

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2017

ACADEMICS COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY MITCHELL THIBAUT, ACADEMICS COMMISSIONER

Dear Assembly,

In the Fall semester, I met weekly with the co-Chairs of the Queen's Canadian Leadership Conference to reinvigorate the 2017 Conference's message and help them plan the logistics of the Conference in February. I personally spoke to potential speakers, and networked and booked a Saturday keynote speaker. In collaboration with the Marketing Office, most of the logos for the services within the Commission were revitalized. The ASUS Peer Tutoring website was revitalized and renovated, several new features were added including a separate upload for high school transcripts (for those that want to tutor high school students) and more detailed information on financial aid provided by ASUS. A proposal and policy was brought to ASUS Assembly for the ASUS Journal of Indigenous Studies; edits were made in consultation with members of Assembly and other parties and the policy was passed. Feedback from Departmental Student Council Executives on grading transparency was amalgamated and discussed with the ASUS President administration, will be followed up with in the Winter semester. All information for Departmental Student Council representatives was amalgamated onto a tab on the ASUS website: this includes the DSC charter, all financial regulations and information, all in one place. I worked with the ASUS President and Faculty staff on focusing on undergraduate research, at the end of the Fall semester a plan was solidified to include student researchers on the Faculty of Arts & Science undergraduate research hub.

For the Winter semester, I plan to hire Editors-in-Chief for the ASUS Journal of Indigenous Studies and to hopefully get at least one issue published by the end of the academic year. I will work closely with the QCLC Co-Chairs to ensure the Conference will run smoothly on February 3rd and 4th. I also plan to work with all journal staff and printing companies in Kingston to get a discounted invoice for all journal printing during the semester. I plan to work with the ASUS Peer Tutoring Director and other parties on creating a general tutoring guide to be uploaded to the ASUS website. I plan to work closely with all Committee Chairs to ensure they are committed to a strong and detailed transition manual and I will also ensure that the transition process for DSC presidents is more smooth and effective for incoming representatives

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY **LEXI EWING**, COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMISSIONER

Dear Assembly,

I am excited to state that I have completed all three of the goals outlined in my strategic plan. The Community Outreach Volunteer Centre is complete and will be launched in January, following the Winter hiring period. I have worked closely with Marketing Officer Lao, as well as the Community Outreach External Deputy Hannah Rosen, to develop graphics and a marketing plan to ensure success of the launch. I completed my second goal, Committee Restructuring, in the middle of the Fall semester by successfully hiring and launching ASUS Partners in Education. However, the official launch of the re-brand will take place at the beginning of the Winter semester, prior to the Winter hiring period. The final goal, the Silent Auction, was altered throughout the planning process. Initially, we were hoping to have a larger celebratory event that would act as both a volunteer appreciation event and a culmination of the Silent Auction. Following multiple discussions with the entire Community Outreach team, we decided that such an event would not be feasible this year. In place of a larger event, we have decided to dedicate more time to the success of not only the event itself, but of the event beneficiary - Almost Home. The time dedicated to organizing the event has instead been dedicated to working with Almost Home to identify areas in which the Community Outreach Commission can be of assistance. In the new year, I will be focusing my efforts on expanding the Committee Restructuring goal. I will be working closely with Community Outreach Intern Ally Bilenkey and the co-chairs to evaluate all twelve committees within the commission, specifically to identify areas of strength and weakness. For each committee, we will establish a realistic path to achieving identified areas of improvement and will implement evaluation points throughout the semester to ensure committees are on-track. I am incredibly proud of the entire Community Outreach team for their hard work throughout the Fall semester, and could not have accomplished the goals outlined in the Community Outreach strategic plan without them. I would like to specifically recognized the Community Outreach Deputies, Hannah Rosen and Stefan Negus, and the Community Outreach Intern, Ally Bilenkey, for their support and dedication to our commission and its purpose.

Best,

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EQUITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY **LILY CUTHBERTSON**, EQUITY COMMISSIONER

Dear Assembly,

The Equity Commission has been extremely dedicated to achieving our ambitious goals of the year, which are outlined in the Equity Commission Strategic Plan 2016-17. The Co-Chairs have hosted numerous events throughout the semester that have sought to facilitate conversations regarding social justice that are topical to the Queen's community. The Commissioner has been working particularly closely with the Co-Chairs of the inaugural Queen's Equity Conference, which will be hosted on January 28th at the Tett Centre in Kingston. We are honoured to have Pascale Diverlus, the co-founder of Black Lives Matter Toronto, and David Lepofsky, Toronto lawyer and disability advocate, as our speakers.

