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Arts & Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

FROM: Rushan Jeyakumar, SRA Arts & Science Caucus Leader

SUBJECT: SRA 24F Report
DATE: September 8, 2024

Progress on Yearplan

- The SRA Observer has been elected by Arts & Science students during the Society of Arts & Science Students' (SASS) Winter Elections.
 - Emily Yang is very excited to join the team and work on meeting our goals established in our yearplan!
- Emily and I met with Rob Curran, the MUSC Maintenance Coordinator, to discuss the status of the MUSC Extension Cord Project.
 - Most electrical upgrades have been completed on the first and third floors of MUSC.
 - This goal is becoming a longer-term project, as the brass floor plugs on the second and third floors of MUSC are outdated and replacements may be costly.
 - o In the process of applying for the SRA Special Projects fund.
- Emily and I have been promoting our Instagram page (@sraartsci) to incoming first-year students.
- Emily and I have scheduled our office hours with the Arts & Science Program Office.
 - In the Fall Term, Office Hours will take place weekly in the Warner/Wilson Room of LR-3038. They will take place on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.
 - Used MyTimetable and consulted with the Arts & Science Program Office to ensure that Office Hours do not conflict with scheduled Arts & Science class times.
- We have had a meeting with the SASSEx (SASS Executive) President to discuss SRA Arts & Science's yearplan and goals with SASS.
 - We are planning to create an SRA presence at SASS events.
 - Began planning an SRA Arts & Science Milk & Cookies event.
 - Will be conducting joint posts during the school year to receive more interaction from SASS' Instagram followers.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

- During Welcome Week, I conducted tours of the Arts & Science program office (LR-3038).
 - During tours, we explained the role of the SRA and promoted our upcoming Office Hours.

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

- SRA Office Hours have been booked! Our first meeting will serve as an information session to help Arts & Science students learn more about the SRA and what we do.
 - Our first Office Hours session will take place on Wednesday, September 11th!

Outreach & Promotions

- Using our platform to promote general events.
 - Promoting other MSU Services through our Instagram.
- We have created introduction posts to introduce students to myself and Emily.
- We have begun to work towards our goal of increasing Arts & Science students' engagement with the SRA through our Instagram platform.
 - Made posts supporting the Arts & Science Welcome Week Committee to appeal to incoming first year students.
 - o In the past thirty days, views have increased by 29.6% and followers have increased by 5.9%.
 - Posts introducing the SRA team and announcing office hours have been scheduled.

Successes

- Receiving high interest in our year plan goals from Arts & Science students!
 - Our divestment project has garnered large interest from students.
- First-year students looking excited and interested in the work the SRA does!

Current Challenges

- One of our yearplan goals is to address deadnaming which occurs on campus.
 - Emily and I are deciding which groups we should consult with to identify key parts of this issue.
- Arts & Science students have demonstrated their interest in our yearplan goals!
 - It's wonderful to know that the projects we're doing are relevant and desired
 - Emily and I are wondering how we can help other students get involved with our projects.

Other

Thank you for reading this report! If you're a student reading this throughout the school year, feel free to reach out to myself or Emily (vangy497@mcmaster.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or for any other matter!

Our scheduled Office Hours will be our dedicated time to hear from students, but we may be reached at other times through email and can plan separated meetings if needed.

Best,

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