

**PRESIDENT
KATHLEEN REID
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

December 4th, 2016 to January 22nd 2017

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INTERNAL

SUB Grand Opening

- The Grand Opening event happened on Wednesday January 18th. The event was a great success with students, faculty, administration, and staff all in attendance. Speeches were delivered from myself, President Richard Florizone, BOG Chair Larry Stordy, and General Manager Craig Kennedy.
- Huge shout out to the organizing committee made up of a team of our full time staff members.
- Post grand opening I will be working with DISC to create a land recognition plaque to be put up in our building.

Sexton Director

- Working with Josh, the DSU Sexton Director, to execute a survey to find out what the DSU should be prioritizing for sexton students this term.

Executive Retreat

- Planning an executive retreat for the DSU team next week. This retreat will be a chance for us to step out of the office for a day, re-focus our goals, talk about transition, and reflect on our accomplishments so far.

EXTERNAL

Office Hours and Tabling

- Exec office hours are set:
 - President (Kathleen) Monday and Wednesday 11am to 1pm
 - VP Internal (Rhiannon) Wednesday 2pm to 4pm and Thursday 10am to 12pm
 - VP Finance and Operations (Dylan) Monday 10am to 1pm and Thursday 2pm to 4pm
 - VP Academic and External (Amina) Tuesday 11am to 2pm and Wednesday 2pm to 4pm
 - VP Student Life (Kelsey) Monday 9am to 11am and Thursday 8am to 10am
- If these times do not work for you, you can always reach out via email to set a meeting time.

Sexual Violence Prevention Committee w/ the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education

- Have now been to four committee meetings of the SVPC, made up of key government players, university representatives from SPEI's across NS, and three students representatives (myself, CFS, and SNS)

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- The committee purpose is to create a report with recommendations to the province on an official sexual violence prevention strategy.
- Myself, Charlotte Kiddel (CFS), and Collette Robert (SNS) gave a presentation to the committee to provide the student perspective of sexual assault and gender based violence on our campuses.
- The presentation highlighted the state NS campuses, and recommendations for what need to be included in the report.
- The committee was very responsive to our presentation and the student perspective. We had a lengthy question and answer period where I fielded questions about the Phonenumber, the backhouse recommendations, and DSU initiatives.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Board of Governors SUB-Committees:

- The next Dalhousie Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee is on Friday January 27th.
- I also now sit on the Board of Governors Award selection committee. I have received the applicant's package and began review.

Board of Governors

- The next BOG meeting is on Tuesday February 14th.

University Senate

- Attended senate meeting (Monday January 9th) As well as and SPGC (senate planning and governance committee) and I have an SHDC (Senate Honorary Degrees Committee) meeting coming up next week.

Senate Appeals Committee

- Sat as the student representative on the Senate Appeals Committee for a hearing on Thursday January 19th

Search Committee for the new University Registrar

- Started round one of interviews. This process is very confidential but I can disclose we have interviewed 4 candidates and are now looking at next steps in the process.

Student Services Meet Ups

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

Senior Administration Meetings

- The next breakfast meeting is on Tuesday January 24th. If you have any items you think we should be talking about at these meetings, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sexton Campus Renewal Project Development Committee

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- Continuing meeting about the Development of Sexton campus, as renovations for several new buildings on Sexton begins.

Strategic Priority 5.2 Advisory Committee Meeting

- We had an advisory committee update from the 5.2 (Diversity and inclusion) project team, lead by Jasmine Walsh and Norma Williams. I gave feedback in person during the discussion period, and wrote up a feedback document that I submitted electronically to the committee.

ADVOCACY

Tabling

- Amina, Dylan, Rhiannon, and myself have scheduled specific days to table with the DSU street team. I will be tabling at sexton this Wednesday!
- Look out for Tuesday through Thursday on all different campuses and locations!

University Club Accessibility Project

- Met with Dr. Florizone on the issue, to let him know about the motion passed at council. He expressed genuine interest in getting involved in the process. We will be meeting with VP Advancement (Peter Fardy) to talk about a possible fundraising approach for this project.
- Set up a DSU committee to work on this issue, consisting of the E&A office, General Manager (Craig Kennedy), and some executives.
- Currently working to set up the next meeting of this committee, and have tasked specific members to do some research, looking for what reports and audits already exist about accessibility on campus. We will be reviewing these reports at our next meeting, to decide what work still needs to be done to make a case for funding for the project.

SERVICES

Survivor Support Initiatives

- After two strategy sessions, working with Amina, Rhiannon and staff members on the next stages of planning for a sustainable source of funding for survivor support initiatives on campus.
- We hired a student commissioner (Ruby) to help set up and coordinate active listening sessions for students who need support as a temporary replacement for the Phonline.

Active Listening Training

- Worked with Rhi Rhi (VPI) and several staff members to run a 2-day active listening training specific to train volunteers in active listening for survivors of sexual assault and harassment.
- The training was a huge success with approximately 40 students attending. The training ran Jan 14th and 15th with scenario training (run by myself, Rhiannon, and Mary-Dan) throughout the following week.

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- The service will include an option for folks to book active listeners to come to events as a support that people can turn to if need be. We are currently working out the logistics of what it would be like to run a drop in service for in person active listening.

OTHER

DASA

- Working with the DASA president (Alana) to set up our executive meeting for the winter term. (In our MOU it states that we must make a trip out to the AC to collaborate with the DASA executive at least once a semester.)