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## SRA Humanities Caucus Leader

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Landon Fama, SRA Humanities Caucus Leader  
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Dear Members of the Assembly,

We hope you all had a swell end to the first term along with a relaxing holiday break. SRA Humanities is looking forward to 2018 and is making good progress already this year. Happy Presidential season to you and yours!

### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

We have again seen good progress in our relationship with the MHS. Formal promotion has begun, something we would encourage all SRA members to attend. Perhaps more relevant to the role, is the updating of the MHS website to include not only SRA bio's, but also our scheduled office hours. Something we may look at here is doing going office hours similar to the MSSS & SRA Social Science initiative. We think this could be a good way to reach more students.

With the last SRA recap video taking place in November of 2017, this is something that definitely will require more attention in the new year. I personally welcome anyone who is available to help create this week's video immediately after our meeting. This has proven to be a good medium for reaching students, with the last video getting 2000+ view, but simply needs to be made in order to be seen.

Art Matters Week is moving forward in full swing. I have been in discussion with Blake Burnett, the VP External Affairs for the MHS, who has let us know where we can be best utilized. The week itself will be happening in mid February, Keep an eye out for the social media promotions which should be arriving within the coming weeks.

Fiona has been working with Aarij and the Soc Sci caucus on getting a discounted SoBi membership for students. More information on this topic is to come in February. As for an update on the Sustainability Education Committee, Fiona is awaiting approval from Lori Diamond, Manager of MUSC, to have newly designed compost receptacles put in MUSC. She is working with Facilities to determine what goes in which receptacles for signage. She has been working with the Underground to have an all new waste education program designed. The design is near completion as we await approval from Lori Diamond. For those that are curious, the slogan for the educational waste strategy will be "know what to throw". Additionally, Fiona is also co-authoring the Sustainability

Policy Paper. Finally, she is working with a group of five students on campus to get approval for a SLEF initiative to expand Mac Farm.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

After being pushed to term 2, our joint social media giveaway with the MHS will be happening in the lead-up to Art Matters Week. This seems like a great time to not only promote the events themselves, but also promote our own brand. We have applied and received approval from the AVP Finance Scott Robinson for Special Projects Funding.

Jason will be meeting with Patrick Deane on January 31st, and will be using the opportunity to discuss the allocation of more Humanities courses. Additionally, he will be in discussion with Ken Cruikshank, the Dean of Humanities on the topic. While this is not intended on subverting the efforts of academic advocacy on campus, he is looking to try this as a first step to ensure Humanities voices are being heard. Jason will be reaching out to the VP Academic in the coming weeks to ensure that priorities are aligned.

We are working with the SRA Social Science Caucus to move forward with the grand opening of the Humanities/Social Science lounge in L.R. Wilson. No date or timeline has been set, but we are hoping that we can have something more concrete to report to the Assembly next time around.

### **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

As briefly mentioned before, video recaps had been met with a lack of enthusiasm from the Assembly in the later half of the term. While I myself share in the blame (shout out to Fiona, Sunny and Selene for their dedication to this project), I would love to see a more active response on this project!

### **SUCCESSSES**

Something which was not in our year plan but is worth noting is our new business cards. These were a small win for the Caucus but hopefully will pay off in helping relationship building and student outreach.

All the best,



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