

Year Plan

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Introduction

Dear Executive Board Members,

My name is Angela Bilic and I cannot wait to begin my journey within the role of Macademics Coordinator for the 2023-2024 academic year. Last summer, I came across Macademics as I scrambled to look for resources that would provide me with information about McMaster – navigating the transition away from two years of virtual schooling to sole in-person classes wasn't easy to say the least! It was then where I became absolutely amazed by the mission statement of the Macademics service which works to consistently improve the quality of education found at McMaster University, a common cause held tightly by all student and faculty, whilst integrating the thoughts and opinions of the student body. I then applied and began my journey as the Macademics Research and Resources Coordinator in the 2022-2023 where I continued the monthly blog posts to emphasize student opportunities around the university and to provide a hub where students could go to for advice. I also implemented a new initiative which entailed liaising the student-body with McMaster faculty through monthly Q&A periods where the student-body would send Macademics questions they would like answered, and the Macademics team would then go on to interviewing and compiling professor and TA responses to post with the goal of increasing student knowledge.

Excitingly, as this year's Coordinator, my dear hope is to make a true impact on uplifting student voices all over McMaster and by doing so, creating a more tight knit, comforting, and accessible environment for all. As for any institution, the key behind its success is the meshing of an array of diverse, new, and differing ideas for which endeavour I would like the Macademics service to serve as the backbone. I hope to achieve this by continuing to liaise faculty with the student-body through opportunities for direct communication, as well as hope to incorporate many more chances for student voice amplification, such as through a case-competition regarding McMaster's accessibility, as well as Q&A reels with students throughout campus. I will will continue to strive to empower students throughout the semester, reminding them of the importance of reaching out with questions/comments, and importantly, never giving up.

I look forward to meeting with you all. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Best wishes, Angela Bilic



Vision for Macademics

Overarching Vision (I.e., What is the ultimate goal you have for your Service?)	The ultimate goal of the Macademics service is to uplift student voices and provide them means by which to comment on their academics and to accumulate an array of information and resources which will further aid in their ability to thrive academically. Although Macademics continues to do a great job of upholding their mission statement yearly, I would like to work on this goal by offering more opportunities for student-opinion provision. By increasing student voice through the platforms that Macademics monitors, students will be able to share ideas with one another and build a more tightknit community.
Description	With the goal of raising the extent of student voice within our service, I would like to incorporate student Q&As within our social media, provide opportunity for a conversation about McMaster's standard of accessibility through a fun case-competition, urge students to send in questions for the monthly student-professor Q&As, and even just set up simple booths around campus for one-on-one conversations where students can freely share their opinions about a variety of matters.
Benefits	By engaging students within the Macademics month-to-month endeavours, not only will knowledge about the service rise throughout campus (allowing for a greater teaching nomination response rate as a means of advocating for education) but will also serve to ease the schoolyear for students who are searching for resources or would like to make a change but do not know where to begin or who to turn to.
Year 1 Goals (2023/24)	Increased analytics on our instagram posts (as instagram will encapture each listed endeavour such as case-competition, reels, etc.)
Year 2 Goals (2024/25)	Increased number of nomination submissions
Year 3 Goals (2025/26)	More followers throughout all social media domains



Partners	MacPherson Institute, SSC, MSU Spark, First Year Council, MSU
	Maroons
How can VP	VP Admin can best support the Macademics team by keeping an
Admin support	open line of communication, being easy to reach, and staying open
you?	minded to new ideas presented by either the Macademics team or
	the student-body.



Project/Events Timeline

Spring/Summer Term

Мау	
Service	Transitioning into Macademics Coordinator role
Goal/Project/Event	
(#1):	
Why and how?	Prior to the hectic nature of the academic year, it is crucial
	for me to get accustomed to prior files from my predecessor
	for easy-use and extra help throughout each undergoing. I
	will also take this time to ensure that all documents vital to
	each separate role are present for the incoming executives (ex. putting together all transition reports, etc.).
Potential difficulties?	Although some exec members from last year provided less
How can you	information than others for me to include in the OneDrive
overcome them?	folders of the incoming exec members, I hope to provide full
	role-clarity (as well as lots of space for new idea creation)
	during our one-on-one meetings.
Who?	Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service	Initiating executive member hiring process
Goal/Project/Event	3
(#2):	
Why and how?	Speak to HR to upload job descriptions on MSU website as
	well as converse with underground to create various
	promotional material.
Potential difficulties?	As many different services are hiring around this time period,
How can you overcome them?	I will ensure to provide a longer-than usual application period (over two weeks), consistently post lots of promotional
Overcome mem:	material, post steps to making the application process
	smoother, and coordinate with other MSU services to repost
	my promotional material.
Who?	Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	



