



VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

Report to DSU Council for Wednesday August 17th, 2016

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INTERNAL

- Executive meetings biweekly
- Phone line meetings
- Meeting with Dalhousie Association of Graduate Studies

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Senate

- N/A

Other

- Presented DSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line Project Funding Proposal to Arig, Dalhousie's Vice Provost Student Affairs.

ADVOCACY

- Attended a panel on LGBTQ2S+ experiences in post secondary education organized by Rhiannon. Panelists included students, faculty, and administrators.
- Attended a Pride material making session hosted by CFS.
- Attended a meeting with a student and their student loans officer to advocate for an appeal the decision to reject their summer student loan application.
- Attended the Dyke and Trans March with Rhiannon and Dylan
- Attended the Pride parade with our awesome political intersectional posters we designed this year. The posters were:
 - Trans issues are student issues (from last year)
 - Queer issues are student issues (from last year)
 - Gender neutral washrooms #giveacrap (from last year)
 - There's no pot of gold at the end of this rainbow (from last year)



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- Racism is a student issue (from last year but not at pride)
 - Indigenous issues are student issues (from last year but not at pride)
 - Black trans lives matter (new)
 - Black queer lives matter (new)
 - Blood ban still homophobic (new)
 - Blood ban still transphobic (new)
 - The gender binary is a colonial framework (new)
 - And more!
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- Met with Elections Nova Scotia, in preparation for the possibility of a provincial election.
 - Met with the Canadian Federation of Students about municipal elections campaign #GenVote
 - Met with Elections HRM, in preparation for the municipal elections.
 - Attended Post Secondary Education Coalition meeting which includes representatives from Dalhousie Faculty Association, the Canadian Federation of Students, Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union

SERVICES

DSAS

- Met with directors to go through and propose changes to the operations policy - which will be brought forward to council.
- Contracts and offers for directors
- Branding and promotion of services

Phoneline

- Released a video addressed to Dr. Florizone about continuing to support the phone line. There was also a letter of support that people could sign onto, that was sent to Arig.



PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

O-week

- Cultural Society Expo Committee
- Thinking about fun advocacy games for the field party. Last year there was a game where you had to pay for tuition, food, and rent but only had two bags of money. Any ideas, send them my way!

UPCOMING

- Chalking action for municipal elections tomorrow from 10:30am-12:00pm at Halifax Grand Parade. We're going to send a message to city councillors that student issues are municipal election issues. We'll chalk our messages about affordable housing, fair wages, transportation, and the issues that are important to you.
- 2016 Maritimes Skills Development Symposium, hosted by the Canadian Federation of Students, is happening at NSCAD University on September 16-17. Workshops include: building an inclusive student movement, campaigns organizing, media relations, successful meetings and more. Space for 3 council members.