Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: October 5-16, 2020

Council Date: October 22, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

*October 16:* regular updates on meetings and ongoing projects; approval for master keys for Directors; motions to adjust capital spending approvals; formation of an executive-level working group on residence issues; discussion on student work load and need for study spaces – update from VPDL; upcoming meeting times set; update from VPI on University/Sexton/T-Room/Loaded Ladle collaboration; discussion on potential candidates for an ad hoc committee seat; talk on collaborating with student businesses and update from VPFO re: exec budget timelines.

- Due to a few unexpected scheduling conflicts and a holiday, fewer ECM meetings were held this reporting period than usual.

Other Meetings/Tasks

*October 05:* Meeting with a member regarding the Board of Governors and DSU Annual General Meeting

*October 06:* Regular meeting with DSU Offices (DSAS/DSUSO/E&A) for updates and discussion on residences appeals, programming, and general discussion.

*October 06:* Meeting with office staff on events approval process; still in the process of having the responsibility of society event approvals handed to the DSU from Dal.

*October 06:* Year-long planning review.

*October 07:* Council prep meeting with Policy & Governance Coordinator.

*October 08:* DSU Council.

*October 13:* Meeting with Policy & Governance Coordinator regarding policy review and development.
**October 15:** Operations meeting. Discussion on phase 3 SUB reopening, society event approvals process.

**University Affairs and Committees**

**October 06:** Meeting with DSU executive, Vice-Provost, Equity and Inclusion, and HRES staff for introductions and discussion on sexualized violence report, common interests, and potential areas to work together.

**October 08:** Board of Governors Executive Committee Meeting; minutes confidential.

**October 08:** Dalhousie Provost & Vice-President, Academic Search launch meeting; minutes confidential. Regrets sent due to scheduling conflict, follow up planned.

**October 09:** Meeting with Dalhousie Legal regarding ongoing discussion to switch responsibility of society event approvals to DSU, from Dal. Waiting on thoughts from Campus Bookings and Environmental Health & Safety before final RTC approval of process.

**October 13:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Meeting; sat in for information.

**October 14:** Board of Governors Orientation. Regrets sent.

**October 14:** Bi-weekly meeting with Student Affairs and DSU executive. Discussion with lead negotiator on Dalhousie’s team in DFA bargaining. Negotiator noted that filing for conciliation and a strike vote are both common, University remains optimistic an agreement can be reached. Also noted that the longest DFA strike in history, to their knowledge, was 17 days; shortest was 4. Discussion with VProvost, SA on how to communicate appropriately with students re: the strike. Discussion with Director of Residence on ongoing issues and the living guide.

- Executives were generally disheartened with the tone and contents of a conversation with the VProvost, SA surrounding several important issues, including student mental health in residences. Executives have decided to take on the task of holding direct consultation with students in residence to learn their thoughts on the Residence Living Guide and report back to the Director of Residence at the end of the year. The VPSL will lead the project.

**October 16:** Employment Equity Council; discussion on framework and consultation groups. Point made to include perspectives of students who are also employees of the University. Added to a working group on defining intersectional identities for reporting purposes.

**October 16:** Meeting with VPAE and Senator to discuss ongoing topics, points of collaboration, and hold introductions.

**External and Broader Community**

No significant updates.
Board of Governors Caucus Updates

October 15: Meeting to prepare for upcoming BoG. Discussion items include the President’s report, an EDI report, and several capital projects. No large points of contention but several questions surrounding the EDI report. Caucus would also like to ask questions related to one of the capital projects and understand whether any environmental assessment of the project occurred (thermal system refurbishment with EllisDon). Caucus also plans to ask questions related to the Board’s involvement in DFA bargaining and on student fees.

- BoG Caucus report to be delivered at next meeting of DSU Council.

Upcoming Dates

October 20: Board of Governor’s Meeting
October 21: DSU BoG Caucus Meeting
October 21 & 22, 2020: DSU By-Election Voting Period
October 26: Senate Meeting
October 28: Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
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

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- DSU Offices Meeting, October 6th
  - Updates from Offices & Updates on Exec projects.
- Year-Long Planning Meeting, October 6th
  - Another executive planning meeting to finalize our year goals in our calendar.
- Continuous Constitution Checks for Society Review Committee Meetings
- Society Monthly Email Planning, collecting a list of notable updates for societies to know for October
- Society Policy Review – almost done!
- Accessibility Fund Committee Meeting – October 9th
- Constitution Template – In Final edits
- Funding Guide in Final Draft stage
- Meeting with Dalhousie Commerce Society, October 15th
- Society Expo Winners – Outreach & Finance work.
  - The reason this outreach was about a month after was in order to ensure I could get as many society sign-up sheets from Societies as I could.

