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Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Pathanogen & Miss a bot
SUBJECT: SRA 24K
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Dearest Report Reader,

We hope your week has been nothing short of *phenomenal*, *spectacular*, and dare we say, ~~touching~~ *inspiring*! Your beloved caucus has been hard at work these past couple of weeks, making strides faster than a local Jovan when Wooder brings food to EB meetings. (Yes, it's that impressive—feel free to clap.)

MSS x SRA Destressor Event Recap

On Thursday, Nov 7th, we teamed up with the MSS to host a relaxing destressor event. Attendees enjoyed pumpkin painting, snacks, drinks, and a curated playlist of Don Toliver hits—expertly selected by Jazz. The turnout was fantastic, with participants crafting some truly impressive pumpkins. The vibe was energetic yet soothing, and we successfully showcased what the MSS has to offer while broadening the reach of SRA Science. Below is the event promo created by MSS and SRA.



MSS x SRA General Assembly Appearance

At the invitation of Visali, the current MSS president, we presented at the MSS General Assembly. This event featured various clubs and esteemed guests, including Dr. Rosa Da Silva, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science. Subah and Parth shared insights about the SRA's mission to amplify student voices, ways to get involved, and how to collaborate with us. We also connected with year representatives and gained a deeper understanding of MacSci's initiatives for the year.

SRA Symposium Update

Following discussions with Dr. Da Silva and Luca (former MSS president), we recognized that launching a new symposium might duplicate existing events and not maximize SRA special project funds. Instead, we plan to collaborate with MSU clubs or the MSS on established symposiums, ensuring our mission aligns with ongoing efforts. Additionally, we're exploring ideas like featuring undergraduate researchers on our social media and providing a research-specific helpline during office hours, offering guidance on funding, contacting PIs, and navigating the research landscape.

iSci Society x SRA Collaboration

As part of connecting to more science students, we are reaching out to program societies that require support with promotions and/or fundraising. The iSci Society runs an annual fundraiser every year for their graduating students, and they have asked the SRA to help promote their content and organize some logistics with setting up a booth. We will be assisting them in this manner, with no costs incurred.

Future Directions

- **Meeting with Acting Dean of Science:** Establish a connection with Gianni Parise to align SRA goals with faculty priorities.
 - **Collaborating with Associate Dean of Research:** Meet Gillian Goward to better understand the challenges students face in finding research opportunities and explore ways SRA can help.
 - **Website Integration:** Work with Dr. Da Silva to feature the SRA on the Faculty of Science's student life governance page [here](#).
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SRA Science email account.

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