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## SRA Arts & Science Caucus

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Pearl Almeida, SRA Arts & Science  
SUBJECT: SRA 16F Report  
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### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

Some points that were listed to be completed by September include: completion of an ArtSci-MSU guidebook, meet with Dr. Wilson to collaborate on our online mentorship events and my proposed networking event in October, designing an SRA feedback form, and creating structured roles for the SRA Arts & Science Committee.

Firstly, my SRA Observer and I have not completed the guidebook as of yet. We hope to have it completed by the end of the second week of September, which leaves students plenty of time to explore what they would like to participate in this year within Arts & Science and the MSU.

Secondly, I have had two meetings with Dr. Wilson already, and am enthusiastic about the potential my proposed networking event has, and am excited to see how the online mentorship events grow and change over the course of this year. The online mentorship events were introduced last year during my term as SRA Arts & Science by the past VP Education, Spencer Nestico-Semianiw, so if you would like any clarification on the details of this event and how it was established and executed, please do not hesitate to ask as this is a new assembly.

Thirdly, the feedback form has been designed and is facing minor changes based on my consultations with people in upper years, as well as once I speak with first year ArtSci students in the next two weeks to hear what they would like included to maintain accountability and transparency in everything I do this year. This form will be available to students at all times and will be attached in my emails sent to the program after meetings in order to implement immediate feedback swiftly and effectively.

Fourthly, a struggle I faced last year with the SRA Arts & Science Committee was that engagement decreased due to lack of structured roles. This year, I hope to have certain members assigned to committees and departments of interest and informally report on the goings on during meetings in order to maintain engagement and throughout the year.

Thus, I am very happy with the progress I have made and outlines created to be executed within the year. September and October will be busy months, and I look forward to all the excitement!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

This upcoming month I will be focusing on creating the networking event to celebrate Arts & Science's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I have spoken with Dr. Wilson, the Director of Arts & Science and shared my ideas of how I see the event running. Moreover, there will be an online mentorship/networking event being held within the next two months. While this point is not specifically on my year plan this year, I will be connecting with students through word of mouth to establish which specific careers and/or professions my program is interested in hearing about.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

Since the proposed ArtSci-MSU guidebook has not been completed as of yet, and I was unable to create an SRA ArtSci presence during Welcome Week due to my jobs, I am behind in accomplishing one of my major points that were scheduled to be completed by Welcome Week. However, being a small program, I am not too worried about establishing a presence. I have already contacted a first year professor to give a quick class talk to the first years to advertise the MSU, the SRA, my position, and our SRA committee.

## **SUCSESSES**

Since my platform has been focused on networking and student engagement, a team of students and I have been working one of my platform points proposed in the VP Education election. Hack the City is a new conference and interdisciplinary case competition that connects post-secondary students within Hamilton to industry professionals in the city to connect students to work opportunities available after graduation, and further integrate students into the Hamilton community. We are about to start promoting the event soon, and encourage the assembly to share our promotional materials with their constituents!

If you have any questions regarding my platform and/or report, feel free to contact me via email, any of our social media outlets, or in person. I look forward to carrying out the rest of my year plan, and seeing progress made amongst other faculties.

Regards,

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