Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: August 08, 2020 – September 04, 2020

Council Date: September 10, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Ongoing meetings with directors, research & outreach team, operations team, health & safety committee, event approvals working group, O-Week working group, & touch-bases with exec

- BRPC meetings for September delayed until October. I’ve been doing ongoing work to edit the policies schedules for September but unable to find the time to coordinate with BPRC, so all policies scheduled for September will go for review by the committee in October. Additional work will be on me to keep us on schedule.

- Ongoing meetings with the University admin and Return To Campus Committeee (RTC) to finalize a process for societies to have their events approved so that they don’t have to get approval from both the RTC and DSU. Task unfinished at date of writing.

- Hours changed slightly for a few days in August when I worked evening to accommodate a client booking in the SUB.

Executive Committee Meetings

**August 10:** Impact Awards agreement is now going to be assessed annually; Dal is providing some face masks to the DSU; Pennydrops society is going to host financial literacy workshops; Sexton campus space agreement document was worked on. Discussions on Work From Home staff requests, staff portfolios, Shinerama events, RBC ATM agreement renewal moved forward, and options for DSU services in the fall.

**August 19:** BoG update was given that Dal will be facilitating a new grant given by the government to tourism businesses; determined seating capacities for different areas in the SUB; determined Campus Copy would close for the semester due to lack of in-person classes, small campus population, and low demand for service; coordinated staff hours for O-Week; decided that Elections Committee would work remotely, only CRO will get office space; last view and edit of Ombudsperson letter to University.
August 26: added a mural to the capital projects list; decided ECM dates for the fall semester, determined updates for PT staff manual; went over the new Dal App, updates on student isolation; O-Week updates.

August 28: discussion on the ongoing task for RTC and the DSU re: society event approvals; decided that DSU planners would officially not be getting made this year (budget was cut at a previous meeting – brought VPSL up to speed) due to $15,000.00 cost; discussed the graphics submission process; scheduled executives for O-Week; determined process for requests to use remaining tiger patrol van.

August 31: Was moving on this day – not at meeting, VPFO chaired. Decisions/updates were made regarding the multifaith space, the society anti-o training, Built Environment Accessibility Working Group for province; issue with Sexton Hiring Committee; Ascension lease; and ratification of new society.

September 04: Decided that admin member would be welcome to present at next Council regarding SRIs; discussed updates to SUB and campus and how to communicate to students; scheduled staff appraisals for those finishing their 6 month period; next steps on TedX events; VPFO presented pitch from Bike Coalition and Rising Youth; approved several bills related to Tiger Patrol.

Other Meetings/Tasks

August 10: Health and Safety Committee meeting discussed SUB updates, O-Week updates, & provincial health guideline updates

August 11: O-Week touch base meeting to go over event breakdowns and come up with to-do lists; went over graphics drafts; planned programming for students entering isolation.

August 12: Council Prep meeting discussed the details of the August Council date. Sat down with the VPSL to organize O-Week leader training.

August 13: Dreaming in Colour Touch Base with staff, as well as a fencing and A/V meeting with Pat, the VPSL, and Director R&O to do a site-walk of the Quad and plan the logistics of an in-person O-Week.

August 14: Meeting with Alex, DUES President, to give updates on in-person orientation, event planning, and help guide them through health & safety requirements.

August 18: Student Senate Caucus met to handle nominations and go over general housekeeping/administrative guidelines for the year.

August 24-28: Executive Instagram takeovers happened, mine was the 24th. An additional O-Week touch base meeting happened with all relevant staff to go over final details.
**August 25:** Collaboration on Indigenous Major and Honours Program Development Meeting – I was unable to attend - the VPAE and DSUSO represented the DSU; Meeting with the office working group on the NS Needs Students Rally.

**August 26:** Final Covid-19 update for staff before the SUB reopened; meeting with Directors and VPFO, VPI to discuss staff manual, staff appraisals, and ongoing society ratification issues that needed resolved.

