

YEAR PLAN

Second Year Representative

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Letter from the Position

Hello MacSci! My name is Jyot and I am so honoured to be the second-year representative for the MSS this year. I am in my second year of honors integrated science and was on the MSS last year as a first-year representative! In the coming school year, I can't wait to bring the second years of our Faculty a meaningful and memorable experience. I plan to do this through two means: an increase in engagement and collaboration with the MSU via their SRA science representatives.

In the past, there have been no class pages with excessive use and engagement on Instagram created for MSS students, by the year representatives of the MSS. As a result, I feel that students might feel disconnected from the MSS, or at least not as connected as they could be. Since Instagram is an extremely efficient way for outreach, I plan to make use of my page, @macsci2026, as much as possible by highlighting events, survey forms, and opportunities for my class and overall, just showing how hand in hand the MSS and student body are. In-person, however, I plan to increase engagement by hosting de-stressor events that take place during logical and less busy times during the semester so that students actually feel less stressed going to these events!

Something new the year representatives will be working on this year is collaborating with the SRA science representatives of the MSU. We are still working out the finer details of this collaboration, but we believe by combining our resources and ideas, we can bring a finer experience to the MSS.

I am always available for anyone to reach out to, and would be more than happy to hear your ideas and help with issues. Overall, I am super excited to see what this year brings and how I play a positive role in making this year a memorable and successful one for the MSS.

Best,

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Second Year Representative

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TIMELINE

Month	Objective/Project/Event/Goals
June	Events/Projects: N/A Things to complete: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend bi-weekly core-exec meetings to discuss society and faculty matters 2. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF]
July	Events/Projects: N/A Things to complete: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend core-exec meetings to discuss society and faculty matters 2. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF]
August	Events/Projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin collaboration with the SRA Sci Reps 2. Meet with fellow year reps to discuss and plan out events for the year + create year plans outlining this 3. Make a student survey form offered by year representatives Things to complete: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a SRA Sci Reps and MSS Reps meeting 2. Conduct a MSS Reps meeting 3. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 4. Create this year plan :) 5. Create a google form for the September end student survey form
September	Events/Projects:



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. September student survey form at the end of the month 2. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Release the September student survey form at the end of the month 2. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 3. Look into when first year reps are being elected and then post on @macsci about the year pages
October	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze the results from the student survey form 2. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps 3. Get a sponsor for the November coffee house event <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 2. Contact coffee places for a sponsorship
November	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caffeine, Crafts, and Chill de-stressor event [name subject to change] 2. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Divide up tasks to year reps on filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, etc. 2. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF]
December	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holiday themed de-stressor 2. December student survey form at the start of the month 3. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Divide up tasks to year reps on filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, etc. 2. Release the December student survey form at the start of the month 3. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 4. Start contacting "smaller" or less heard of labs for possible speakers for an informal research event in January
January	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research/lab seminar event 2. Collaboration event with McMaster Student Success Center on note taking/time management/other skills that are wanted from the students, as seen on the form 3. January student survey form at the end of the month 4. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact the Student Success Center to propose a collaboration. 2. Divide up tasks to year reps on filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, etc. 3. Release the January student survey form at the end of the month 4. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF]
February	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps 2. Valentine's Day-themed event [cookie decoration or something else!] <p>Things to complete:</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 2. Divide up tasks to year reps on filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, etc.
March	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF]
April	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End of the year event [bonfire possibly] 2. April student survey form at the start of the month 3. Continue collaborations with SRA Sci Reps <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Divide up tasks to year reps on filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, etc. 2. Update and manage reviews on McMaster Science Course Advice Forum [MSCAF] 3. Release the April student survey form at the start of the month



OBJECTIVES:

Objective 1 - Collaborations with the MSU via SRA	
Description/ Current State	I want to strengthen the connection between the year representatives and the McMaster Students Union by establishing a connection between us and the elected SRA reps. To do this, I want to make clear what part the SRA should play in the MSS and effectively bring forward an efficient collaboration. In the past, the SRA has acted separately from the MSS and since both parties have similar goals and projects, it is clear that this year a collaboration should be brought forward.
Goal	To bring second years a greater and finer experience through collaborating with the SRA's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Combining budgets → Having the SRA's advertise MSS year rep services such as the MSCAF through social media → Supporting second years through having them complete survey forms at specific times in the semester and taking action with the SRA's
Long Term Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → For the coming years, a relationship will be made between the year reps and SRA reps → Possibility for larger and more meaningful events made possible by extending the outreach of the MSS year reps
Partners	<p>MSS year reps: 4th year rep - William Chen 3rd year rep- Zoe Sanvido 1st year rep-</p> <p>SRA Science Reps: Jazzlyn Abbott Parth Arora Isaac Begun Abdullah Masudi Fares Qannam Nelosha Suganthan</p>



