



Report to DSU Council for Wednesday December 7th, 2016

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Office Hours: Tuesday 11am-2pm and Wednesday 2pm-4pm

INTERNAL

- Executive meetings twice a week
- Weekly meetings with Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Sarah, Policy and Research Coordinator, Mary-Dan, Campaigns and Outreach Coordinator for the Equity and Accessibility Office, Masuma, and Interim Graphic Designer and Campaigns Manager, Jonathan.
- On December 7th all the executives participated in an Open Space led by Kathleen and our General Manager, Craig. These monthly sessions are open to full-time and part-time staff.
- All executives met with Jeff, Student VIP health plan provider.
- Met with members of the Executive Review Committee for a mid-term check in.
- Part-time Staff Party!!!

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Senate

- Senate Meeting on November 14 was a blanket exercise led by Elder Geri, from the Elders-in-Residence Program, and Elder Debbie from the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre.
- Kathleen and I met with Chair of Senate, Kevin, and Vice Provost Student Affairs, Arig, and Senate Secretary, Andrea, to further discuss the increase to student representation on Senate.
- Interim Senate Caucus Meeting on November 21, 2016.

Other

- Bi-weekly meetings with the executive and members of Student Affairs Office.
- Monthly meetings with senior administrators.
- All executive members met with the new Ombudsperson, Diane, on .
- Ratification meeting with Bob, Discipline and Appeals Manager, and Katherine, Senate Vice Chair (Student Affairs), on November 14th to ratify Academic Integrity cases.
- Joint Board of Governors and Senate Reception



ADVOCACY

- Dal Libraries Student Input Feedback Team Meeting are hosting consultations on all campuses to get a better understanding of whether or not they're meeting students needs. Consultations on Sexton and Carleton happened in November and Study and Agriculture Campus will be taking place in January.
- Engaging students on-the-ground through weekly tabling on all campuses.
- Day of Action debrief and volunteer appreciation
- External Action Committee Meeting to discuss steps for next semester.
- Preparing mental health initiatives campus scan for the provincial mental health task force. If you're constituency is doing some rad organizing around mental health issues on campus, hit me up!
- Sexual Harassment and Resource Group Meeting.
- Meeting on U-club accessibility on November 28.
- Consent Culture Forum Debrief and Next Steps meeting on December 5.
- Strategy Sessions for Survivor Support
- 27th Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre Vigil on December 6.
- Attended the rally to support teachers.

SERVICES

DSAS

- Service
 - There has been a sharp increase in intakes during the first semester of operation as well as the highest number of volunteers the service has seen and they expect the same for next semester. The majority of cases are still academic in nature, however, we are seeing a lot more than previous years, most likely due to our promotional efforts and visibility in the Dal community. So far, we have more than doubled previous years monthly numbers. We have seen quite a lot of cases involving graduate students experiencing sexual harassment from supervisors. We are also talking a lot more cases at other campuses like Kings, Sexton, and Truro. The budget we inherited did not reflect the expanded mandate of DSAS, and
 - Lost and had to replace two executive members who resigned due to stress.



- Outreach
 - Academic Integrity workshop will now be taking place in January as part of winter orientation for International Students (thanks to Reza and Mitch for all their work on this) and hopefully incorporated in all future orientations.
 - Raised over \$326 and collected 93 journals for Books Beyond Bars
- Policy
 - Has a seat on the Sexual Assault Response Policy Committee and have contributed to the first round of edits.
 - Created an accommodations policy which we aim to deliver to the Department of Engineering following a serious case of lack of accommodations, as well as broadly to the Dal campus.
 - Initiating an open process at the Law School to develop a sexual assault and harassment policy in response to multiple cases of sexual assault, harassment, and gendered violence over the past several years.

UPCOMING

- All the holiday parties!