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Health Sciences Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

FROM: Kerry Yang, Cloris Su SUBJECT: SRA 23G Report

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Progress on Yearplan

MSU Engagement: Transparency about our SRA meetings, as well as MSU updates for the general student body have been circulated (e.g. club hiring, promoting events run by MSU Services, etc), primarily through our Instagram account.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

BHSS Welcome Week: In her role as a Heartbeat this Welcome Week, Kerry was able to hold her own Instagram Takeover on the BHSS Welcome Week Instagram, and putting a heavy focus on her role as an SRA member. Questions were asked by followers (mostly first years) about the MSU and the role of the SRA.

Meetings between us both have been held and we have kept in contact with one another throughout the summer, but events, projects, and activities have yet to take place.

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

BHSS Executive Meetings: The first BHSS Executive Meeting will be taking place this Wednesday, September 20th and run weekly. We plan to provide the team with updates from recent SRA meetings and keep everyone informed about the MSU Opportunities for students this year to maintain the rising levels of engagement. We will also be collaborating with them more intentionally to tackle renewing the BHSc Homebase (Objective 3 in our Year Plan), as they are one of our main partners and sources of funding for this goal. With meetings running weekly, we also are looking forward to be held more accountable in our goals and promises made when we first stepped into the

SRA Office Hours: We have yet to decide on a time and how frequently run our Office Hours should be,but are hoping to update you on our first Office Hours session come next reporting period.

Inter-faculty event: We hope to be collaborating with another (or multiple) caucus soon about running an inter-faculty event. This will increase engagement with both caucuses, and allow the student bodies of both faculties to know who their Caucus leaders are. We hope to reach out to another Caucus by the end of this month to initiate planning.

Outreach & Promotions

The SRA Health Sciences Instagram has been revamped and is frequently updated with story posts. Since the summer, we have made the effort to share stories from MSU

Services, such as Elections posts from the FYC, and Walker and Dispatcher Hiring from SWHAT. Students are also updated on MSU notification items, such as the Health and Insurance Opt-in/out deadlines. We have also been making efforts to do recaps of SRA meetings and share them as posts through means of the Canva software. From August 20 – September 18, 563 Instagram accounts have been reached, with 11 content items being shared within this period. However, only 4 accounts have engaged, and we hope to see these numbers rise as the school year progresses.

Successes

Many items in the planning process, Instagram engagement and partnerships with Services are on the rise.

Current Challenges

Objective 4 on our Year Plan targets improving MUSC Maintenance. By the end of October, Kerry and I hope to have completed a review of the accommodations MUSC offers. This may include checking the hand sanitizer dispensers, washrooms for hygiene products, status of the water refill stations, etc. Our next step in this task would be to have other members of the SRA (this means you!) to assist with reaching out to MUSC Facility Services, which we would appreciate your help in reviewing an email or letter draft.

Best,

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