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Arts and Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

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SUBJECT: SRA 21J Report DATE: October 26, 2021

Progress on Yearplan

- Getting SRA info to Artsci students:
 - Our SRA Observer position has been filled by Jessica Kim and she will be making informative TikTok videos summarizing our SRA meeting!
- Providing free menstrual products in MUSC bathrooms
 - We have set up a Menstrual Equity Project team with some SRA members and community members
 - We have drafted a proposal about the need for free menstrual products on campus
 - We will be applying to the SLEF grant due on November 11th
 - We have consulted with SHEC, WGEN, MSU Facilities, and Bleed the North about our proposal and have gained some feedback
 - We hope to pilot our free menstrual products in MUSC from January-March, 2021

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- Made list of updates to ArtSci Accessibility Guidebook currently outlining accessibility recommendations that can be implemented in in-person learning
- Discussed BDS with Denver, specifically how we can support Jewish students in the motion in response to concerns from my constituents
- Drafted Menstrual Equity on Campus proposal, set up a team, and have next steps outlined

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- Develop a feedback form system for SRA related activities and initiatives
- Meet with Artsci administration to (1) outline equity and inclusion priorities in Arts and Science and potential steps that can be taken to increase equity in admissions and (2) have a discussion about study spaces for Artscis on campus
- Meet with Accessibility Program Manager Kate Brown to determine ways we can increase accessibility on campus especially moving back to in-person learning
- Apply to the SLEF Grant for menstrual equity and organize the logistics for the menstrual equity project
- We will be speaking to OPIRG McMaster about potential ways to fund the menstrual project on a long-term basis if it is a success
- We're hoping to have some fun SRA TikToks out in the next month!

Outreach & Promotions

- We started an Instagram which will be the main form of communication (as well as Facebook). Jessica will add all of the new first years on Instagram and Facebook. Currently, we have 155 followers (about 2/3 of the program). I've also been sharing all of our meeting times and links to meetings on the platforms.
- We will be doing fun TikToks summarizing the SRA meetings, which we hope will increase engagement and outreach

Successes

- Have so many interested people on our Menstrual Equity Project Team thank you to everyone involved! I am so excited!
- Elected our incredible SRA Observer Jessica who will be an incredible support to the SRA ArtSci Caucus

Current Challenges

- Applying to the SLEF Grant and determining a logistical plan to launch the menstrual equity project
- Determining a way the ensure the menstrual equity project is long-term how can we get funding for many years to come?

Best,

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