Report of the President

Name: Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: May 16, 2020 - June 12, 2020

Council Date: June 18, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1) DSU Council – May 21st
2) Executive Committee Meetings – May 19th, May 25th, May 28th, June 1st, June 8th, June 11th
   i) May 19: tentative return to work for essential personnel in SUB offices set for July 6th
   ii) May 28: VPSL suspension vote – passed
   iii) June 1: Tiger Patrol program absolved, Black Lives Matter response, Grawood and T-Room to stay closed until January 2021 or significant increase in on-campus population
   iv) June 11: VPSL suspension vote – passed, investigation extension vote – passed, Erica & Maddie to attend Maritime Student Congress
3) Year-Long Planning Meeting – May 28th
   a) Programming set, council dates TBD, dependent on councillors availability submissions
4) DSU Media Training with Rebecca Rose – June 2nd
5) Investigation Contract Signed – June 2nd
6) DSU Offices Meeting: DSAS, DSUSO, E&A – June 2nd
   a) Discussion on year-long planning, collaborations, set follow-up meetings
7) O-Week Planning and Office O-Week Committee Meetings – Ongoing
8) Black Lives Matter Solidarity – Ongoing
   a) Student & staff support/resources, anti-o training opportunities for staff, outreach to Black student societies, planning of internal & external next steps, policy review
9) “Reject the 3” Campaign – Ongoing
   a) Assistance to VPAE for BoG & Government communications

University Affairs and Committees

1) Meeting of Senate – June 10th
   a) Discussion on strategic priorities and diversity and inclusion; presentation from HRES; Sexualized Violence Policy review – proposed revisions
2) **Virtual Community & Online Orientation Meetings** – May 19th, May 20th, May 22nd, May 27th, May 29th, June 1st, June 3rd, June 5th, June 9th, June 10th, June 11th
   a) Provide student representation and feedback

3) **Alcohol Advisory Committee Meetings** – May 26th, June 11th
   a) Review of the drafted policy & forms

4) **Student Affairs & DSU Executive Meeting** – June 9th
   a) Discussions on O-Week, ombudsperson, fall semester

**External and Broader Community**

1) **DSU Solidarity Efforts & Statement** in relation to Black Lives Matter movement
   a) Outreach, support, and consultation with Black students, societies, and local organizations
   b) Executive attendance to solidarity events
   c) Assisting solidarity event organizers

**Board of Governors Caucus Updates**

1) **Board of Governors Meeting** – May 26th
   a) Agenda: 2020-21 Student Fee Proposals (Tuition, Auxiliaries, Residence & Food Services, Student Referendum, Halifax Transit U-Pass), In Camera Session
   b) **Board of Governors Caucus Report for May 26, 2020 Meeting**

**Upcoming Dates**

3. Annual Board of Governors Meeting – June 23rd
4. (Tentative) Investigation Deadline – June 25th
5. Events & Campaigns Commissioner Hiring – TBD but imminent
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: May 16th – June 12th, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Student Accessibility Fund Committee met May 19th; 22nd; 29th; & June 5th. We continued to approve bursaries for students with access needs struggling financially during COVID-19.
- Society Review Committee met June 11th for the first time. See Updates for those societies approved at the committee.
- Met with Rigel Biscione Cruz and DSU Member Services, Tabasa, on planning Society Expo online for the Fall on June 12th. In preliminary planning stages.
- Working on reviewing Annual Survey questions for release on July 1st to all students. Sponsorship and incentives are being decided.
- Refining Student Accessibility Fund Committee and Bursary Bylaw drafts for inclusion in DSU Bylaws.
- Spent a large portion of time creating a Society Resources page with necessary information for the new DSU website.
- Website group met on June 4th to discuss needed changes. Website was released to DSU staff for feedback on June 8th by Graphics Coordinator, Abi.
- Joined Hiring Committee for Events and Campaign Commissioners. Committee has yet to officially meet.
- Completing Society Constitution checks and updated the constitution checklist requirements.
- Created new Faculty/Levy Society & Constituent/General Interest Society checklists for ratification approvals.
- Attended Anti-Oppression training on June 10th, led by Carmel Farahbakhsh, through everyseeker.com.
- Met with E&A office and Communications Team to discuss and brainstorm online resources for an “Un-learn with the DSU” webpage, including: resources for Black folks, resources for Indigenous folks, “How to Ally 101″, DSUSO & E&A Book Club, and more.
• Attended Speak Truth to Power: Forum on Anti-Black Racism on June 5th.

University Affairs and Committees

• Attended “Student Experience Committee” via stream. Conversation was feedback for new Dalhousie application for cellular devices. Attended May 19th.
• Accessibility Advisory Committee was cancelled, again, on June 9th. To be pushed two weeks.