	June
Service	Executive member interviews
Goal/Project/Event (#1):	
Why and how?	Read through all student executive applications (consisting
Triny and non-	of resumes and cover letters) and further host interviews the
	week after applications close. The application period will run
	from June 5 – June 22 at 11:59 pm.
Potential difficulties?	As this time period is within the summer, and some
How can you	applicants may be unable to meet within the week following
overcome them?	the application period, I will send out an email encouraging applicants to let me know if they require accommodation and
	of course, figure out a course of action to allow them to
	work-out the interview timeline with ease.
Who?	Coordinator and predecessor
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service	First full Macademics 2023-2024 executive meeting
Goal/Project/Event	
(#2):	
Why and how?	I will hold our first annual executive meeting during the last
	week of June to allow members to meet each other, begin to
	get comfortable with the service, and to understand what will be expected of them. I will provide a time period to create a
	list of team expectations as a group to ensure best work
	practice throughout the year. Here I will also go over how to
	write their Year Plans.
Potential difficulties?	Although this may be a busy time for some students, I will
How can you	send out a when-to-meet well in advance of the meeting and
overcome them?	do my best to accommodate all attendees to achieve full attendance.
Who?	Exec team + Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority

July	
Service	MSU Spark Webinar Series collaboration
Goal/Project/Event	
(#1):	



Why and how?	The MSU Spark Events Coordinator has already reached
	out to me with regards to collaborating on this event and with this, I have agreed.
Potential difficulties?	MSU Spark has yet to decide on a date for the Webinar
How can you	Series so I am currently waiting on a definitive plan-of-
overcome them?	action. To ensure smooth-flowing preparation, I will remain
Overcome mem?	<u> </u>
	emailing back and forth with the Spark Coordinators and ask
Who?	as many questions as needed to achieve the best result. Coordinator + MSU Spark
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Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#2):	One-on-one meetings with each executive member
Why and how?	I will send each exec member a when-to-meet to fill out and with this, I will schedule a meeting with each member around the first week of July. Here, we will discuss their Year Plans, what they hope to add to Macademics, likes/dislikes, etc.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	As this is just the beginning of each executive member's journey within Macademics, it might be unrealistic to get all of them to provide in-depth details upon what they want to see incorporated within the service. Although I will do my best to paint a clear picture of the service and the doings of prior members, I also will reiterate that their Year Plans are free to change throughout the year and that they should, at all times, feel open to suggest changes/additions to past events.
Who?	Coordinator + Exec team
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#3):	Undergoing Welcome Week material preparation
Why and how?	I will spend time reaching out to various MSU services to collaborate on Welcome Week material to increase Macademics exposure.



Potential difficulties?	I am unsure of what Welcome Week materials Macadem	nics
How can you	has previously bought (what we have in storage) so I wil	
overcome them?	ensure to go take a look and see what must be bought and	
	what can be supplemented with already available materi	ials.
Who?	Coordinator + other MSU Services + Welcome Week Fa	culty
	Committees	
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority	/
one)		

	August	
Service Goal/Project/Event (#1):	Posting Macademics promotional material (including Instagram takeovers and "Meet the Exec" posts)	
Why and how?	Conducting lots of Macademics promotions will encourage a higher rate of volunteer applications and will provide the student-body a greater look into what our service provides, emphasizing a chance to get involved.	
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	I have yet to decide which medium would be best for this promotional material (ex. Videos, still-posts, Q&A, etc.) Although I believe videos are most interactive, I would like to get the opinions of the exec team on this and see whether they would feel comfortable introducing themselves by those means. If not, we will most definitely work around it and choose another method of promotion such as the individual photos done in past years.	
Who?	Executive team	
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority	
Service Goal/Project/Event (#2):	Preparing to hire volunteers for each Macademics sector	
Why and how?	Volunteer and Logistics Coordinator will be tasked to create an application form with the decided questions.	
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	As volunteer hiring is done early into the school year, holding it from the end of August until mid-September would provide incoming students a chance to apply after having seen our booth during Welcome Week and being able to ask questions about our service.	



