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*From the office of the...*  
**PFA Committee**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Jazzlyn Abbott  
SUBJECT: Year in Review – PFA Committee  
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Dearest SRA,  
I'm sure you've all highly anticipated the year in the review from your Provincial and Federal Affairs Committee

### **Hamilton Guide**

Partnering with the AVP Municipal Affairs, the Provincial and Federal affairs committee created a guide to Hamilton that was given out at an atrium event, and is currently available in the link of the MSU advocacy Instagram account. In this guide, there were restaurants, coffee shops, dessert, activities, and more. The goal was to inspire students to go off campus and experience the community, enriching their experience as students. This event was very successful, and was partnered with a giveaway to encourage students to participate. We gave out approximately 150 copies of the guide within 3 hours.

### **OUSA General Assembly**

The PFA committee was able to assist in the planning of the winter General Assembly by suggested locations for socials and activities. Overall, there has been a focus in educating the PFA committee on different provincial matters, such as regular updates about General Assemblies.

### **Race and Discrimination Paper Feedback**

As the MSU was authoring the *Addressing Racism and Religious Discrimination* OUSA paper, the PFA committee used this as an opportunity to engage students in feedback. First, we created a Microsoft form to submit feedback on the paper, and had guiding questions so students could express their thoughts on these papers. In addition, at an in-person event where we had refreshments we had whiteboards with prodding questions, and had some great conversations with students about advocacy at McMaster. Overall, this event/feedback was very helpful, and hopefully shone some light on the advocacy on campus. In addition, we also outreached to cultural and religious clubs to circulate the form and were able to get engagement from some of these clubs.

### **MPP Chris Glover Event**

After attending the OUSA advocacy week, I had kept in contact with MPP Chris Glover's office as he had discussed coming to McMaster to speak about student debt. Through consultation with his office, I had arranged for Dr. Geoffrey Cameron to host MPP Glover during class time with open attendance to the McMaster student body. Unfortunately,

MPP Glover had to cancel due to personal circumstances but we hope for this event to be run in the future.

### **Establishing Connections**

Throughout the year, the PFA committee has worked to compile different resources and connections for current and future use. For instance, at the beginning of the year we discussed any connections we have in government so that these contacts could be documented for future use. In addition, we have worked to create a list of all the contacts for cultural and religious clubs on campus, as well as social/political science clubs for engagement at future events.

### **General Forum**

Throughout the year, we have also had regular meetings with time to discuss any additional matters. Members of the PFA committee have brought up some important topics, such as working closer with hospitality services during Ramadan. We hope to incorporate this feedback in the future, especially in the University affairs portfolio.

Overall we had a fantastic year within the PFA committee. I wanted to thank my amazing committee members including Mahum Khawaja, Leen Zakkar, Hayley Zupinsky, Sinead Gono, Kerry Yang, and Yaseen Khan. Everyone has been very dedicated this year which has led to some great successes!

Best,

Your Favourite Committee