

**PRESIDENT  
KATHLEEN REID  
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**INTERNAL**

Monthly Staff Open Space

- Ran the second open space for the full time staff. Open space is a chance for staff members to collaborate on topics and projects they may not normally have input on because of their department. This is meant to give staff an opportunity to collaborate, and connect on Executive initiatives on a regular basis.
- This month we talked about self-care in the work place, 24 hour study space, and exam time initiatives.

DSU SUB Grand Opening

- Working with Staff members to plan the grand opening event of the SUB. We have decided on January for a date.
- Consulting with DISC on an indigenous land recognition piece to have unveiled at the opening ceremony.

DSU Sexton Director

- Have been working with Joshua (DSU Sexton Director) to reinstate the Sexton Advisory Committee.

**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 two 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.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### Board of Governors

- The next Board of Governors meeting is on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Worked with the other student senators to create the DSU President's report to the board.

### University Senate

- Attended senate meeting (October 24<sup>th</sup>) As well as and SPGC (senate planning and governance committee) and the SHDC (Senate Honorary Degrees Committee)
- Passed the DSU motion to have academic amnesty for the Day of Action on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The re-composition of Senate process is taking longer than expected and has not yet been moved to Board of Governors for approval. Meeting with Kevin (senate Chair) and Arig, VP Student Affairs, to talk further about the progress of the composition.
- Currently working with Amina (VP Academic and External) to ensure that there is still efficient student representation for the 2016/2017 year.

### Dalhousie Census Video Participation

- Played a small role in the promotion video for the Dalhousie Census. The Census is used to identify the diversity at our institution to inform administration where our resources should be put into specific projects and initiatives.

### Search Committee for the new University Registrar

- Had the first meeting for the new Search Committee for the University Registrar. The timeline is structured to have a new person in place by April 2017. We met to discuss the hiring process and review the terms of reference for the committee.

### 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

- Had the DSU Exec/ Senior Admin monthly meeting.
- Talked about current student issues, Day of Action, University Accessibility, Collaboration, Indigenous initiatives, and other things.

### 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

- Attended the first committee for planning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The committee is made up from community members and important societies on campus.

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- The DSU is planning on hosting a Survivor Support Workshop as a part of the programming for the 16 days.

Sexton Campus Renewal Project Development Committee

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

**OPERATIONS**

24-Hour Study Space

- Working with other Execs and Staff members to set up 24 Hours Study space in the SUB for the winter exam period. There will be snacks available, general study space, as well as a quiet room.
- 24-hour study space will be open from December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>

**ADVOCACY**

Day of Action

- Day of action happened! We had a great turn out and had a lot of inspiring speakers! Students from all across Halifax turned up to demand accessible education!

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.

**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.
- Moving forward we will be hiring a student commissioner to help set up and coordinate active listening sessions for students who need support as a temporary replacement for the Phonenumber.