

Vice President (Student Life)

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Council Report – For Council meeting December 7th, 2016

Monday, November 14th, 2016- Sunday, December 4th, 2016

Internal

Communications

- Continuing to push content on our social media (facebook, Instagram, twitter).
- On Instagram we reached 2200 followers! Woohoo!
- Mannequin Challenge filmed with the Grawood to promote the new space and first class bash.

Student Life Committee

- Planning for Exam stress relief, Sno-week, charity ball, and a winter concert are in the works.
- Charity ball is a murder mystery and the theme is a Hollywood awards show
- This committee meets every other Wednesday (opposite to council) in Board Room A at 7pm...
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Staff Party

- It was great! If you couldn't make this one... be sure to hit up next terms!

Executive Review Committee

- Met with the committee to discuss progress thus far, transition plans, and goals for next term.

Health Plan Year End Review

- Meeting with health plan administrator, to discuss the year end totals.

University Relations

Orientation Committee (University)

- Debrief meeting with university players surrounding summer activities and September orientation
- Feedback provided surrounding the need for more university services to be open
- Discussion surrounding winter orientation activities, specifically for international students and new/transfer students

Meeting with the New Ombudsperson

- Discussed role of ombudsperson and neutrality between DSU and administration
- Provided insight on university policies that require review and suggested areas that should be evaluated

Bi-Weekly University Meetings

- Continuing bi-weekly meetings with Verity Turpin, Executive Director of Student Wellness and Chauncey Kennedy, Executive Director of Student Life

- Bi-weekly lunches with the other members of the executive and the administration's student services team.

DALead

- Sitting as an organizing member of the DALead committee to being planning the leadership conference, scheduled for February 11, 2017.
- This conference is planned in conjunction with the CLDC and many student representatives.
- Confirmed speakers include: Lindell Smith and Rebecca Thomas.
- Registration is open and sponsorship and promotion teams have begun to do their work!

Impact Awards

- Co-chair of the nominations committee which met for the first time to review award descriptions and rubrics.
- New descriptions will be updated on the website and an additional dialogue box will contain suggested topics to cover in nominations in order to encourage a higher quality of submissions for all who nominate.

Advocacy

University Alcohol Policy Committee

- Alcohol Harm Reduction (Sub Committee)
- Feed back drafted for Keep It Social campaign presented by NSLC to provincial institutions, final round. Decision was made to not move forward with the campaign as it does not support core campus values and normalizes a culture of drinking.
- Final policy adjustments are being amended and the new policy is set to be finished in January.

All Out on November 2nd

- Participated in sign and materials making
- Marched with over 1000 students from many university and college campuses to demand more funding and accessibility for post secondary institutions.

Programming & Events

Wellness Room

- Regular programming has been a hit and is continuing to be offered to students.
- Renewed yoga for next term and continuing on campus partnership
- Massages room! 50+ students were provided a free massage to destress before exams
- Puppy Rooms were held on Nov 24th and Dec 5th.

OPOP Conference

- Partnering with students and DSUSO on the Our Poles Our Planet conference with a focus on sustainability
- Date set for conference: March 6th, 2017
- Funding proposals have been submitted with the provincial government and outside organizations
- Working with Students on Ice to secure speakers and programming

TEDx

- Coordinator and volunteer exec team have been hired
- Date for event: March 12th, 2017
- Submission and requests for speaker nominations and volunteers to begin in late December in anticipation for a full kick off in January

Athletics and Recreations

Varsity

- Promoting of regular sporting events including the Football finals.

U Sports Final 8 Basketball Championship

- Meeting with Director of Varsity Athletics, Tim Maloney, and Sports & Entertainment Atlantic, and Kathleen to discuss DSU partnership and promotion
- Promotion will involve utilizing societies to sell tickets with the potential to receive revenues in return
- March 8th-12th