

# **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.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Board of Governors

- Attended the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Planning on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 11. Highlights of the meeting include:
- Attended the Senate Reception that followed the first Senate meeting of the year.
- Attended a Senate Discipline Appeal Hearing on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Senate Planning and Governance Committee meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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- Preparing a Senate Package for the October meeting. I'm looking to engage more students in the process of preparing the package.

## Employment Equity Council Meeting

- Attended the council meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This committee determines measurable goals and timelines for the recruitment, advancement, and work environment for marginalized groups.

## 5.2 Advisory Committee Meeting

- Attended the 5.2 Advisory Committee meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Strategic Priority 5.2 commits Dalhousie to foster a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness.
- New co-lead on Strategic Priority 5.2 is Dr. Michelle Williams as Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard is now a Senator.

## Respect Week Meeting

- Attended the Respect Week Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Respect Week will be happening September 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

## President's Advisor Committee on Sexual Harassment

- Attended the President's Advisor Committee on Sexual Harassment on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Committee is looking at it's composition, mandate, and meeting frequency to improve it's efficacy.

## **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.

## **SERVICES**

### Survivor Support Centre

- Continuing to co-facilitate scenario-based trainings as needed alongside our wonderful SSC Manager, Shannon.
- 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.

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- 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 161 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.

## **EVENTS**

Dal Fest

- Huge shout out to our VPSL, Cory, and everyone else who was involved in making our tenth annual Dal Fest a success.
- Highlights of Dal Fest include: meeting Daniel Caesar, driving Busty and the Bass, and Cory's speech.

Society and Volunteer Expo

- Huge shout out to our VPI, Alex, our Member Services Coordinator, Breton, and everyone else who was involved in supporting our amazing Expo.
- Really enjoyed welcoming students to the expo and providing them with popcorn!