

Vice President (Student Life)

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SUB 280

Council Report – For Council meeting July 20th, 2015
Monday, June 20th, 2016 to Sunday, July 17th, 2016

Internal

Sponsorship

- Working with sponsorship coordinator for Orientation Week to ensure successful acquisition of sponsors, as well as drawing up contracts, and identifying pack materials. Beginning the collection of sponsorship funding for both the handbook and orientation.

Communications

- Working to increase the efficiency of the App through the addition of a keyword search to the map, in partnership with the Gazette.

Grawood

- Further developing programming for the upcoming term featuring some old favourites such as Trivia, Dal's Got Talent and Open Mic, as well as looking into to some new offerings including society nights
- Involved in branding discussions for the new Grawood including logo and slogan design as well as creating a new mission and vision statement for the operation.

Feed Nova Scotia Food Drive

- Along with the DFA (Dalhousie Faculty Association) and Alumni Relations, the DSU is hosting a food drive for Feed NS where food donations are being accepted at the info desk of the student union building until July 22nd, 2016.

University Relations

Wellness Room

- Developing content that centers around many aspects of wellness include financial,
- Tentative September schedule has been created and features many partnerships include DMCRS, Student Health Promotion, Health Services and others.

Society Carnival

- Date has been set for September 20, 2016. Working with VPI, Rhiannon, and DSU Member Services Co-ordinator, Holly, and CLDC (Center for Leadership and Career Development) to recruit societies and volunteer organizations off campus.
- This event will feature a food truck fair!!

Community Day

- Sitting on the planning of Community Day which will feature new options for volunteerism, as well as be open for all students
- Over 5 organizations have signed up and we aim to provide volunteer opportunities for 250 students.
- The event will include a speaker and sponsored lunch from Freeman's Pizza.

Communications Committee

- Helping to create timelines for student contact that will minimize the number of emails new student receive and ensure that the content is relevant and organized
- Writing blog entries for the "Dear First Year Me" Blog surrounding the transition to university and expectations from a social perspective
- Working with this committee to maximize the benefit of swag given to first year students.

Advocacy

First Year Modules

- Assisting to develop and adapt content for first year student surrounding consent, sexualized violence, alcohol, wellness, community and inclusion
- Helping to develop an incentivized approach to increase participation
- The first two modules will be released on Thursday, July 21st, 2016.

Alcohol Harm Reduction (Sub Committee)

- Letter writing to local shops and grocery stores outline the necessity for reduced and eliminated advertising of products for the purpose of excessive drinking. (I.e. Beer Pong kits)
- Feed back drafted for Keep It Social campaign presented by NSLC to provincial institutions.

Pride at Dal Planning Committee

- Working to plan an opening ceremony for Pride at Dal to features speakers, poetry, music, and cake decorated by myself and another member of the committee.
- Involvement of DMCR at the cheering section for Dal located in front of the architecture building on the Sexton Campus for the parade on July 23rd, 2016, commencing at 1pm.
- Attended the first event Pride Parade in Truro with other student union members and marched with the Dal contingent.
- Will also be marching in the Halifax Pride Parade alongside many Dal student, faculty, and admin. (If you're reading this, you should come!) (dal.ca/showyourpride)

Programming & Events

Orientation Week

- Dates: September 3rd-9th, 2016. Training for leaders will take place through the 3 days prior to O-Week.
- Partnership with the International Center to provide a picnic style BBQ to students before closing ceremonies and to grant access to the final event to all international students who attend the BBQ. Incentivized teambuilding/ friendship making games are in the works
- The bursary program will continue this year with the goal of supplying 150 students with financial aid. Some bursaries are fully funded while others are partial. The sponsorship coordinator has been working with sponsors to specifically allocate a portion of sponsorship to this fund. The first round of bursary acceptances will be sent on July 22nd, 2016.
- Orientation committee continues to meet weekly and subcommittees have been meeting regularly with planning well underway.
- A new song and music video are being created for the promotion of DSU O-Week as well as a useful tool to build anticipation for new students.
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Fall Fest 2016

- Working with the undergraduate engineering society to host a revitalized fall fest featuring and outdoor pub feel and local music sampler.

Halifax Pop Explosion

- Secured Student Pricing for Halifax pop explosion. Use code: DALSTUDENT to get a HPX wristband for only \$69. (Savings of \$60!!)

Dalfest

- Further negotiations for talent and performing acts and contracts. Dates have been set as September 16th-17th
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Athletics and Receptions

Orientation

- Inclusion of Athletics and Varsity in Dalympics event, as well as the Rugby game
- New addition of an intramural sampler is scheduled as an evening activity