

PRESIDENT AMINA ABAWAJY REPORT TO COUNCIL

August 18th, 2016 to September 8th, 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.

Communications and Outreach Meetings

- Weekly meetings with our Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Sarah, and Graphic Designer and Campaigns Coordinator, Paul.

Governance Meetings

- Weekly meetings with our Governance and Policy Coordinator, Meghan.

Part-time Staff Training

- All new and returning part-time staff took part in our training on August 30th and 31st.
- In addition to their departmental training, all staff were training in Sexualized Violence First Responder Training and anti-oppression training.

Elections

- Meeting with our new CRO to facilitate email transfer, elections budget, list of vacant seats, and last year's CRO report.
- Next steps for the CRO include connecting with the past CRO and Elections Committee and setting a By-election timeline.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Board of Governors

- Attended the Presidential Review Committee on September 8th.

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

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- Attended my first meeting on September 8th. I have a meeting on Monday September 10th with Arig, the Chair of the committee, to get a better grasp of the role and scope of the committee.

Senate Orientation

- Attended Senate Orientation on September 6th with Masuma. Senate Orientation consisted of ice breakers, legal responsibilities, and a procedural overview.

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 next week with Facilities Management to discuss what the logistics for implementing would look like.

SERVICES

Survivor Support Centre

- Our Survivor Support Centre Manager has been hired! Welcome Shannon!
- The Sexual Assault and Harassment Phonenumber was officially launched for the year on September 3, 2017, the first day of Oweek.
- I co-facilitated three scenario-based trainings with Frank, Community Educator, Avalon Sexual Assault Centre and one (so far) with Shannon.
- I scheduled the first week of phone line volunteers as Shannon did not start until September 5th.

Text the Prez

- Officially launched Text the Prez Service with the start of Orientation week.
- All Oweek kits included promotion for the service as well as including it in my Induction Ceremony speech.
- To date, I have been contacted by 154 different students.

Ombudsperson

- Monthly meetings with the Ombuds Steering Committee.
- The annual report for the Office of the Ombudsperson will be released shortly.

EVENTS

Orientation Week

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- Orientation week was amazing thanks to our VPSL, Cory, and Oweek Coordinator, David, and all of the community members, volunteers, and exec.
- Highlights of my week included: feeding all the people, Aaron's opening, the Induction Ceremony, and making so many new friends.
- Looking forward to supporting Community Day tomorrow!

OTHER

Student Union Development Summit

- Attended the Student Union Development Summit hosted by the University of British Columbia on August 18th to August 21st with our full executive team.
- I attended the following sessions:
 - Campus Sexual Violence: Responding to Disclosures
 - Strategic Planning: How to Focus Your Team and Get More Done
 - Initiating and Implementing New Student Services
 - Intra-Team Dynamics Analysis and Discussion
 - Strategic Planning and Your Student Unionamong other mixers and plenary events.