Who?	Volunteer and Logistics Coordinator + VP Admin (for application question approval)
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#3):	Initiating Welcome Week campaign
Why and how?	Social media posts to re-iterate the importance of the Macademics service to the student body and remind them where to reach out with questions or how to get involved. I already have compiled some promotional material from last year's team that could be used to make print-out pamphlets to hand around the university for student benefit.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	I would like to incorporate increased use of promotional material during this time-period including various reels and engaging Instagram stories. To make our social media stand out from that of the other services, I will consult with the Promotions Coordinator and create a tentative plan for when and what will be posted (importantly, making use of the Instagram dashboard and insights for advice).
Who?	Promotions Coordinator + MSU Underground
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority

Fall Term

September	
Service	Hosting a volunteer orientation + training
Goal/Project/Event	
(#1):	
Why and how?	Around the last week of September, I would like to hold a
	large meeting with all of the exec members as well as the
	volunteers with the hope of easing the transition of the
	volunteers to the service, allowing them to better understand
	the roles of others, who to ask for help, etc.
Potential difficulties?	Although it is difficult to coordinate such a large group of
How can you	individuals, I will ask each of the exec members to promote
overcome them?	the importance of this orientation individually to their



	subcommittee. I will also ensure to plan around the MSU-
\A/I ₂ - O	wide training to mitigate any overlap.
Who?	Coordinator + Exec members + Volunteers
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service	Preparing promotion material for the fall teaching awards
Goal/Project/Event	nomination period
(#2):	·
Why and how?	I will meet one-on-one with the Promotions Coordinator in
·	order to plan a tentative posting-timeline to ensure that the
	fall nomination period is well-noted by the student body. This
	timeline can then likely also be followed for the Winter
	nomination period.
Potential difficulties?	Although it is difficult to plan for unforeseen circumstances,
How can you	the creation of a general posting outline will hopefully take
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overcome them?	some pressure off of the Promotions Coordinator and allow
	them to space out upcoming posts and manage them with
	other initiatives such as the Research and Resource team's
	blog posts.
Who?	Coordinator + Promotions Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
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	October
Service	Fall nomination period and social media contest
Goal/Project/Event	
(#1):	
Why and how?	Here, students will nominate their choice of professors and
	TAs for this semester. A social media contest will be put in
	place to encourage students to participate in the
	nominations. This has proven to be a good method for
	increasing student body presence in the past year.
Potential difficulties?	To ensure student knowledge about the teaching award
How can you	nominations, I would like to encourage in-class talks done by
overcome them?	the Macademics team, increase promotions, and continue
	the use of poster QR codes.
Who?	TAC subcommittee + Macademics team



Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service Goal/Project/Event (#2):	Revamping the Resource Hub
Why and how?	The R&R team can create a plan regarding updating the Hub and increasing its accessibility. This will include changing out-dated information, simplifying terminology, including accessible links, etc.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	As there is a lot to do within this project, it may be a lot for one subcommittee to handle. To combat this, as I never want anyone to feel overwhelmed, I would propose that the R&R team begins the project themselves (with my help) but then also splits up roles between the rest of the team.
Who?	Research and Resources team + ideas from team
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#3):	Hosting an in-person volunteer social
Why and how?	I will book a space to gather with the entire team, possibly play some board games, while strengthening bonds and the overall team dynamic. My hope is for us to feel like a family together. I believe it is crucial to congratulate each member on their accomplishments and let them know that their work does not go unnoticed.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	As this month can often be hectic due to midterm season, I will send out an email early on to note individuals availability and do all in my power to accommodate as many individuals as I can.
Who?	Coordinator + Exec members + Volunteers
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority

November	
Service	In-class evaluations
Goal/Project/Event	
(#1):	



