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From the office of the...
PFA Committee

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
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Dearest SRA,

The PFA committee has missed you all and have been drowning in provincial policy the past few weeks. Here is a brief update on what we have been up to.

Hamilton Guide

Partnering with the municipal affairs committee, the Provincial and Federal affairs committee is working to create a guide for students to engage with the city of Hamilton. This guide includes trails, restaurants, coffee shops, activities, and other local businesses. The goal of this guide is to encourage students to interact with the community, and to retain students after graduation. There was discussion within our committee about the lack of connection that students have with Hamilton and instead students connect more with the school itself. We are creating a brochure to give to students and will be hosting an in-person event to hand these out and engage with students. Additionally, we will create a tiered incentive system for students who check out the locations we suggest.

OUSA General Assembly

A lot of the culmination of the PFAs discussions surrounds the OUSA General Assembly. This is one of our largest opportunities for the MSU to alter provincial advocacy as we are working with other student unions to present policy changes to the government. We discussed three papers at this conference, including Student Health and Wellness, Northern and Rural Students, and Housing, Transit, and Community Development. Our delegation did a fantastic job at bringing up important issues that students across the province face and were very meticulous in their analysis and discussion of these papers. In addition, we had a great time, and our delegates provided us much entertainment during our 12-hour plenary session last Sunday.

Race and Discrimination Paper Feedback

Next semester, the MSU will be authoring the Race and Discrimination policy paper with OUSA. To properly educate students on policy issues and gain feedback, the PFA committee is planning on hosting a session to chat with students and promote a feedback form. This feedback form will include a chance to provide comment and suggest changes on the Race and Discrimination policy paper.

Thank you for reading over this update, we hope you feel inspired and awed by everything included.

Best,

Your Favourite Committee