Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: September 19 – October 02

Council Date: October 08, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

September 21: Set time/date for staff Anti-O; designated tasks for exec during Nova Scotia Needs Students (NSNS) rally; discussed Ascension lease; discussed academic amnesty for Indigenous students; decided on AGM final details; booked AGM prep meeting.

September 25: Newsletter updates; phone line updates; staff training updates; multiple group collaboration discussions.

September 28: Ascension update; event approvals process discussions; staff update; planning executive trip to Acadia; NSNS budget approval.

October 02: approval of O-week remaining costs; October programming update; staff update.

Other Meetings/Tasks

September 21: DSU Health and Safety Committee Meeting

September 23: Senate Caucus Meeting

September 24: DSU Council

September 25: Executive Year Long Plan Review Meeting

September 29: AGM Prep Meeting


October 01: Annual General Meeting; good participation from attendees but quorum not met. Executive reports and financial documents presented. Spring AGM to be organized to present Bylaw amendments.
October 02: Staff Meeting; SUB operations updates, executive update, work from home update.

**University Affairs and Committees**

*September 22:* Impromptu meeting with Chair of Senate to discuss amnesty requests for Indigenous Students taking part in community support efforts. Edits were made to original motion presented on recommendation from Senate Chair to make motion more likely to pass.

*September 25:* Senate Honorary Degrees Meeting

*September 28:* Senate Meeting: discussion on amnesty requests, employment equity report, and sexualized violence data report.

*September 28:* Orientation Debrief Meeting with Student Life – sent my regrets, VPSL attended.

*September 29:* Residence Code Appeal Meeting – sent my regrets, VPSL attended.

*October 02:* Residence Code Appeal Meeting

**External and Broader Community**

*October 01/02:* Attendance at the virtual UofT National Dialogues and Action Conference for Inclusive Higher Education and Communities (no cost).

**Board of Governors Caucus Updates**

No meetings of the BoG Caucus were held.

**Upcoming Dates**

October 2020: *Mi’kmaq History Month* (Nova Scotia)
October 2020: Women’s History Month (National observance)
October 2020: Queer History Month (International 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
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: September 19th – October 2nd.

Council Date: October 8th

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Society Policy Review
  - This was continuous throughout the reporting period. The review is not yet complete but will soon be ready for consultation.

- Student Accessibility Fund Committee Policy
  - Continuous but taking a back seat to the Society Policy review. This project will take a larger portion of time to complete.

- VPI Ratifications/ Constitution checks
  - These are continuously ongoing.

- Year Long Planning Meeting – September 25th
  - This meeting took place in order to regroup the executives in our year long planning goals.

- Offices Steering Committee – September 25th
  - The committee reviewed updates from the offices; no motions were raised.

- Accessibility Fund Committee – September 25th
  - The committee continued to approve and issue bursaries to applicants.

- AGM Report & Preparation – September 28th

University Affairs and Committees

- AUCRETT – September 22nd
  - The Co-chairs met to review the policy currently in drafting.

External and Broader Community

- Met with EDGE to discuss a Dalhousie EDGE Chapter – September 24th
They are a student-run, non-profit looking to expand outside of Ontario. They support marginalized students across campuses and currently operate a chapter out of Queens University. They will begin their chapter next year but are looking for Dalhousie Co-chairs currently. Any folks interested should see about contacting them or reviewing their work.

Society Review Committee Updates

- Will be meeting on the 8th of October. No further updates.

Upcoming Dates

Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: September 24, 2020- October 5, 2020

Council Date: October 8, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. External Committee
   a. Cancelled due to post-tropical storm Teddy
2. International Students Emergency Bursary Fund ongoing

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
   a. Myself and Jad Ghiz were appointed by the Executive team to the Ombudsperson advisory committee. I was chosen because of my ongoing work resolving existing areas of contention with the Vice-Provost of Student Affairs and my familiarity with the Strople Report.
   b. The committee will begin discussing recommendations in the Strople Report in preparation for reorganizing the role of and hiring a new Ombudsperson
2. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee
3. Ongoing work with Senior Administration and Faculty about developing a Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC), which will be focused on flagging oppressive content in the classroom and creating safer learning environments.
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

External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. Development for NS Needs Students rally
      i. Cancelled because of inclement weather. Rescheduled for October 14 1PM-3PM
      ii. Developing information posts and advertisements to share with classrooms and promote the event

Senate Caucus Updates
a. In the process of developing a statement demonstrating our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion principles and the need for that focus in Senate

**Upcoming Dates**

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

Name: Jad Ghiz

Reporting Period: Sept 24th – Oct 5th, 2020

Council Date: Oct 8th, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. O-Week Dream Bigger
   a. Sept. 25th: Registration went live.
   b. Sept. 28th: Events were postponed till Oct. 7th due to weather and low registration
   c. Sept. 29th: Posted promotional materials around campus.
   d. Sept. 30th: Rebuilt schedule and finalized events at Dalplex
   e. Oct. 2nd: Posted promotional materials on each residence floor.
   f. Oct. 5th: Executed first day of event

2. SRCC
   a. Oct. 5th: Revised updates to draft

3. Student Life Committee
   a. Sept 25th: Chaired introductory SLC meeting
   b. Sept. 30th: Chaired first SLC meeting and began planning of events in Oct. & Nov.

4. AGM

University Affairs and Committees

1. In-Person Programming aid from Dalhousie Admin
   a. September 28th: Met with Rigel Biscione and student life team regarding Orientation Programming

2. Appeals Committee
a. Sept. 29th: Attended appeals committee regarding Dalhousie Student

External and Broader Community

1. NS Needs Students Rally
   a. Planned Chants and handouts.
   b. Found volunteers and coordinated sanitization stations for rally participants.

Upcoming Dates

No upcoming dates to report.