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### Service Action Proposal Reflection

For my service action proposal, I changed my topic from gentrification to advocacy for minority groups because it was something that affected me daily. When I came up with the idea to go into MSA and discuss their programs, I became excited and eager to present the proposal because it was something that was passionate to me. Over the course of the project, I was proud of the work that I put into it. I took the time to think of an appropriate event that coincided with my topic and paralleled the purpose of MSA. Overall, the journey I experienced while completing the project was not one that I envisioned, yet I was able to make something meaningful and significant.

An inconvenience that occurred during this project was not getting efficient responses back from organizations that I wanted to interview. A way that I was able to overcome this barrier was being able to think of the many resources that I have available to me right here on campus. I was able to walk into MSA and speak with someone who resonates with my project and was eager to help me discuss my ideas. Based on this experience, I was able to learn that efficient communication is very imperative when becoming a leader. I have to make sure that I am giving out notices ahead of time so that we are not rushing and producing mediocre work in order to complete a project. While I was saddened that I did not get to present my original idea, I was ecstatic to discuss another topic that connected with me in a different way.

One of my strengths that helped me in the execution of my project was restorative. Restorative is my ability to solve problems and find creative ways to fix these problems. The way that I utilized this strength was when I was presented with the obstacle of not getting responses from the organizations that I emailed. The way that I was able to solve this issue was

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thinking of all the different resources that I have here on campus. Another way that I used this strength was coming up with the idea of having a fashion show for my service action proposal. A creative solution to the problem of not having enough financial resources in order to conduct MSA programs and events. Another strength that was present during my project was achiever. The way that I was able to utilize this strength was by working vigorously to make sure that I made my project the best that I could.

The root causes that seem to stem from minority students not having the representation that they need is that there is no one in higher positions that shares the same identities and beliefs as these students. This causes them to be left behind and overlooked in major decisions that affect their academic and personal lives. These groups of students need someone who is going to speak up for their needs and wants while being on a predominantly white campus. The way that we are going to be successful advocates for these students is by voicing their concerns. We have to be willing to lead students by procuring leadership roles so that we can advocate for minority students. If we do not speak up, how are we going to let the world know that we exist?

Overall, there were so many takeaways that I gained from completing this project. I was able to learn that timely communication is so imperative, especially in time-sensitive projects. I was able to gather that when you are truly passionate about something you are working on, you are willing to put in as much effort that is required in order to execute the project as you envisioned it. I will be applying this to the village by continuing to make sure that if I have questions or information, that I present it to my CL or an exec in a timely manner. I will also ensure that I am completing meaningful and significant projects inside and outside of the village.