

Executive Board Meeting 24-09
Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 9:30am
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201

Called to Order 9:33pm

Present Abbott, Bolca, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Long, Popovic, Schaub, Sweeney

Late Arora

Absent

Others Present S. Hackett (CAD), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (GM), Abdullah Masudi (FYC Coordinator), Serena Butera (Macademics Coordinator), Natalene Sim (Maccess Director), Priya John (AVP (Services))

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by Abbott to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

2. FYC Coordinator – report circulated

- Masudi presented the report.

Arora arrived at 9:35am

Questions

- Popovic stated that they were glad that all of the seats were filled for FYC.
- Sweeney asked when the meeting for the group was. Masudi responded that it was Sunday at 4pm. Sweeney informed Masudi that the SRA meeting was happening that day at 5pm and that the group could come afterwards.
- Sweeney commended Masudi for the inroads made with Housing and Conference Services.
- Abbott asked in what sense does FYC serve as an advisory council. Masudi responded that the main connection is Residence Life, and that Chris Eley is helping with Residence Chairs on the advisory side. They added that they will be looking into solidifying something with Hospitality Services. Masudi explained that McMaster is going to be a big focus and that they want to give the students opportunities. They added that a large part of FYC's advocacy work will be done through the advocacy committee.
- Arora asked if FYRS was still happening. Masudi responded that it was, and that they've been in the process of reaching to the heads of academic societies to make them aware of this opportunity. Popovic stated that they will be able to help with this.
- Sweeney asked if there was a potential to partner with the SRA. Scott stated that there is an SRA member as an official observer on FYC. Masudi added that they were the person elected to that when they were on the SRA.

3. Macademics – Serena Butera presented

- Butera summarized the report.

Questions

- El-Kadi stated that they're doing a great job running the service. They gave a shoutout to the PTM and their team for helping clean up the Committee Room.
- Sweeney asked what the biggest challenges were coming this year. Butera responded that they're revamping the resource hub and trying to partner with other organization son campus. They stated that it was difficult to keep within their budget while trying to make everyone they're working with happy on this project. Butera added that they're trying to make a more comprehensive resource bank and trying to expand upon it but it will be a delicate balance to get it done, but it wasn't out of their range of capabilities.
- Hackett stated that he saw that Macademics has been commissioning members of the team to do reels and asked for clarification that the MSU wasn't paying them. Butera responded that they're just providing a script and doing the filming.

4. Maccess Report – Natalene Sim presented

- Sim summarized the report.

Questions

- El-Kadi stated that Sim was doing a great job. They stated that whenever they've passed by Maccess space it has been very busy, and it has been nice to see everyone hanging out. El-Kadi offered their help with the upcoming meeting with SAS.

5. Maroons Report – report circulated

- El-Kadi presented the report.

6. Service Yearplans

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Arora that the Executive Board approve the following yearplans, as circulated:

- SHEC
- PCC
- El-Kadi stated that the reason why the Board was seeing these yearplans a lot later than the others was due to SHEC having a leadership change over the summer, and they've been working with PCC on challenges with the yearplan to iron. El-Kadi felt that both yearplans were good to go, and will be checking in on the Directors to ensure everything is on track.
- Sweeney asked why El-Kadi was presenting on their behalf.

- El-Kadi responded that they didn't pass on the message to the Directors to be here, and that they will be passing on any questions or concerns.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

7. Information and Questions

- Scott let everyone know that FYC Elections have been completed, with all seats now filled. She let everyone know that SRA October By-Elections nominations will be opening on October 7 and closing on October 11, with campaigning to begin on October 21 and polling on October 24 due to Fall Break happening right in the middle of it.
- Wooder announced that *The Silhouette* Board of Publications met earlier, and each issue this year will be identity themed. He stated that the Food and Beverage team has decided to make some changes to hours of operation based to reflect sales. Wooder explained that this will help support the other aspects of food and beverage within the MSU, with Union Market, The Grind, and the new Student Market. He let the Board know that revenue with UM and the Grind are way up compared to the previous year, which is positive news. He announced that there has been a disruption in the Homecoming plan, as the MSU was informed yesterday that the Monster inflatable is stuck in a port due to the strikes happening. Wooder explained that the Events team has been working hard to fill the gap, and the new plan will be a combination of other inflatable items.
- Hackett stated that communications about the Homecoming changes will be coming out on all social channels as of 11am today. He added that the University District Safety Initiative is in effect from midnight last night to midnight on Sunday, October 6. Hackett explained that those holding parties off-campus and deemed to be a nuisance will be fined, so the MSU has been informing students of the initiative and listing the specific infractions with costs of fines.
- Popovic stated that they were disappointed about the recent developments but was impressed with the pivot Campus Events made.
- El-Kadi announced that they have been working with Maroons to make sure that the MSU has volunteers for the day.
- Popovic announced that for the first time in ten years, a McMaster Football game has sold out.

Bolca left at 10:18am

- El-Kadi reported that they have been working with Chris Eley from Residence Life. They explained that EFRT will be scheduling a large group of teams for Homecoming weekend, so they worked with Res Life and were able to get a quad room with four beds for EFRT. El-Kadi announced that the PTM newsletter will be going out soon, with announcements about professional development opportunities for PTMs. They added that the 'A day in

the life' initiative will continue, and finds that it has been helping build context for check-ins with the PTMs. El-Kadi asked everyone to save the date for Eggnog, which will be happening on November 29 from 7-11pm. They added that MSU wide training for services will be rolling out in late October.

- Schaub asked for clarification on the University District Safety Initiative. Wooder and Hackett briefly went into more detail about it.

8. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

**Thursday, October 10, 2024
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MUSC 201**

Moved by Long, **seconded** by Abbott that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 10:24am

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