Report of the President

Name: Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: March 06 – March 19, 2021

Council Date: March 25, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

March 08: Council preparation; discussion on items to be brought to upcoming meetings. Approval of all philanthropic donations (Avalon Sexual Assault Center, NOII HFX, Treaty Truckhouse, Mi’kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, Delmore Buddy Day Centre). Discussion on auditing levy funds provided by the DSU to Dalhousie for scholarships. DSU signed on to ACORN housing advocacy. Discussion on society event approval. Accessibility Plan feedback session.

March 12: Discussion on the purchase of a wall-size calendar for the SUB. Tuition organizing conversation to brainstorm and decide on advocacy mechanisms. Communications requests reviewed. Discussion on response to society event concern from students.

March 15: Discussion on placement for SUB calendar. Decision to extend PlantCare contract. Decision on Summer and Fall 2021 SUB operating hours. VPAE gave update on academic integrity translation project. Reminder to work on transition reports and discussion on transition ideas. Update on Ascension contract – Ascension to be offered a 6 month lease (as per their request) at ½ of the current rent value per month, with the option to extend the lease for a two year period upon completion (update: as of March 20th, Ascension has signed this lease and will be resuming services as of April 01.)

March 19: Clarification on vaccine sites on Studley campus (there are none currently). VPAE update on Ombudsperson hiring process. Discussion on student concerns regarding university response to recent violence. VPSL update on Bisset Centre inclusion in DSU O-Week due to funding cuts from the university.

Other Meetings/Tasks

March 10, 3:30pm: Society Event Approvals Committee.

March 10, 5pm: Council prep meeting.
March 11, 2pm: Research and Outreach meeting. Discussion on #RejectTheFees.

March 11, 7pm: DSU Council.

March 12, 12:30pm: Senate and Board prep meeting.

March 12, 2:30pm: Mural Selection Committee meeting.

March 12, 4:30pm: Meeting with MBA Society executives to discuss tentative event.

March 17, 10am: Impact Awards filming.

March 17, 11am: Meeting with Nursing Society executives to discuss tentative event.

March 17, 1pm: Meeting with Policy & Governance Coordinator to discuss governance review.

March 17, 2pm: Reject the Fees meeting with Research & Outreach team.

March 17, 3:30pm: Society Events Approvals Committee.

March 18, 10am: Operations meeting.

March 18, 11:30am: Transition prep meeting.

March 19, 12:30pm: Senate and Board prep meeting.

March 19, 4:30pm: Student Senate Caucus meeting.

University Affairs and Committees

March 08, 3pm: Senate Meeting.

March 09, 9am: Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Meeting (confidential).

March 10, 10am: Provost Search Committee Meeting (confidential).

March 11, 9am: Board Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

March 16, 9am: DSU President / Dalhousie President monthly meeting. Discussion on joint advocacy and bringing discussions about the future of Dalhousie to the Board.

March 17, 4:30pm: Return To Campus (RTC) Executive Committee meeting.

External and Broader Community

March 10, 2pm: Courage To Act Conference.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

No significant updates.

Upcoming Dates
March 30th: Labour and Advanced Education Government/Student Roundtable.
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Ratification Planning
  - Reconfiguring forms, realigning our data intake to get all required information, streamlining the form to include training options, and opening up the form to be able to gather all society member emails for future communication. This has been a majority of my work!

- Anti-Oppression training Next Steps
  - Reached out to council for feedback and having received none, will now work to implement the training on our website for easy access to future learners.

- Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students Check-in – March 11th, 2021
  - Met to discuss elections timeline.

- Student Accessibility Fund Committee – March 12th, 2021
  - Continued to approve and issue bursaries thanks to the new funds!

- Survey Winners
  - Both the society survey and annual survey closed, and winners are being chosen!

University Affairs and Committees

- N/A

External and Broader Community

- Loaded Ladle Town Hall – March 8th, 2021
  - Attended to provide information to students. Relatively unsuccessful at reaching students from Sexton campus. Will try again!

