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Executive Board

TO:	Members of the Student Representative Assembly
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SUBJECT:	Executive Board Report - SRA 23J
DATE:	**October 23rd, 2023**

Dear Members of the Student Representative Assembly,

I hope this report finds you well, and I hope your spell of midterms have gone well as well. Since the last report, the Executive Board (EB) has met twice— October 16th and October 23rd. The services that have presented, and thus summarized in the report below, are the Diversity + Equity Network (DEN), Food Collective Centre (FCC), Emergency First Responders Team (EFRT), First Year Council (FYC) Coordinator, and Macademics. I have tried to be brief in my summary, reports are posted on the MSU website for further reading.

TL;DR: Services are more or less on track with their year plan. No significant challenges have been reported at this time and we continue to work closely with the Directors and Assistant Directors of the services to ensure that they feel supported along their journey.

Diversity + Equity Network
DEN has been working with their team to begin hosting Fall events including a Halloween event and Unspoken x Staywoke collaboration event. General engagement with the service through social media has increased; 363% since mid-September. Among the challenges DEN is currently facing is in navigating collaborations with student groups on campus regarding the tragic conflict ongoing in the Middle East and reflecting on how to make these partnerships meaningful for the community, while ensuring the safety of service users.

Food Collective Centre
FCC is on track with their year plan for the most part. A slight hiccup has been the re-opening of the foodbank due to the rehiring of an assistant director, who as of this report has been hired and onboarded. A quick summary of projects and activities: new volunteer recruitment has been complete, Lockers of Love will be returning in person in October, foodbank is planned to be open by October 23rd,

and Good Food Box successfully ran this month. No major current challenges to report.

Emergency First Responders Team
EFRT is on track with their year plan. The team has successfully hired 14 new responders and the rest of the year will be focused on training them and supporting the rest of the team. Since returning to full service, EFRT has been responding to around 5 calls per shift and has responded to almost 280 calls total. No currently major challenges within EFRT now.

First Year Council
Since the last report, elections have been held, and the FYC coordinator has been working with council members for onboarding and support. MSU Spark and MSU FYC continue to collaborate on putting on the First Year Formal. Social media engagement has dropped slightly; however, this was expected after the conclusion of elections. Current challenges FYC is finding one meeting time that works for all members, proving difficult with the diverse school schedules involved. The team, however, has been working on ways to reduce the communication barrier with a Teams channel being created and a group chat.

Macademics
Macademics is currently on track with their year plan. The team has completed the hiring of volunteers for the Promotions, Research & Resources, and Teaching Awards Ceremony subcommittees. Social media engagement with the service has been great, with engaging content like polls and Q&As being used. In the past month, the Macademics service has also increased its usage through the Macademics x Student Success Centre online webinar as well as by promoting the winner of tehri recent gift card giveaway. Fall Teaching Award Nominations close October 31st. (Help Macademics by sharing it on your social media accounts!) Current challenges for Macademics has been finding times that work for in-person training, with busy school schedules and time of the year.

Warm regards,

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