Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: November 01-15, 2020

Council Date: November 19, 2020

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

November 02: Discussion on creating Senate preparation meetings, options for supporting international students entering quarantine, Member Services Assistant hiring committee schedule, VPAE update on LGBTQ+ student consultation with admissions, VPSL update on winter welcome week programming.

November 06: Discussion on covid in the province and SUB operations, update on holiday planning, executive and directors each gave updates on time off in next few months, impact awards update from VPSL, study hall update from VPSL, Council debrief, The New Corporation update from Director Ops, and FASS Board update from VPAE.

November 13: Discussion on Graphic Designer hiring, executive registration for the National Skill share Series by Courage to Act, tabling plans for exam de-stressors, winter programming check-in with VPSL, Covid-19 update based on St.Fx and Acadia updates to winter break.

Other Meetings/Tasks

November 02: Meeting with Policy and Governance Coordinator about Judicial Board Policy and other updates to BPRC planning.

November 04: Society Event Management Committee meeting, approval for 4 society events under Covid guidelines.

November 05: Council preparation with executives and Policy and Governance Coordinator.

November 05: DSU Council.

November 06: Staff Meeting

November 06: Senate and Board preparation meeting with Director R&O and Policy and Governance Coordinator.
November 06: Meeting with Graduate Planning Society executives to discuss studio space.

November 12: Meeting with Director R&O and Policy and Governance Coordinator to discuss Response Committee.

November 12: Meeting with Jordan Roberts from Kings College to discuss Response Committee training.

November 12: Council preparation with executives and Policy and Governance Coordinator.

University Affairs and Committees

November 05: RTC Executive Committee Meeting. Discussion on Winter term planning and approval of experiential classes proposing face-to-face courses. Updates on residence life, holiday functions, and overview of event approvals.

November 05: Meeting with Sheila Blair-Reid and VPFO for discussion on alumni funding collaboration with DSU to support Foodbank on Giving Tuesday.

November 07: Dalhousie Virtual Open House participation (Student Life Panel).

November 09: Meeting with VPSL, Director African Nova Scotian Community Engagement for introductions, invitation to Mental Health Forum.

November 10: Meeting with new Vice President Finance and Administration, Gitta Kulczyck for introductions. VPFO to join monthly meetings for ongoing discussion.

November 10: DSU event approvals meeting with Isabelle French and Leanne French to discuss MBA Formal concerns.

External and Broader Community

November 03: Interview with Lane from Dalhousie Gazette.

November 05: Meeting with Nick Chambers from Boyden about Provost/ Vice President Academic search.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

No updates.
Upcoming Dates

Nov 16-19: Exam De-stressors

December 07: Last day of fall classes.
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Continuing Ratification Duties; VPI ratifications and bank letters.
- Adding Societies to the website: all newly ratified General Interest societies have been added to the website – continuing to add on a daily basis.
- Society Policy Review
  - Continuous but paused to reconfigure trainings to work with the upcoming ratification year and changes to mandatory trainings.
- Grants Review Committee – Nov. 3rd, 2020
  - Continued to review Society, Member, and Accommodation grants.
- Society Event Management Committee Meeting – Nov. 4th, 2020
  - First of this committee meeting – met to approve society events with new COVID precautions & requirements.
- Meeting with Dalhousie Commerce Society – November 6th, 2020
  - Met to discuss society executive inquiry.
- Student Accessibility Fund Committee – Nov. 6th, 2020
  - Continued to approve and issue Student Accessibility Bursaries.
- Digital Community Coordinator Interviews – November 12th, 2020
  - Interviewed 4 applicants with the Communications Coordinator.

University Affairs and Committees

- N/A

External and Broader Community

- N/A
Society Review Committee Updates

- This committee is set to meet next on November 18th, 2020. The amount of society approvals is declining. We are set to speak about society office spaces & society training changes.

Upcoming Dates

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

Name: Erica Seeleman

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a. Accessibility Fund Committee met on November 6th for a regular ongoing meeting to allocate funds.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing Ombudsperson negotiations with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs
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.
5. Academic Unit Consolidation, Renaming, Transfer and Termination (AUCRETT) Taskforce will present a draft of their new policy to DSU members November 17th, 4PM-5PM. All are welcome. Please email me for an invitation to the Teams event.
External and Broader Community

1. Ongoing work addressing tuition
   a. Reassessing how to promote NS Needs Students
2. Addressing changes students would like to see to the semester to allow them to be successful.

Upcoming Dates

November 17th, 4PM-5PM AUCRETT consultation regarding their draft policy.
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Student Life Committee
   a. Nov 5th: Chaired SLC meeting finalizing plan for November and December and brainstorming for Winter orientation

2. Men’s Mental Health Campaign
   a. Nov 6th: Recorded first episode for video series

3. Mental Health Forum
   a. Began preparing promotional materials for first meeting of the year

4. International Student Bursary Committee
   a. Nov 5th: Committee met and decided upon recipients

5. Brightspace Mental Health Course Initiative
   a. Oct 31st: Met with student Catherine Robertson to address proposal for permanent course on BS for all students to ensure resources are easily accessible
   b. Nov 5th: Met with Dr Sparks & FASS faculty members regarding logistics behind creating a BS course

6. Member Services Assistant Hiring Committee
   a. Participated in the Interviewing of 3 Candidates for MSA

University Affairs and Committees

1. University meetings:
   a. Nov 3rd: Met Administration faculty regarding Impact Awards
   b. Nov 2nd: Met with David Pilon to finalize the Mental Health Forum
   c. Nov 4th: Met with Rigel Biscione & student affairs regarding quarantine programming
   d. Nov 9th: Met with Jalana Lewis regarding BIPOC student initiatives

External and Broader Community
1. PSVPC Meeting
   a. Nov 5th: Attended Committee Meeting
2. Sexualized Violence Prevention Resource Group
   a. Nov 10th: Attended Committee Meeting and reported on DSU initiatives regarding mental health/ campaigns

Upcoming Dates

November 17th at 4:30pm: Dalhousie Mental Health Forum

November 17th at 12:00pm: Exam De-stressor Tabling