MEMO
From the office of the...
SRA Arts & Science Caucus

TO: Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Pearl Almeida, Arts & Science Caucus Leader
SUBJECT: SRA 15O Report
DATE: February 16th, 2016

Dear Assembly,

Thank you for taking the time to read through my report. I hope you had a restful reading week! This report will outline the progress regarding two of my internal platform points, as well as general news.

1. SRA Day has a large success for my program. Many students across all years came to learn more about my position, the SRA, the SRA standing committees, the MSU, and SASSex elections.

2. As previously mentioned, I had been looking into creating an SRA Arts & Science Caucus Committee in order to increase my legitimacy, hold me accountable within my position, and increase overall interest and transparency of the SRA and the MSU. The Committee consists of students in various levels of study, who also serve as multiple communication mediums to peers within their respective years, increases promotions of MSU events, and keeps my caucus engaged in student affairs outside of our program. This Committee was helpful in having discussions during the election period regarding the VP Referendum, and providing students with information on both sides of the argument. I hope that this Committee will be a great avenue to have discussions about the upcoming VP Elections. Students have mentioned that they are cognizant of my efforts to try and increase outreach this year. As a result, I have gotten a lot more responses on questions I have posed to my constituents via email, twitter, the SRA Facebook page, and each respective year’s Facebook groups. It is my hope that the levels of engagement continue to remain strong, and our Committee stays active through the successful transition of the new SRA member.

3. Improved alumni outreach has been one of my major concerns this year. We have held two structured online alumni outreach events through collaboration with the Student Success Center. Each of the events was run through different servers, and both had different feedback that was handed in. I am working on
going through the comments and concerns to establish whether we can have
future events through the one preferred server, have a system of rotating
different alumni available, etc. in order to have a clearer and more structured
approach to how these events are run. This effort is done in partnership with the
Dean of Arts & Science, Jean Wilson. This initiative was extremely helpful to
many students, and we do want to see it continue and grow over the next few
years.

If you have any questions regarding the report, or my personal progress, please do not
hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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