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## First Year Council

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Halle Lawson, First Year Council Chair  
SUBJECT: SRA 21N Report  
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### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

Over the past months the First Year Council has demonstrated resilience despite pandemic protocols. The demands of a hybrid environment have surprised our team with continuous roadblocks; yet, we continued to host introductory events and implement student advocacy initiatives. After recent progress check-ins with our coordinator, the team remains optimistic about the potential year plan progress to be made this upcoming term.

### **PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Since the last SRA meeting the First Year Council has completed various projects, activities, and events. Some highlights from the month of December include our "Hot Cocoa Hot Spot" event which provided over two hundred cups of hot chocolate to first year students. Additionally, our "Vogue 73 Questions" parody video was edited and is now ready for release.

Moreover, in the month of January the council held a virtual spirit week. This social media campaign took place on Instagram. Here, multiple giveaways, content-based contests, and online events created a lively atmosphere despite the demands of virtual learning. The council has met over the course of January with several meetings, where we are planning future initiatives.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

Moving forward, the council has many exciting events planned for the remainder of the term. The return to in-person learning has opened the possibility for more events. Currently, we are planning a Valentine's Day match up event to supplement the initially planned first-year formal. In addition to this, each consultation committee is meeting in the coming days to discuss specific subcommittee projects.

Furthermore, the First Year Council has engaged in conversation with Student Services to discuss the adaptation of the current student experience. The council's vision is to redesign this Welcome Week website to become a destination which compiles important resources for new and prospective students. This may include updated residence room tours, packing lists, and explanations for common student acronyms such as "ABB" or "JHE".

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

The drastic shift from virtual to in-person learning presents challenges; however, similar challenges have been overcome by the council in the past months. Current challenges consist of adapting to ever-changing COVID-19 regulations. For instance, there can be discrepancies in planning events when it becomes impossible to predict how many students will be able to attend due to capacity limits.

## **SUCCESSSES**

Recent successes include the council's resilience when required to adapt January's events for the virtual environment. Despite the sudden switch to online, the FYC still created an engaging virtual spirit week which garnered the attention of hundreds of students. Likewise, the commencement of new projects and consultation committee initiatives has planted the seeds for a successful second term.

Best,

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