Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: May – September 2020

AGM Date: October 01, 2020

DSU Executive Priorities

The executive has identified several key topics that will guide the DSU’s actions and governance over the next year:

• Organizational & environmental sustainability
• Student mental health & well-being
• Affordable & meaningful post-secondary education for all students
• Student engagement, community connection & transparency
• Campus consent culture & survivor support
• Support & representation for Queer, Trans, Two Spirit, Black, Indigenous, Persons of Colour (QTBIPOC), and other marginalized student populations

These themes represent the needs and wants of our diverse student population as they relate to the DSU, its mandate, and the greater Dalhousie community.

The DSU is committed to continuous learning and growth as an institution. The DSU also acknowledges that it cannot be removed from its own history, or the colonial, racist, and oppressive histories of Dalhousie, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Canada. The DSU is taking steps to become an actively anti-oppressive organization. These steps include anti-oppression training opportunities for staff and better support for employees and councillors of the DSU who identify with marginalized communities. Initiatives to better support QTBIPOC students and other marginalized members of the DSU community are ongoing and/or under development.

President Year-Long Goals

Listed below are several action points that will develop over the year in line with campaign promises that were made. Although Covid-19 has changed the operations and capacity of the DSU this year, significant and necessary work will continue to move forward in order to ensure the sustainability, accountability, and connectivity of the DSU. This list is not exhaustive, but it does represent the largest projects under my portfolio this year. Alongside these points I will
continue to support fellow executives and respond to community members who wish to put forward ideas and potential projects.

**Fall**

- “Conduct an internal, organizational audit of the DSU to find out where we can optimize ourselves to better serve students”
  - Due to Covid-19, operations have shifted in such a way that it would no longer be effective to run an audit. In place, the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee, chaired by the President, will be revising and editing all the governing documents of the DSU. This work will occur continuously throughout the year.

- “A complete review of the liquor policy”
  - With Dalhousie having prohibited bar services due to Covid-19, we are working with the Student Affairs Office and the Alcohol Advisory Committee to create a new plan for bar services on campus, once it is safe, operationally sound, and fiscally feasible to resume services.

**Winter**

- “Create long term values for the DSU with the implementation of a mission/vision statement and 5, 7, and 10-year goals”
  - Continuing upon work done last year on the DSU’s Strategic Plan to improve its efficacy and long-term viability.

- “Work with groups on campus to foster a space where our inclusive population is celebrated, supported, and safe”
  - In coordination with several other executives, bodies on campus, and committees, policy review this year will include development and proposal of an International Students Issues Policy, an Indigenous Students Issues Policy, and a Sexualized Violence Policy. Some of this work is a development from existing work that will be revised and brought forward again this year. This work will occur continuously throughout the year.

**Internal Affairs and DSU Committees**

The DSU’s internal operations and procedures have shifted this year as a result of Covid-19 and its impacts on campus life. The executive and staff have taken great lengths to ensure that we are able to fulfill our mandate, provide services and supports for students, as well as play a role in a safe and healthy community. Dream Big, our Orientation Week, is a great example of these values in play; the DSU was able to welcome thousands of students to campus through interactive and engaging hybrid programming. DSU and SUB operations will continue to adapt to guidelines and industry standards as they develop.

**Bylaw and Policy Review Committee**
Through the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee, the DSU will be reviewing all governing documents as well as the Bylaws. This is being done in place of an organizational audit, which cannot be run this year due to operational changes as a result of Covid-19. In additional to a general policy review, the DSU’s governing documents will be assessed through the Response Committee to ensure they reflect a survivor-centric framework as well as due process, fairness, and transparency.

The DSU is also working on creating/reviewing and passing an International Students Issues Policy, an Indigenous Students Issues Policy, and a Sexualized Violence Policy. The DSU’s Strategic Plan will also be reviewed and adapted in order to ensure its efficacy and alignment with the DSU’s mission, vision, and values. Some of these efforts build on the product of past DSU executives and members but are now being further developed and/or implemented.