Why and how?	Top nominees from each faculty are asked to share a survey
·	link with their class to gather more qualitative and
	quantitative information about them with the goal of aiding in
	the process of determining a winner from each faculty.
Potential difficulties?	To raise awareness about the survey process and why it is
How can you	done, the Macademics team will conduct in-class talks for
overcome them?	information provision.
Who?	Macademics team
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service	Hosting a case competition for the student body – "How to
Goal/Project/Event (#2):	increase accessibility at McMaster?"
Why and how?	I would like to host a Macademics case competition where
	students would be encouraged to submit a short writing
	piece about how they believe McMaster could increase their
	accessibility practices.
Potential difficulties?	To encourage students to participate, I would like to offer an
How can you	award (ex. Chance to win a gift card) as well as would make
overcome them?	it possible to conduct the competition in groups making it a fun endeavour between friends.
Who?	
	Volunteer and Logistics subcommittee High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service	Preparing detailed plan for teaching awards ceremony
Goal/Project/Event (#3):	
Why and how?	I would like to meet with the TAC subcommittee and run
	through a finalized plan of their vision including who must be
	contacted, what costs may be expected, event themes, etc.
Potential difficulties?	Having this plan made early in the year will combat potential
How can you	difficulties down the road such as providing time to find a
overcome them?	secondary representative from specific faculties if initial
\A# 0	choice is unable to attend.
Who?	TAC subcommittee
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority



	December
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Service Goal/Project/Event	Publishing a "Getting-Involved" campaign + engaging the student body through a Q&A reel
(#1):	Stadent body imough a Quitteer
Why and how?	Oftentimes, by the month of December, students feel drained and unmotivated to do much else other than get
	through exams. I would like to set up a campaign that would motivate students to stay involved in the community and
	remind them that it is never too late in the year to look for
	opportunities to have fun, meet people, and make a difference within campus.
Potential difficulties?	Due to exam burnout, it may be difficult to gain much
How can you	attention to the campaign during this time period. To combat
overcome them?	this, I would like to engage the student body first-hand within
	the campaign such as, for example, creating a Q&A reel by
	interviewing students around campus!
Who?	Research and Resources Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service	Volunteer appreciation
Goal/Project/Event	
(#2):	
Why and how?	I would like to reward each Macademics member with an
	electronic gift to show appreciation for taking part in the
	service and to upkeep their motivation.
Potential difficulties?	As this is an often hectic time of year, opting for an
How can you	electronic gift card should make the gift-delivery easily
overcome them?	accessible and combat any difficulties.
Who?	Macademics Team
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority

Winter Term

January	
Service	Receiving quotes, organizing catering, and reaching out to
Goal/Project/Event	guest speakers for TAC
(#1):	



Why and how?	As there are many different details that must be met and
	booked in advance for TAC, beginning the process early on
	will relieve stress off of the TAC team later on in the year as
	well as allow for more detailed planning to be done by the
	entire Macademics team.
Potential difficulties?	To ensure minimal difficulties later on in the more in-depth
How can you	organization of TAC, the obtaining of quotes will allow me to
overcome them?	ensure proper budget allocation for required items and then
	further, disperse the rest for more minor subjects.
Who?	TAC subcommittee
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
Service	Finalizing new resource hub and releasing project for
Goal/Project/Event	campus integration
(#2):	
Why and how?	The ideas and work surrounding the updating of the
	Resource Hub will now be finalized and put together to
	integrate around campus.
Potential difficulties?	To ensure that this endeavour will not take up too large of a
How can you	chunk of Macademics budget as well as increase reading
overcome them?	accessibility, the team and I will work to reduce the amount
	of writing in the Hub and limit the information to easy-to-
	understand diagrams/flowcharts/etc.
Who?	Coordinator + Research and Resources subcommittee +
	Promotions subcommittee
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	
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Service	Coordinator hiring
Goal/Project/Event	
(#3):	
Why and how?	Coordinator hiring is usually initiated by MSU supervisors
	where I will ensure that application deadlines, timelines, and
D (() 1000 101 2	promotion are done at the desired time.
Potential difficulties?	The coordinator hiring will be done early into second
How can you	semester to ensure adequate time in transitioning the
overcome them?	incoming coordinator and increasing their level of comfort
	with the service.
Who?	Coordinator + VP Admin + Hiring Board



Priority Level (highlight one)

High Priority

Moderate Priority

Low Priority

February	
Service	MSU Awards
Goal/Project/Event (#1):	
Why and how?	Student Recognition Awards take place to recognize the studious nature of McMaster Students and uphold their major achievements. The submissions for this event will be organized by the Student Recognition Awards Coordinator with the help of the Administrative Services Coordinator and Executive Assistant.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	I was warned by my predecessor to ensure that the timeline of MSU Awards applications does not consist of much overlap with Teaching Award nominations as this will likely result in less submissions for each event and spark confusion within the student body. Instead, I will ensure the following of a specific timeline where there is ample time for each event to be spoken about on its own and to attain its own periods of promotion.
Who?	Student Recognition Awards Coordinator + Promotions Coordinator + Administrative Services Coordinator + Executive Assistant
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#2):	Winter nomination period and social media contest
Why and how?	Here, students will nominate their choice of professors and TAs for this semester. A social media contest will be put in place to encourage students to participate in the nominations and has proven to be a good method for increasing student body presence in the past year.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	To ensure student knowledge about the teaching award nominations, I would like to encourage in-class talks done by the Macademics team, increase promotions, and continued use of poster QR codes.
Who?	TAC subcommittee + Macademics team



