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## Science Caucus

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
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### **Progress on Yearplan**

The science caucus has continued our work on the outreach, engagement, and support fronts in alignment with the goals we set and tailored for this year. As the university moves back in person, we are looking forward to doing all we can to support students and advocate for their needs during this transition.

### **Past Events, Projects, & Activities**

#### *Student Initiative Discussions*

- Members of the science caucus have had the opportunity to speak with members of the student body regarding supports and initiatives that they would like to see implemented at McMaster.
- In particular, we engaged in discussion with Student Support regarding their hopes for an initiative offering low-cost services to McMaster students.

#### *MSS (McMaster Science Society) Collaboration*

- With the MSS Presidential Election coming up soon, some caucus members have had the opportunity to discuss with potential candidates regarding how to increase collaboration between the SRA Science Caucus and the MSS

#### *Increasing Awareness & Availability of Mental Health Supports for Students*

- This is a new goal that was suggested by members of the previous caucus and involves the addition of an additional MSAF for students, as well as including information about mental health services on all undergraduate course outlines.
- The Science Caucus has been researching which courses already have mental health sections on their course outlines, and which do not, as well as determining relevant parties to contact to achieve this goal.

### **Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities**

#### *Facilitating the Return to Campus*

- As McMaster returns to in person learning, it is of the utmost importance to the caucus to ensure that students are being supported in the ways they need and deserve.
- We will be actively listening to student concerns and making an effort to correct them in a timely and effective manner.
- Currently, goals include making sure that lectures are being recorded for students who are unable to attend in person, that international and out of province students are being treated fairly, and that those returning on campus are doing so in a way where they feel comfortable and supported.

### *Increasing MSU/SRA Engagement*

- As student leaders, we genuinely want to make changes that benefit the McMaster community. However, we are not strangers to the fact that students sometimes feel that the MSU is not supporting them in the ways that they need.
- In an effort to remedy this, the Science Caucus will be opening our schedules and promoting on our Instagram to encourage any student who has a concern or idea to come and speak with us, email us, or message us.
- This could potentially turn into an event similar to Marauder's Nest, an initiative that has previously been run by campus events and First Year Council.

## **Outreach & Promotions**

### *MSU Graphics*

- We are continuing to make an effort to post MSU Graphics on both our caucus and personal accounts to increase their reach with our constituents.
- These included posting about presidential & the results, MSU Awards, open seats on committees, etc.

## **Successes**

Caucus members are doing an amazing job being engaged with their respective committees! Additionally, our social media network continues to grow every day.

## **Current Challenges**

With the return to campus coming at a later point in the year, the caucus will have to work quite quickly in the coming weeks to resolve any student concerns. This will likely mean getting support from many other caucuses and staff.

Best,

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