**August 27:** O-Week touch base Meeting.

**August 28:** Meeting with executives to coordinate fall hours, office schedules, and meeting portfolio responsibilities. UPDATE: to accommodate for the fact that we’re in a pandemic and that classes/life look a lot different this year, executives will not work their entire mandated 7 hours in the DSU offices, but may work some of those hours remotely. We will have a check-in on this process in October to determine if it is productive or not.

**September 01:** Meeting with the VPFO and our banker at Scotiabank to sign on as a signing officer and organize Residence Councils and pay an outstanding invoice on their behalf.

**September 03:** Meeting with DSU Reservations Manager to discuss society bookings in SUB for fall; work with VPI and Director Operations to send over draft notes to the RTC on a joint task we’re working on to help societies book events; Hosted the DSU’s Sex Talk Q&A as well as a game that evening.

**September 04:** Meeting with VPSL and VPFO regarding artist riders for O-Week; Council Prep Meeting.

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**University Affairs and Committees**

**August 10:** Programming Sub-Committee Meeting

**August 12:** Online Orientation Planning Meeting

**August 13:** Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub Committee Meeting

**August 18:** Meeting with the Return to Campus Committee to speak on behalf of in-person O-Week events. Events were approved in following days.

**August 19:** Online Orientation Planning Meeting

**August 20:** Meeting with Dal Security to plan for O-Week events; Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub Committee Meeting

**August 27:** Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub Committee Meeting
**September 02:** Senate Orientation. All student senators were invited to play an icebreaker game and learn about how senate functions.

**September 03:** Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub Committee Meeting; Residence Eviction Appeals Committee Meeting.

**External and Broader Community**

**August 19:** Meeting with Deputy Minister Montgomery, Dr. Strang, and other SU executives for update on return to campus protocols. ~12 hours’ notice was given to attendees on the new testing and isolation requirements to be mandated the next day.

**August 28:** Meeting with SMUSA President, Bryn, where we discussed COVID, isolation, students coming back to campus, SU operations for the semester, O-Week, upcoming municipal elections, and the NS Needs Students Rally.

**August 31:** Halifax Post-Secondary Education Stakeholders Meeting with other SU’s, relevant persons, and local health and safety officials to discuss the upcoming return to campus. I was moving this day so the VPAE represented the DSU at this meeting.

**Board of Governors Caucus Updates**

No meetings of the BoG Caucus were held.

**Upcoming Dates**

- **September 5-11:** O-Week & in-person events
- **September 23:** NS Needs Students Rally
- **September 18:** Fees due; final enrollment numbers come in
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: August 8<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Constitution Template Drafting
  - Working on creating a constitution template for societies to use. Draft has been forwarded to Policy & Governance Coordinator for input.
- Annual Survey Work
  - Drafting Survey notes for the final report and organizing prize pick-ups.
- Unlearn with the DSU Taskforce Meeting – August 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Revisiting the website drafts and editing Crisis Flow Chart document.
- VPI Ratifications – occupied a large majority of time and is increasing in frequency during the beginning of the Fall Semester. See Society Review Committee updates for list of VPI ratified societies.
- Constitution Checks – occupies large amounts of time every now and then.
  - This is in preparation for Society Review Committee Meetings. Checklist is followed.
- Society Expo Blurbs for the DSU Newsletter
  - In preparation and promotion for the release.
- Executive Year Goal finalizations
  - To be posted after Executive Committee review.

University Affairs and Committees

- AUCRETT Scan Team Plan Meeting – August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Planning policy search for the creation of AUCRETT’s policy. Search continued until late August.

External and Broader Community
Society Review Committee Updates

- SRC met last on September 1st, 2020. The following societies were approved:
  Dalhousie Dental Student Society (DDSS)
  Student Association of Health and Human Performance (SAHHPer)
  Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)
  Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences (DASSS)
  Get REAL Dalhousie – The Get REAL Movement

