Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: September 05 - 18
Council Date: September 24, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

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

- BPRC 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 & August 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 Committee (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 still unfinished; waiting on University.

Executive Committee Meetings

September 07: updates on graphics request for the AGM; reminder for execs to submit fall office hours; update on planned action; update on planned mural.

September 14: staff appraisal reviews; info from VPAE on graduate departments and events; update from VPAE on senate agenda

September 18: Policy & Governance Coordinator discussed results of annual survey and Dal Archival update; discussion on SUB capital project ideas; appointed VPAE and VPSL to Ombudsperson Advisory Council; decided to allow Farmer’s Market to sell tote bags; note from Director Ops on PT staff procedures; discussion on Grawood; AGM planning updates; approval of receipts; discussion on CRO and proper conduct.

Other Meetings/Tasks
**September 08-11:** O-Week in person events (Movie Night, Yoga, D.I.C, Block Party), all hands on-deck from executive and O-Week leaders

**September 09:** Senate Caucus meeting, I sent my regrets to assist with O-Week.

**September 10:** Council, I sent my regrets to assist with O-Week.

**September 16:** Media planning meeting with Architecture students; will be taking over as executive on the team for Where Is Dal Arch as per VPAE’s request. Meeting with operations staff to decide on new weekend hours for SUB.

**September 17:** AGM logistics meeting with DR&O, Policy Coordinator, Communications Coordinator; determined that Microsoft Teams with executives all in separate offices would work best – comms. to plan follow-up meetings with University personnel to practice.

**September 18:** Orientation debrief with O-Week working group. Went over good, bad; follow up from VPSL to come via transition report.

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**University Affairs and Committees**

**September 08:** Residence Appeal Committee Review Meeting

**September 10:** Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub-Committee Meeting

**September 14:** Programming Sub-Committee Meeting; Senate

- Senate discussed several motions related to EDI which all students were vocal about. Solid first meeting.

**September 16:** Executive Committee of the Board of Governors meeting. All discussion items confidential.

**September 17:** Virtual Sense of Belonging Sub-Committee Meeting

**September 18:** Meeting with Chair of Senate to discuss academic amnesty motion proposal for September 23rd meeting of the Senate Planning and Governance Committee.

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**External and Broader Community**

No meetings to report.

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**Board of Governors Caucus Updates**

No meetings of the BoG Caucus were held.

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**Upcoming Dates**

- **September 30:** NS Needs Students Rally
• **September 30:** Orange Shirt Day
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: September 5th – 18th

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- O-Week Assistance!
  - Large majority of a week was spent helping with O-week, taking photos, organizing O-week leaders and crowds when needed.
- Constitution Checks; a time-consuming process
- VPI Ratifications
  - Ratified over 15 societies last week alone; a continuous process that happens at least once a week.
- Society Expo: September 14th-18th
  - Offered assistance to incoming concerns and changes, as well as website requests.
- First Society Email Update!
  - Sent September 15th to all applied-to-ratify or ratified societies within our database. Email detailed society training, society expo, on-campus events approval processes (due to a high influx of inquiry), and more.
  - A personal VPI choice to keep the societies updated with information pertaining to their functioning; to also help keep connection with societies.
- Society Policy Review: beginning minor edits and detail changes on existing Society Policy to keep information up-to-date with offerings and current ratification processes.

University Affairs and Committees

- DSU/Student Affairs Meeting
  - Discussed a range of topics, mostly pertaining to societies ability to host events on-campus/off-campus, and within campus buildings, as well as a topic of alcohol licensing. Are waiting on a reply.
- Acted as a Second Executive on the Ombudsperson Follow up with VPAE & Vice Provost Student Affairs.
• Missed: Academic Unit Creation, Renaming, Establishment, Transfer, and Termination (AUCRETT) Taskforce Meeting, September 14th, 2020, due to illness.