**Board of Governors and Senate Caucuses**

The BoG and Senate Caucuses this year have thus far had only a few meetings but have already contributed significant motions and thoughts to discussion(s). BoG Caucus spent a significant amount of time this summer advocating for reduced tuition, better student support, and University action on behalf of Black students and community members. Senate Caucus has introduced motions for academic amnesty, advocated on behalf of Student Ratings of Instruction, and again spoken for better student supports and the rights of students on our campuses.

**University Affairs and Committees**

The DSU has continued efforts to collaborate and work with Dalhousie on several key areas, including:

- Covid-19 Return to Campus planning and development
- Alcohol and bar services on campus
- Student fees and tuition
- Academic planning and accountability
- Student supports and services
- Ongoing involvement in community initiatives and movements

With the departure of Dr. Ivan Joseph as the Vice-Provost, Student Affairs, the DSU has been developing a stronger relationship with the new Student Affairs team and begun mapping out joint initiatives and points for collaboration for the next year.

**External and Broader Community**

**The Canadian Federation of Students**

The Dalhousie Student Union remains in a prospective membership with the Nova Scotian chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Over the past year, the DSU’s
membership has voiced both support and concern regarding this prospective membership and the DSU’s developing relationship with CFS.

This year’s executive team has decided to proceed with a referendum vote to allow the members at large to decide what relationship the DSU will pursue with CFS. Until the time that a neutral, information-based referendum can be held (tentatively, Spring 2021), the DSU executive has decided not to engage in any long-term or large-scale partnerships with the CFS.

**Government & Media**

The DSU represents its membership to several tiers of media and government on a local, provincial, and national scale. The DSU has continued to play a role in these conversations this year with specific focus going towards awareness of Covid-19 student-related issues, advocacy for Black, Indigenous and People of Colour in our community, discussions on tuition and fees in Nova Scotia, and several other key topics that represent our membership.

**Upcoming Dates**

October 2020: *Mi’kmaq History Month* (Nova Scotia)

October 2020: Women’s History Month (National observance)


October 05, 2020: *Nominations for DSU By-Elections open*

October 11, 2020: *International Day of the Girl*

October 21 & 22, 2020: *DSU By-Election Voting Period*

November 09-13, 2020: Fall Study Break

December 08, 2020: Fall term ends

December 18, 2020: SUB Winter Break Closing date
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May

- Transition:
  - Spent a lot of time transitioning into the role and learning new routines, techniques, and duties.
- Re-ratification Forms:
  - Sent out re-ratification forms in the first week of May to begin the ratification “season” for the year. There was not a lot of influx during May as it was the beginning of a lot of peoples summer. This is something I am recognizing for when we release the re-ratification forms again in April.
- New Website:
  - I spent a lot of time uploading the information from the societies pages onto the new website from the old. This took a majority of a week at least, with touch-ups here and there.
- Student Accessibility Bursaries:
  - This was a committee I jumped right into, having meetings twice a week when I began, to once a week, to then every two weeks as application amounts dropped. This is something I still continuously do with our new team which consists of the Director from E&A office, Indigenous Students Representative, Black Students Representative, Vice President Academic and External, and two General members.
- Year Long Planning:
  - I worked a lot on my year long goals this month, creating general ideas and then solidifying them in May. Since May, they have changed to fit more with what I have already accomplished and what I see as a SMART goal, as well as what the student are asking for based on the Annual Survey.
- Society Expo:
  - We began the early stages of Society Expo planning in this month.
- Communications Policy:
  - the communications Policy concerns were brought to me this month where I chose to help amend those to fit with appropriate online community guidelines.

