Dear Assembly,

The SRA Science caucus has been busy since our last report and I am excited to share our progress with you.

Since our previous report, we have applied to the Academic Science Fund (ASF) for funding for permanent science student space, the Nucleus. I am incredibly proud to report that we have received $2095 in funding for improvements to the permanent home of the Nucleus! This funding will include resources for students like a microwave, kettle, charging station, furniture upgrades, a computer, printer, promotional materials and the implementation of a textbook bank. In the coming months, we will be preparing our textbook bank with a focus on first year textbooks. We hope that students will use this bank as a resource for studying and remove some of the financial burden for students to buy textbooks for themselves. In addition, the Dean of Science Dr. Baker has informed us of a likely permanent home for science students on campus in the upcoming school year. We are excited to see these ASF upgrades be implemented in the permanent Nucleus space.

With regards to our work on the Sustainability campaign, we have met with the Advocacy Coordinator, Christine Yachouh, to discuss details of this project. We have outlined that it will be a three-day campaign to highlight waste management, compost education and waste reduction. We are looking into a video featuring elementary school students and their knowledge of composting and recycling compared to a university student’s understanding of these topics. We are also interested in a Buzzfeed quiz or survey to evaluate the student understanding of composting and recycling. The campaign will likely take place in March and I’m excited to see the progress on this campaign as we get back from our LOAs.
Finally, SRA Science hosted a VP Referendum FAQ session last week in the Nucleus to make sure students were making an educated decision on their ballot. Coffee and tea were provided. Thank you to everyone who helped with the promotions of this event - we greatly appreciate it! We look forward to doing more student outreach with SRA Day and promotions of the SRA elections.

Thanks for taking the time to read through this report and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Cheers,

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