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**Executive Board**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Jazzlyn Abbott  
SUBJECT: SRA 24E Report  
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Dear Members of the Student Representative Assembly,

Hello everyone!! I have been missing you all of course – I can't wait until we're back in person so we can all hang out in the chambers once again. The executive board has had 3 meetings thus far, as well as training. So far in our meetings, we've received updates from our services, been continuing any SRA duties, had changes to the operating policies, and more. Here's a brief summary of those reports, but feel free to check out the full things under the Executive Board section of the website.

## **Macademics**

Significant progress has been made in achieving key milestones for May and June, setting a solid foundation for future endeavors. Highlights for Macademics include successful transition into the Coordinator role, ensuring comprehensive documentation for incoming executives, and launching an effective executive member hiring process with HR support. Essential team information has been gathered and an initial orientation meeting conducted to align plans. Challenges encountered include the need for extensive documentation from previous executives and managing summer availability issues through flexible deadlines and varied communication channels. Successes include establishing clear communication channels and role clarity, which have enhanced team cohesion. Looking ahead, the focus remains on enhancing service recognition, resource utilization, and fostering student-faculty interactions to achieve Macademics' vision for the upcoming year.

## **Maccess**

Maccess shared their vision for the upcoming year, along with their progress so far. Their primary goal is to create a more visible, supportive, and welcoming Maccess. This involves increasing their focus on disability within intersecting narratives of race, gender, and other marginalized perspectives, expanding their campus presence and collaborations with other MSU services and disability-focused groups, and enhancing their social media engagement and event attendance. Currently, they are finalizing their executive team, have begun Peer Support Volunteer hiring, and are upgrading the

physical space to better meet student needs. Challenges include managing responsibilities with a small team.

### **PCC**

PCC's year plan remains in progress, preventing direct comparison with established goals or benchmarks at this time. A significant change involves the transition to a new Assistant Director, necessitated by the previous AD's unexpected departure for medical school. This transition has temporarily halted PCC operations, with efforts now focused on onboarding the new AD, Donna Mahboubi. Plans are underway to resume initiatives and explore potential partnerships with Ontario businesses for gender-affirming items. Despite reduced social media activity, recent adjustments to their Instagram account have improved accessibility, increasing their reach. Financially, they've made a payment for an outstanding Queer Prom fee, and are assessing potential savings from future partnerships. Challenges include managing uncertainties surrounding the AD position, impacting operational continuity.

### **SWHAT**

The new executive team was hired by late May and is nearly fully onboarded, each developing preliminary year plans and initiating projects for the upcoming school year. Walker and Dispatcher applications for summer hiring are open until July 8th, aligning with timeline goals. Despite SWHAT's seasonal closure during spring and summer, preparations are underway for a late August restart, alongside exploratory initiatives. Executive hiring was successful with increased applications, and a new practice of initiative outlines proved beneficial. Planning for Welcome Week PR initiatives is underway to enhance SWHAT's visibility among first-year students. Significant social media engagement was achieved with the hiring campaign, indicating growing community outreach. Financially, minimal expenses have been incurred to date, primarily for promotional materials. Executive team morale is high, and future challenges include expanding PR efforts for Welcome Week.

### **DEN**

Currently focused on transitioning to the 2024-2025 academic year, the main engagement has been through social media for hiring purposes, with responses accurately reflecting interest in the positions. Completed projects include overdue purchase orders related to gift cards, while ongoing initiatives involve reviewing applications for four coordinator departments, with interviews scheduled for late June and final decisions slated for early July 2024. Additionally, DEN continues their research study on racism and discrimination experiences on campus, aiming to finalize the report soon. To enhance outreach, they have collaborated with MSU services like WGEN and Maccess to repost their hiring opportunities and utilized campus screens through MSU Underground. Social media metrics show varying engagement, with around 50 new

followers gained in early June. Financially, they've used \$290 to close previous fiscal year purchase orders and anticipate further costs for promotional Instagram posts. Challenges include assessing the viability of their peer support program and Indigenous Affairs Liaison roles, requiring stakeholder consultations for evaluation and planning.

### **EFRT**

EFRT's progress aligns with the year plan, with executive members hired in April settling into their roles and extensive planning underway. Summer operations, which began on May 13th, 2024, have included responding to various events such as McMaster Convocation, maintaining a reduced call volume consistent with previous summers. Updates to EFRT's operating policies have split the EFRT Response Coordinator role into Scheduling Coordinator and Inventory Coordinator positions, effectively managing team needs and executive workload. The executive team, having completed weekly meetings, is preparing for upcoming initiatives like monthly training sessions and American Medical Life Support (AMLS) training in July. EFRT's outreach at events like May@Mac has been successful, supported by Instagram and Facebook posts promoting safety and service highlights. Financially, EFRT has managed purchases for equipment and ongoing operations within budget, with upcoming expenses planned for training and new systems implementation. Challenges include space constraints and bike security, which are being actively addressed for long-term solutions.

### **FCC**

FCC continues to execute its year plan with ongoing operations such as Lockers of Love and pantry restocking, supported by recent executive team hiring completed smoothly in May. The focus remains on planning the Community Fridge relocation, with collaborative efforts involving FCC, MSU, and SWC to align goals and address previous challenges like security breaches. Additionally, FCC and SWC are compiling a comprehensive list of food-related resources for the FCC website, having initiated outreach to potential partners. Financially, expenditures for May and June primarily covered food purchases for Lockers of Love, with remaining discretionary spending allocated strategically across various initiatives. Challenges include addressing security concerns with locker assignments for Lockers of Love users and seeking additional funding for the Community Fridge merger, while progressing slowly in securing responses from MSU clubs for the Resources Hub project.

Best,

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