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SRA Nursing

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
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My year plan has been progressing well, however there have been some changes. This is my progress so far:

Platform Point #1: Demystify the workings of the SRA/MSU to the nursing student body.

My initial plan to tackle this platform point for the first semester was to do a seminar style presentation at the end September targeted at introducing available clubs and services. However, I approached this platform point differently. During welcome week I presented a powerpoint to first year nursing students identifying methods of involvement in the MSU, and an outline of who I am, and what I do for them. This powerpoint was then circulated through the SRA Nursing Facebook page, and into various “*Class of 20XX*” Nursing pages. This had great outreach as it was circulated right at the beginning of the year, when interests are just started to form. In addition, there were no conflicts with clinical days as there may have been in an in-person seminar. Next semester, I will be working towards creating an Elections information seminar.

Platform Point #2: Improving collaboration with the McMaster University Nursing Student Society (MUNSS).

I’m still working on improving collaboration with MUNSS, but it proves difficult seeing that I only speak for McMaster site students (1/3 of the nursing population). I’m currently trying to introduce an SRA Observer position, similar to that of the Arts & Science caucus, but there is some reluctance. However, it will be looked into further in winter semester when MUNSS policy is reviewed. I have attended as many meetings as I could, and will continue to do so. I have also enlisted the communications department in MUNSS, to assist me with advertising large events. For example: the SSC career fair held during the first week of school. Through MUNSS and the School of Nursing, we had a social media outreach of over 2000 students for that event. I still need to work with the MUNSS president to create more outreach to faculty, in order to have a say in meetings.

Platform Point #3 - Building on the foundation of the 2016-2017 SRA Nursing Caucus.

This platform point is progressing well. The Nurses of McMaster Initiative has been re-launched and will begin the Thursday after reading week. This year, I have expanded it to faculty as well in hopes to build a better relationship with them. In terms of career services, I have been working with the SSC through the summer to provide a Northern

nursing presentation on November 2nd, and during the first week of school I assisted with advertising their faculty wide career fair. Planning for the second semester's career panel, and resumé and CV building workshop has not yet begun.

Platform Point #4 - Working to improve the Constituent Outreach Operating Policy to the benefit of nurses.

Initially I planned on doing my office hours through Facebook live, but that fell through so now my office hours are in the nursing lounge. I have been receiving a decent turn out so far, and it's my hope that it will increase with more advertising. During welcome week I put out an recommendation survey, which didn't turn out too many results so it's likely that I will put out a google sheet at the end of the year requesting feedback. Nevertheless, without the survey I have gotten ideas on changes students would like to see and I am slowly working towards advocating for these changes.

Platform Point #5 - Advocating for transparency and change within the School of Nursing.

I have not started working on this platform point, and it will likely be something tackled in October or November.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- SRA Health Science and I, will hopefully be working towards some wellness programming before the fall semester exam period hits.
- Nurses of McMaster is launching.
- Organizing a formal meeting with the Dean of Nursing to discuss potential changes.
- Northern nursing presentation by Yukon Government on November 2nd.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Getting a space at the table for nursing faculty meetings.
- Achieving seamless communication with MUNSS.

SUCSESSES

- Welcome week introduction to MSU clubs and services.
- Increased Facebook likes by 10%.
- Student engagement is increasing, and the SRA is receiving more acknowledgement in nursing. The conversation is changing from "what is the SRA" to "what can the SRA do for me"

That's all for now.

All the Best,

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