

# **PRESIDENT KATHLEEN REID REPORT TO COUNCIL**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 to February 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

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## **INTERNAL**

Elections Promotion

- Working with Tim (DSU videographer) to create a video for elections highlighting different executive positions to encourage students to run.

Art in the SUB

- Working with the Dal Art Society executives to start a program to display student art in the SUB. We are collaborating with the art gallery, and building management to figure out the best way to have it rotate on a monthly basis.

## **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.

The Next Generation of Public Service Talent

- The NS Public Service Commission is hosting a meeting on Monday at dal to get feedback from student leaders. I will be representing the DSU.
- Their aim is to gather a diverse group of 20 students across disciplines and institutions to share perspectives on public service recruitment and retention.

Dal Lead

- Hosting a workshop on student leadership at Dal Lead. The conference is a day-long series of speakers and workshops hosted by the CLDC and the DSU. Still time to register, the conference is on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

African Heritage Month

- Spoke at the official flag raising and opening for African Heritage Month on Thursday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was very well attended with student's faculty and staff.

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## US Travel Ban

- Met with Arig (VP Student Services) and Rhiannon to find out how the university and the DSU can collaborate to support students affected by the executive order that was issued last week.

## Board of Governors SUB-Committees:

- Kati and myself attended the Dalhousie Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We had presentations on research and the future of research at Dalhousie as well as equity employment stats and the university
- I also now sit on the Board of Governors Award selection committee. I have received the applicant's package and began review.

## Board of Governors

- The next BOG meeting is on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## University Senate

- Attended senate meeting (Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>) and
- Attended a SHDC (Senate Honorary Degrees Committee) meeting where we reviewed over 20 candidates and selected several to be future recipients.

## Search Committee for the new University Registrar

- Started round two of interviews. This process is very confidential but I can disclose we have now narrowed our candidate pool and the committee is confident in our options.

## Student Services Meet Ups

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

## Senior Administration Meetings

- Attended a meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items you think we should be talking about at these meetings, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Sexton Campus Renewal Project Development Committee

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

## International Women's Week

- Joined the university planning committee for international women's week. The committee is made up of key student and staff stakeholders from around the university.
- Collaborating with the South House to organize a post women's march event to hold space for those who didn't feel comfortable or welcomed at the marches. The event will take place on Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

## **ADVOCACY**

### Tabling

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- Amina, Dylan, Rhiannon, and myself have scheduled specific days to table with the DSU street team. I will be tabling at sexton this Wednesday!
- Look out for Tuesday through Thursday on all different campuses and locations!

University Club Accessibility Project

- Met with Dr. Florizone on the issue, to let him know about the motion passed at council. He expressed genuine interest in getting involved in the process. We will be meeting with VP Advancement (Peter Fardy) to talk about a possible fundraising approach for this project.
- Set up a DSU committee to work on this issue, consisting of the E&A office, General Manager (Craig Kennedy), and some executives.
- Currently working to set up the next meeting of this committee, and have tasked specific members to do some research, looking for what reports and audits already exist about accessibility on campus. We will be reviewing these reports at our next meeting, to decide what work still needs to be done to make a case for funding for the project.

**SERVICES**

Survivor Support Initiatives

- After two strategy sessions, working with Amina, Rhiannon and staff members on the next stages of planning for a sustainable source of funding for survivor support initiatives on campus.
- We hired a student commissioner (Ruby) to help set up and coordinate active listening sessions for students who need support as a temporary replacement for the Phonenumber.

Active Listening Service

- The service will include an option for folks to book active listeners to come to events as a support that people can turn to if need be. We are currently working out the logistics of what it would be like to run a drop in service for in person active listening.