June

- Student Experience Committee: I attended the conversation via a post-live stream where they discussed the beginning of the new Dal Mobile App.
- Annual Survey: I worked heavily on the annual survey to put the questions into an appropriate platform, amend some questions, figured out incentives, and dates. We decided
on the $500 tuition voucher as tuition was hit hard with a raise around this time. Other incentives were given by sponsors and were mainly food based.

- Website:
  - I continued working on the website and meeting with both the Graphics Designer and the Communications Coordinator to address concerns and layouts.

- Society Review Committee:
  - Society Review Committee began meeting this month after our committees were filled with members at council.

- SAFC Bylaws:
  - I had begun exploring the possibilities of creating the Student Accessibility Fund Committee bylaws which currently don’t exist. We operate similarly to the International Student Emergency Bursary but are directed towards accessibility needs and the criteria for that. Our current criteria is developed by WHO’s definition of a disability which encompasses all disabilities, visible or not.

- Society Expo:
  - We continued to plan this with Dalhousie Student Life for the next few months, meeting weekly or biweekly to discuss incentives, logistics, platforms, and more.

- Offices Steering Committee:
  - We had our first official meeting at the end of June where we discussed updates from each Office and passed a budget change from the Equity and Accessibility Office for them to give out a lump sum of money as bursaries for COVID-19 relief.

- Hiring Committees:
  - I partook on the hiring committees for the Events Commissioner and the Campaigns Commissioner. This took roughly two weeks for resume reviews, interviews, and decisions.

- Accessibility Advisory Committee:
  - This committee was something the past VPI was a part of so I fulfilled that role once I stepped in. They had planned to meet each summer month but many of these committee dates were cancelled and we have only met once since.

- Constitution Checks:
  - I began completing my own constitution checks which take a really long time to do. I follow a constitution checklist that was used in previous years but I updated it to work with our current guidelines and policy. These take a while to complete and when I have SRC coming up, a majority of my time is spent completing these to get ready for SRC. I would have allocated this task to my commissioner but given we did not hire commissioners for the other executives other than Events and Campaigns, I did this task myself.

July
- Annual Survey:
  - I spent some time finalizing our incentives and logistics and then released this survey early July for it to remain open for the entirety of July. We had over 1200 responses and I have a short presentation on the results. Full results will be posted online when graphics are completed and the feedback was great! This was the time I started to remake my Year Long Goals in order to fit with the feedback that students were writing.

- Society Expo:
  - Had continuous planning meetings throughout this month and the next to finalize our Expo. This included also creating the registration forms.

- VPI Ratifications:
  - I got heavily into doing my own VPI ratifications, which is where I would review applications for General Interest & Constituent societies on my own after member services had reviewed them. Constitution checks are consistently ongoing as well as VPI ratifications.

- Classroom Planning Committee:
  - This was another committee that the past VPI was on and they had also cancelled these meetings for the summer.

- Bursaries:
  - Bursaries were ongoing. I was also on the ISEB committee which meant I sat on 2 bursaries at the time. During the month of August I also joined the E&A Bursary committee.

- Crisis Flow Chart:
  - I began drafting a crisis flow chart for the organization to use in situations of social crisis. It focused heavily on collaboration with affected folks so that action taken by the DSU is appropriate and needed. This was reviewed by a committee that also worked on UnLearn with the DSU. It remained in the second draft stage after the committee meetings dwindled due to the high-activity time of the year (O-week planning, E&A Bursaries, etc.). I worked a lot on this for July. It is not extensive but it was something that I researched mostly on.

- Anti-Oppression Training Planning:
  - Anti-O was planned by this point to be created by both the E&A office and NSPIRG, a levy society. However, due to workloads and capacities of both groups, this project was halted. Since this time, we’ve found two new creators to host an Anti-O for the societies for the rest of the year, if need be. HRES and Dal Security have teamed up to create this for us and I was told a projected timeline of October release. At this point, I will contact all the societies who are, by policy, required to take the training.

