

Vice President (Internal)

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Report to Council

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INTERNAL

- DSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line
 - Running Until November 3rd - from 12 (noon) to 12 (midnight).
 - The Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line is a 24 hour peer to peer active listening service for students who have experienced sexual and/ or gender-based violence.
- Part Time Staff Training Day
 - Went wonderful. Was a bit longer this year, but it was really great to do staff training with the newly renovated SUB.
- Societies
 - Society Training
 - Will be running over the next three weeks.
 - Breakdowns of the times and the sessions, as well as a sign up form are on the DSU website.
 - There are 5 different sessions, but only two are mandatory, they are:
 - Risk Management – Mandatory for each society to send one person.
 - Treasurer Training – Faculty and Levy societies should send somebody, constituent societies are encouraged to attend as well as general interest societies.
 - Non-Mandatory:
 - How to use the App & Outreach to Members
 - Equitable and Accessible Society Events
 - Using Roberts Rules and how policies work
 - Society Review Committee
 - Has been meeting often throughout the Summer and will be meeting on a weekly basis going forward.
 - Lots of Ratifications going through these past couple weeks.
- Equity & Accessibility Office
 - Hired the two new staff members – Masuma Khan and Michael Murray.
 - They are now set up in the office and should be hitting the ground running this week.

- Looking to get the E&A Steering Committee together with representatives from different societies, and different equity groups on campus that will be decided through council.
- If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out!

COMMUNICATIONS

- DSU Newsletter
 - Will start this week! Let us know how it looks, what you'd like to see in it and what you'd like to know about the Union. This will be running every second week!
- Gazette
 - We also will talk about student issues, DSU events and more in the Gazette this year! Check us out in the print copies around campus.

OPERATIONS

- Wayfinding
 - The SUB will be getting some new signage over the next couple months.

ADVOCACY

- Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line
 - Did a lot of media interviews (10+) about the Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line and Sexual Assault on Campus.
 - Hoping to continue conversations about consent and rape culture on campus this year – look below for info about some planning sessions coming up!

PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

- Society and Volunteer Expo
 - Tuesday, September 20th, 11am-3pm on the Studley Quad.
 - Over 120 societies will have booths set up!
 - There will be over 70 local organizations with volunteer opportunities for students!
 - There will be performances, and CKDU will be playing music!
 - There will be food trucks parked right outside the Quad, and there will be free sno-cones, popcorn and cotton candy!
- Campus Meeting on Sexualized Violence Initiatives on Campus
 - Tuesday, September 27th - 5-7:30pm, Room 303 of the SUB.
 - The first meeting we will be talking about the history of the DSU Phone Line, as well as other current and past services around sexualized violence on campus.
 - Thursday, October 6th, 5-7:30pm, Room 303 of the SUB.
 - We will debrief on the first meeting and make plans for moving forward with what sexualized violence initiatives on campus can and should look like.
- Orientation Week 2016!

- Was an absolute blast – shout out to VPSL Kelsey and the Orientation Week Coordinator Katie, as well as staff, committee, leaders and first years.
- My highlights included serving sno-cones at the field party, watching people rock climb on the quad, letting first year students know how they can get involved on campus at Dal 101, and hanging out and eating food at the Cultural Café.