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Health Sciences Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Olsen Chan & Will Pereira, Co-Caucus Leaders
SUBJECT: SRA 21F Report
DATE: September 21, 2021

Progress on Year Plan

- Health Sciences Lounge
 - Engaged in talks with the BHSS Chair on the possibility of upgrading and cleaning the lounge.
 - Discussed about funding possibilities (BHSS funds, SLEF).
- Expanding ECHO360 and Transcript availability
 - Met with Joey Ricottone, who specializes in ECHO 360 at McMaster. He mentioned they recently added ECHO to 30 more lecture halls, increasing the total to 79. They plan to get ECHO in every lecture hall by 2025.
 - We plan to use this information to decide how we want to move forward with improving accessibility services, while also staying in touch with Joey to aid him in reaching students.
- Moratorium on Major Assessments Following Reading Week
 - Communicated with AVP of University Affairs.
 - Drafting emails to contact the Registrar's Office to gain approval; currently appears that they are open to the idea.
- Pulse Fitness Centre Dress Code
 - Discussed with AVP of University affairs and the BoD on the possibility of updating the dress code.
 - Contacted the Fitness & Wellness Coordinator and they have updated the dress code.
- Transition Back to Mac
 - Assisted in the planning and organization of the 2024 welcome event.
 - Communicated with BHSS about deadlines and attended welcome week ad hoc committee meetings.
- Improved Committee Transparency
 - Spoke with Hargun about releasing committee meeting minutes in June, she mentioned she felt this was a possibility, perhaps through the UA committee.

- Menstrual Health Equity Project
 - Met with Bleed the North early in September to hear about their advocacy position on menstrual health, began collaborating with Vikita from SRA Arts Science on laying the groundwork for this project.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- Participated in the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society Introduction Meeting to raise awareness of our role on the SRA and our responsibilities.
- Summarized the key points of our year plan and shared it on our social media platforms.
- Attended the 2024 Welcome Event to meet with constituents and help facilitate their transition to campus.

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- Speak with first years, introducing the MSU.
- Organizing finances and volunteers to update and clean the Health Sciences Lounge.
- Continue communications of the Registrar's Office to lay the groundwork for the moratorium on major assessments in the 2022-2023 year.
- Apply for SLEF and the SRA Special Project Fund to acquire finances for the upgrade of the Faculty of Health Sciences Home Base and the addition of new infrastructure on campus.
- Upcoming meeting with several SRA Reps, WGEN, SHEC, to discuss Menstrual Health Equity Project.

Outreach & Promotions

- In the past week we have shared four posts to update constituents on SRA meetings, our year plan, and our experience with meeting the Level II BHSc students at the 2024 Welcome Event.
- On Instagram, we were able to reach 721 unique accounts in the past week, improving our overall engagement by 591% compared to the previous week. In addition, our account grew by 20 followers as we continued our efforts to reach first year students.

Successes

- Identified and contacted most of the important contacts for all our year plan projects.
- Became familiar with the issues pertinent to the MSU, and how different objectives affect different stakeholders.
- Met with many constituents and have made a large effort to raise awareness on the role of the SRA and the responsibilities of the representatives.

Current Challenges

- The biggest challenge facing our caucus has been acquiring funds for the various projects we plan to pursue this year.
- Additionally, both SRA Representatives in the caucus are facing important deadlines for upcoming graduate study applications, which has reduced our availability for pursuing SRA related goals.

Best,

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