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SRA Humanities Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Zach Rudge, SRA Humanities Caucus Leader
SUBJECT: SRA 16G Report
DATE:

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

Since our report at the last meeting, there is admittedly little progress to report in this short period of time towards our year plan goals. However, caucus members are continuing to make gradual strides towards the projects outlined in the previous SRA Humanities report. For instance, Rudge is continuing to work with the MHS to develop templates for a joint MHS-SRA monthly newsletter, as well as securing a videographer to record and produce regular video updates for social media. Rudge has also made contact with the MHS and SRA Social Sciences to discuss the new lounge and the restructuring of our year plans to fit the exciting but unanticipated changes to the space, including the organization of a “Lounge-Warming” event. Bengizi is in the process of formulating an outreach schedule for caucus members to attend lectures/events and introduce themselves to constituents. D’Souza has continued to develop her advocacy projects – specifically that on improving experiential education opportunities in the Humanities. D’Souza and Rudge will be meeting with the Office of the Dean of Humanities to discuss further actions to be taken in order to improve experiential education offerings for our constituents. The caucus is also excited to report that we will be meeting with the MHS within the month of September to begin discussions on Arts Matters Week. We believe that starting the planning for this event much earlier this year will have significant payoff for the week-long festivities.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

As mentioned previously, SRA Humanities is excited to work with SRA Social Sciences, the MHS and the MSSS to make the new Humanities/SocSci lounge in L.R Wilson Hall an inviting and accessible space for liberal arts students. In addition to looking at designs, decorations and furniture options, we are planning to discuss a “Lounge-Warming” event to introduce students to this space and facilitate new relationships between students. We are also beginning talks to plan Arts Matters Week, as well as contacting more individuals that can assist us in showcasing more student art around campus.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

In addition to our existing challenges with getting student art showcased around campus, we anticipate difficulty in being able to outreach with students through class talks. Professors can sometimes be annoyed by the constant requests to speak, and they may

find these informational talks particularly unnecessary since they aren't attached to an election or event. With that said, Bengizi has a good plan on how to approach these situations, and Rudge has been told by the Faculty office before that they are willing to help us in facilitating these brief class talks.

SUCSESSES

Collaboration between so many parties can be difficult, but I believe our caucus and our partners are doing a great job at this in their efforts to improve the lounge experience for our constituents. Great work to everyone involved!

Best,

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