PRESIDENT KATHLEEN REID REPORT TO COUNCIL

March 1st 2017 to March 19th 2017

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INTERNAL

GM Review

Evaluation and writing process of the general manager review is still ongoing.
 Met with an external expert on administrative evaluation on the best strategies.
 He will be working on an annual template that future presidents can use to make sure the process is the most effective it can be.

Transition

- Officially having regular meetings with GM (Craig) to plan the executive transition. We have started scheduling the 2 week period with sessions and workshops, as well as started creating the retreat plans.
- I am working on a transition report templates so we can have a uniform structure across execs.

EXTERNAL

Office Hours and Tabling

- Exec office hours are set:
 - o 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.

Sexton Services Survey

- Josh (Sexton Director) and I have put out a survey asking sexton students to help us find out more about issues specific to them, what services they need, what events they want to see, ect. By filling out this survey students are automatically be entered to win one of 2 \$50 gift certificates to superstore.
- Names will be drawn Wednesday March 29th.
- Please circulate this to folks if it is relevant to your constituencies.
- here is the link: http://www.dsu.ca/sexton-student-survey

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UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Board of Governors:

 Had a skype meeting with Cassie (AC rep) and their incoming DASA president Jeremy to talk about strategies for the upcoming BOG meeting where we will vote on the budget.

University Senate

- Attended a SPGC (Senate Planning and Governance Committee) on March 15th.
- Joined the working group for senate composition that should be coming up with a solution before May 2017.

Search Committee for the new University Registrar

 We finished the final stages of interviews and will be releasing decisions very shortly. This process is very confidential but I can disclose we have now narrowed our candidate pool to people and the committee is confident in our options.

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

• I had to miss the Breakfast meeting on March 8th because of elections, but Dylan (VPFO), Kelsey (VPSL), and Rhiannon (VPI) represented the squad.

Sexton Campus Renewal Project Development Committee

- Continuing meeting about the Development of Sexton campus, as renovations for several new buildings on Sexton begins.
- Have now joined the Sexton Futures Subcommittee

International Women's Week

- Went to the Halifax International Women's Day Breakfast with the department of labour and advanced education.
- Collaborated with the South House to organize a post women's march event to hold space for those who didn't feel comfortable or welcomed at the marches.
- We also worked with South House to host a facilitated discussion called: From 53% to the Women's March: Self Righteous Liberalism Post Trump.

Strategic Enrolment Management Steering Committee

 Attended one of the public SEM consultations on March 16th. Each of the committee members were to attend at least one consultation to help answer questions and to provide different perspectives.

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ADVOCACY

Sexton Spaces

 Josh and I are working on getting summer service hours on sexton extended for this year. We are also helping some planning students in attempting to get a communication board up for Architecture and Planning students.

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
 - Had a meeting with Rhiannon and Michael (DSU E&A) to look into and compare current policies that exist at different universities.
 - Brought this up at the NDP during Lobby Week as the NDP has expressed
 wanting to amend changes to the proposed accessibility bill that is already in
 house. The NDP is very receptive to changing the policy to include implementing
 accessibility standards on buildings that already exist.

Past items on this issue:

- 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.

Survivor Support

Rhiannon and I successfully ran a Levy to create a DSU Survivor Support Centre!