Society Review Committee Updates
• SRC met on March 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2021
  o There was no important discussion had. No new societies required ratification and all societies under investigation have submitted no updates.

Upcoming Dates

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

Name: Isa Wright

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Regular Executive Committee and staff meetings.
- Oversaw implementation of new elections reimbursements process with the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for more efficient candidate reimbursements.
- Working with the Societies and Programming Coordinator to review faculty and levy society audits. Review of current treasurer training process and recommendations for incoming VPFO regarding Spring/Fall 2021 training content and delivery.
- Participated in the Mural Selection Committee to find an Indigenous painter to create a mural at the SUB. Currently working with a short list of candidates.
- Preparing for DSU Offices hiring for the 2021-22 academic year, including hiring for DSAS, DSUSO and E&A offices.
- Met with societies regarding society audits, banking information, bank account options, and signing authority transitions.
- Support for the Mental Health Bursary Committee.
- International Student Emergency Bursary Committee: issued a total of $5,100.00 in this reporting period, for a total of $14,250 this year.
- Preparing for executive transition – lots of time spent on my transition report, society audit process clarification, and preparation of helpful documents for incoming VPFO.

University Affairs and Committees

- Attended Name Changes in Dalhousie Systems Committee meeting on March 17, 2021, to provide feedback from a student perspective. Working to find a new DSU representative for the committee to start in May 2021.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Erica Seelemann

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Ongoing work developing translations of policies related to academic integrity
   a. Four of the original four translations are complete (Spanish, Hindi, French, and Mandarin). A fifth translator is being hired to complete an Arabic translation.
2. Student Senate Caucus (SSC) met on March 19th to discuss Senate’s agenda for the March 22nd meeting.
   a. Discussed the importance of student feedback and Student Ratings of Instruction (SRIs).
   b. Presentation to Senate discussing the importance of student feedback on March 22nd.
3. The Accessibility Fund Committee met on March 12th to review applications.
4. On March 3rd, we began developing our campaign strategy to respond to Dalhousie’s draft budget which shows another increase in tuition. The effort is ongoing.
   a. We are trying to develop a unique plan considering previous actions have been unsuccessful.
5. Ongoing transition work for the incoming VPAE.
   a. Transition report.
   b. Scheduling introduction meetings.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing conversations 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. A special meeting of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC) was held on March 18th. The SRCC Proposal will be brought to Senate in April.
2. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee. We met March 18th. We are discussing how to make the language clearer and ensure that the process is student-centric and feasible.
3. On March 12\textsuperscript{th} and 17\textsuperscript{th} I attended an Exam Regulations Working Group meeting to discuss long term changes to exam policies.
   a. Unfortunately, the working group is adamant they will be unable to finish policy changes in time for the Winter 2021 final exams. Changes will likely be implemented for Fall 2021.
4. On March 15\textsuperscript{th} I attended a Senate E-Learning meeting.

**Upcoming Dates**

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee
   a. March 16th: Reviewed applications and aided in the distribution of funds.

2. Student Life Committee
   a. March 10th: SLC met to finalize plan for Summer Send-Off.

3. Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC) Proposal
   a. March 18th: the VPAE and I presented the proposal to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC) and it was approved to proceed to Senate along with the SLTC’s recommendation!

4. Mental Health Support Fund
   a. March 19th: Committee began to review applications. Application review will be completed, and recipients will be notified by March 26th.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Impact Awards
   a. March 8th: Various key members of the committee met to discuss the script for the trailer.
   b. March 11th: DSU Impact Award Selection Committee met and completed the selection process for the winners.

2. 2021 Orientation
   a. March 19th: Met with Dalhousie Orientation Committee to discuss possible action plans for the upcoming year.

External and Broader Community

1. Healthy Minds Nova Scotia
a. March 11th: Attended evaluation sub-committee meeting.

2. Togetherall Meeting
   a. March 19th: Attended info session about Togetherall, a new online mental health resource, to see how it can be applied to Dalhousie.

Upcoming Dates

1. Summer Send-Off Kits
   a. April 8-9th: We will be distributing fun kits for students living in Halifax for the summer!