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Arts and Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
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SUBJECT: SRA 20I Report
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Progress on Year Plan

We're really in it now, aren't we! Welcome to mid-semester and the ArtSci reports from the thick of it! Hope you are doing well. As mentioned, the ArtSci year plan has 10 objectives, split under three categories: SASS (ArtSci Student Society) wide, SRA wide and McMaster wide.

For SASS, good progress on 3/3 objectives. The SRA Observer is hard at work on the podcast, soon to be released and planning for 6 episodes total this year. If anyone has any tips on getting Adobe Audition (or any other relatively simple podcast editing platform) for not-too-bad of a price, that would be very much appreciated! The results of the graphic was that the general ArtSci public does not want a whole other SRA Instagram, so I will be doing SRA Monday (or Wednesday) takeovers / cool IGTV videos to keep our constituents informed. Finally, our SRA x SASS event is planned for the end of November. The goal of this will now be absorbing what students would like to see. It will be a virtual Milk & Cookies (an Artsci thing) with our VP Functions.

Our last objective was ArtSci study spaces, which the Observer and I decided to wait until later to determine how to move forward. In light of second semester being online as well and in consultation with MSU Pres GC, I will be following up with SASS Pres Nicole and looking into library booking spaces that each faculty has access to right now. Based on this chat, it will either be a promotion of the ArtSci space or a meeting with Humanities folks, to see if ArtSci can join in on their library space.

SRA specific objectives are at pretty much the same spot. MSU Sustainability Education Committee will have just finished their Earth Week by now and it probably went awesome. Looking forward to seeing my other two SRA specific objectives perhaps adopted there. Also planning on using the end of Nov to begin consultations about Observer Role implementation.

Finally, the McMaster wide suggestions still require more consultation in light of the second semester close. Looking towards UA, Ath and Rec and other meetings in the future.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

MSU Sustainability Committee SoBi campaign happened, which I want to thank everyone who shared our subcommittee's graphics or helped out in any way! Big shout out to AVP UA Brittany and SRA Science Rep Christy for being great partners.

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

By the time this report is being read, the SRA Accessibility Guidebook will be completed and integrated into SASS. It's a super useful handbook (if I do say so myself lmao), if you want to really see the standards of accessibility you should be operating at and why (everything from surveys to emails to social media to video conferencing). It will be pasted in the chat! Feel free to use and share with your student societies.

By this time, the promo for the Socarties (that's SocSci, ArtSci and Humanities) webinar will have also started. The event is on Friday and it's for first year students and essay writing - please share!!!

Current Challenges

Being a one-person caucus is a lot, and my lovely SRA Observer is also juggling a lot in her obligations. Depending on how the SRA x SASS event goes and what folks are saying they want to see, may strike up an informal SASS Advocacy Committee to get some constituents who want to help out. But if people are chilling on the advocacy side, I'll chill with outward-reaching events too.

Successes

Thank you specifically to MSU Pres GC, Special Projects Accessibility Coordinator Kate, Maccess Training and Volunteer Coordinator Sarah and all the rest of the folks at Maccess for meeting with Vikita and I on the SASS Accessibility Guidebook! I know it will be a helpful tool for student leaders to make events as accessible as required.

Best,

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