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**Social Sciences Caucus**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Zimo Wang, Social Sciences Caucus Leader  
SUBJECT: SRA 23H Report  
DATE: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## **Progress on Yearplan**

### **Sustained Engagement with the Student Body:**

Our commitment to fostering continuous engagement with the broader student body has remained unwavering, both in person and online. Through various platforms and mediums, we have actively disseminated information, shared resources, and highlighted noteworthy news and events pertaining to MSU, MSU Services, the Bylaw 9 group, faculty societies, and MSU clubs. This multifaceted approach has allowed us to maintain a strong and consistent connection with our fellow students.

### **Collaborative Outreach:**

In addition to our informational efforts, we have also proactively sought collaboration opportunities with numerous services and faculty societies. These entities have expressed a genuine interest in working together to create meaningful events and initiatives in the future. This outreach signals our dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships that can enhance the student experience at McMaster University.

### **Notable Progress on Social Media:**

Over the summer, our efforts on the SRA Social Sciences social media page yielded remarkable results. We witnessed a substantial increase in followers and engagement, indicating a growing interest and active involvement from our fellow students. This upward trajectory in our online presence speaks to the effectiveness of our outreach strategies.

### **Building Bridges with McMaster Social Sciences Society:**

In September, as part of our ongoing outreach efforts, we initiated contact with the McMaster Social Sciences Society. During this interaction, we introduced our newly formed caucus and expressed our eagerness to collaborate on various initiatives in the future. This initial contact is a testament to our proactive approach in building bridges with key stakeholders within our academic community.

### **Expanding Internship Opportunities:**

The Faculty of Social Sciences has taken noteworthy steps to expand internship opportunities for students in our discipline. Compared to the previous academic year, there has been a significant increase in these valuable opportunities. As representatives of the student body, we are committed to ensuring that this information reaches a wider audience of Social Sciences students, empowering them to take advantage of these enriching experiences.

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

### **Collaborative Engagement with Key Student Organizations:**

We are thrilled to announce our collaboration with several prominent student organizations, including the McMaster Social Sciences Society (MSSS), the potential involvement of the McMaster School of Earth, Environment, & Society Student Association, and the McMaster Political Science Students Association. Through our participation in their events and activities, such as the upcoming MSSS general assembly, we aim to not only contribute to their initiatives but also bring heightened awareness of the SRA to Social Sciences students. This collaborative approach reinforces our commitment to creating a more interconnected and vibrant student community.

### **Leveraging Resource Sharing:**

One noteworthy development is our engagement with Sara Binnie, the Administrative Assistant of the Political Science program at Faculty of Social Sciences. We have secured access to vacant MSU seats during the summer, which will serve as a valuable resource for disseminating information related to the SRA and MSU. This resource will be instrumental in sharing news, updates, and relevant information with the student body, ensuring that students remain well-informed and connected with the SRA's activities and developments.

### **SRA Office Hours:**

In an effort to increase awareness of the SRA and facilitate open communication with students, we will be re-introducing SRA office hours. Primarily conducted in-person, these office hours will provide an opportunity for students to interact with SRA members, ask questions, and offer feedback. This initiative aligns with our commitment to transparency and responsiveness to the needs and concerns of the student body.

## **Current Challenges**

### **Scheduling Constraints:**

A notable challenge we currently face is the scheduling conflict arising from two of our caucus members participating in the CityLAB program. This intensive 15-unit course, located in downtown Hamilton, spans from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Consequently, finding a suitable time for the entire caucus to convene and discuss caucus business has proven to be a logistical challenge. Additionally, this scheduling conflict has also hindered our ability to operate SRA office hours on campus, limiting our in-person engagement with students. To address this challenge, we are actively exploring alternative meeting times and communication methods that can accommodate the schedules of our caucus members. We understand the importance of maintaining effective communication and collaboration within the SRA and are committed to finding practical solutions to ensure our caucus remains cohesive and accessible to students.

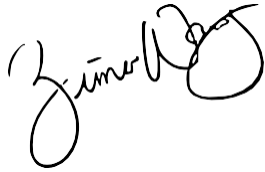
### **Timeliness of Communication with Faculty Societies and Student Associations:**

Another challenge we have encountered relates to the communication process with faculty societies and student associations. Our efforts to connect with these important stakeholders through email have sometimes been met with delays in response times. This has occasionally resulted in the postponement of potential partnerships and our ability to attend their events promptly. In response to this challenge, we are actively exploring more efficient communication channels and strategies to ensure timely interactions with faculty societies and student associations. We recognize the

importance of swift communication in fostering meaningful collaborations and will continue to work towards improving this aspect of our engagement efforts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zimo Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zimo" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Wang".

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