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Arts and Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: [Vikita Mehta], [Caucus Leader]
SUBJECT: SRA 21J Report
DATE: January 4th, 2021

Progress on Yearplan

- Getting SRA info to Artsci students:
 - Our SRA Observer position has been filled by Jessica Kim and she has been posting regular updates on our Instagram account
 - Created Feedback form to be posted in early January to understand the immediate concerns facing ArtSci students
- Providing free menstrual products in MUSC bathrooms
 - Planning logistics – contacting menstrual product companies to sponsor us
- Ensuring accessibility in the transition to in-person learning
 - Meeting with Kate Brown, Accessibility Program Manager, to discuss ways in which we can improve accessibility on a program level

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- Made list of updates to ArtSci Accessibility Guidebook – currently outlining accessibility recommendations that can be implemented in in-person learning
- Applied to SLEF for menstrual equity proposal

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- 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
- 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

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 170 followers (about 2/3 of the program). I've also been sharing all of our meeting times and links to meetings on the platforms.

Successes

- Elected our incredible SRA Observer Jessica who will be an incredible support to the SRA ArtSci Caucus

Current Challenges

- Determining the next steps with our menstrual equity proposal during the SLEF evaluation process. Can we still proceed with planning?
- Determining a way to ensure the menstrual equity project is long-term – how can we get funding for many years to come?
- Planning an SRA event when the semester is going to be online. There will likely be low turnout – perhaps we could turn this event into a Q&A on social media?

Best,

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