- VPI Ratifications have occurred during the last four weeks:
  Dal Breaking Society (DBS)
  Dalhousie/King's Figure Skating Club
  Dalhousie Squash Club
  Dalhousie VIDA Society
  Dalhousie Mens Lacrosse
  Environmental Programs Students Society (EPSS)
  RoweOUT
  Pre-Clerkship Residency Exploration Program (PREP)
  Dalhousie Disability Advocacy Society (DDAS)
  Dalhousie Water Polo Association
  Dawson Geology Club
  Faculty of Medicine Graduate Students Society (FMGSS)
  Environmental Engineering Society
  Popular Legal Entertainment Assessment Society (PLEAS)
  DAL Law Community Outreach
  Dalhousie Association of Marine Biology Students (DAMS)
  International Development Education and Awareness Society (IDEAS)
  Dalhousie Chinese Students and Scholars’ Association
Dalhousie Recreation Association (DRA)
Catholic Christian Outreach
V-Care Society
Dalhousie Multiple Sclerosis Society (DALMSS)
Dalhousie Bladder Cancer Awareness Society
Dalhousie All-Inclusive Women’s Network (DAWN)
BMO PennyDrops Dalhousie

Upcoming Dates

- Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting – September 15th
- Society Review Committee – September 16th.
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Isa Wright

Reporting Period: August 8 – September 4, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- The SUB reopens September 8th to Dalhousie students and community, which is very exciting! Lots of my time has been dedicated to COVID-19 signage, safety measures, and work with tenants to develop safe reopening plans.
- Weekly Executive Committee and Operations staff meetings.
- Offices Steering Committee: regular communications with part-time offices staff. Participated in hiring committee for the DSUSO Food Commissioner.
- Ongoing participation in Society Review Committee meetings to provide context about society account standings and financial guidelines of society constitutions.
- Treasurer Training: have held four sessions so far, with over 30 treasurers participating in total. There are still upcoming sessions taking place on a biweekly basis.
- Coordinating society office and locker pickups and cleanouts so that societies can resume their activities virtually.
- Events support for our reservations department; worked many evening hours as well as weekends, in addition to my regular hours, to accommodate an external booking that occurred throughout August.
- Society support: completing audits, ensuring that winter disbursements have been received. Coordinating hand-over of physical documents between outgoing and incoming society treasurers. Audits passed this reporting period: Get REAL, Dalhousie Arts and Science Society.
- Ongoing communications with Dalhousie regarding their enrollment numbers. Numbers have not been finalized, and we won’t have updated financial projections until after the course drop dates.
- Have coordinated office access for E&A, DSUSO, and CKDU.
• Lots of communication with the Loaded Ladle to support their reopening plans. They will have snacks available in the first week back, starting on the 9th, and after the 14th they will be serving prepackaged meals!
• Support for O-Week event planning, budgeting, and helping to run events starting next week.
• Review of International Student Emergency Bursary Terms of Reference.
• International Student Bursary Committee: at the meeting on August 13, we awarded $2350.00 in International Student Emergency Bursaries. At the August 20 meeting, we awarded $1300.00 in emergency bursaries. At the meeting on September 3, we approved 3750.00 in emergency bursaries.

**University Affairs and Committees**
• Transportation and Security Committee did not meet this period.
• President’s Advisory Council on Sustainability did not meet this period.

**External and Broader Community**
• Deliveries for the Loaded Ladle food box program every Tuesday afternoon. This program has now been discontinued as the SUB is reopening!
• Delivered the Tiger Patrol Dodge Caravan to Sipekne’katik First Nation, who will be using the van at the First Nations school and for other activities.
• Financial workshops with BMO Pennydrops will take place on September 15 and 29, on the topics of budgeting and investing, respectively. The workshops will be aimed at first years, but open to all Dalhousie students.

**Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates & Dates**
• At the Grants Review Committee meeting on August 20, we awarded grants to the following societies:
  o Dalhousie Birding Society
  o Islamic Relief at Dalhousie
  o PhD Health Student Society
At the Grants Review Committee meeting on September 4, we awarded grants to the following societies:
  o Dalhousie Anime Club

Next review period:
  o Deadline of **September 28 at noon**, Committee meeting on September 29.

