Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: October 17-30, 2020

Council Date: November 05, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

*October 19:* updates from VPFO regarding executive budgets; updates on staff holiday socials and appreciation; Part-Time staff update on hiring and communication; discussion on motion for academic amnesty in Senate; update from VPSL on Redbull sponsorship agreement.

*October 23:* discussion on recommendations to DFA about how to communicate with students in their planned open letter to; discussion on University response to DFA negotiations and communications concerns; Director of Research & Outreach updates on Research & Outreach meeting and newsletter; Response to SARS (Special Anti-Robbery Squad, a specialized police force in Nigeria) concerns; Movember updates from VPSL.

*October 26:* Discussion on university call to action regarding student workload and mental health; Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and university funding discussion with VPSL; DFA update; Newsletter reminder from DR&O.

*October 30:* Continued discussion on student workload from VPI; discussion on third party chapter request from VPI; discussed concerns brought forward about TA’s accessing CERB; Provost Search Committee consultation with executive; Archives partnership follow-up from VPFO; Pride Planning update from VPFO.

Other Meetings/Tasks

*October 19:* Health and Safety Meeting – general updates, discussion on Phase 3 of re-opening for November 01.

*October 21:* Meeting with Dal Management Society Executives to discussion event approvals.

*October 21:* Council Prep Meeting with Policy and Governance Coordinator.

*October 21:* Student Senate Caucus
October 23: Staff Anti-O Training Session.

October 27: Pumpkin Carving with students & VPSL/VPI.

October 28: Year Long Planning Meeting with executive & directors.

October 28: Council Prep Meeting with Policy and Governance Coordinator.

October 29: Bylaw and Policy Review Committee Meeting – discussion on elections policy.

October 30: Meeting with DISC representatives.

University Affairs and Committees

October 19: Senate Planning and Governance Meeting Prep with Senate Chair – presentation of amendments to the Academic Amnesty Request for Indigenous students from October.

October 20: Board of Governors Meeting

October 21: Senate Planning and Governance Meeting – presentation of the Academic Amnesty Request for Indigenous students.

October 23: Senate Meeting

October 28: Board Academic and Student Affairs Meeting

October 28: Student Affairs/DSU Meeting

October 28: Meeting with Laura Godsoe regarding Provost, Vice President Academic Search Committee.

External and Broader Community

October 20: CTV Interview regarding DFA/DAL negotiations.

October 21: The Watch Interview regarding DFA/DAL negotiations.

October 23: CTV Interview regarding students and online learning.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

The BoG Caucus met on October 15th and the BoG met on October 20th. BoG Report attached to package.

Upcoming Dates

Reading Week: Nov 9-12
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: October 17th – 30th

Council Date: November 5th, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Focus these past two weeks has mainly been on the Society Policy and figuring out a way to configure an easier society training system for the next ratification year.
- Constitution Template: This project is complete and has been uploaded to the website for the support of future re-ratification processes.
  - This resource can be used by any society interested in making a constitution to help support their organization, or for Faculty/Levy societies to create or update their constitutions prior to re-ratification submission for a quicker process. The template is available at https://www.dsu.ca/society-administration/.
- Funding How-To Guide: This project is also complete and available at https://www.dsu.ca/society-administration.
  - This resource will help societies navigate and secure funding for future projects.
- Event Approval Process Reconfiguration: I worked with the University to simplify this process. The DSU will now review any society event for approval. This has eliminated a need for the Return To Campus Committee (RTC) to review DSU Society events and makes approval quicker for societies.
- Attended Office Anti-Oppression Training: Friday, October 23rd.
- Accessibility Fund Committee: Monday, October 26th, 2020.
  - Continued to approve and issue bursary applications.
- Adding Societies on the Website: I have recently taken this onto my portfolio.
- Loaded Ladle Outreach: I am in conversation with the Loaded Ladle about space requirements to operate on Sexton campus.
- Assisted with Pumpkin Carving Set-up: Tuesday, Oct. 27th.
- Annual Survey Update:
  - I am continuing to work on the final presentation of the Annual Survey. While data analysis has been complete for a while, there have been delays with graphic design. I plan to present the final report on the survey to council once graphics are finished.
University Affairs and Committees

- Anti-O Training Update Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 22nd, 2020
  - Meeting with HRES and Center for Learning and Teaching to discuss content review, next steps, and process to upload on Brightspace for student access.
  - Discuss bettering the current relationship dynamics with DISC & the DSU to be more inclusive of consultation and collaboration.

External and Broader Community

  - Inquiring for Chapter at Dalhousie.

Society Review Committee Updates

- SRC has not met within these past two weeks.

Upcoming Dates

- N/A
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: October 12, 2020- October 30, 2020

Council Date: November 5, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a. Accessibility Fund Committee met on October 23 for a regular ongoing meeting to allocate funds.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
   a. First meeting was on October 23, 2020.
      i. Faculty and administrative members of the Ombudsperson Advisory Council (OAC) will develop a proposal based on the Strople Report to present to student members tentatively the week of November 23, 2020.
      ii. Long-term goal is to hire an Ombudsperson by April 30

2. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee
   a. Community presentations and consultation are scheduled throughout November. The tentative dates are:
      i. November 23, 2020 (5-6PM): Dalhousie Student Advocacy Services (DSAS and Dalhousie Law.
      ii. November 24, 2020 (5-6PM): DSU executive and Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS)
      iii. November 25, 2020 (6:30-7:30PM): Black Student Societies, Dalhousie Indigenous Students Collective (DISC), Dalhousie International Students Association (DISA)
      iv. November 26, 2020 (5-6PM): Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA)
      v. November 30, 2020 (12-1PM): Town Hall Number 1, Faculty, Staff, and Students
      vi. December 3, 2020 (9-10AM, 12-1PM, 4-5PM): Town Halls 2, 3 and 4.

3. Ongoing discussions with Senior Administration and Faculty about developing a Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC), which will be focused on flagging and avoiding oppressive content in the classroom.
4. Developing Open educational resources (OER) presentation for OER committee meeting
   November 4, 2020 In preparation of Senate presentation in the new year.

External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. Reassessing how to promote NS Needs Students

Senate Caucus Updates

1. Strong work discussing Senate’s agendas from an EDI lens. Several areas of concern:
   a. Higher academic integrity allegation rates in the international student community
      i. Brainstorming ways to make information about academic integrity more accessible
   b. Academic amnesty for Indigenous students
   c. The default confidential state of all Senate sub-committees

Upcoming Dates

None to report.
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

Reporting Period: Oct. 17th- 30th, 2020

Council Date: Nov 5th, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Pumpkin Carving Fundraiser for Shinerama
   a. Oct. 27th & 28th: Executed event

2. Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC)

3. Student Life Committee
   a. Oct. 21st: Chaired SLC meeting focused on planning for frost week.
   b. Oct. 29th: Chaired SLC meeting finalizing plan for November and December

4. Men’s Mental Health Campaign
   a. Recorded intro video for video series

University Affairs and Committees

1. University meetings:
   a. Oct. 20th: Met with DFA president David Westwood regarding SRCC proposal
   b. Oct. 21st: Met with Theresa Rajack-Talley regarding SRCC proposal
   c. Oct. 26th: Met with David Pilon regarding restarting the Mental Health Forum
   d. Oct. 22nd: Met with Rigel Biscione & Said Msabaha regarding study halls
2. Appeals Committee
   a. Oct. 29th: Attended two appeals committee meetings regarding a Dalhousie Student in residence

External and Broader Community

1. Meeting Community Members
   a. Oct. 20th: Met with Finn Magee regarding possible partnership/promotion of subletting site

Upcoming Dates