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SRA Social Science

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Ikram Farah, Caucus Leader
SUBJECT: SRA 16H Report
DATE:

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

Strengthening the Relationship between MSSS and SRA

-We have appointed Jordan Cole as our official liaison between the SRA and the MSSS. Jordan attends their meetings and forwards information to the caucus and when he is unable to attend, another member of the caucus attends. That being said, the meetings are not closed off to just one SRA representative, the MSSS has been open to having us attend their meetings as well. It started off with the MSSS wanting SRA present every three weeks for internal reasons and now we have a representative who has strong ties to attend every week.

Town Hall

-Jordan has been working closely with the MSSS and since we last reported a lot of logistics have been smoothed out in regards to the Town Hall. The town hall is going to take place on October 19th which is the same day as the MSSS GA. The MSSS are interested in this event and while logistics are being smoothed out on their side, there will be SRA presence at this MSSS GA. So far the format of the GA is an introduction to the society and their execs. The Town Hall will act as an open forum where students can talk about things they want to see from their representatives. In terms of promotions, the MSSS will be pushing promotions on their side and it will be evident that this is a joint event. Overall, this is more so an event to gain visibility and for people to see who their representatives are and to voice their concerns.

Experiential Education Opportunities

-When running on this platform it was evident that one could not just promise more opportunities if the need for it was not there. However, advocating for more and gauging student interest on this idea is an important step to take. Since the last report Ikram has met with Chantelle Wardak the VP ACADEMIC of the MSSS to discuss the idea that Ikram would sit on the Experiential Education Board meetings that are held once a term. The meeting was also to ensure that

the ideas being proposed weren't already being done on the MSSS side and that we could have communication in regards to EE ideas for Social Science students and that Ikram would be willing to help on the projects the MSSS proposes in regards to that topic. Ikram also talked to Blake Oliver about one of OUSAs recommendations on Increasing Work Integrated Learning. Ikram ran on this platform so wanted to help see how this campaign flushes out in November and the details of that campaign will come next report. Overall, this semesters focus is about gauging students interest on the topic and changes they want to see in regards to their program and Designing and Implementing Work Integrated Learning.

MSU "HOW-TO" GUIDE

-The MSU "How-To" Guide is a guidebook which tells students about petitioning, how to run in an at large elections and overall a guide that can help empower students who have the means to get involved but simply don't know where to start. Kathleen is starting on this project for reading week and is collecting resources. An official deadline as to when this guidebook is expected to be released is to be determined.

SOCS

-Kathleen spoke at the SOCS GA and is hoping to build a relationship with SOCS to fulfil projects and enhance student life. Kathleen wants to build on housing advocacy as it affects a large number of students and is working with SOCS to do that and to build that relationship to continue those projects.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

-Since the last report the main question were about the logistics of the Town Hall and a lot of it has been smoothed out and there are more answers for the assembly this time around (as stated above). The success and/or challenges of the town hall will be outlined in our next report.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

-Lounge Warming for the faculty of Humanities and Social Science. Logistics for that event have yet to be smoothed out. Ikram will be present at the Elections 101 event which is something that will invite potential candidates for our open seat on SRA Social Science.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

-Visibility: We didn't do class talks at the beginning of the semester so we are prepared to do that in the beginning of next semester. Something we want to have is a strong social media presence in the mean-time and that is a hit or miss and is something we want to improve.

SUCCESSSES

-Students are attending some of our office hours and a couple of students have reached out to some of the members in our caucus about the open seat on SRA.

Also since our last report we were worried about our relationship with the MSSS and this is getting better and there is more progress and we are hoping for future project collaborations.

Best,
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