The Commissioner has been communicating with Queen's alumni on the Surface revitalization project and will be aiming to have the policy prepared for ASUS Assembly consultation in the upcoming weeks. Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner has been advising the Equity Co-Chairs on accessibility standards of sanctioned events and will be working with the Queen's Human Rights Office to create a guiding document, outlining various accessibility requirements.

We are very excited for our final semester together and are eager to complete our goals for the year. We want to thank everyone who has participated in our events and supported our efforts. Respectfully submitted,

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ASUS GOVERNANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY **MATTHEW KENNELLY**, ASUS GOVERNANCE OFFICER

Hello Assembly,

The Governance Office had a productive semester. All of the Committees have been working hard and this is shown through the successes this term. The majority of the work for the Office will take place this term but I believe that the Committees are more than prepared to achieve the goals that were set from the beginning of the term.

In regards to elections, the fall by-election was a success. We had no vacant positions by the end of nomination period and the majority of the positions were contested which met one of the goals stated at the beginning of the year. This was due to the hard work of the elections team. The whole process went very smoothly and I am optimistic about the winter general election as the team has been working hard to fine tune how we will run the election so the process can be as possible.

The Policy and Elections Review Committee started a little slowly due to the late hiring of the Committee Members. Nevertheless this has not stopped the committee from working to do their review of the Constitution and Policy. Before the break the Committee submitted its second review of the Constitution and it intends to finish its review of the policy manual by the beginning of February.

The main project for the year regarding the overhaul of the Constitution and Policy Manual is well underway. During this term there have been multiple reviews of the Constitution itself by the PERC Chair, PERC itself and I. The Assembly Committee will be struck in the first Assembly of the new year. The month of January will be dedicated to the review of the Constitution, and the month of February will be dedicated to the review of the Policy Manual. Preferably if everything goes according to schedule the review will be finished and passed by the last meeting of the 2016-2017 Assembly in March.

Sincerely,

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MARKETING OFFICER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY **RONA LAO**, MARKETING OFFICER

Dear Assembly,

In the Fall semester, most of my efforts have been focused towards two of my BHAGS; cultivating a culture of creativity and passion and evolving the Marketing Office. For the first half of the academic year, the Office has made bounds of progress in ensuring our volunteers are satisfied and passionate about their work. This is evident in the rise in the quality of our content, from our graphics to films, as well as the popularity of our work on social media. And for the latter, we are well underway with many of our new initiatives in each of the teams in Marketing, more notably the FOCUS Project expansion and the revival of the Marketing Team. The FOCUS Project's first video alone have reached over 1000 viewers across our platforms and in addition to this, the Marketing Team's new goals and mandate has transformed the team into a much more effective and cohesive unit in comparison to the Promotion Teams in previous years. My final BHAG is to increase our social media growth, and while it has been slowing down quite a bit since larger events such as Orientation Week, I hope to be able to lead my teams in creating easily captivating and digestible content. By emulating short update videos created by pages such as NowThis, our content will hopefully capture the attention from those looking for updates from the society rather than only those who requested services from our teams.

In terms of Visual Identity Standards, I am pleased to say my work with VIS this year has ensured that all ASUS committees and groups are following our visual identity procedures, allowing the Society to look more cohesive and professional as a whole. I am still working with Mitch to aid the DSCs in achieving this same result with their work. In the Winter semester, I hope to be able to finally lock down the VIS throughout the entire society by hopefully attending a few DSC assemblies to speak on the importance and the procedures of the society's VIS.

Best,

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SERVICES COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

PRESENTED BY **JULIE TRAN**, SERVICES COMMISSIONER

Dear Assembly,

As half of the year has passed, numerous accomplishments have transformed the Services Commission. First, for the first time in Queen's history, an early bird and an additional exclusive fall fitting session was offered for jacket purchases, increasing the number of jacket sales. Secondly, ASUS trips has expanded on regional trips and partnered internally within the commission with another service—Exchange Buddies. Lastly, Good Times Diner has a new logo and is still working towards potentially opening up for a third day. I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who has supported the progression within the commission—from the internal services volunteers and the rest of ASUS council to the external community of Queen's. In the beginning of the year, I presented a strategic plan with numerous big hairy audacious goals. As the New Year is approaching, I am pleased to announce that the Services Commission has achieved all but one of the targets. I would like to wrap up my update on the strategic plan, and am looking forward to what the New Year brings in for the Services Commission!

Julie Tran
Services Commissioner

