Dear Assembly,

Thank you for taking the time to read our report. We have had an amazing time on the 2015-2016 assembly. We have taken large strides to accomplish our goals this year and we are excited to see the success of the SRA Social Sciences caucus carry on. We have tried to push for Social Sciences pride amongst our faculty, as well as, create transparency and communication amongst the assembly and the constituents.

New Caucus Members

Congratulations to the newly elected SRA Social Sciences Caucus; Jordan Cole, Gabriel Carrera, Eric Shingleton-Smith, Ikram Farah, and Kathleen Quinn. We are excited to see you all in your roles next year, we know you will accomplish wonderful things for the Social Sciences Caucus.

We would also like to shout out all those who ran in the SRA General Elections this year, it was amazing to see so many passionate and engaged students who want to get involved in the governance side of the MSU. There are still several ways to get involved in these initiatives like running for a seat on a Standing Committee. We hope you all still strive for your goals and if you need any assistance in doing-so, please feel free to reach out to the SRA!

Transition

The SRA Social Sciences Caucus will have entirely new members for the 2016-2017 year. With this in mind, the Caucus Leader, Nicole Burke, compiled a Google Drive of all relevant information, in order to assist in the transitioning process. There are folders for; Contacts, Social Media, Caucus Leader responsibilities, 2015-2016 reports and year plans, Standing Committees, On-going Initiatives, and Vice Presidential advice. These documents have also been uploaded to the server if you wish to see them.

An interim Facebook group has been created with the old and new caucus in order to assist in answering any questions, comments or concerns. This group has been a useful resource for communication between the new and old members.

We also hope to have a sit down meeting with the new caucus to go over any other concerns or questions they have.

Keepsake

Caucus members, Jordan Manning and Nicole Burke have been in constant communication with James Gillett, the Associate Dean of Social Sciences. On January 26th.
James informed the members that the Dean was on board for the project. He gave us the go ahead to start the process. In order to obtain full funding from the faculty, we had to change the "pins" audience. The faculty believes it is better suited for incoming first years during Welcome Week instead of graduates. We agreed with these terms as we wanted to be given the chance to trial this initiative. If all goes well, the Social Sciences Caucus can continue to advocate for graduation keepsakes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Caucus Leader.

Weekly Updates

SRA member, Nicole Burke, has continued again to create Weekly Updates on the SRA Social Sciences webpage. These updates include MSU Services as well as SRA related initiatives. For the last month and a half, the Social Sciences Caucus, has taken a large promotional role in the Presidential Elections, MacTalks, SRA Generals and our own contest. With these elections and initiatives over, we are back to promoting Weekly Updates! Please feel free to check them out under the SRA Social Sciences Caucus webpage.

If there is anything you wish to see included in the Weekly Updates, please feel free to contact SRA member; Nicole Burke.

SRA Experience Article

The SRA Social Sciences Caucus has created an Experience Piece in order to engage students and allow for open communication. Each member wrote a short piece regarding their experience on the assembly along with their emails in order to have students reach out to us before nominations closed for SRA Generals. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Nicole Van Den Heuvel, who created the design for the article. If you wish to view this piece, it is uploaded on the MSU website as a subpage to the SRA Social Sciences Caucus page called: SRA Nominations

The link is here: https://www.msumcmaster.ca/governance/sra/sra-caucuses/sra-social-sciences/sra-nominations

Library Hours

Once again, Innis Library has extended their hours of operations to 2:45AM. We could use the assemblies help to promote this. If a large number of students use the space till it closes, further discussions will be had regarding extending other library hours! This was a great stepping stone to see if these service are beneficial to students. Shout out to Chukky Ibe for working so passionately on this initiative!

Best,

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