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SRA Science Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Sabra Salim, Caucus Leader
SUBJECT: SRA 17E Report
DATE: July 11, 2017

Dear Assembly Members,

On behalf of the SRA Science Caucus, I would like to take the time to thank you for reading our very first report! We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and have made some progress into our year plan. We have been able to come together and establish early progress on our platforms. Although the academic term hasn't begun, we also have some successes that we have been able to accomplish. As of now, many of us have started setting groundwork and conversations for tackling platforms for the coming year.

PAST AND CURRENT PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

Theme 1: Course Registration and Management

I have already reached out to the AVP UA, David Lee in some initial conversations for the Assessment Ban campaign. Groundwork metrics will be established in the near future.

Theme 2: Constituent Outreach

Facebook like counts have increased recently by inviting individuals to the like page. We have also been assigned to particular social media outlets to continuously update during the year. We are also waiting to hear back from Preethi about our presence at faculty day/night. We will be meeting with the MSS shortly as well so as to discuss our works with General Assembly and to set the precedence for SRA involvement with the faculty.

Theme 4: Accessibility

Currently, Alex seeking membership on PACBIC as well as three other working groups: LGBT2SIA+, MEDS (Madness/Distress, Eugenics, Discrimination and Saneism), and ADA (Accessibility, Disability and Ableism). Additionally, initial conversations have been had with Ryan (VP Education) on this platform for a potential campaign.

Theme 5: Career Networking Night

I have reached out to Sabrina Campbell and Connor Maclean to begin discussions for Quantum Leap conference and involving program societies.

Theme 9: Providing Resources to Clubs

Some clubs have also been reached out to (i.e. MSA) to discuss Welcome Week programming and involvement with the MSU. Aqeel has also passed clubs integration at an EB meeting with assistance from Chukky. Very early conversations for striking an Interfaith council have also occurred with Engineering Caucus Leader Maxwell Lightstone and President Chukky.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Some of our current challenges primarily involve planning logistics for meetings. Summer can be difficult in finding the right time to meet with one another. We are hoping this will no longer be an issue closer to the Fall Term when most of us are residing in the Hamilton area for accessibility.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Much of our upcoming work is primarily based on setting up meetings with necessary stakeholders. These meetings will set the precedence and lay the logistics for continuing with our platforms.

Upcoming Meetings: MSS President (Connor Maclean), Thode Makerspace Coordinator (Mohammad Haque)

SUCCESSSES

As of now, we have been able to increase our Facebook like count drastically within the course of a month. We hope to continue with these trend and reach our end of year goal of 2500 likes.

Recently, SRA Science and Kinesiology took the initiative to deal with an academic case. Students in a first year Biology course petitioned to the Associate Dean to have their grades examined. Some issues arose and the students were dealing with an academic dishonesty case. However, after discussing with the Associate Dean, we were able to mitigate the situation and halt the addition of academic dishonesty on 101 students' transcripts. Latently, this case also assisted with our outreach as many other students became aware of our group and our efforts on campus.

Currently, this reports amalgamates our current and future plans with fulfilling our year plan. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas for collaboration, please feel free to contact myself at the e-mail below.

Cheers,

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