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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Declan Sweeney, Vice-President (Finance)
SUBJECT: SRA 24E Report
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Hello SRA, hope the summer is treating you well. This month has been extremely busy with a lot of reports for all of the VP's including myself, so I am going to write another long report to add to your summer reading list 😊

Hope to connect with all of you soon as we are rapidly heading towards Welcome Week & the on-going chaos that the school year will be but I am excited to work closely with all of you to make this a year to remember.

Finance/ Sponsorship & Donations Committee

Have had my first meetings for both of these committees & am excited about the opportunities available. For the sponsorship & donations committee, we have a great team, that I am excited to work with to best support the student experience & the community offerings which make the McMaster community so vibrant. For the finance committee, we have already begun planning for financial awareness weeks with the plan for at least three, I have listed some of the potential options within my year-plan but this is about ensuring the finance committee meets the needs of student so open to suggestions. As well, we will be reviewing the University Budget Submission in the near future & presenting that as this will become a template for other budget submissions, for both municipal & provincial.

1280 Dividers

The 1280 dividers have been removed; this was a significant goal because these currently reduce the capacity limit & caused some concerns with potential liability on our behalf during club nights. This will also better open up the space for club rentals & other opportunities for organization.

Smart Start

Was able to speak to incoming first year students in partnership with McMaster Administration to explain the supplementary fees & the value they provide. Was great to connect students to the MSU before they even step on campus

Advertising Committee

The advertising committee has started, this committee is looking towards better positioning our business units for the new opportunities this year will provide. We have sent a letter out to dozens of local businesses offering bundled advertising for Welcome Week & will be doing a similar planning for Homecoming & many other major events that will be held throughout this year.

Graduation

After 5 years of barely studying, I was lucky enough to graduate Summa Cum Laude (brag) with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce Degree. I had a great experience during my five years at McMaster & am hoping to work towards giving all of our students the support needed to thrive this year.

Bylaw 9 Groups

The AVP Finance & I have been working collaboratively with Bylaw 9 Groups to submit their previous year budgets. We have been in contact with four of the five groups

with OPIRG being non-responsive to several emails. This process & all the groups involved co-operation is necessary to provide transparency over the process, a group which cannot monitor their email address is incredibly concerning especially when they are looking at over \$100,000 from undergraduate students.

MSA Poly-Bins

After the university recalled the poly-bins which MSA used to transport their prayer mats, MSA reached out to the MSU to provide a permanent solution. In partnership with the Spiritual Care & Learning Centre, MSA, & the MSU we were able to purchase these to ensure that MSA had ownership of these bins so a similar situation would not re-occur. I would like to thank a number of people personally for their collaboration on this process, firstly Andy Crowell the director of the Spiritual Care & Learning Centre who provided support for this project to ensure that this process was expediated. Secondly, Humzah Ahmad, the MSA executive who spearheaded this project as important for undergraduate students. Thirdly, I want to thank all the internal MSU people responsible from our wonderful Student Life Director, Mitch German who stepped up in providing support during the purchase & delivery, & our amazing accounting team especially Jason Barnes & our SOP Clubs Accounting Intern who handled the logistical challenges of this process.

Daycare Lease

Began working with our General Manager & Child Care Coordinator into the process of renewing our lease as it currently runs until the end of the fiscal year. This will require future meetings with the Macneill Baptist Church.

Best,

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