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**Vice-President (Education)**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Maya Hobbs, Vice-President (Education)  
SUBJECT: SRA 24D Report  
DATE: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Dear Members of the Assembly,

Thank you once again for electing me as your Vice-President (Education)! It has been a very busy and extraordinary first month. Much of my time has been dedicated to acquainting myself with the role and laying the groundwork to set up the year for success. The following report outlines what I have been working on and accomplished to date.

### **Education Team Hiring**

Throughout the month of May, we have been working towards hiring a full Education team. So far, all the Associate Vice-Presidents have been hired and onboarded into their roles. Please welcome to the team, Stephanie Henry (AVP University Affairs), Kerry Yang (AVP Municipal Affairs), & Jazzlyn Abbott (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs)!

In terms of the other positions, we are currently in the process of interviewing candidates for the Advocacy Outreach & Logistics Coordinator. The hiring process for the Advocacy & Policy Research Assistants will begin shortly after the Coordinator role is hired. My goal is to have the full team hired by the end of the month.

### **General Manager Hiring**

As many of you know, John McGowen is stepping down as General Manager (GM) of the MSU. John was a valuable member of this organization, and I thank him for the years of passion he put into this organization.

The Board has been in the process of hiring a new GM. This past month, the Board and I consulted with the full-time staff prior to interviews. Our goal was to get a holistic understanding of what the MSU needs for a GM. We have now completed

interviews and I am happy to announce that we have hired MSU's new General Manager!

### **Federal Advocacy**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, members of the MSU were invited to an event at Mohawk College surrounding the recent federal budget. The politicians present at the event included Prime Minister Trudeau, Deputy Minister Freeland, Minister Tassi, Mayor Horwath, Councillor Hwang, MP Hepfner, and MP Collins. The purpose of the event was to discuss the federal budget, specifically pertaining to housing. During the event, we gave our recommendations and feedback to continue advocating for the needs of students. We also gave Minister Tassi a document outlining recommendations for budget allocation regarding mental health funding.

### **Municipal Partnerships**

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the previous Vice-President (Education) Abby and I met with Blaze Forgie from Engage Hamilton to learn more about their work and discuss potential collaboration opportunities. Further, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the AVP Municipal Affairs and I met with Greg Tedesco from the City of Hamilton to discuss the Our Future Hamilton Summit and the opportunity for MSU to be involved in the event. The Summit is set to take place in November. Next week, Kerry and I will be attending a meeting for the initial planning of the Our Future Hamilton Summit.

### **Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee**

The new Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee's first meeting was on May 6th. As mentioned in my campaign, I nominated myself to sit on this committee. The purpose of the committee is to review and revise McMaster's Provisional Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence.

### **May @ Mac**

The Board was present during May @ Mac held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a booth located in the Hub along with some of our services (SWHAT, EFRT, & Spark). Overall, it was a great opportunity to speak to incoming students about the MSU.

### **UCRU**

At the beginning of May, I attended the first Undergraduates of Canadian Research Intensive Universities (UCRU) board meeting of the year. At this meeting, board members were elected, and committee members were appointed.

### **CASA Foundations**

Please see the report for more details.

**OUSA Welcon**

Please see the report for more details.

**Year-Plan**

I am currently in the process of putting together my year-plan to present at the next SRA meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Best,

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