

PRESIDENT KATHLEEN REID REPORT TO COUNCIL

September 14th, 2016 to September 28th, 2016

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INTERNAL

Sexton Director Position

- We have officially hired a Sexton Director!

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.

Monthly Open Space Meetings

- Working with the General Manager to plan monthly open space sessions for our fulltime staff members. This is meant to be a space where we can gain feedback on our current projects and brainstorm new initiatives, as well as to distribute staff involvement.

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!
- We have also set specific days to table with the DSU street team.

Convocation Ceremonies

- Signed up to represent students at several fall convocations.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

University Senate

- Attended the first Fall senate meeting (September 12th) As well as SLTC (senate learning and teaching committee) and SPGC (senate planning and governance committee)

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- The re-composition of Senate process is taking longer than expected and has not yet been moved to Board of Governors for approval.
- Currently working with Amina (VP Academic and External) to ensure that there is still efficient student representation for the 2016/2017 year.

Student Services Meet Ups

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

Ceremonial Mace Committee

- First fall meeting of the Ceremonial Mace Committee, a committee made to re-design and evaluate the process for a creation of a new university mace. Working on ways to get student input and more student involvement in the new design.

Strategic Priority 1.1 Project Team

- First fall meeting of the Strategic Priority 1.1 Team, a committee to evaluate and comment on retention strategies of the university, specifically for first year students.

Sexton Campus Renewal Project Development Committee

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

OPERATIONS

Renovations

- Renovations to the SUB are officially completed!
- Stay tuned for the official opening ceremony of the new spaces of the SUB.

Grawood

- The Grawood is officially open for service. With extended hours and new programming we are hoping that the Grawood is more accessible to students than before.
- Please let me know if you have any feedback about the new space. We are looking for input about menu, space, accessibility ect.
- Currently looking to collaborate with the Grawood Manager on an official opening to go with the opening ceremonies of the SUB

SERVICES

DSU Phone Line

- The Phoneline is officially back in service for September and October of 2016.
- If you are interested in supporting the DSU in making this project continue, please reach out to Rhiannon (at vpi@dsu.ca) We will need student support!

Office of the Ombudsperson

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- The hiring committee has held interviews and gone through the process for the first pool of candidates. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our search.
- We held our second round of interviews and are confident that we have found a successful person.
- We did consultations with each of the candidates with students and university stakeholders to ensure maximum feedback from student constituencies. (Students present included, VPI, VPAAE, a member from DSAS, and a member from the E&A office)
- The office of the ombuds will officially be hosted on the 4th floor of the SUB.

ADVOCACY

Tabling

- Amina, Dylan, Rhiannon, and myself have scheduled specific days to table with the DSU street team.
- Look out for Tuesday through Thursday on all different campuses and locations!

OTHER

Society & Volunteer Expo

- Huge congrats to Rhiannon and our Member services Coordinator for an awesome expo! There was huge society turn out and awesome community engagement! I volunteered at the Sno-Cone booth handing out DSU handbooks and answering questions about the union!