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Objective 2 - Increasing engagement	
Description/ Current State	I want to increase the amount of engagement done by students in my year to their faculty society by hosting events at appropriate times (ie. not the busy seasons) which seem favorable and fun to attend.
Goal	<p>To host de-stressor events which appeal to second years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Collaborating with other year reps to see if there is any overlap in year preference → Getting well sought-out sponsors to sponsor events for increased interest → Considering budgets → Considering responses from student survey forms → Having themes to appeal to seasonal interest
Long Term Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Give second years a memorable experience of their current year → Give future year reps ideas of what events bring in the most interest
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EVENTS & PROJECTS

Name of Event/Project: Student Survey Form	
DATE	September end, December start, January end, April start
PURPOSE	To better understand the immediate needs and experiences of second years, from very early on in the semester
PROCEDURE	Create a student survey form with non-superficial questions and then release it
DIFFICULTIES	Coming up with questions that will truly help us assess the current state and thinking of second years
PARTNERS	MSS year reps
PROJECTED OUTREACH	My specific section, to second years in the faculty of science, but there will also be a section for all years in the faculty.
BUDGET	\$0

Name of Event/Project: Caffeine, crafts, and chill	
DATE	November, date yet to come
PURPOSE	A de-stressor event for students to socialize and take a break from their studies.
PROCEDURE	Divide up tasks to year reps on brainstorming, getting sponsors, filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, and promoting outreach (comms form)
DIFFICULTIES	Having enough engagement and outreach as well as getting a sponsor for the coffee.
PARTNERS	MSS year reps
PROJECTED OUTREACH	All years in the faculty of science
BUDGET	\$50 (not exact, but projected)



Name of Event/Project: Holiday-themed de-stressor (name still up for discussion)	
DATE	December, date yet to come
PURPOSE	A holiday-themed de-stressor event for students to socialize and take a break from their studies.
PROCEDURE	Divide up tasks to year reps on brainstorming, getting sponsors, filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, and promoting outreach (comms form)
DIFFICULTIES	Having enough engagement and outreach as well as deciding on a specific activity to highlight the event
PARTNERS	MSS year reps
PROJECTED OUTREACH	All years in the faculty of science
BUDGET	\$50 (not exact, but projected)

Name of Event/Project: Research/lab seminar	
DATE	January, date yet to come
PURPOSE	To allow second years to learn about the labs around campus catering to a variety of research interests in hopes to help them land a placement at one of these labs.
PROCEDURE	Divide up tasks to year reps on brainstorming, getting volunteers from labs, filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, and promoting outreach (comms form)
DIFFICULTIES	Having enough engagement and outreach as well as communicating with labs to send volunteers.
PARTNERS	MSS year reps



PROJECTED OUTREACH	All years in the faculty of science
BUDGET	\$25 (not exact, but projected)

Name of Event/Project: Valentines-themed de-stressor (name still up for discussion)	
DATE	February, date yet to come
PURPOSE	A valentines-themed de-stressor event for students to socialize and take a break from their studies.
PROCEDURE	Divide up tasks to year reps on brainstorming, getting sponsors, filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, and promoting outreach (comms form)
DIFFICULTIES	Having enough engagement and outreach as well as deciding on a specific activity to highlight the event
PARTNERS	MSS year reps
PROJECTED OUTREACH	All years in the faculty of science
BUDGET	\$50 (not exact, but projected)

Name of Event/Project: End of the year event (name still up for discussion)	
DATE	April, date yet to come
PURPOSE	To take one last moment to host a gathering event for students at the end of the year in hopes of creating one last memory for everyone celebrating the end of the school year.
PROCEDURE	Divide up tasks to year reps on brainstorming, getting sponsors, filling out EOHSS, booking rooms, getting materials, and promoting outreach (comms form)
DIFFICULTIES	Having enough engagement and outreach as well as deciding on a specific activity to highlight the event
PARTNERS	MSS year reps



PROJECTED OUTREACH	All years in the faculty of science
BUDGET	\$50 (not exact, but projected)