- “Unlearn”:
  - Unlearn with the DSU was a project started with the Director of Research and Outreach, the E&A office, the Black students representative, and the Indigenous students
representative to create and boost information on how to ally, resources for black students, and resources for indigenous students. It was also meant to showcase shows/songs/podcasts/etc of BIPOC folk to listen to. This project was, again, halted by the increase in planning for other events and projects.

- Committees:
  - Offices Steering Committee and Society Review Committee both met this month again. SRC met every month since.

**August**

- Constants:
  - VPI Ratification & Constitution Checks
  - SRC
  - SAFC
  - E&A Bursary
  - ISEB

- Constitution Template:
  - I worked on a constitution template draft for the Faculty & Levy Societies to use from here on out. It will be provided to them via the website and linked when they receive the re-ratification email.

- Grants “How-to” Document:
  - I created a society funding guide for use in the future. This entails the grants for the DSU, external grants, & sponsorship guidance. The sponsorship guidance has yet to be integrated from the Sponsorship coordinator.

- Annual Survey Responses:
  - The Campaigns commissioner and I spent some time regrouping the annual survey responses and sorting them into categories of topic such as tuition concerns or events related. This was a very lengthy process.

**September**

- Constants:
  - SAFC
  - SRC
  - VPI ratification & Constitution checks
  - Constitution template work

- Annual Survey Work:
- Continued to review responses, worked on own write ups for the report, and mailing/handling off prizes to the winners.

- AUCRETT:
  - This was a new University committee I joined with VPAE in late August. This committee was formed to approve the changes/creations/terminations of University level departments, colleges, majors, etc. I took part of the scan team which sought out other university policies on this in order to make their own policy.

- Health & Safety Meeting:
  - I took part in these mid-late August in order to help prepare the SUB for re-opening. This included society office access decisions.

- O-WEEK!
  - I helped photograph O-week events and remained at the events for the entire duration.

- Society Expo:
  - We hosted our society expo online and I’d say it was fairly successful. While we didn’t have a whole lot of interaction, we still had a decent amount of societies get sign-up sheets filled out and have folks attend their online events. We definitely would have liked to see more participation in the online event aspect from societies & students but we worked with what we could! Given our online school status for Winter, we will most likely be having an online Winter Expo as well. We have taken this as a learning curve and will work to develop a more engaging Expo for winter.

- Society Email Update:
  - I sent out my first of many society email updates mid-September. This is an initiative I want to start taking in order to facilitate some more communication between DSU and society in my role.

- Society Policy:
  - I began making edits late-September to this in order to make it a little more up-to-date. This is ongoing at this time.

- Student Accessibility Fund Committee Bylaws:
  - Likewise with the Society Policy, I am now currently drafting a full policy for the SAFC which will then later be revised by our Policy and Governance coordinator as well as Council for approval.

- Emails, emails, emails!
  - I found that surprisingly a lot of my time is spent responding to the influx of emails I get each morning. I am hoping this dies down a little in order to work more on projects throughout the day.
Executive Goals - Summary

Hanna Stewart (Vice President, Internal)
The Vice President, Internal lead all DSU communications, ensures good society governance and access to support, and engages student with the DSU and its governance.

Summer:
- Plan a successful online Society & Volunteer Expo for Fall.
- Create and release a “Constitution Template” for Faculty & Levy Societies
- Help draft and finalize the new DSU website

Fall:
- Plan a successful Winter 2021 Society & Volunteer Expo.
- Create a “What is the DSU” information booklet to educate Members of services, fee breakdowns, and essential internal processes.
- Facilitate the conversation to separate the SUB prayer space from the wellness space and have two distinct areas for each.
- Facilitate the potential permanent Sexton Loaded Ladle location and/or Sexton Wellness Room
- Write Student Accessibility Fund Committee into the Bylaws

Winter:
- Collaborate with the DSU President & DISC, ISR, and constituents to formulate the Indigenous Students Issues Policy.
- Create and Release Annual Survey 2021.
- Create and Release a new Annual Society Survey 2021 for VPI & internal processes feedback.
- Plan and facilitate a Society Mixer to introduce collaboration between societies.
- Write Sexton Advisory Committee into the Bylaws.
Report of the Vice President Finance and Operations

Isa Wright

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Executive Goals:

1. Audit process

Goal: Streamline the audit process so that it is entirely online, faster, and has minimal turnaround time.

