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Health Sciences Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

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SUBJECT: SRA 24G Report
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Dear fellow members of the SRA. Thanks so much for reading our report, and we're really excited for an awesome year ahead.

Progress on Yearplan

Objective 1: Currently working on setting up our matching system for research opportunities. Going to launch a first round towards the end of October to accommodate for people applying to thesis labs. Another round will open closer to second semester when people are looking for summer jobs.

Objective 2: BHSS is currently getting set up for the year (just had their second meeting yesterday!) External hasn't begun developing their housing match system, but this typically occurs beginning of second semester. We anticipate this plan picking up closer to then and assisting ~January.

Objective 3: We are hoping to set up a meeting with course advisors and HHSP (new name drop!) faculty sometime in the next few months. The beginning of the year especially around course enrollment is a very busy time for them, so we're making sure to stay cognizant of that.

Objective 4: We have been attending all BHSS meetings thus far, providing our SRA-related updates, as well as hearing the rest of the BHSS internal updates. Important first-steps have been made to increase awareness on MSU and SRA proceedings, and BHSS is pretty well updated on the SRA's activities. We've also been using this time to promote some MSU position openings, such as the upcoming First Year Council elections.

Objective 5: The revitalization of the BHSc lounge is incoming. Former projects to restore it, as passed down from the previous Health Sciences SRA are likely going to be put on pause, as BHSc lounge is likely relocating to another room within the Health Sciences Centre. We will continue to work with BHSS' Internal committee to work on stocking the snack cart to support student wellness but are running into some roadblocks in terms of funding.

Thank you all for reading this report, and we hope you're having a wonderful September. Cheers!

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