External and Broader Community

• N/A

Society Review Committee Updates

• Last met on September 16th, 2020 and ratified the following Societies. Must note that some societies reviewed this time around needed further constitution amendments as decided by SRC and therefore were updated as “pending” at SRC and are therefore not noted on this list:
  o Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society (DUES)
  o Dalhousie International Students Association
  o Dalhousie Outdoors Society
  o South House Sexual & Gender Resource Center

Upcoming Dates

• Offices Steering Committee: September 25th, 2020
• AUCRETT Taskforce Meeting: September 29th, 2020
• Accessibility Advisory Committee: September 30th, 2020
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Isa Wright

Reporting Period: September 5 – September 18, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

• The SUB has now been open for two full weeks, and I am happy to say that things have been going smoothly. We are still streamlining the process for students who wish to book meetings and are investigating possibilities of a phased reopening of the other spaces in the building. Room capacities will be slightly expanded on October 5th, if there is no community spread by that point in time.
• Weekly Executive Committee and Operations staff meetings.
• Offices Steering Committee: part time staff support and oversight of payroll.
• Ongoing participation in Society Review Committee meetings to provide context about society account standings and financial guidelines of society constitutions.
• Treasurer Training: have held ten sessions so far, with over 70 treasurers participating in total. There are still upcoming sessions taking place on a biweekly basis. Updates to treasurer training for constituent societies.
• Coordinating after-hours office access for some levy societies.
• Society support: completing audits, ensuring that winter disbursements have been received. Coordinating hand-over of physical documents between outgoing and incoming society treasurers. No audits passed this reporting period.
• 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.
• International Student Bursary Committee: has not met this period, as we meet monthly, but there has been continued review and feedback on the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy from the international student members of the committee.
University Affairs and Committees

- Transportation and Security Committee met during this period, but I was unable to attend, as it is during a required class time. The Director of Operations will be attending throughout the year in my absence, as no other executives are available. Updates can be provided here at the request of any Council member.
- President’s Advisory Council on Sustainability did not meet this period. There is an upcoming meeting on September 30th if anyone would like to attend.

External and Broader Community

- A financial workshop with BMO Pennydrops will take place on September 29, on the topic of investing. The workshop will be aimed at first years, but open to all Dalhousie students. Had great turnout for the first workshop which took place on the 15th!

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates & Dates

- Next review period:
  - 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. Hoping to have a complete list of divested funds by October.
- $1,610.00 was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee for withdrawal from the Survivor Support Reserve Fund to cover the costs of the O-Week Sex Talk. An additional $6,250.00 was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee to support the Reclaim Your Voice programming currently being offered by the Survivor Support Centre. The proposals and documents are available for review upon request.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: September 3, 2020- September 18, 2020

Council Date: September 24, 2020

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. International Students Emergency Bursary Fund ongoing

3. Equity and Accessibility COVID-19 Relief Fund concluded September 17

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
   a. Meeting on September 15, 2020: All outstanding areas of contention have been resolved and the advisory committee will meet at a date to be determined.

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

3. Ongoing discussion 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. Consultation with the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences. September 15, 2020

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. Tentative media release September 21, 2020

External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. Development for NS Needs Students rally
      i. Will take place September 30 from 1PM to 3PM
Senate Caucus Updates

1. Had a strong first planning meeting for Senate (September 9, 2020)
   a. Only remaining appointment to be recommended by DAGS

Upcoming Dates

2. Senate presentation on Open Educational Resources October 26
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

Reporting Period: Sept 3rd – Sept 18th, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. O-Week Dream Big
   a. September 3rd: finalized production schedule and volunteer schedule.
   b. September 4th: Completed dry runs, tested equipment, etc
   c. September 7th: Set up volunteer green room, prepared kit bags, etc
   d. September 8th: Movie Night was executed successfully.
   e. September 9th: Yoga session and BUSA Block Party were executed successfully.
      Decided to continue with an in-person Dreaming in Colour despite forecasted rain for
      small portion of the day.
   f. September 10th: Dreaming in Colour was executed as planned despite the heavy
      rainfall.
   g. September 11th: Block Party was executed successfully.

2. O-Week Dream Bigger
   a. September 2nd: Created plan for a 2-week extension on O-Week Dream Big. With the
      aid of former commissioner Meghan Martin. Event to take place September 28th-
      October 9th.
   b. September 14th: Committee met to discuss plans for Dream Bigger. Locations,
      activities, and schedule was formed.
   c. September 15th: Communications to encourage more volunteer were posted

3. SRCC
   a. September 15th: Met with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Dean, Roberta
      Barker, to get consultation on SRCC proposal. FASS will be the faculty mostly affected
      by the proposal and we wanted to ensure that we had their input.
University Affairs and Committees

1. In-Person Programming aid from Dalhousie Admin
   a. September 15\textsuperscript{th}: Met with Cynthia Murphy to discuss admin involvement with inperson programming during the semester.

External and Broader Community

1. Title of Project/Event
   a. Nothing to report

Upcoming Dates

1. Dream Bigger
   a. September 28- October 3\textsuperscript{rd} and October 5\textsuperscript{th}- 9th