Status: I had positive feedback on the new audit submission process this summer. I am currently accepting audit submissions and turnaround times will be reduced to 10 business days, at the maximum.

2. Treasurer Training.

Goal: Improve treasurer training and implement bi-weekly trainings throughout the academic year, including a monthly treasurer newsletter.
Status: Since August, trainings have taken place weekly for constituent, faculty and levy society treasurers, and will continue until the need for training has been met. Due to requests, I have also created and implemented a biweekly treasurer training for general interest societies. I have received positive feedback on the trainings, which take place on Teams, and I will continue to update treasurers with information as needed in my monthly constituent/faculty/levy society treasurer newsletter.

3. Grant & Bursary Application Process

Goal: Improve the DSU bursary and grant application processes so that they are more user-friendly, with improved communications and turnaround time – including sample applications, FAQ guides, and simplified application forms. Increase promotion of the program to ensure members are informed on the financial supports offered by the DSU.

Status: We have successfully made amendments to the many of the bursary and grant applications and reviewal processes of the DSU to ensure they are user friendly, accessible and able to address the immediate needs of students. There is ongoing consultation regarding accommodation grants and emergency bursaries. I am happy to report that our bursaries and grants have helped many students during the COVID-19 outbreak.

4. 2020-21 Budget

Goal: Consult with DSU offices, services, and business during 2020-21 budget planning.

Status: I continue to work on emphasizing effectiveness and consultation in budget planning. A revised budget was implemented to adapt to the effects of COVID-19. 2020-21 budget consultation will begin in December and will include a member survey, input from Council, review of the past year’s budget, and examining feedback on services and priorities from the Annual Survey.

5. Funding Guides
Goal: Create a web page which will continually be updated with external funding opportunities, including society sponsorship opportunities, bursary applications, and other sources of funding. As this work develops I am hoping to collaborate with student leaders on campus to offer sponsorship workshops and knowledge-sharing between societies.

Status: We have developed a working document of funding opportunities and ideas, which is available to societies. Next steps are to finalize this document and add it to the website. I hope to complete this project and begin offering workshops by the winter semester.

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Internal Affairs

- Most of my focus over the summer was dedicated to COVID-19 updates and planning for the reopening of the SUB. I was involved with building logistics, COVID-19 prevention measures and general workplace safety concerns.
- In light of COVID-19, I led a budget consultation and revision process throughout April, May and June, ensuring that council members, general members, and staff had input on the budget. Council approved the revised budget in June.
- I streamlined financial systems so that bursaries and grants can be issued by direct deposit, making the process easier and safer for our members.
- I oversaw services throughout the pandemic, including the Food Bank (which operated throughout the outbreak), DSAS, DSUSO, E&A, and the health plan.
- Along with the operations team, I planned the reopening stages of the SUB. We are currently in phase one, looking to move into phase two in early October.
  - Phase One: The SUB is open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 10am-4pm. There are tables for 2 people each downstairs, with a maximum capacity of 28 seats, based on Dalhousie’s COVID-19 capacity guidelines (which are stricter than those of the province). The Loaded Ladle and Tim Hortons are open. The DSU Market operates for pickup one day per week, and the food bank is open two days per week.
  - Phase Two: Seating on the first floor will be increased to 50, based on provincial guidelines.
  - Future phases will be determined based on provincial guidelines and restrictions, full- and part-time staff input, and feedback from the membership. Operational
Grants Review Committee