University Affairs and Committees

- Human Resources and Equity Services Meeting, October 6th
  - Introduction meeting
- Classroom Planning Committee Meeting, October 7th
  - Update on Campus infrastructure projects.
- Vice Provost Student Affairs Connection with Sexton Campus Administration, October 8th
  - This conversation was to guide connections for Loaded Ladle Services inquiring on Sexton Campus.
- Accessibility Advisory Committee, October 14th
• Vice Provost & DSU Executive Biweekly meeting, October 14th

External and Broader Community

• N/A

Society Review Committee Updates

• Met last to approve on October 8th and approved the following societies:
  o Dalhousie Undergraduate Nursing Society
  o The School of Social Work Student Group (SWSG)
  o CKDU Society
  o Dalhousie Urban Garden Society (DUGS)
• Extraordinary Meeting of Society Review Committee, October 15th

Upcoming Dates

• N/A
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Isa Wright

Reporting Period: September 18 – October 16, 2020

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- SUB update – phase 2 of reopening is now in place. There is increased seating on the first floor of the SUB. Plans are in place to increase study spaces during midterms and finals, more details will be released on the website when finalized.
- 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 fifteen sessions so far, with over 90 treasurers participating in total. There are still upcoming sessions taking place on a biweekly basis. Updates to treasurer training for constituent societies.
- Supported Dalhousie Outdoors Society to implement a gear drop-off and pick-up system, now occurring on Tuesday nights.
- Ongoing communications with Dalhousie regarding their enrollment numbers. Finalized numbers and reconciliations have not been sent to us.
- 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.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates & Dates

- Grants were allocated in this period to:
  - Dalhousie Dungeons & Dragons Society
- Dalhousie Environmental Engineering Society
- Dalhousie Holiday Helpers
- Dalhousie Cryptocurrency Research & Investment Society
- Dalhousie Student Supporting Nepalese Children
- Dalhousie Rotary Club of Halifax

**Budget and Finance Committee Updates**

- Investment Review: please see the following list of the funds to be divested, and the reasons for divestment. These funds were approved for divestment by the Budget and Finance Committee. Finalized profit or loss figures will be reported once all funds have been reallocated by our Investment Manager.
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Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. External Committee (October 6, 2020).
   a. Discussion on the DFA’s strike vote. Consensus that the DSU should support the DFA throughout the collective bargaining process.
   b. Discussion on future projects

2. International Students Emergency Bursary Fund ongoing

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
   a. First meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for October 23, 2020.

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. Consultation with Dr. Kevin Hewitt, Chair of Senate (October 15, 2020).

4. Confirmed appointment of Nik Isaac-Pictou to the Academic Amnesty Ad Hoc Committee
   a. Senate communicated that they had two vacant seats for students on this committee
   b. The executive felt it necessary that a student from the Dalhousie Indigenous Student Collective (DISC) have this seat because of the issues and racism their communities are facing
      i. Nik Isaac-Pictou was appointed by DISC

External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. Development for NS Needs Students rally
      i. Cancelled because of inclement weather. Will plan follow up events focused on advocacy and education

2. Development of academic amnesty motions for Indigenous students advocating in Saulnierville.
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

1. Postponed Open Educational Resources at Senate until the new year
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

Reporting Period: Oct. 3rd - 16th, 2020

Council Date: Oct 20th, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. O-Week Dream Bigger
   a. Oct. 5th-9th Executed events

2. Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC)

3. Student Life Committee
   a. Oct. 7th: Chaired SLC meeting regarding Pumpkin Fest and brainstorming November programming.
   b. Oct. 14th: Chaired SLC meeting finalizing Pumpkin Fest and deciding on Movemeber, exam de-stressors and reading week activities for November

University Affairs and Committees

1. University meetings:
   a. Oct. 6th: Met with Laara Richardson regarding residence programming initiatives.
   b. Oct. 15th: Met with Rigel Biscione regarding off-campus student programming and opening new study spaces on campus
   c. Oct. 15th: Met with Kevin Hewitt regarding SRCC proposal
2. Appeals Committee
   a. Oct. 6th: Attended appeals committee regarding a Dalhousie Student in residence

External and Broader Community

Upcoming Dates

DSU X Shinerama Pumpkin Carving Fundraiser October 27th and 28th