Priority Level (highlight one)

High Priority

Moderate Priority

ow Priority

March	
Service Goal/Project/Event (#1):	Ordering plaques and all other merchandise for TAC
Why and how?	The program will now be finalized as winners and guest speakers should be determined following the Winter nomination period.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	As this is a very important event, to ensure diminished difficulties, quotes for all pertinent materials for the night will be obtained earlier in the year for purpose of adequate budget allocation.
Who?	Volunteer & Logistics Subcommittee (plaques) TAC Subcommittee (itinerary and guest list) Coordinator + other Macademics Exec (extra help)
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
Service Goal/Project/Event (#2):	In-class evaluations
Why and how?	Top nominees from each faculty are asked to share a survey link with their class to gather more qualitative and quantitative information about them with the goal of aiding in the process of determining a winner from each faculty.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	To raise awareness about the survey process and why it is done, the Macademics team will conduct in-class talks for information provision.
Who?	Macademics team
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority



Service Goal/Project/Event (#3):	Teaching Awards Ceremony!
Why and how?	The largest event organized by Macademics where McMaster's teaching excellence is celebrated.
Potential difficulties? How can you overcome them?	To ensure that no difficulties are met during this important evening, all planning will be done months in advance. I will create a checklist with materials that must be present that evening to ensure that nothing is missed. My exec and I will also arrive on-site early to determine whether we are satisfied with the setup and to make any unrushed changes accordingly.
Who?	TAC subcommittee + Macademics team + AVTEK (equipment) + Faculty Guest Speaker + Provost + Dean
Priority Level (highlight one)	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority

	April	
Service	Final volunteer appreciation social	
Goal/Project/Event		
(#1):		
Why and how?	I will book a space at McMaster where the team can get	
	together for one final time and recognize the immense	
	accomplishments made throughout the year.	
Potential difficulties?	Although unforeseen circumstances with budget planning	
How can you	may occur throughout the year, I hope that by allocating my	
overcome them?	expenses precisely within my yearly budget plan, I will have	
	enough left to treat the team with a snack, small gift, or	
	something of the sort, to recognize each of their major	
	contributions.	
Who?	Macademics Team	
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority	
one)		
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Service	Transition-meetings with incoming coordinator	
Goal/Project/Event		
(#2):		



Why and how?	I will hold ample meetings with the incoming coordinator to ensure that they feel confident with the position that they are stepping into.
Potential difficulties?	Although the incoming coordinator may not have pre-
How can you	determined questions, especially if they are new to the
overcome them?	service, I will invite them to sit in on some of our final exec
	meetings to get a feel for what they will be tasked with and
	an opportunity to note changes that they would like to make.
Who?	Coordinator + Incoming Coordinator
Priority Level (highlight	High Priority Moderate Priority Low Priority
one)	



Increasing **Macademics** Presence

Service Webpage

Although the brainstorming process for this endeavour did begin last year, I would like to forego a full update on the Resource Hub webpage to include many more accessible links, up-to-date information, and a page dedicated to MSU Awards (which did not fall under the domain of Macademics until recently). I also hope to then print this out in a pamphlet version to provide physical copies upon virtual options as well. This will be done to promote a much more accessible means to searching for extra aid within student-academics and will provide a summarized hub of all of the resources students may not yet be aware of.

Social Media

As Instagram and Facebook are Macademics main social media platforms, I hope to maintain a very frequent posting schedule on both to keep follower-engagement high. To ensure that students find the posts personally relatable, I will strive to create interactive stories and reels such as by adding multiple choice questions, games, etc. Social media contests will also be done to increase participation around the time of both fall and winter teaching nominations.

The MSU can best help by re-posting and sharing our promotional material as well as taking part in reel-collaboration to achieve a more widespread reach within the student-body.