- Council approved a new Grants Policy this spring and its implementation has been going smoothly.
- We have not had many member grant applications, but we have approved several and encourage members to apply.
- We have issued grants to the following societies:
  - Dalhousie South East Asian Society
  - PhD Health Student Society
  - Islamic Relief at Dalhousie
  - Dalhousie Birding Society
  - Dalhousie Anime Society
  - Environmental Engineering Society
  - Holiday Helpers Society
  - Cryptocurrency Research & Investment Society
  - Student Supporting Nepalese Children
  - Dalhousie Dungeons and Dragons
  - Rotaract Club of Halifax

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee

- Since May, the Committee has issued over $60,000 in emergency bursaries to international students.
- Council approved the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy in September to govern this fund and ensure consistent application of funding parameters. I will begin consultation on an internal assessment framework will next week.

Budget and Finance Committee

- The Budget and Finance Committee has been meeting regularly in order to review our investments in accordance with the recently adopted Ethical Investment Policy.
**Campaigns and Programming**

**Financial Workshops**

This year, we have partnered with an organization called Pennydrops to host a free financial literacy workshop of members. Pennydrops is a student-run non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of financial education in Canada. The workshops equipped students with the essentials skills on budgeting and investing personal finances. The first workshop took place on September 17th, 2020, and had positive feedback from students, so we will continue the partnership in the future.

**O-Week**

Throughout the summer semester, I worked with the executive to develop and implement in-person and virtual programming for this year’s Orientation Week Dream Big 2020. I was mostly involved with budget planning, COVID-19 guidelines, and event logistics planning.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Erica Seelemann

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. External Committee:
   a. Introductions for new members
   b. Focuses:
      i. Tuition increase
      ii. Support for an Indigenous Major and Honours program
2. Developing content for O-week
   a. Your Education Your Rights Video
   b. Welcome to Halifax Video
3. Hiring Committee for the DSU Market (August 24-28, 2020)
4. International Students Emergency Bursary Fund ongoing
5. Equity and Accessibility COVID-19 Relief Fund (Concluded September 17, 2020)
6. Accessibility Fund Committee ongoing
8. Shinerama planning
   a. Bottle drive (August 28, 2020)

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing work with the admissions department discussing inclusive language changes and larger changes that can be made on a new program that is in development
2. Open Educational Resources (OER) committee
   a. Met with UPEISU to discuss their OER initiative -July 22, 2020
   b. Developing a plan to make a similar proposal to the government requesting a grant start a similar program at the DSU
3. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
4. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee
5. Ongoing work with the The Academic Unit Consolidation, Renaming, Establishment, Termination, or Transfer (AUCRETT) Taskforce
6. 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

External and Broader Community

1. Developed a statement in solidarity with Yemen
2. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. #Rejectthe3
   b. NS Needs Students

Senate Caucus Updates

1. The caucus has been established. Remaining vacant seats include:
   a. LGBTQ+ representative
   b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences representative
   c. Faculty of Continuing Education Representative (tentatively to be appointed at the October 8, 2020 meeting of Council
2. All Student Senator Seats have been filled

Upcoming Dates

1. NS Needs Students Rally September 30th 1-3PM
2. Senate presentation on Open Educational Resources October 26, 2020

Semester Goals

Fall:
1. Extended work lobbying the government for a tuition freeze, including the NS Needs Students Rally and follow up events.
2. Developing a proposal for the Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC), which is a survey that will allow students to identify lack of diversity and oppressive course content in their classrooms.
3. Responding to issues of anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism on campus and in our community with a focus on improving Dalhousie’s mechanisms for holding individuals responsible for their actions.
4. Responding to issues identified in the Strople Report as part of the process of hiring a new Ombudsperson.

