarity being provided by myself and Wooder, all were in favor.

A seamless transition into the information session was sought and found. Information session, as always, a wide array shared, a great emphasis from multiple members placed on the award seasons, both in selection panel members and nominees themselves.

Current Challenges

Finding individuals to sit on award selection panels was of concern.

An air of concern in student turnout for events permeated the subtext of many discussion, if you build it, will they come? In particular that many events are running and well communicate /marketed but poor/mediocre turnout. Prompting discussion of how to engage and reinvigorate the passion and electricity once felt on campus.

With great care,

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