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From the office of the...
Engineering Caucus

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Souzan Mirza, SRA Engineering
SUBJECT: SRA 15F Report
DATE: Sunday, September 13th, 2015

Dear Assembly,

The engineering caucus is emerging refreshed and energized from the summer to start a new school year and continue working towards making the MSU a more equitable and awesome union.

Our goals outlined in our year plan centered around improving healthy living on campus, increasing ties with the MES, gender equity and growing Mac Engineering's professional reputation. Below is an update on the activities of this past summer in line with the aforementioned goals.

This summer we worked alongside the MES on getting our caucus more engaged in Welcome Week. We established an inclusivity council composed of current students who attended Welcome Week to share stories of their experiences of the week touching on issues of inclusivity in regards to the logistics of the week, themes and language used, programming etc. This group's opinions were amalgamated into a report which was used in the event planning process to inform the decisions of the Engineering Welcome Week Planners. Talks with the planners also amounted in Engineering Reps receiving sensitivity/intro to anti-oppression training for the first time ever.

This summer we have also been working towards improving our visibility. During welcome week our caucus participated in the week talking to students about the SRA at the various engineering and SSC planned events. We have also re-vamped our Facebook page and are planning on launching exciting news streams to keep people interested. Our twitter was also the most retweeted during SRA meetings since we were on-time and detailed.

This summer has also been used to create partnerships and identify stakeholders for our various long-term projects. Groups like AWSM, WGEN and WISE are interested in developing an educational series on gender equity for the engineering student body. We have leveraged the UA committee in moving forward on our healthy initiatives work and are ready to launch a survey to gain feedback on the Pulse. We are also moving forward in talks with Spectrum to help understand how to grow their capacity and student interest in the hopes of moving towards UWaterloo's Greenhouse model.

Please feel free to reach out and talk to us more in depth about our activities and initiatives

Best,
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