Report of the President

Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: February 06-19

Council Date: February 25, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

*multiple holidays in mid-February resulted in fewer ECM meetings than usual*

*February 12*: Director Research & Outreach asked executives to take part in staff evaluations. President provided an update on incidents in the last Board of Governors meeting. Director Operations provided information on budgets and updates to the T-Room (painting). VPFO held discussion on society banking.

*February 19*: Staff request for a credit card was denied, due to conflict with the Financial Policy. VPI provided update on discussion around Loaded Ladle site on Sexton Campus. VPI gave update on Annual Survey – response number is good, booking meeting for March to assess results for action items. Director R&O received approval collaboration on International Women’s Day with HRES.

Other Meetings/Tasks

*February 9, 10am*: Board of Governors student caucus meeting.

*February 9, 12pm*: Meeting with VPFO, Director Operations, DAGS, to discussion joint stocks issue and planning financials until September 2022, when DAGS will be able to register with joint stocks.

*February 10, 11am*: Meeting with VPSL, DR&O to discuss Last Class Bash.

*February 10, 3:30pm*: Society events approval meeting.

*February 11, 11:30am*: Meeting with Provost, Dalhousie legal, and student to discuss individual student concern.

*February 11, 1pm*: Interviews for new Policy and Governance Coordinator.
February 11, 7pm: DSU Council.

February 12, 8:30am: Trip to T-Room with Director Operations and Director R&O to discuss painting.

February 12, 10am: Interviews for new Policy and Governance Coordinator. Followed by hiring discussion with VPAE and Director R&O.

February 12, 12pm: Meeting with VPSL, Director R&O, and SMUSA Events Director to discuss Last Class Bash.

February 12, 2pm: Meeting with Ascension barbershop to discuss new lease agreement. Ascension to provide proposal for discussion.

February 15: Nova Scotia Heritage Day

February 16, 1pm: Meeting with VPSL, Director R&O to discuss next year’s O-Week budget line.

February 17, 3:30pm: Society events approval meeting.

February 18, 1pm: Meeting with DUES President to discuss Loaded Ladle, Last Class Bash, end-of-year events, and catch up.

February 18, 4pm: Meeting with members of the mural Selection Committee. Decision to extend the deadline for the RFP in hopes of seeing local proposals.

February 19, 4:30pm: Student Senate Caucus.

University Affairs and Committees

February 8, 3pm: Senate meeting.

February 9, 9am: Meeting with Dalhousie President. Discussion on international expansion and concerns over opportunistic endeavors. Further discussion on partnership and addressing student’s needs.

February 9, 3pm: Dalhousie Board of Governor’s Meeting. Note that during the meeting, the DSU President’s report contained discussion on Dalhousie’s response to sexualized violence. Conduct from senior administrators was deeply upsetting, and impacted the ability of student representatives to take part in the meeting meaningfully. The issue is being addressed both in and out of the Board.

February 10, 9am: Dalhousie Board Academic and Student Affairs meeting. Again, conduct from senior administrators was an issue in this meeting while addressing concerns of racism in processes. This issue is being addressed by the involved parties (not DSU).

February 17, 12pm: DSU executive & Student Affairs Bi-weekly meeting. Discussion on student affairs reporting, Loaded Ladle, DSU Mental health fund.
External and Broader Community

*February 10, 2pm:* Courage 2 Act conference.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

Minutes and Caucus report for the 2020-21 academic year will be provided at the final meeting of Council.

Upcoming Dates

*February 22:* Dalhousie Senate

*February 24:* Meeting of the President’s Advisory group on sexualized violence.

*February 26:* Meeting of the Accessibility Plan working group.

*March 04:* Return to Campus Executive Committee meeting.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

Reporting Period: February 8, 2021 - February 19, 2021

Council Date: February 25, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Policy and Governance Hiring Committee
   a. Met on February 11th and 12th.

2. Ongoing work developing translations of policies related to academic integrity
   a. I chaired the hiring committee.
   b. Met with successful applicants on February 15th to discuss the project
   c. Translations will tentatively be completed by March 15th

3. Student Senate Caucus (SSC) met on February 19th to discuss Senate’s agenda for the February 22nd meeting. Senate is having a thinktank session on academic integrity. SSC members felt that Dalhousie can address the issue of academic integrity by being more proactive with their educational resources and revising existing resources to make them more concise and engaging.

