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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Parth Arora, Executive Board Member
SUBJECT: Executive Board Report #3
DATE: September 5th, 2023

Dear members of the Student Representative Assembly,

I hope you all had a great first week of classes! Assuming all of you read this before the meeting (which you hopefully have), you would know that the Executive Board and the BoD have been hard at work with welcome week prep and ensuring that our students have the best back-to-school experience.

There were three meetings (July 27, Aug 10, and Aug 24 respectively) that took place since the last SRA meeting, and it is my honour to give you a recap on all the progress being made. Overall, most MSU services have finished their executive hiring and training, and there seems to be a lot of inter-service collaboration in hopes of promoting their respective organizations during welcome week.

Updates

The Diversity + Equity Network (DEN) had reached out to various MSU-related clubs to promote DEN's hiring initiatives, while keeping positive relations with the aforementioned clubs by promoting their material as well. The majority of DEN's social resourced were allocated towards executive hiring to ensure that they were well-structured for the beginning of the school year.

The Food Collective Centre (FCC) have completed their executive hiring and training, all whilst running the Lockers of Love service. Communication platforms have been created and are well managed, insuring effortless communication between the different parties within the organization. The FCC were also contacted by Queens University to learn more about campus Food Banks, where Samantha (the FCC Director) did a great job outlining the successes and potential challenges of the FCC thus far.

With welcome week right around the corner, the Maroons have stepped up and done a lot to make sure it went as smoothly as possible. By the time you're reading this (that is, if you're reading this, which I hope you are), welcome week would have concluded and the

Maroons would have already done an amazing job with Airbands, hyping up games, and welcoming our first years!

Macademics have been making many strides in terms of financial stability, outreach, and event planning. Notably, all of the executive members for each of Macademics sectors have been hired and trained. Spark and Macademics had a collaboration project titled "Services and Sites". Updates are required from the Macademics team in regards to the performance of this webinar, but it aimed to educate the incoming students about McMasters various services and supports. Additionally, the venue for the Teaching Awards Ceremony has been reserved for Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Maccess has completed their executive team hiring process and were in the process of interviewing Peer Support Volunteers during the EB meeting of August 10th. They are currently running smoothly and are in the process of clearing up the Maccess space with the help of MSU services, in hopes that they would be ready for September.

The Pride Community Centre (PCC) has hired all of their executive team and are in the process of hiring volunteers. Majority of their report covered their social media progresses, as they are hoping to do a revamp for this coming school year.

The Student Health Education Centre (SHEC) have finished their executive hiring and are in the process of hiring their upper year/returning peer support volunteers. They held a rock painting event during Welcome Week and participated in the MSU Concert. At the time of this EB meeting (Aug 10), they were facing some challenges with ensuring the availability of supplies from the City of Hamilton Public Health. The EB hopes to receive an update soon in regards to a potential resolution involving that conflict.

Spark has just recently hired a new director and she had just completed her training at the time of this EB meeting (Aug 10). TL hiring has also been completed, of which only 3 are returning, thus bringing a brand new team to Spark! Spark has also made strides towards First Year Formal, which they have booked out CIBC hall for November 24th.

The Emergency First Response Team (EFRT) has begun applications for this year's hiring cycle. They have also completed Executive Retraining and held a variety of events during welcome week, including an EFRT First Aid and BLS Skills event, an Alcohol Awareness Event, and are planning a Clubsfest booth (by the time you read this, they will have done this).

SWHAT has completed volunteer hiring and training, including preparing schedules for the upcoming year and setting up their SWHAT Uber credits.

A revision was made to the job description of the Bridges Coordinator, which can be found in the Executive Board documentation under the August 24th meeting heading. This amendment, brought forth by our very own Vice-President of Administration El-Kadi (round of applause), was made for the following 4 reasons; better usage of space, reducing strain

on Diversity + Equity Network, pilot testing, and increased availability. I will happily seed my time to our VP admin should he choose to note anything in particular, but otherwise, this was a very well constructed proposal.

Additionally, our esteemed general manager, John McGowan, had recommended that the Executive Board strike an Ad-Hoc Committee to review Bylaw 4/A – Executive Remuneration to ensure equitable compensation for the BoD along with transparency of compensation for all MSU team members. The Ad-Hoc Committee would be comprised of Two SRA members, the MSU Director of Finance, the MSU General Manager, and the MSU Director of Human Resources.

Successes

This is my first time writing a report on behalf of the MSU and I have to say, it was nerve-racking. Although I am sure that I have areas to improve in, I would count this as a win. I have many more reports to come, and assuming you read this far, I hope you will enjoy those as much as I'm sure you enjoyed this one.

Current Challenges

Nothing to report.