External and Broader Community

• Nothing to Report.

Society Review Committee Updates

Society Review Committee ratified the following societies in this period:

• Dalhousie Diploma of Engineering Society (DES)
• Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society (DSPS)
• Dalhousie School of Communication Sciences and Disorders Student Society
• The Dalhousie Gazette Publishing Society

Upcoming Dates

• Classroom Planning Committee on June 22nd.
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Isa Wright

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Regular staff and Executive meetings, including monthly staff meeting and weekly Operations and Executive Committee meetings. Also attended Research and Outreach meeting on June 12, 2020 to discuss virtual orientation.
2. Prepared revised budget for COVID-19, as attached in this week’s Council package
   a. Had one-on-ones with the department heads for services to discuss budgetary changes. Also had several consultation meetings with the Executive Committee.
3. Budget and Finance Committee meeting on June 4, 2020
   a. Preliminary meeting to discuss committee mandate and timelines.
4. Capital Projects meetings
   a. Discussed capital projects for the year, including COVID-19 fixtures for the SUB, and equipment for various departments.
5. Weekly deliveries for Loaded Ladle food box programs.
6. COVID-19 Reopening Plans for the SUB and our tenants
   a. Including anticipated return dates for internal staff, preparing for fall adaptations to events and room capacities, and signage for the SUB.
   b. Working with Loaded Ladle to prepare for service delivery in the fall.
7. Meetings with DSU Health and Dental Plan to discuss premiums and coverage for upcoming year.
8. Attended several meetings regarding Chartwells opening procedures and contract negotiations.
10. International Student Bursary Committee: at the last meeting on June 11, 2020, we awarded $3,500 in bursaries.
11. Sent out several society updates regarding online audits, reallocation of budgeted funds in order to support racialized students, and overview of new e-transfer guidelines.
12. Planning treasurer training and society training with Member Services, VPI, DSUSO and E&A.
13. Applications for COVID-19 reopening grants, including the
   a. Planning of several online events as well as preparations for a few in-person events.
15. Attended Society Review Committee meeting on June 11, 2020 to review ratified society applications.
16. Audits passed this reporting period: Dalhousie Architecture Student Association and Dalhousie Urban Garden Society.

University Affairs and Committees
1. Met with Ivan Joseph and Verity Turpin on June 9, 2020 to discuss orientation activities.

External and Broader Community
1. Discussions with Andy Fillmore, Geoff Regan and Darren Fischer (Halifax area MPs) about legislative limits on the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy, which currently prevent the DSU from applying.
2. Working on in-kind sponsorship packages to distribute to local organizations which support African Nova Scotian and Black communities within the DSU membership and in HRM.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates
1. In order to accommodate and prioritize grant applications from Black and racialized student groups working to develop events and programming for Black Lives Matter, we have extended the June grants deadline to June 17, 2020.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: May 21, 2020- June 18, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Attended International Student Emergency Student Fund committee
   a. June 11th
2. Attended Student Accessibility Fund committee
   a. May 22, May 29, June 5
3. Attended Research and Outreach committee
   a. May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12
   b. RejectThe3 planning
   c. O-week planning

University Affairs and Committees

1. Launched the #RejectThe3 campaign June 9, 2020
   a. Formally requested the University rescind their decision to reduce tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year, reduce tuition for this period and offer refunds for students who were/are enrolled in the Winter and Summer 2020 semesters
   b. Provided email templates for students and community members to sign and send to the University and Government
2. Opened discussion around allowing students with access needs onto campus to use Dalhousie library resources

External and Broader Community

1. News interviews
   a. Was interviewed by CBC local, CBC national, CTV, News 95.7, The Globe and Mail, and Global News to bring attention to the 3% increase in tuition
2. Discussed ways for Faculty to shift to using open educational resources when developing their remote courses
Senate Caucus Updates

1. Senate meeting June 8, 2020
   a. Senate approved a motion to suspend the SRI policy for the Fall 2020 semester
      i. I was opposed to this motion. I voiced my concerns about taking power and voice away from students during a difficult time. I also argued that if there is to be no reduction in tuition, then it should be expected that online classes will be held at a high standard and the University should be open to student feedback.
   b. Senate approved a motion:
      i. The office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic will work with Faculty-based leaders to establish a committee, appropriately resources, to develop a proposal for an interdisciplinary major/honors program in Black and African Diaspora Studies; to be presented for consideration by Senate no later than April 30, 2021, and;
      ii. The office of the Vice-President Research and innovation will work with Faculty based researchers to establish a committee, appropriately resources, to develop a proposal for a research institute for Black Studies in Canada, to be presented for consideration by Senate no later than April 30, 2021.
         • I was in favour of this motion and voiced my approval

Upcoming Dates

1. Maritime Student Congress