

Report of the President
January 15th, 2017

Hello all, Happy New Year, I hope you have all had a restful break and the start of your semesters have been going well ! This week has been a busy one and I am excited to report back. There are many avenues for student to get involved in the work we are engaging in this semester which is very exciting.

Board of Governors' Community Forum

In compliance with guidelines passed at the June Board of Governors' meeting, there will be a community forum taking place on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00pm in Alumni Hall.

The email that was circulated to the community reads as follows:

"On Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall, the University of King's College Board of Governors will host a public forum for all members of the King's community to discuss the Board's role and work in the governance and administration of King's. The forum will be co-hosted by Board Chair Dale Godsoe and President Bill Lahey. All members of the community are invited to attend.

There will be short introductory remarks and a presentation on the Board, its structure and role. The rest of the evening will be dedicated to audience questions and comments relating to the Board, its role and functioning.

Along with the Board Chair and the President, the Chairs of the Board's various committees will be in attendance to answer questions and hear the views expressed by members of the community."

The Executive, the Board of Governors representatives and I will be working to ensure student attendance and that students feel prepared to ask questions. A reminder that this community forum was created in response to calls on the administration for increased transparency and open board meetings.

Openings on the University Equity Committee

The University's Equity committee is looking for 3 students to serve a 1 year term. This committee is composed of students, faculty, staff and other members of the administration and undertakes tasks and projects relating to equity work. This is the committee that commissioned the gender-neutral bathroom signs two years ago. The committee meets approx. twice a semester and is chaired by Dorota Glowaka. The openings will be advertised this week and be elected at next Council.

Committee tasked to create Sexual Assault

In December, I met with VP Kim Kierans to discuss the composition of this committee and agreed that the structure would have greater student representation than other committees of

the University. The committee structure will include 3 student representatives, 1 KSU representative and a representative from the South House.

The rationale for this structure was that students have been calling on the University to create policy since the Dalhousie Dentistry incident and have been on the forefront of work against sexualized violence on campus for years. In addition, increased student representation will lessen the workload burden on students and increase the likelihood of good consultation.

The committee is prioritizing individuals who have prior sexualized violence sensitivity training and hold diverse identities.

This week, we will be sending out a survey which will be the first step in consulting students and make an open call out to those interested in sitting on this committee. All interested parties should send an expression of interest (150-250 words) to Charlotte Kiddell at chairperson@cfs-ns.ca.

Vice-Presidential Search Committee

The Vice-Presidential search committee met to interview the two candidates for the position, Peter O'Brien and Kyle Fraser. This week, candidates met with campus and community members and the committee is seeking written feedback by January 20th, which can be submitted to pamela.hazel@ukings.ca. All feedback will be confidential.

Food Services Contract Committee

The University's Request for Proposals for the provision of food services on campus was posted on Friday, January 9. This document will solicit proposals from food service providers who hope to operate the University's food service in Prince Hall. The RFP comes as the result of months of consultation with various groups on campus including extensive consultation with students—something that I am extremely proud of. I am also happy that the RFP includes a substantial sustainability clause, outlines the complete independence of the Wardroom and the Galley, and notes that any food service provider operating on campus must allow for ad-hoc society, faculty and residence events that include a small amount of food. Bids from food service operators will be open until the end of February, after which the committee will review the bids and receive presentations from the bidders.

ISIC Day in the Gym

On Thursday, January 12, I invited Anna Dubinski from the Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia to table in the King's Gym to print International Student Identity Cards for student athletes. ISICs are a great service that gives students access to discounts at businesses both in Halifax and around the world. The cards also serve as a student's health plan card if they are covered under the KSU's extended health and dental plan—something that could definitely make life easier for athletes who access services like physiotherapy through the plan. I'm happy that we were able to provide this service for a bunch of student athletes and hope to continue to find ways to support our athletes this semester.

Winter Society Fair

This Wednesday, January 19, the KSU will be hosting a relaxed, ask-me-anything style society fair in the Wilson Common Room from 6:30-8:00. I hope the fair will allow interested students to learn about all of the rad societies on our campus—especially those who have been ratified since the society fair during Orientation Week—and will allow societies to recruit new members for the new semester!

Report of the Financial Vice President
Council January 15th 2017
Zoë Brimacombe

Returning from Winter Break

Welcome Back and Housekeeping

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is excited to get back to work. There are so many exciting events coming up and a whole new semester ahead of us!

I spent much of my first week back catching up on paperwork and bill payments from December, including paying our January premiums for our health plan, paying our latest phone bill, receiving our latest bookkeeping statements, etc.

