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Humanities Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
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SUBJECT: SRA 22J Report
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Progress on Yearplan

- Sustainability & Education in Residence:
 - o Collaborating with the Manager of Residence Building Operations to implement the compost champions pilot project in select residence buildings with the goal to continue and expand throughout the year
 - o Sustainability education materials in residence have been created and tackle additional problems re: waste management in residence
 - o Overseeing the formation of Sustainability in Residence Committees
 - Will assist in the compost champions pilot along with other initiatives (e.g. green container returns)
 - o Helping to recruit student actors for Housing & Conference Services videos promoting sustainability in residence (specifically the breaking down boxes initiative)
- Increased Engagement:
 - o Continuing collaborations with the McMaster Humanities Society (MHS) hosting SRA content on the MHS website, ideally will be up and running after November by-election
 - o Working to connect with the program societies under the MHS to make them aware of who we are and what we do

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- New caucus member has joined!
- Expansion of the sustainability in residence initiative to include new projects in many different areas of sustainability

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- Will be reaching out to professors within the Faculty of Humanities to see if they can promote the November by-election on Avenue2Learn for greater reach and visibility to students
- Instagram takeover introducing caucus members and year plan goals once caucus is full
- Feedback form to be distributed to Humanities students later this month

Successes

- Sustainability initiatives have grown beyond what I initially imagined and there's the potential to affect change on a larger scale

- Established point of contact between MHS and Faculty Planners for better engagement within faculty

Current Challenges

- Missing 1/3 of the caucus, has been a slow process to gain members
- Some initiatives from the year plan have been slow to get going, need to find a way to move them forward

Best,

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