University Affairs and Committees

1. 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. There is ongoing discussion about holding a special meeting of SLTC in March to discuss the proposal.

2. February 8th, I gave a presentation to Senate about Open Educational Resources (OERs) and the open application for funding through the Centre for Learning and Teaching and the Dal Libraries.

3. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee. We are discussing how to make the language and limitations of the code clearer.

4. February 11th, I attended a discussion including the ASL Society, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Health to discuss the possibility of introducing an ASL class at Dalhousie. The conversation centred on the necessity of consultation.

5. February 16th, I attended an Exam Regulations Working Group meeting. This was the group’s first meeting and we focused on clarifying the group’s scope.
Upcoming Dates

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

Reporting Period: Feb. 6th – 19th.

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Kept societies up to date on events approval changes.
  - Mass emails.
- Re-ratification Forms
  - Spending a large majority of my time reconfiguring re-ratification to be more efficient and incorporate necessary trainings.
- Society Events Approval Meetings – Feb. 17th, 2021
  - Meeting bi-weekly to approve society event submissions.
- Society Survey & Annual Survey
  - Both surveys were launched and am incorporating suggestions as submissions roll in.
- International Student Emergency Bursary – Feb. 12th, 2021
  - Approved and Issued bursaries.
- Accessibility Fund Bursary Committee – Feb. 12th, 2021
  - Met to continue to approve and issue bursaries.
- Staff appraisals feedback for new hires.
- Member Services Assistant Hiring Committee
  - Conducted interviews over two days to hire a new PT staff.

University Affairs and Committees

- Dal Reads Committee – Feb. 10th, 2021
  - Discussed the upcoming title submissions for 2021/22
- DSU/Student Affairs Bi-weekly Meeting – Feb. 17th, 2021
  - Discussed a majority of how to boost the results and action items from the Dalhousie survey in first semester.

External and Broader Community
• This section of your report should highlight work you have been doing with community organizations, other student union partners, or in relation to any level of government. Examples may include student-government roundtables, or collaborating with a levied society or community organization on an event.

Society Review Committee Updates

• SRC – Feb. 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2021
  - SRC last met to discuss relevant society issues and society policy draft review.

Upcoming Dates

• Annual Survey Closing – March 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2021
• Society Survey Closing – March 19\textsuperscript{th}, 2021
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz
Reporting Period: January 6, 2021- February 19, 2021
Council Date: Feb. 25, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees
1. Last Class Bash
   a. Feb. 17th: Continued work on event and sponsorship possibilities
2. Residence Community Guide
   a. Continued work on reviewing Community Guide
3. International Student Bursary
   a. Feb. 12th: Committee met to review applications and distribute funds
4. 2021-2022 Budget Planning
   a. Completed budgeting expectations for VPSL position in the upcoming year

University Affairs and Committees
1. Digital Strategy Committee
   a. Feb. 12th: Attended DS Steering Committee meeting
2. Residence Appeals
   a. Feb. 19th: Met with Appeals committee to discuss an appeal of 4 residence students
3. Impact Awards
   a. Feb. 10th: The Impact Awards committee met to discuss production of the impact awards
4. DSU promotional integration ctn.
   a. Feb. 11th: Finalized promotional integration with Dal Mobile App
5. Sexualized Violence Prevention Resource Group
   a. Feb. 16th: Committee met to discuss upcoming initiatives and share resources.
6. Hiring Review Committee
   a. Feb 18th: Committee met to review candidates for the Residence Life, Director position.
7. 2021-22 Orientation
   a. Met with Rigel Biscione to discuss what next year’s orientation will look like

External and Broader Community
1. Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee
   a. Feb. 11th: Committee met to discuss updates, survey result data, and upcoming programming/initiatives.
2. Last Class Bash  
   a. Feb. 12th: Met with SMUSA Event Coordinator to pitch proposal for LCB
3. Healthy Minds NS Sub-Committee  
   a. Committee met to discuss further action regarding survey and next steps to raise awareness on the survey results

Upcoming Dates
Nothing to report