University Committees

Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee

I attended a special meeting of the university's Finance, Audit, and Risk committee on Thursday, January 12th. The purpose of this meeting, which will be the first of two to three special meetings of its kind, was to consider a longer-term plan for the finances of King's. We drew on work being done on a variety of committees, such as Planning and Priorities, Campus Master Planning, Enrolment Management, and others, as well as data from the bursar's office, registrar's office, and advancement office. I'm glad to see these kinds of meetings happening, and am working to ensure that student voices are heard loud and clear at this important body.

Budget Advisory Committee

I called in to a meeting of the BAC over the winter break that was quite preliminary in nature. This committee begins meeting in the winter term this coming week and will be meeting every second Thursday going forward. One of my priorities on this committee is pushing for student consultation, particularly on fee increases and introductions.

Union Committees and Projects

Vote to Increase Dues

Aidan and I, in collaboration with the other members of the executive, have continued to do the necessary research and preparation to bring this question forward to council. Now that we are all back from the break, I'm hoping that broader conversations can begin. Consultation with councillors, finance committee, and all members of the KSU will be the next steps moving forward.

Finance Committee and Society Funding

To date, we have allocated \$6 797.62 of our total \$15 093.00 society funding budget, leaving \$8 295.38 up for grabs! There are sure to be some exciting events this semester, including academic conferences and journals from a number of societies. I'm excited to work with the wonderful finance committee to allocate these funds.

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Sustainability Initiatives

On Wednesday, January 11th, I met with the Sustainability Committee. We discussed the solidarity motion about opposing the Kinder Morgan pipeline that was passed at last council. There will be a letter-writing event in the Wardroom on Wednesday, January 25th from 1-4pm where we will be writing letters calling on Halifax Member of Parliament Andy Fillmore to oppose the pipeline. This is a drop in event, so please stop by and either write your own letter or add your signature to an existing template that will be delivered directly to Andy Fillmore in the future.

Halifax Typographical Union (HTU) Rally

Monday, January 23rd officially marks one year of a gruelling strike for journalists at the Chronicle Herald. HTU has organized rallies across Nova Scotia, and King's students will be able to attend the Halifax rally from 12:30-1pm. I have been working with our Journalism Rep, Lianne, on holding a material making session in the Wardroom from 10-11am. There is an event on Facebook that you can join for more details. Please spread the word!

Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia

Over Winter break, I participated in a teleconference with other members of the CFS-NS provincial executive. At this meeting, we planned details for the upcoming CFS-NS Annual General Meeting, which is taking place next weekend, January 21st and 22nd. I will be attending this meeting as a member of the provincial executive, while Local 11 will be sending 5 delegates. Very excited to see what other member locals and student unions have been working on across the province!

Upcoming Projects

This semester, I will be continuing to work on consulting with students regarding the creation of a sexual assault policy on our campus.

The Fight the Fees campaign will be continuing into changeover as we watch for the possible release of the Provincial Budget in March.

Hope you're all feeling fresh and ready to hop into a new semester ♥

Report of the Communications Vice-President
Julia-Simone Rutgers
January 15th, 2017

Welcome back to council everyone! I just wanted to start by saying that I hope everyone had a lovely and restful break, and that I am so excited to be working with you all for the remainder of this term!

Elections

As the executive term is coming to an end, I have begun working with Aidan, Michaela and our CRO Hannah to plan elections. We want to maximize interest in positions to promote more nominations for many of the roles and ensure that our positions are accessible to as many students as possible. As an executive, we will be putting out 'Day in the Life' videos explaining and promoting our positions, and we hope that this kind of advertisement will help us reach more members and produce more interest in elections! Nominations will be opening on January 30th, and closing on February 3rd. Elections will be held on February 15th and 16th.

Minutes

Over the break, I began working with Charlotte, last year's scribe, to compile minutes from the 2014-2015 term. I will be working with Michaela over the next little while to finish compiling these minutes and upload them to the KSU website.

Office Hours

We are updating our office hours for the winter term! Most of you have sent an email confirming your office hour for the winter term, but if you have yet to do so please email myself and Michaela (coordinator@ksu.ca) with your office hour for this semester!

(un)comfortable: the wardroom panel

I have been finalizing the details for the Wardroom Panel on racism, music, and building inclusive spaces. The date has been moved to early February to accommodate one of our speakers. I really look forward to hosting El Jones, Chike Jeffers, and Cory Bowles, and to continuing conversations about what creating equitable spaces on our campus can look like.