

**PRESIDENT
AMINA ABAWAJY
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

May 1st, 2016 to May 28th, 2016

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INTERNAL

Transition

- Was a long and intensive, but valuable, two-weeks. Juggled between transitioning the new VPAAE and getting transitioned by the past President.

Staff/Exec Retreat

- Collaborating with the General Manager (Craig) to plan a retreat for the Staff and Executive. This would be an opportunity for the executives to present their goals to the staff, and connect on what to expect this year.

Council Chair

- Conducted interviews for the Council Chair position with the General Manager (Craig) and VP Internal (Alex).

Goal Setting

- Meeting with the executives to define executive and union goals for the year.

Communication Strategy Meeting

- Meeting led by VP Internal (Alex) to discuss our communication strategy and goals for the year.

DAGS Council Orientation

- Presented to the new Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students Council about the advocacy, events, and services that the DSU provides with VPFO (Chantal) and VPSL (Cory).

EXTERNAL

Meetings

- Met with Yomes who's looking to increase student awareness around tenant issues and uses a student-to-student approach in rating their rentals.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

University Senate

- Attended Senate on May 8th with the VPAAE (Masuma) and student senator Lisa.
- Attended Senate Planning and Governance Committee Meeting with the VPAAE (Masuma) on May 17th

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- Attended the 200th Anniversary Senate Honorary Degree Committee Meeting on May 18th.
- Working with the VP AE (Masuma) to move forward with senate composition reform.

Student Affairs Meetings

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

Director of Counselling Presentation

- Attended the Public Presentation for the Director of Counselling and Psychological Services on May 23rd with all the executives.

Board of Governors

- Attended Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting on May 24th.

ADVOCACY

Provincial Elections #VoteAboutIt

- Took part in our rad Vote About It video – check it out on our facebook page.
- Participated in the Chalk and Talk event organized by VP AE (Masuma).
- Student issues are election issues! Please vote in the upcoming provincial elections if you are able to!

Pride Week @ Dal

- Sitting on the University Pride Week Planning Committee with VP AE (Masuma), VPI (Alex) and VPFO (Chantal)
- Prepared a presentation with VP AE (Masuma) about the DSU motion that was approved by last year's council to boycott Halifax Pride.
- We are still committed to supporting LGBTQ2S+ students on our campus and are reaching out to LGBTQ2S+ student societies to support initiatives.
- Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved.

SERVICES

Survivor Support Centre

- Working with VP Internal (Alex) and VP Academic and External (Masuma) to review the centre's structure and areas of focus.
- Brief consultations with South House Gender and Resource Centre and Avalon Sexual Assault Centre with more extensive consultations to follow position hiring.

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- Job posting for the Sexualized Violence Survivor Support Centre Manager will be posted. Please circulate widely!

Ombudsperson

- Monthly meetings with the Ombuds Steering Committee.
- Looking at the structure of the steering committee to expand Working with VP Internal (Alex) and VP Academic and External (Masuma) to review the centre's structure and areas of focus.

OTHER

DASA

- Connecting with the new Dalhousie Agricultural Students Association executives to maintain open communication and discuss areas of collaboration and support and the relationship we would like to foster moving forward.

Convocation

- Convocations have started and each executive will be attending three convocations each. Congratulations to all the graduates!