

Vice President (Student Life)

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SUB 280

Council Report – For Council meeting June 22, 2015
Monday, May 23rd, 2016 to Sunday June 19th, 2016

Internal

Handbook

- Assisting to ensure the last of the sponsorship agreements are fulfilled and reviewing contracts
- Liaising with university to ensure the inclusion of dates into the handbook

Sponsorship

- Working with sponsorship coordinator for Orientation Week to ensure successful acquisition of sponsors, as well as drawing up contracts, and identifying pack materials

Communications

- Working to increase the efficiency of the App through the addition of a keyword search to the map
- Collaboratively working to upgrade website content and redesign home page and site map to ensure more streamlined content and ease of use

Grawood

- Developing and mapping out 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
- Providing feedback and suggestions for the new branding of the campus bar
- Working with Dylan Ryan, VPFP, and Greg Wright, Director Licensed Operations, to introduce dedicated society nights in the Grawood/T-Room

University Relations

Wellness Room

- Continuing to partner with many university departments to complete the fall programming schedule for the wellness room. The September schedule will be included in the Orientation week kits

Society Carnival

- Date has been tentatively set for September 21, 2016. Working with VPI, Rhiannon, and DSU Member Services Co-ordinator, Holly, and CLDC (Center for Leadership and Career Development) to brain storm theme, goals and create vision for the event

Community Day

- Sitting on the planning of Community Day which will feature new options for volunteerism, as well as be open for all students

Alcohol Advisory Committee

- Developing feedback and review for the draft revisions to the alcohol policy.
- Meeting with key stake holders to receive some of their feedback. If you are interested in discussing the policy, please email at the contact information included above

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

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

Pride at Dal Planning Committee

- Working to plan an opening ceremonies for Pride at Dal to features speakers, poetry, music, and cake
- Helping to plan a letter/post card writing campaign to take place during pride

Programming & Events

Orientation Week

- Dates: September 3rd-9th, 2016. Training for leaders will take place through the 3 day prior to O-Week.
- A very successful retreat was held for all committee members where a schedule was created, as well as discussion surround goals, concerns, and opportunities for betterment
- 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.
- Orientation committee continues to meet weekly and subcommittee have begun to meet as well

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 schedule as an evening activity

Handbook

- Dates of varsity home games have been included in the handbook