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From the office of the...
Nursing Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Marina Gandzi, SRA Nursing Representative 18-19
SUBJECT: SRA 18F Report
DATE: Saturday, October 6, 2018

Dear Members of the Assembly,

I hope you have all had a wonderful start to the school year and have thoroughly enjoyed your reading week. Below is a short summary of all of the work the SRA Nursing caucus has begun and platform points which are slowly gaining momentum.

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

It's been a very busy year this far! Most of my progress has involved strengthening relations with my faculty society as well as introducing myself to first year students. Starting in August, I assisted the McMaster University Nursing Student's Society (MUNSS) at Faculty Fest. I wanted to make sure there was an SRA presence during Welcome Week, so I tabled along with the President and VP Education of MUNSS as well as the President of the RAO Hamilton Chapter. There was great outreach, and we had many applicants interested in First Year Rep positions. I have also been actively attending MUNSS meetings bi-weekly to ensure that the faculty society knows I am an additional resource with whom they can collaborate.

Next, I have officially been hired as a Peer Tutor for the Centre for Simulation Based Learning. As a result, I hope to host a joint anatomy/pharmacology study night for first and second year students. I have been in contact with the professors for content to review, and am currently in the process of organizing the event which is to be held on Thursday, October 19th in both the simulation lab, with a de-stress session (and snacks!) in the Health Sciences Lounge.

The final platform point upon which I have made progress is advocating for better Peer Evaluations. I have brought up my concerns to the MUNSS Education Team, and I have reached out to the authors of the Experiential Education policy paper which is being written. I hope to collaborate with the author to ensure that a key piece of our advocacy involves educating nursing students on the importance of safe, streamlined feedback avenues for tutor evaluations.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

I have not held any events other than my tabling during Welcome Week, but I am looking forward to the de-stress session I have planned after reading week. With that being said, I am hoping to hold my weekly office hours in both the School of Nursing and the MSU Office so I can better reach my constituents.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Given that students have a little bit more time during reading week, I posted the form to re-start the Nurses of McMaster initiative on the SRA Nursing Facebook page. I hope to engage more first years through this initiative, which will allow them to reflect upon the nursing profession while also posting cute pictures of them in scrubs!

As mentioned earlier, I am hosting the Anatomy/Pharmacology de-stress session on October 19th, following which I would like invite more people to like my page on Facebook.

Lastly, I am hoping to begin planning the Nursing Career Conference Panel in November, working closely with the MUNSS Education Team and the Student Success Centre.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

My biggest challenge was getting everything started, as I wanted to have the Nursing Hub running within the first few weeks of school. Unfortunately, the peer tutor hiring process took some time, but I am glad to say that it is getting done! In addition, the Health Sciences Library has a separate administration and channels of communication so I have yet to reach out to those individuals to advocate for improvements to the Lounge. I hope to further collaborate with other caucuses in order to make some headway on this platform point.

SUCCESSSES

We made it to reading week! This year has been going really well so far, and I hope to get even more students engaged now that we have settled in an established our routines. I am very excited for the rest of the year!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marina G". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large, stylized 'G' at the end.

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