Merchandise & Apparel

Prior to the Fall Teaching Award nomination period, I hope to purchase stickers or buttons for individuals who attend our booth or in-class talks. Having a small piece of merchandise may serve as a reminder about our service and what it is that they learned. I also hope to purchase sweaters for the volunteers and exec to showcase my appreciation for their hard work and to reiterate the importance of their presence within the service.

Physical Promotions

I will make use of a variety of physical promotions to promote TAC including a booth in MUSC, conducting in-class talks, posters to be hung up around campus, and rave cards to hand out to students presented with a QR code for easy accessibility. I will also be using a banner that we purchased last year to gain attention for the Macademics service when setting up a booth. Aside from TAC, I would like to print out pamphlets of the Resource Hub for easy-usage by students (copies could be found in the MSU office, MUSC atrium, etc.).



Team Management

Executive Management

I am planning to oversee and best manage my executive team by hosting weekly meetings, at a time that is adequate for us all, to run through ideas, provide individual check-ins and get each members opinions on certain topics. This will provide a means of open-conversation between not just myself and the executive team, but also amongst each team member — building a family dynamic. I will also create a messenger chat in which each member can feel comfortable to share their opinions at any time throughout the weeks. On top of this, throughout the year, I continuously hope to show appreciation for the team by providing small tokens of recognition as well as setting aside time for team bonding through socials.

Volunteer Management

I hope to manage my volunteers this year by continuously checking in, through their subcommittee's executive member, to get a feel for their participation and thoughts about certain initiatives. I will also create a collective group chat for all individuals of the Macademics team to converse and become aware of upcoming occurrences. Finally, I hope to provide the volunteers with more hands-on activities for Macademics, than when compared to past years, where they will be able to get a stronger feel for the service, share their opinions, and hold a strong presence. My goal is to continuously encourage the volunteers to share their thoughts and bring upon new ideas through a variety of online polls in our group chats as well as through in-person socials.

Master Timeline

Month	Tasks
May	Transitioning into Macademics Coordinator role



	Executive member hiring process (includes initiating job
	postings, posting promo material)
	Exec team hiring/interviews
June	First full Macademics 2023-2024 executive meeting
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	MSU Spark Series collaboration
July	 Completing Communications training with Director of
	Marketing & Communications
	Undergoing Welcome Week material preparation
	Book space for Teaching Awards Ceremony
	One-on-one meetings with each executive member
August	Posting Macademics promotion material (such as introducing Exec members)
	Creating Welcome Week campaign
	 Volunteer hiring preparation and promotion
	Setting up weekly exec meetings
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September	 Preparing promotional material for the fall teaching awards nomination period
Ocptember	Hosting volunteer orientation
	Creating teaching award nomination forms
	Publishing September blog post
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0.1.1	Begin on revamping Resource Hub endeavour
October	Begin Fall Teaching Award Nominations campaign and hold social modia contest for pomination period
	social media contest for nomination periodHosting volunteer social
	Publish October blog post
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	Student-body case competition
November	Tally and evaluate nomination submissions
	Conducting in-class evaluations
	Finalize plan for Teaching Awards Ceremony
	Publishing November blog post
December	Conduct volunteer appreciation Publishing "Cotting Involved" compaign
December	Publishing "Getting-Involved" campaignPublishing December blog post
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January	 Resource Hub Integration Reaching out to catering and Watson's Engraving for quotes Reaching out to Provost and Deans to request them as guest speakers Finalize Winter Teaching Award Nominations & MSU awards promo Publishing January blog post Coordinator hiring
February	 Open MSU Awards applications Begin Winter Teaching Award Nominations campaign and hold social media contest Reach out to other guest speakers for ceremony Order Ceremony material through Underground Publishing February blog post
March	 Order TAC plaques Tally and evaluate nomination submissions Send out ceremony invitations (early in the month) Host TAC (late in the month) Publishing March blog post
April	 Volunteer appreciation social Sending out TAC plaques Transition-meetings with incoming coordinator Publishing April blog post



Miscellaneous

Macademics Contacts

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Reason to Contact: Anything related to MSU history, questions about the Operating

Policies or Jobs Descriptions -Very knowledgeable about the MSU in general

Name: Paula Scott

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Reason to Contact: Want to submit an intake form for a graphic (e.g., Teaching Award

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Name: Pauline Taggart

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Reason to Contact: Having trouble with your Macademics email account or the

password needs to be reset

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