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From the office of the...
Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Zimo Wang, Member of the Executive Board
SUBJECT: SRA 23N Report
DATE: Sunday, February 4th, 2024

To the esteemed members of the SRA,

There have been 2 Executive Board meetings since the last EB report. We received reports from Diversity + Equity Network (DEN), Emergency First Response Team (EFRT), Food Collective Centre (FCC), Macademics, Maccess. The Executive Board approved EFRT Uniform Budget increasing, as well as two Sponsorship & Donation Committee Recommendations.

For Diversity + Equity Network, their service usage had increased prior to the winter break, and decreased after the break. DEN has planned an event hosting Abrahamic faith leaders to discuss the importance of expressing solidarity, and standing against hate. DEN has also collaborated with FCC, distributing food samples in MUSC Atrium on Friday, January 26th, 2024.

For Emergency First Response Team, EFRT has responded to ~560 calls since the beginning of 24/7 response. Of note, mental health calls are less frequent when compared to 2022-2023 statistics. EFRT has completed multiple events, including Uniform Order, N95 Fit Test, Bonding Event, Emergency Medical Responder Training. Several ongoing projects include January Symptom Relief Training, National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference preparation, and Director and Assistant Director Hiring. For details, check out their [report](#). During the January 24 meeting, Executive Board received a memo to increase EFRT uniform budget. EB has approved a motion to allocate of an additional \$4,000 to the EFRT Uniform Budget line (6633-0107).

For Food Collective Centre, Food Bank usage and Lockers of Love orders are steady, FCC usually gets 10 to 15 orders per week. For events, it was a huge success for their Cook-Along and Crunch Time Contest, collaborated with PGCLL Residence Life & McMaster Indigenous Health Movement. Community Fridge, Tote-ally Paint Night, Study Snack Packs, Good Food Box and Wellness Week has been completed. FCC is looking forward to the open of the Hub, all FCC operations are planned to relocate and be centralized there, including Lockers of Love, the Food Bank, Cooking Classes, exec meetings, and other events.

Macademics maintains an active social media platform which has resulted in ample engagement and positive feedback from the student-body. Some ongoing and upcoming

projects include Resource Hub Revamp, MSU Awards Selection and TAC Winter Nominations. One challenge has been identified through the anonymized Macademics volunteer survey which was the hope to take part in more initiatives that include some of the other MSU services. As this executive has been highly busy with the Resource Hub initiative, and the Director planned on discussing this challenge with the rest of the team to see which subcommittee would like to take on the event-planning aspect for the time being and hopefully reach out to other services with whom they can partner with. EB Members had a discussion in address this issue and thanks Angela brought this up to attention.

Maccess has completed their weeklong campaign, DisVisibility Week, begun hiring new peer support volunteers, and connected more with other services to streamline their processes. Maccess Director has completed one-on-one check in meetings with their executive members from November to January, to gather feedback, better understand their experience, and improve for this semester. Worth to note, Maccess set up their online peer support space on discord to further improve accessibility. Maccess has been reached out to Equity and Inclusion Office for a potential collaboration of their weeklong campaign on Disability and Mad Pride Week, tentatively occur from March 18-22.

Lastly, Executive Board has approved two sponsorship request recommended by the Sponsorship & Donation Committee, details are

1. \$200 Sponsorship to International Women's and Children's Health Conference 2024;
2. \$200 Sponsorship to the Biology Graduate Research Day.

Here is the remaining balance of the funds:

- \$5675 Sponsorship and Donations
- \$4500 In Youth Bursaries

Best Regards,

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