Winter:
1. Large advocacy efforts focused on Open Educational Resources.
2. Supporting and planning the Racial Justice Symposium
3. Bringing the SRCCs to Senate for approval
4. Advocating for improved and culturally appropriate and supportive mental health resources
Report of Vice President Student Life - Jad Ghiz

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Exec Goals & Campaign Promises

Safety

❖ Emotional and Mental Safety
  o Relied on Dal Security and Dal Safe student ambassadors as security and mental health support throughout events.
  o Maintained commitment to continue work done by previous execs in mental health support increase.
  o Working with Residence and Administration to create regular study halls to give students a space to study together in a safe manner.

❖ Physical Safety
  o Followed all COVID safety regulations for event programming.
  o Working on building a safe drinking environment on campus when Administrations Alcohol ban is lifted.
  o All events have individuals trained in first aid

Inclusivity

❖ Working with groups such as BUSA and DISA to coordinate programming that supports all our students.
❖ Supporting student groups with programming of their own.

Fun

❖ Big Events
  o O-Week included multiple events that were designed to hold the maximum students safely.
  o More large events can only be done outdoors which will be happening in the spring

❖ Small Events
  o With COVID smaller events are our only safe and realistic method for programming.
  o We have already planned for dozens of small and safe activities. Which include capture the flag, scavenger hunts, and more.

❖ De-Politicization
  o I have been consistently made myself available to collaboration and cooperation with groups all around Dalhousie to ensure that students get the best experience they can.
Committees

❖ Student Life Committee
  o SLC has begun planning for programming in October and November. SLC will be collaborating with student groups around Dal to accomplish programming during this time.

❖ Appeals Committee
  o Students who have been penalized will attempt to appeal and this committee will be assessing each appeal. I work together with representatives from Res Life and the Administration to processes each appeal on a case by case basis.

❖ Healthy Minds NS
  o Mental health professionals from institutions around Nova Scotia discuss how to best support students. I represent Dalhousie students on this committee.

Summer

❖ Plan a Covid Conscious O-Week that enables students to familiarize themselves with Dalhousie
❖ Incorporate harm reduction in all programming
❖ Continue previous exec work with student mental health issues
❖ Get educated on student issues and focus on tackling them

Fall

❖ Run online and in-person O-Week Dream Big programming
  o During the 2 weeks students are in isolation, we be provided various online content and virtual activities.
  o Once students are out of isolation, we provided 4 days of in person programming that included concerts, showcases, movies, and more
❖ Run extended O-Week programming to ensure students are safe and healthy
  o Dream Bigger is a series of small events that first years can attend with their houses that expose them to different aspects of Dalhousie and Halifax. All events are designed to engage students with their environment and encourage healthy activities and are COVID conscious.
❖ Develop programming/ campaigns to support student mental health with online classes
  o Organizing Study halls, community meals, exam prep support, and more
❖ Collaborate with community LGBTQ+ organizations/ societies on Covid Conscious Pride programming
  o Working with community groups and societies to coordinate programs both online and in person throughout the year.
- **Covid?** Offer meal programming for students who are staying on campus during holidays in cooperation with Loaded Ladle
- Run ‘Movember’ campaign as masculinity campaign

Winter

- Run “Frost week”
  - Frost week will be a series of activities that students can attend in a combination of indoor, outdoor, and online programming. Focusing on community engagement, Frost Week will contain various activities, musical performances, and more.
- Collaborate with societies and community organizations to support African Heritage initiatives
  - In talks with BUSA and community groups to host events and campaigns to support these groups in our community
- Collaborate with TEDx team at Dalhousie to run TEDxDalhousie
- Run ‘Last Class Bash’ Dalfest within
  - Due to Covid precautions and weather, we have moved Dalfest to the springtime and combining it with last class bash to offer students a fun and safe alternative to the classic programming
- More Exam programming and self-care promotion
  - Programming centered around mental health support such as campaigns, tabling, informational content and more
  - Activities to enhance the campus experience and offer stress relief. Activities such as snack handouts, free coffee stations, emotional support animals, and more.