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## Commerce Caucus 2016-17

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Scott Robinson, Commerce Caucus Leader  
SUBJECT: SRA 16Q Report  
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WOW! What a year it has been. It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside you all on this year's assembly.

This year had its trials and tribulations, however, the resilience of our commerce caucus is something that I am very proud of. We had an excellent time on this assembly, and it has been an honour to represent our Commerce student constituents. We are proud of the work that we have done, and the groundwork of many projects that we are excited to pass on to next years caucus.

### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

There were three main areas of focus for our caucus since the time of our last report: Completing our food platform point, ensuring our work on extra curricular hiring is implemented effectively, and transitioning our incoming caucus effectively.

The food policy was passed at a previous meeting, after some debate and critiques from the policy con. This was a major area of focus for our caucus member, Jackie.

Many of our ideas and projects that were focused around improving extra curricular hiring within DeGroot have been implemented and are ready to go for this busy time of year. March is a time when the majority of DeGroot positions are hired, and we are excited to see the job shadow program that we suggested being implemented in the DCS executive team hiring process. In addition, many clubs and committees have committed to expanding their September

### **YEAR REVIEW**

As many of you know, we have had some fairly major changes within the membership of our caucus this year. We started with 4, went down to 3, then 2, all the way back up to 4, and now we are concluding this year as a caucus of 3. It has been quite the rollercoaster, but we think we have made the best of it.

The following is an overview of the progress on our year plan, submitted on November 7<sup>th</sup>, as well as the other projects we have been working on this year.

#### Supporting DeGroot clubs and associations & expanding hiring opportunities

- Expanded the DeGroot Jobs portal to include information about our associated clubs.
- Collaborated with the DCS VP Human Resources to improve the job descriptions for executive positions, as well as the implementation of a job shadow program for these roles. Additionally, the incoming DCS President has agreed to make the implementation of job shadowing programs across their committees a key part of the incoming VP HR's role.

- Collected information from the DCS, DeGroote Committees and associated clubs to begin the creation of an online jobs application deadline hub. This project will be passed on to the incoming caucus, and they are excited to finish the work, with our assistance.
- Expanded the amount of positions and involvement opportunities that will be available this upcoming September through avenues such as: DAA, DMA, Commerce Formal Committee, DCS Street Team, DOA, DHRA & DeGroote Green.

#### Increase and enhance the communication between the Commerce Caucus and the Commerce Students

- My office hours have been very well attended, often by members of the DCS including the incoming President & other executive members who we have collaborated with this year. Other's office hours have been attended sporadically, and that is a fault of our own, with a distinct lack of promotion. However, holding these outreach hours in high traffic areas such as the Commerce Lounge or DSB café did prove to be a significant improvement.
- Utilized the facebook video feature to promote the October by-election, which received over 1.5 thousand views!
- Through collaboration with the DCS Webmaster, we now have an SRA tab on the DCS Website.
- This was the first year ever that the commerce caucus has had a booth at the DCS Cookout, at which we were able to talk to many 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. We are looking forward to this event continuing next year.

#### Supporting students with more accessible food options

- Jackie worked hard as a voting member of UA on the recently passed Food policy.
- Helped to run a food policy forum in collaboration with Mac Bread Bin.
- Jackie and I worked as a part of the Finance Committee to implement the first steps towards the MSU Discount Card, which will eventually allow for cheaper food options to students through discounts.

#### Increase the amount of events engaging first year commerce students

- We are leaving this platform point largely unfinished. Our initial hope was to collaborate on many events with DeGroote services such as the Greensuits and the First Year Orientation Program, but we found that there was very little interest in collaborating at our time of communication. Additionally, with Eklavya leaving our caucus, this points spear header was no longer working on this project.

#### Improving our faculty's frost week faculty night event

- Although this project was not completed before January of this year, we did see major strides on it in second semester. The incoming DCS President is excited to work to see this become a reality, and 2 of the incoming commerce caucus members included this on their platform. The thought now is that we will be running a snow tubing night during frost week next year!

#### Improve DeGroote's co-curricular offerings and career support to students

A project that went largely unfinished, to no fault but our own lack of focus on this point.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Tbh I don't really know you but you seem cool – we should hangout this summer.

You rock don't ever change.

Keep in touch,

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