

Vice President (Finance & Operations)

REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 20, 2016 – July 18, 2016

INTERNAL

Staff/Executive Retreat:

-Took part in our very exciting staff/executive retreat in Grand Pre. Lots of great brainstorming and energizing planning was had.

Part Time Staff:

-Working on the new and improved Part Time Staff Training Day with some of the Executive and staff. Excited to bring forward a more expansive DSU integration and training so our student employees are best prepared to serve our members.

Renovations:

-Had more meetings regarding renos. Mainly focused on scheduling at this point as our focus on the time crunch (pre-September) begins to loom. Things remain on track to finish as close to September 1 as humanly possible, with a small chance that our new Atrium may not be turned over until the first week of September.

Lots of change orders/directives are being processed as quickly as possible to not impede the continuation of work.

OPERATIONS

Cold beverage agreement:

-The "Pop Survey" has been posted on our website (dsu.ca/get-involved/pop-survey). Please check it out, then fill it out! Submissions will be compiled and reviewed prior to reviewing offers from beverage companies.

Grawood planning:

-Working with the Exec and staff to establish the perfect branding for the new Grawood. Really jazzed about the new logo!

Investments:

-Met with our Investment Manager to review last year's performance.

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Food Services:

- Met with Chartwell's to discuss current operations and future plans for food services in the SUB.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Campus Wellness Strategy

- Met with folks from the Dalhousie Health & Wellness - they're seeking student support to eliminate the mandatory number of psychologists through a motion at the Board of Governors. They would like to see a transition to a peer-to-peer student coaching model.

ADVOCACY

NSNDP:

- Had a meeting with Gary Burrill (NSNDP Leader) with the rest of the executive to bring student concerns forward. He seemed fairly receptive to our concerns and eager to work on them in the Legislature.

SERVICES

DSU Health Plan:

- Met with a student regarding coverage amounts available under the DSU Health & Dental Plan and reviewed a comparison with other Atlantic universities. Unfortunately changes are not possible for this year, but forecasting is being completed now to map the implications of increasing coverage to a more comparable level as our counterparts.

PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

- O-Week planning is ongoing. Look forward to the best Field Party ever.