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Health Sciences Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Olsen Chan & Will Pereira, Co-Caucus Leaders
SUBJECT: SRA 21K Report
DATE: November 9, 2021

Progress on Year Plan

- Health Sciences Lounge
 - Contacted the Faculty of Health Sciences Program Manager about moving forward with cleaning the lounge.
 - Met with Wally from Facility Services to identify the items that need to be discarded
 - Organized with the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society (BHSS) to have execs come in to help clean
 - Brainstormed redecoration and reorganization ideas.
 - Discussed about funding possibilities (BHSS funds, SRA special project fund, SLEF).
- Expanding ECHO360 and Transcript availability
 - Reached out to Joey Ricottone, who specializes in ECHO 360 at McMaster, to collaborate on a UA project on technological accessibility
 - Compiling a document that summarizes the features of ECHO360, and using this information to develop a student survey.
- Moratorium on Major Assessments Following Reading Week
 - Communicated with AVP of University Affairs.
 - Drafted email to contact University Representatives to gain approval; currently appears that they are open to the idea.
- Welcome Week Coordinator Election
 - Spoke with Trish from campus events about the welcome week coordinator election for the Bachelor of Health Sciences
 - Will speak with program staff to solidify the election/application process further
- Improved Committee Transparency
 - Spoke with Victoria and Daniela about the release of standing committee meeting minutes.

- Menstrual Health Equity Project
 - Been meeting biweekly with several of the SRAs to finalize details of pilot
 - Currently in the process of contacting menstrual health companies for sponsorship.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- Created a slideshow outlining the necessary removals in the Health Sciences Student Home Base
- Met with RAs for Research Pack on Academic Policy, began preliminary research and crafting PCRs.
- Communicated with UA AVP about contacts for the moratorium project
- Contacted VP Finance and Finance AVP about the process for the SRA Special Projects fund

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- Speaking with the EOHSS Team about optimizing COVID guidelines for student events moving into the winter term.
- Meeting with VP Education and the Denver about in-person eating options and in-person club events for students
- 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.

Outreach & Promotions

- Olsen represented the Faculty of Health Sciences as well as the SRA as a whole on [instagram.com/msu_mcmaster](https://www.instagram.com/msu_mcmaster) to promote the SRA by-election
- Made an SRA update post last week to inform constituents on current and future plans for our caucus
- Submitted a caucus report to the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society to be released to the student base.
- On Instagram, we were able to reach 527 unique accounts in the past week, improving our overall engagement by 221% compared to the previous week. In addition, our account grew by 20 followers as we continued our efforts to reach first year students.

Successes

- Developed strong connections with the BHSS execs, facilitating our first collaborative project.
- Reaching out to student base about the projects we are working on so that we can gain a diverse perspective and increase the size of the team

Current Challenges

- The biggest challenge facing our caucus has been acquiring funds for the various projects we plan to pursue this year.
- Due to project correspondents being busy with other initiatives, and facing difficulties with finding the appropriate people to contact for our projects, our progress on projects has sometimes been hindered.

Best,

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