



FINAL REPORT

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Nursing Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Sarah Homsj, SRA Nursing Caucus
SUBJECT: SRA 19T Report
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Dear Members of the Assembly,

Wow! We are done! What a year it has been! I thank everyone so much for this year, it has taught me so much and I am forever grateful for the lessons.

Included in this report is a summary of my objectives from my year plan, and a status of their progress. Additionally, I have included other project and successes from this year that were not on my year plan, but happened along the way. Recommendations for the incoming SRA Nursing have also been highlighted.

It is with great excitement that I congratulate Riana Bagtasos, who will be the next SRA Nursing rep. I know she will do great things in the role!

I will miss you all!

Yours Nursingly,
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PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

OBJECTIVE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Participate in Health Services Review	One of the goals of the University Affairs committee this year was to conduct a thorough review of the various health services on campus, to better understand the intersection between	The survey questions were created and refined, the survey was highly promoted, and we received many responses from the student population. We are in the process of analyzing data and looking for important

	different identities and how they interact with these services, with a goal of putting together significant findings	trends. Status of this has been temporarily put on pause due to COVID-19, but I am hoping I get to see this project all the way through.
Continuous collaborations with MUNSS	As SRA Nursing, it is important to play a key role in acting as the liaison between the MSU and the nursing faculty society, in order to update executive members on the happenings of the MSU. This relationship establishes important cohesion between the MSU and the faculty.	Throughout the year, I made a strong effort to attend MUNSS meetings when possible to provide updates from the MSU, which allowed the faculty society to remain informed and promote MSU campaigns when possible. When unable to attend physically, I provided updates via email to the MUNSS President. I collaborated with the communications chairperson to update the MUNSS website, as it previously had old services promoted on it (like the peer support line). It now lists active services only, and includes links to get more information
Advocate for anti-oppressive practices and an equity lens to be brought to coursework	Nursing courses often lack a critical equity lens, and there is nowhere in the BScN program that properly teaches anti-oppressive practices to students.	I had emailed the EIO for guidance on this, although was unable to hear back from them. However, I had the chance to advocate on this to School of Nursing faculty, specifically to Joanna Pierazzo and Sandra Carrol at a MUNSS meeting. This was very fruitful, as they had stated it was one of their goals for the next few years to incorporate equity-based practices

		into the program. I was able to offer ideas on how this could happen, and they were very receptive to this.
Revamp PBL scenarios & update BScN program handbook	PBL scenarios are outdated and do not reflect the diverse populations that we, as nurses, care for on a daily basis. The media portion of these scenarios are usually inaccessible at home. Furthermore, the BScN handbook lacks clarity in certain aspects and requires updating as well.	Unfortunately, this was not an objective I was able to work much on. However, I did manage to advocate to Sandra Carrol and Joana Pierazzo about how outdated PBL care scenarios were, and how they lack sensitivity and diversity

OTHER EVENTS/PROJECTS

Description	Outcome
Promote mental health services on campus to students	In collaboration with SRA Health Sci and Art Sci, a mental health and wellness fair was planned to be held in MUSC Atrium. This event was one of the events during a week-long campaign from the MSU advocacy team called MacTalks, which was to raise awareness for mental health. Our fair included tabling of MSU services, student-run mental health clubs, student navigators, the SWC, as well as a therapy dog. It was overall a successful event and we had students engage with the tables.
Increase nursing students' engagement with the MSU	I was able to establish a presence during welcome week, by giving a brief presentation during faculty day about what the MSU is and what my role is as SRA Nursing. I also did tabling during faculty fest to further introduce myself and engage with students about the MSU. I also started an SRA Nursing Instagram page and continued a presence on the Facebook page.
Plan a nursing career fair, in the same spirit as previous career fairs organized by SRA Nursing.	This event was in the middle of being planned, with speakers having been contacted and a space booked in the Grind

	for the event. Unfortunately, this had to be cut due to closures and challenges getting responses.
Helped author a policy paper on Sexual and Gender Diversity.	Under the direction of Gachi Issa, I was able to help with the sexual and gender diversity PCR paper, culminating to Policy Conference, in which we were able to get some student feedback on the paper.
A Nursing, Health Sci, iBioMed collaborative coffeehouse.	In collaboration with the social coordinators of those respective faculty societies, we hosted a fun little coffeehouse in Bridges, with some light refreshments. We had good attendance and it was great to see three different programs all interact.
Participate in Executive Board as a voting member	Throughout the year, I have been an active member on the Executive Board, which allowed me to help support services and offer insight over the day-to-day operations of the MSU.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Continue working with MUNSS, utilizing their events committees to help plan events, as it is a large task to plan events alone as the nursing caucus. Furthermore, collaborating with year reps will be a good way to increase MSU awareness across each class.
- Establish a relationship with SoN faculty early on, which will facilitate advocacy efforts moving forward.
- Aim to plan the nursing career panel for the beginning of the second semester.
- Continue collaborative faculty events, these are a lot of fun and get good participation, as you get promotion across multiple faculties.
- Conduct feedback surveys with nursing students to help inform actions and guide planning, as well as to understand where there is room for improvement
- Further promote MSU service volunteer/exec hiring to nursing students, as well as events. This will allow nursing students to be more aware of these opportunities
- Do a social media giveaway on the Instagram to garner more traffic on the page, as more students tend to use Instagram as their primary social media platform.