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## Health Sciences Caucus

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Olsen Chan & Will Pereira, Co-Caucus Leaders  
SUBJECT: SRA 21R Report  
DATE: March 27, 2022

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### Progress on Year Plan

- Health Sciences Lounge
  - Received preliminary approval for funding from the SRA Special Project fund
  - Currently working with BHSS organize how changes to lounge will be implemented
- Moratorium on Major Assessments Following Reading Week
  - Met with Kim Dej to propose moratorium on major assessments after reading week.
  - Will be meeting with Stacey Ritz, Tracey Prowse, and Lynn Armstrong to formalize the plan, gather endorsements and officially propose before the Associate Deans Group
- SRA Health Science Election
  - Hosted a SRA Health Science Info Session to answer questions about the role, responsibilities, and differences between SRA and BHSS.
- Menstrual Health Equity Project
  - Special thanks and congratulations to all those working on the menstrual health equity project on getting SLEF approval for the project!
- Updating Pulse Fitness Dress Code
  - Discussed with AVP of University affairs and the BoD on the possibility of updating the dress code.
  - Contacted the Fitness & Wellness Coordinator and they have updated the dress code.
- Transition Back to Campus Life
  - Assisted in the planning and organization of the 2024 welcome event.
  - Communicated with BHSS about deadlines and attended welcome week ad hoc committee meetings.
- Accommodations to Support Student Wellness
  - Contacted Allison Drew-Hassling, Director of Student Accessibility and Case Management, about making accommodations for students from different time zones
- Improved Committee Transparency
  - Spoke with Victoria and Daniela about the release of standing committee meeting minutes.

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

- Participated in BHSS meetings and several BHSS events
  - Introduction meeting, BHSS General Election Info Night, etc.
- Met with the Kim Dej about the Reading Week Moratorium
- Hosted SRA Health Sci Info Night
- Finished designated sections on policy papers for Off-Campus Housing and Academic success
- Finished the transition report for SRA Health Sciences 2022-2023 representatives
- Attended the 2024 Welcome Event to meet with constituents and help facilitate their transition to campus

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

- Further communicating with AVP Finance about using the SRA Special Projects Fund for the Health Sciences Lounge Upgrade
- Meeting with Dr. Kim Dej, (Acting) Vice-Provost to discuss the implementation of a moratorium on major assessments following reading week
- Posting a Year End Report Instagram post summarizing the work we have done in the past year

### **Outreach & Promotions**

- Led online promotional campaigns to promote the SRA Health Sciences election to faculty members.
- Answered questions on SRA Instagram pertaining to the election
- Promoted the election in front of HTHSCI 2FF3 in person class
- 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
- Submitted caucus reports to the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society to be released to the student base.
- Created and released a survey on the moratorium on major assessments following reading week

### **Successes**

- Maintained strong connections with the BHSS execs and facilitated our first collaborative project.
- Gathering the support for the Reading Week Moratorium from university representatives
- Helped increase overall awareness about the SRA to BHSc students and kept them updated on MSU initiatives

### **Current Challenges**

- Coming up to the end of the semester, there are several things we want to finish before our term ends :)
- Many stakeholders involved in our projects are quite busy, so it has been hard to find time to collaborate.

Best,

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