



Memo

From the office of the
Executive Board

TO: Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Eric Shingleton-Smith
SUBJECT: Executive Board Report
DATE: Sunday, March 5th, 2017

Dear Members of the Assembly,

It's sad to be at our second last SRA meeting of the year but looking back I'm proud of what this assembly has accomplished in almost a year. This report will cover the what the Executive Board has done from meetings EB 16-25 and EB 16-26. You will see updates from various MSU services and decisions made by the Executive Board. The full documentation from Executive Board meetings, including service reports, agendas, and minutes, can be found at www.msumcmaster.ca/eb should you desire more detailed information.

QSCC - Aly Khalifa

The service just hosted Queer History week with Diversity services that showcased several events over the span of a few days. These events included Visualizing LGBTQ+ History, No Pride in Policing: Black Lives Matter (Members from Black Lives Matters were keynote speakers for this event), What Moves at the Margin, a documentary screening of Paris is Burning, an HIV/AIDS Panel, and Between Worlds: Religion, Culture, and LGBTQ Identity. If you wish to learn about the event details, go to msumcmaster.ca/queerhistory.

SHEC - Sutina Chou

The service has successfully initiated an event in partnership with Athletics & Recreation called Shec Your Pulse. This event saw sponsorships from several organizations and was centred around starting the new year by keeping fit and healthy. The SHEC office also underwent some minor renovations that are now finished and the office is also reorganized. The service has a few more upcoming projects such as an online resource hub for students to access mental health services from anywhere, Stress 101 infographics that are meant to be launched during infographics, as well as Navigating Rough Seas and SHEC Week are the services last events of the year. Most importantly, the service went under a restructuring of all its volunteers and executives. Sutina has done this to better service MSU members and make the service overall more efficient. Having said that, many operating policies in the service will be changed and lastly, the service has a beautiful new logo.

Spark - Wid Yaseen

The service is seeing a diverse amount of students registering including first generation students, off-campus students, and international students. It also has facilitated it's annual Applicant Workshop and Life After First-Year Workshops, the latter had a great turnout of 70 students. The TLs have undergone 2nd term training as well as weekly training through their sessions coordinators. There are a few more sessions to go through before the year is done.

SWHAT - Leon Zhang

Leon has hired some new walkers for the winter term due to volunteer turnover and is dealing with a decline in service use due to the cold weather. The service also had its annual SWHAT chocolate event that ran successfully and it's preparing to host the SWHAT Walkathon this month which is supporting SACHA. Expect to see SWHAT at Relay for Life and call them anytime for a walk home.

WGEN - Lainey Stirling

The service has facilitated events like a Documentary Screening, its weekly Intimate Partner Violence Support Group, Sex 202 collaborated with SHEC, the Bodies are Dope Campaign, and International Women's Week. The service has been working with PACBIC to potentially create a consent/sexual assault training protocol to be used by University staff. Lastly, WGEN is also approaching Hamilton City Hall to advocate for the Trans Protocol, an equity

and inclusion policy to address the Human Rights Code that is being passed but is met with some contention in the city.

Diversity Services - Ryan Desphande

The service has initiated events such as a Black History Month Campaign, a Gentrification Campaign, presented at the MSU: A How to event, and partnered with the QSCC to facilitate certain events for Queer History Week. The service is soon releasing some resource guides, there are two more events to be held before the year ends (one about lateral violence within marginalized communities and the other a healing workshop regarding islamophobia), and the Diversity in Academia Campaign is being held in the near future. Finally, the service is undergoing a few job description and operating policy changes.

Elections Department - Helen Zeng and Kritika Seth

SRA generals have just finished and congratulations to all positions that were elected and acclaimed. 52 candidates ran this year, 6 of which are acclaimed. The special referendum nomination period is from March 2nd to 15th and is set to run from the 16th to the 23rd. The service is facing a lot of work before the year ends with two separate campaigns occurring simultaneously.

EFRT - Stephanie Black

McMaster just hosted the National Conference for Campus Emergency Responders (NCCER) over reading week and it was incredibly successful. The conference saw campus responders from all over Canada and consisted of various events and had a guest speaker. Usage in first aid courses and emergency calls are similar to past years. Great job for a successful conference!

Horizons - Christine Yachouh

The service co-ran the Applicant Workshop with Spark and Clay, has hired it's executives and has officially set the conference dates to be July 28th, 29th, and 30th. There are some new additions to the upcoming conference that will help improve it and subsidize costs. Lastly, there are a few minor operating policy and job description changes for some volunteer positions.

Campus Events Operating Policy

Ryan MacDonald and Al Legault have recently created a new vision for Campus Events that will benefit the service in many ways. The service now has a new SOP position called the Programming Coordinator that will help enhance events to meet the interests of more MSU members. The changes in operating policies also support the execution of larger events to make sure they are run for efficiently while having spent less money and impacting more students. Roles of a few paid positions in the service have been removed and merged into new roles and some have had their names changed.

Wage Review Committee

The Executive Board approved the Wage review Committee's recommendations effective May 1 for the Campus Events Technician & Senior Technician, CFMU Sports Director, Child Care Centre Teacher's Assistant, Compass Internal Coordinator, Compass Shift Supervisor, FYC Coordinator, Maccess Coordinator, Silhouette Distribution Coordinator, Accounting Clerk, Campus Events Staff, Marmor Photographer and Photo Editor, MSU Public Relations Assistant, MSU Social Media Coordinator, Office Clerk, Silhouette Managing Editor, Silhouette Production Editor, Union Market Assistant Manager and the Underground Student Graphic Designer. Sincerely,

For a more in depth look at of the information reported go to <https://www.msumcmaster.ca/governance/executive-board> for various documentation.

Sincerely,

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