**Budget and Finance Committee Updates**

- Investment Review: continued review of our investments in order to implement the Responsible Investment policy.
- $1000 was approved for use from the Survivor Support Reserve Fund to implement a virtual Sister to Sister Conference for BIPOC women and girls.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: August 7, 2020 - September 3, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. External Committee (August 26, 2020)
   a. Introductions for new members
   b. Ongoing discussing surrounding tuition increases and brainstorming how to address the problem with the provincial government

2. Hiring Committee for the DSU Market (August 24-28, 2020)

3. International Students Emergency Bursary Fund ongoing

4. Equity and Accessibility COVID-19 Relief Fund ongoing


University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs

2. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee

3. Ongoing with Senior Administration and Faculty about developing a Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC), which will be focused on oppressive content in the classroom.
   a. Meeting with Dr. Vivian Howard (Associate Vice-President of Academic) (August 18, 2020)
   b. Meeting with Dr. OmiSoore Dryden (James R. Johnston (JRJ Cha (August 20, 2020)
   c. Meeting with Brad Wuetherick (Executive Director of the Centre for Learning and Teaching) (September 1, 2020)
   d. Tentatively planning to share proposal at October 7, 2020 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee

4. Working with student group from the School of Architecture about resolving a racist incident in an architecture classroom in the summer of 2019
   a. More information about the incident and initiative can be found at https://whereisdalarch.cargo.site/Letter-to-The-Administration
   b. Meeting with students running rally (August 25, 2020)
c. Meeting with Dr. Theresa Rajack-Talley (Vice-Provost of Equity and Inclusion)  
(September 2, 2020)

External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition  
   a. Development for NS Needs Students rally  
      i. Awarded tentatively $350 by the Dalhousie Faculty Association to support the event.

2. Shinerama planning and events  
   a. Bottle Drive (August 29-30, 2020)  
      i. Collected boxed bottles from local restaurants to recycle  
      ii. Raised $181.60  
   b. Planning for future events (August 17, 2020)

Senate Caucus Updates

1. Had our first meeting (August 18, 2020)  
   a. Appointed students to senate and senate sub-committees  
   b. Only remaining appointment to be recommended by DAGS

Upcoming Dates

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

Reporting Period: August 8-September 4th

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. O-Week
   a. Aug 7th: Selected artists for Block Party
   b. Aug 10th: Reviewed O-Week leader applications and offered positions.
   c. Aug 11th: Scheduled activities for students in isolation
   d. Aug 12th: Planned O-Week Leader Training
   e. Aug 13th: Finalized Fencing and grounds plan for Sept 8-11th
   f. Aug 17-21st: Planned O-Week alternative programming
   g. Aug 19-21st: O-Week Leader Training
      i. This included online training modules on the 19th and 20th and an in-person training session on the 21st
   h. Aug 24-28th: Executed Online O-Week programming
      i. This included VPSL insta Take-Over and Isolation Kahoot
   i. Aug 24th-25th: Executed Kit- Stuffing
   j. Aug 27th: Finalized in person O-week programming details
   k. Sept 1st - 4th: Began planning O-Week extended programming, Dream Bigger
   l. Sept 2nd: Aided in the execution of Sexy Kahoot online Trivia
   m. Sept 4th: Recorded Opening ceremonies video

2. ESRI Initiative
   a. Aug. 13th- Sept. 1st: Developed plans for ESRI.
      i. Changed name from ESRI to SRCC (Student Reporting on Course Curriculum)
      ii. Met with Dr. Dryden, DR. Howard to discuss project and possible solutions to its application

3. Shine Planning
b. Aug 17th: Planned a bottle drive and began programming plans with community members.
c. Aug 28th: Erica and campaigns commissioner executed bottle drive.
   i. ~1500 bottles were collected totaling $181.60
4. TEDx Toronto
   a. Met with organizers of TEDx Toronto to possibly partner on some programming throughout the year

External and Broader Community

1. CBC Interview
   a. Aug 18th: President and I met with CBC reporter regarding Covid-Conscious programming throughout the upcoming year

2. CTV Interview
   a. Sept 1st: Met with CTV reporter regarding O-Week and Covid-Conscious programming throughout the upcoming year

Upcoming Dates

1. O-Week Dates
   a. O-Week Dream Big programming begins September 8th with Movie Night and ends September 11th with Block Party
   b. O-Week Extension: Dream Bigger goes from September 21st until October 3rd.