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SRA Engineering

TO: The Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Josh Arbess, Mitchell Bishara, Menatalla Ibrahim, Seraj Singh
SUBJECT: SRA 180 Report
DATE: Sunday, February 24th, 2019

The past few weeks have been challenging and busy for SRA Engineering and the SRA as a whole, with two members of our caucus resigning from their seats, MSU presidential elections, changes to OSAP, and more. While some of these changes have impacted our year plan, we are doing our best to serve our constituents and accomplish as much as we can in the last few months of this term.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH

In the past few weeks, we have held multiple meetings with members of the MES executive and other members of the Faculty of Engineering. These meetings have helped them understand the process and reason behind the changes to our SRA caucus, and potential next steps to be taken by the MSU. We hope that these meetings have cleared up rumours and confusion.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Ian Currie, the MES' VP academic and Seraj Singh have had another meeting since the new year to discuss the mentorship program. The MES is very enthusiastic about implementing it for the next academic year. Seraj has also met with the current MSS mentorship executive, Alyssa Burrows, for insight and resources to aid in creating our mentorship program. Currently, he is waiting on the MES' first year council's input on the program and things they would like to see incorporated. Furthermore, Seraj is in the process of setting up a meeting with Women In Engineering, himself and Ian to talk about a partnership with our two programs. Moving forward, once he meets with the required parties, he will start drafting the administrative documents to get the program ready for the next year.

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

On Tuesday, February 26th, Josh Arbess will be meeting with Debbie Dalle Vedove, director of the HSR. Transit advocacy and improvement was one of our original goals for this year, and Josh will be joining members of the Municipal Affairs Committee and members of the MSU Board of Directors to lobby for better transit service. Additionally, the City of Hamilton has launched the *(Re)envision the HSR* campaign, which gives residents input on transit service in their city. We hope that any changes that come about of Josh's meeting and the campaign will be beneficial to

students, such as increasing service on the 51 University and 5A/5C Delaware routes, and affirming support for the B-Line LRT.

THINKING ABOUT TRANSITIONS TO NEXT YEAR

As this term on the SRA comes to a close, we are working on promoting the opportunity which serving on the SRA provides to our constituents. Each of us is talking to friends and colleagues, encouraging them to run for seats for 2019-2020. Once we are aware of the candidates, we will be available for consultation and campaign advice during the election period, and throughout next year for general advice on SRA duties, meetings and procedures.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach us at sraeng@msu.mcmaster.ca. As this email is checked only semi-regularly, you may also reach us via our personal emails, over Facebook Messenger, or by messaging the SRA Engineering page on Facebook.

Sincerely,

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