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# First Year Council Chair

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

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# **Progress on Yearplan**

With all FYC positions elected, all members of the council have been placed into committees chaired by the executive members. Operations have begun in the promotional, events, advocacy, and res life sectors. Full council meetings are held weekly, as well as weekly executive meetings, and weekly committee meetings. Rather than a traditional "year plan" the FYC will run on a committee-based system. Each committee consists of 5 members including one of the 4 executive members who will chair and lead each committee. Each committee is responsible for developing their goals for the year and creating plans of actions so our goals can be met efficiently.

# Past Events, Projects, & Activities

With the recent finalization of the First Year Council, we have begun operations, currently focusing on promotions for the upcoming First Year Formal as well as introducing the FYC. The residence chairs are currently working on their proposals for the November residence events.

# **Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities**

Coming up is the First Year Formal which will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hub. The promotions committee has begun working on promotions via social media to get the news out to first years. The promotions committee has also begun preparations to introduce the FYC on social media through posts and videos. Coming in November, residence chairs will be hosting their first residence event. They will soon submit their proposals and begin preparations. The advocacy committee is working on brainstorming all aspects of the first year experience that can be improved. We are working on utilizing all available resources including word of mouth, past experiences, and former first year surveys. Coming up, we will look towards our points of contacts in beginning the change making processes. As exec of the advocacy committee, I will be meeting with the VP of Education to gain some insight on her experiences in advocacy and how to bring out the best change in an efficient manner. The events committee is working alongside coordinators in preparation of FYF. This includes aspects of the event such as catering, music, and activities. In the coming weeks, the residence life

committee will be meeting with the residence director to discuss residence and hospitality concerns, as well as actions we hope to take.

#### **Outreach & Promotions**

The promotions committee is working on promotional content for both the First Year Formal as well as introductions of the FYC. In the coming weeks they will gain access to the Instagram page which will be a main point of promotions. The promotions committee recently met to discuss promotion techniques and discuss how they will launch the social media.

#### Successes

All weekly meetings have been scheduled and finalized in order to maximize group efficiency and productivity!

# **Current Challenges**

With the First Year Formal soon approaching, the events committee is working hard to find ways in which we can utilize our budget in the best ways possible, while maintaining affordable ticket prices for students. As well, the promotions committee is hard at work in getting promotional material prepared and sent out ASAP to ensure as much outreach as possible leading up to the event. With just a couple weeks until the event, advertisement may pose a challenge when it comes to reaching as much of the first year body as possible.

# **Volunteers (Standing Committees only – delete if a Caucus)**

All council members on the FYC are volunteers of the MSU, and as elected position holders, we have made a commitment to our team and student body to remain dedicated and reliable in creating a memorable and successful first year. We agree to represent, lead, and advocate for the student body.

#### Other

N/A

Best.

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