

**PRESIDENT  
KATHLEEN REID  
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

July 17th, 2016 to August 14th, 2016

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**INTERNAL**

Sexton Director Position

- The DSU Sexton Director position is now open. This position is open for applications from any students from Sexton campus, and will act as a liaison between the DSU and sexton among many other things.

Policy and Research Coordinator Position

- We are currently hiring a new Policy and Research Coordinator, which is a full time position with the DSU. This position will be a support to council, as well as executives and staff for information on student issues in post secondary institutions, policy review and creation, ect.

Part Time Staff Training Day

- Collaborating with staff and exec to plan specific sessions for our part time staff-training day in September. This group will be returning and new staff to the union. The main goal of the day is to welcome new staff to the union while ensuring that they can be ambassadors of the building and act as information resources to students.

SUB Rebranding and Way-finding project

- Collaborating with our graphic designer and an external company to work on the rebranding of the Student Union Building. The point of this project is to provide a new feel with the new space, and ensure that students can find their way around the building in the most accessible way.

**EXTERNAL**

Student Union Development Summit

- Myself, VPFO, VPSL, and VPI all attended SUDS 2016 at UBC this month.
- The conference was help by UBC AMS (their student union) and student union executives from across the country come together to discuss strategies, current issues, services, ect.
- It was a great networking opportunity and we came away from it with some new ideas, and projects to implement.

**UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

University Senate

- Senate is now on hiatus until September, as are committees.
- Sat on several Senate Disciplinary Appeals committee hearings.

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- Working with the VP Academic & External (Amina) to ensure that all newly formed senate seats are filled fairly and using best practices so they can join in September.

## Student Services Meet Ups

- Continuing bi-weekly meetings with the Student Services team to connect on student issues, and important current points.

## Board of Governors

- We will be electing a new student Board of Governors Rep at the first September council meeting. Please circulate the opportunity to your constituencies, and let me know if you have any questions about the issue.

## 1.1 Retention Committee

- Sitting on the University Strategic Retention committee. Looking at how strategies affect student success and retention for Dalhousie, compared to other Canadian institutions.

## **OPERATIONS**

### Renovations

- Stage 3 of renovations is well under way and we have been informed that we are still on track to have the project completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Work continues on the new Atrium area: steel structure in place, Work continues Glazing panel (Glass) installation is proceeding and nearing completion. The Fireplace and lighting in the atrium are now fully complete.

### Grawood

- The Grawood is closed for renovations this summer.
- Construction of new Grawood and Community Kitchens continues
- Collaborating with the Grawood Manager, Communications Manager, and Grawood staff look at the branding, vibes of the new space, and a cohesive marketing plan for the fall.
- We officially have a new Logo and tagline for the Grawood, created by our graphic designer.

## **ADVOCACY**

### International Student Health Plan

- Continuing work with VPFO (Dylan) and DSU General Manager (Craig) to create an MOU with the university on the International Student Health plan. This MOU aims to ensure the best service and price for international students, while working through our health plan office.
- The MOU is in its final competition stages and will be ready for September.

## **SERVICES**

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DSU Phone Line

- Because of resource capacity the phone line is paused for service over the summer.
- We have recently created a proposal to the University for funding. We can now begin looking at next steps for the project, and the possibilities of further collaboration with the University.
- If you are interested in supporting the DSU in making this project continue, please reach out to Rhiannon (at [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)) We will need student support!

Office of the Ombudsperson

- Moving forward with VP Provost Student Affairs to ensure that the ombudsperson is full functioning and ready to begin in September.
- The hiring committee has held interviews and are currently going through a selection process.
- The office of the ombuds will officially be hosted on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the SUB.