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Executive Board

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Parth Arora, Member of the Executive Board
SUBJECT: SRA 230 Report
DATE: Sunday, February 25th, 2024

To the distinguished, illustrious, prestigious, renowned, noble, celebrated, respected, and last but not least, esteemed members of the SRA,

Since our previous EB report, we've convened for one dynamic Executive Board meeting. It's been a whirlwind of activity and positive strides, especially with insightful updates from our vibrant services, particularly SPARK, SWHAT, WGEN, DEN, and the FCC.

SPARK has had a robust start to the winter semester with high engagement in the Winter Sessions and the successful launch of several events, including a craft and coffee session and a publication to aid first-year students in elective selection. Their promotional efforts are pivoting to increase visibility, and despite some budget overruns, they are working closely with finance to manage resources. Executives and volunteers remain spirited, launching initiatives like "Tag a TL" to strengthen community ties. The main challenge lies in scheduling exec meetings, but the team is actively seeking solutions.

SWHAT has diligently followed its year plan, successfully engaging in numerous initiatives. They've shown volunteer appreciation through personalized cards and executed a Wellbeing Week in partnership with other MSU services. Despite a slight dip in service usage after winter, SWHAT has surpassed the previous year's walk count with 615 completed walks. Their social media presence remains strong, with a record-breaking team photo, and they've managed finances effectively, focusing on events and volunteer recognition. The organization is proactively addressing volunteer burnout by adjusting shift schedules and creating appreciation events, ensuring a supportive environment as they navigate the busier months ahead.

WGEN's January efforts focused primarily on their Wellbeing Week event, which was unfortunately cut short due to an unrelated fire incident. Despite this setback, the WGEN Safe(r) Space has seen consistent usage, with over 50 people visiting and community care groups for specific identities like Survivors and the Trans and Non-Binary groups resuming. The upcoming "Bodies Are Dope" campaign is set to run in February with a

series of themed events. Although social media engagement has increased, the organization faces challenges with volunteer attendance and availability, particularly for morning shifts. WGEN is optimistic that upcoming refresher training will improve volunteer motivation and enable the service to operate at full capacity.

The Food Collective Centre (FCC) is gearing up for a vibrant period of activities and transitions, highlighted by the move of all operations to the new Hub space post-reading week and notable events like the successful January cook-along that emphasized Indigenous Food Sovereignty. With the launch of the Community Needs Assessment for the Community Fridge and preparations for future collaborations, including a cook-along with Maccess and a "Cooking on a Budget" event, FCC remains committed to fostering community and food sovereignty. Upcoming projects like "Thyme to Paint" and a Lunch & Learn event reflect FCC's ongoing efforts to engage the student body through creative and educational formats. Amid these developments, FCC is mindful of the challenges that may arise with the transition to the Hub, particularly in managing the potential increase in visitors and ensuring consistent food availability, while celebrating the success of their cultural taste-testing event and the smooth operation of the Good Food Box program.

Warm Regards,

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