

**PRESIDENT  
AMINA ABAWAJY  
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

September 25, 2016 to October 27, 2016

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**INTERNAL**

Executive Meetings

- Chair weekly (and now twice-a-week) executive meetings.

Staff Meetings

- Co-chair weekly meetings with General Manager, Craig.

Check-ins

- Regular check-ins with Craig, General Manager, Paul, Graphic Design and Campaign Strategy, Meghan, Governance and Policy Coordinator, Chris, Council Chair, and Alex, Chief Returning Officer.

Exec Video

- After three video shoots, I think we've found a keeper. Keep your eyes peeled for an exec video dropping soon to a social media channel near you.
- Under Alex, VP Internal's, hosting we've filmed our first episode of Spill the Beans with Your Executive, a regularly posted quick video to get you the latest scoop.

Society Meetings

- Met with Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with the Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society and the Spanish Society on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tiger Patrol

- The executives met with Jake, Security Services, to discuss the Tiger Patrol MOU, updates to the insurance policy, and service updates on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Officer's Meeting

- Officer meetings were created at the request of the General Manager. Officer meetings are meetings of the signing officers, President, VP Internal, VP Finance and Operations, and the General Manager.

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- Attended an Officer's meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended an officer's meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

- The Bylaw and Policy Review Committee met on October 27<sup>th</sup>

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Board of Governors

- Dalhousie Board Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dalhousie Board Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
At this meeting, Chantal, VPFO, and Masuma, VP AE, presented to the committee on behalf of the DSU.
- Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Dalhousie Board Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Dalhousie Board of Governors Orientation for new members on October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Dalhousie Board of Governors Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> (see report from Board of Governors Caucus).

Student Affairs Meetings

- Continuing bi-weekly meetings with members of the Student Affairs team to discuss student issues and relevant areas of collaboration.

Strategic Enrollment Management Committee

- Attend weekly Strategic Enrollment Management Committee Meetings chaired by Arig, VP Student Affairs. The SEM Committee's role is to develop a strategy to optimize student recruitment and retention.

Senate

- Attended Senate on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended a Special Meeting of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee on September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Attended the Student Senate Caucus meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attended Senate Planning and Governance Committee meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>
- Attended the Senate Caucus meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Attended Senate on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Senior Admin

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- Monthly breakfasts with senior admin kicked off on September 26<sup>th</sup> with Arig, VP Student Affairs, Carolyn, Provost and VP Academic, and Ian, VP Finance & Admin.
- Follow up meeting with Martha, Chief of Staff and Executive Director to the President on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

AVP, Equity & Inclusion Search Committee

- AVP, Equity & Inclusion Search Committee Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADVOCACY**

University Club

- Met with Norma Williams, Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion to discuss university club accessibility and how to navigate this conversation with senior administrators.
- Meeting with Facilities Management was postponed to next week. The intention of that meeting is to discuss what the logistics and costs of implementing this would look like.

Sister 2 Sister

- Was asked to speak at Sister 2 Sister a closed space for racialized and Indigenous femmes at Dalhousie on September 27<sup>th</sup>

Pink Day @Dal

- I was asked to speak on Pink Day @Dal on September 28<sup>th</sup>. I used the opportunity to speak about how important it was to not be disrespectful but how that is different than being discriminatory and we shouldn't be watering down one to equate the two.

Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit (RISE)

- Attended RISE, hosted by the Canadian Federation of Students, on September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> with Chantal, VPFO, Masuma, VP AE, Mercedes, and Tiffany.
- RISE is a closed summit that brought together over 150 racialized and Indigenous student leaders to Ryerson's Student Union, the Dish With One Spoon Territory, to build community, heal, educate, and recharge.
- I highly recommend future racialized and Indigenous student leaders attend.

Government-Student Roundtable

- Attended the Government-Student Roundtable on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Masuma, VP AE, and Paul, Graphic Design and Campaigns Coordinator.

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- Spoke about our advocacy goals around tuition fees, food insecurity, safer campuses, experiential learning, free MSI for international students, and more.

## **SERVICES**

### Survivor Support Centre

- The Sexual Assault and Harassment Phonenumber was officially launched for the year on September 3, 2017, the first day of Oweek. The Phonenumber will now be operating 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Shannon and I have been rotating the second phone between the two of us as we build volunteer capacity.

### Text the Prez

- Officially launched Text the Prez Service with the start of Orientation week.
- To date, I have been contacted by 168 different students.
- Our Communications Team is working on promoting this service more widely through outreach via social media and tabling.

### Ombudsperson

- Monthly meetings with the Ombuds Steering Committee.
- The annual report for the Office of the Ombudsperson has been circulated to the steering committee and once feedback from the committee is incorporated it will be circulated to the wider community.