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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Jialiang (Kevin) Hu, Executive Board Member
SUBJECT: SRA 22Q Report
DATE: March 20, 2023

Dear Members of the Assembly,

Since the last report submitted, there has been two Executive Board meeting. Executive Board has listened to reports from Macademics, Maccess, SHEC, PCC, Maroons, Spark, SWHAT, WGEN, and FYC Coordinator. In addition, two service review reports presented by the AVP Service regarding Maroons and PCC.

Macademics have been working on MSU Awards, Winter Teaching Award nominations and planning the Teaching Awards Ceremony. Seventy nominations were received for MSU Awards and 2588 nominations for Winter Teaching Awards. The teaching Awards Ceremony is booked for March 24 in CIBC hall. Preparation is underway efficiently and mostly completed. The team struggles to reach someone from the Humanities, Engineering and Arts & Science faculties to present their respective award.

Maccess launched a social media campaign on IG called "The 10 Principles of Disability Justice," and continued hosting and planning numerous workshops and events in hybrid. Current challenge is increased workload on executives due to Disability Pride week.

SHEC has launched *Collective Care* with WGEN, plans on re-running Exam Care Programming, and is working on volunteer appreciation gifts. The current challenge is the lack of budget left for the events scheduled.

PCC is seeing high service usage and increased service quality as volunteers get more comfortable providing support. Queer Prom event has to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Currently the executives are struggling with workload due to the Queer Prom planning.

Maroons are working on planning final exam-prep events. Intramural teams are heading into playoffs, and the turn-out rate remains high. The current challenge is a poor team communication and unable to host team-wide meetings completely in person.

Spark has officially opened its application for the Spark Achievement in Leadership Award. Ahead of valentine's day, Spark executed the Spark Your Heart event, which attracted 88 individuals. Also launched the winter publication focused on McMaster Meal Plan.

SWHAT usage has been slow during March due to inclement weather. The main event currently running is Can-a-thon in collaboration with FCC. The current challenge is looking to replace current flashlights as they are large and cold to touch.

WGEN has opened the online space for 6 hours per week and continued the physical space. The survivors peer group is running weekly and continues to have engagement from the community. The current challenge is the lack of volunteer capacity.

FYC is meeting with Residence Life and Hospitality Services to propose ideas and implement initiatives to enhance the first-year experience in these areas. The current challenge is the lack of motivation in some members due to the rejection of ideas.

Maroons service review report presents primary survey data regarding the function and future direction of the service. Internal research on executive and volunteers show that the team is mostly satisfied with the current condition with the only notable concern being the lack of funding. Additional research was done by a 38 questions survey on the general student body. Responses show that most respondents were not too familiar with the Maroons. Notable concerns emphasized the Maroons being an "elitist" group and society, which could be intimidating for students and make the community feel less welcoming. External research focused on review all undergraduate student unions of universities in Ontario. Overall, many student unions seem to provide more personal mentorship support via their programs, connecting first years with upper year students. The report concluded with recommendations on reintroduce the Maroons Leadership Committee initiative, host more events to engage first-year students and the McMaster community, hold more collaborations with other MSU, McMaster University services, or student groups, increase funding for the Maroons to hold more events and initiatives, emphasize diversity in hiring process, implement 60% new and 40% returner ratio and collaborate with faculty and residence representatives during Welcome Week. These recommendations were approved by the Executive Board.

PCC service review report presents primary survey data regarding the function and future direction of the service. Internal research on executive and volunteers shows that the most respondents felt that the PCC made them feel included. Feedbacks suggest a need for more social events for volunteers. Additional research on the general student body shows that most respondents were not

very familiar with the PCC. Feedbacks suggest a need for more promotion of the service on various platforms. The report concluded with recommendations on the need for more involvement of volunteers in the decision making, hold more volunteer socials, provide more comprehensive training, promote the PCC's resources, collaborate with other peer-support services and investigate combining MSU peer-support services for more effective service delivery and range of services offered.

PTM hiring is ongoing, and members of the Executive Board are in the process of interviewing candidates. Director hiring has concluded, and assistant director hiring is continuing.

Best,

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