Report of the President

Name: Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: March 20 – April 02, 2021

Council Date: April 08, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

March 22: Council preparation and discussion on potential society-based tasks that could be moved to the Societies and Programming Coordinator to better support societies. Reminder for executives to schedule a laptop cleaning with Facilities Director. Review of Ombudsperson Terms of Reference document. Decision on executive members to join the Offices hiring committee, in addition to President.

March 26: Update on Giving Tuesday donations. Review of Data Sharing Agreement between DSU and Dalhousie. Promotion of petition to open the Board of Governors meetings to students/public/media again. Coordination of signing officers to be present for end of fiscal year (March 31st). Updates from VPSL from the Mental Health Forum.

March 29: Update on #RejectTheFees programming. Approval of cost of gift cards for part time staff and volunteers of the DSU. Update on wall calendar. Update and agreement on campus copy planning. Campus Copy is to be temporarily modified to become a study space for the 2021-22 academic year. This decision responds to overwhelming calls for more study space on campus and will allow the DSU to hold consultation on whether the printing service is of desire. The space will be re-arranged, and equipment stored, so that it can be used by societies and students for meetings and studying. Pending results of consultation, it may be reorganized back to Campus Copy, or fully renovated into a different service.

April 05: Discussion on O-Week hiring committee membership. Confirmation of the timeline for the DSU Mural project. Discussion on BRINKS contract. Update on bursary minute-taking best practices.

Other Meetings/Tasks

March 24, 1pm: Meeting with Student Affairs Office, Student VIP, and DSU Health Plan Office to discuss blackout period solutions.
March 25, 7pm: DSU Council meeting.

March 26, 3pm: #RejectTheFees Organizing Committee meeting. Meetings to continue weekly until Board of Governors Meeting on April 20th, where fee increases will be voted on.

March 29, 11am: Meeting with Board of Governor’s Chair for in-person introductions.

March 29, 1pm: Meeting with Director Operations and Director Facilities to discuss and decide on location and size of new chalkboard Calendar in SUB.

March 30, 1:30pm: #RejectTheFees Internal planning meeting with staff.

March 31, 10am: Annual Survey Feedback meeting to discuss results with Executive.

April 01, 10am: Operations Meeting.

April 01, 1:30pm: Transition preparation meeting with Directors and Policy & Governance Coordinator.

April 02, 12:30pm: Senate and Board of Governors preparation meeting.

April 02, 3pm: #RejectTheFees Organizing Committee meeting.

University Affairs and Committees

March 22, 3pm: Senate meeting.

March 23, 1pm: Dalhousie Provost/VP Academic Candidate Interviews. (4 hours)

March 24, 3:30pm: Employment Systems Review Subcommittee meeting to discuss focus group strategy and attendance.

March 25, 10am: Dalhousie Provost/VP Academic Candidate Interviews. (10 hours)

March 31, 9am: Board of Governors Finance, Audit, and Investment Committee Meeting. Invited as a guest (non-voting) to present Council-approved increases to the DSU Health Plan. FAIR Committee also passed the Budget Advisory Committee’s recommendations for increases to tuition and auxiliary fees, which will now go to the Board on April 20th for a full vote of the Board.

March 31, 12pm: Student Affairs – DSU Executive bi-weekly meeting. Discussion on DSU executive transition plans, return to campus plans for Fall 2021, accommodations for students, and the housing crisis. In November 2020, the Student Affairs Office said they would consider the possibility of allowing international students to complete their 14-day isolation in Dalhousie Residences, rather than a hotel. Today they let us know that this is not possible, as it would cost students more to do so, and would be less enjoyable.

April 01: Meeting with Human Rights & Equity Services (HRES) Sexual Violence Advisor to discuss DSU executive transition and plans for the new executive term.
April 01, 4:30pm: Return to Campus Executive Committee Meeting.

External and Broader Community

March 30, 9am: Government-Student Roundtable with Department of Labour and Advanced Education. Notes circulated to Executive Committee, available upon request.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

Reminder: A full BoG Caucus Report will be delivered on the last meeting of Council for the 2020-21 academic year.

Upcoming Dates

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Hanna Stewart
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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- **Transition**
  - Working primarily on transition report and preparation for the next two weeks. This has taken up a majority of my workload.

- **Societies Website Reviewal**
  - Began a review of the societies website in order to pinpoint changes required for the coming year.

- **Accessibility Fund Committee – March 26th**
  - Continued to approve and issue bursaries.

- **Grants Committee Meeting – March 26th**
  - Approved and issued society grants, member grants, and accommodation grants.

University Affairs and Committees

- **Bi-weekly Student Affairs (SA)/DSU Meeting – March 31st**
  - Discussions were held around SA supports during DSU executive transition and academic accommodations for the coming year.

External and Broader Community

- **N/A**

Society Review Committee Updates

- SRC has not met this reporting period. We are currently conducting an email vote for the Bike Center Society.
Upcoming Dates

- April 15th, 2021 – Executive Transition Starts.
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.
- Continual work with the DSU Societies and Programming Coordinator to review faculty and levy society audits. Review of current treasurer training process and recommendations for incoming VPFO and Spring/Fall 2021 training content and delivery.
- Met with DSU Graphic Designer and Societies and Programming Coordinator to plan graphics for the website to assist faculty and constituent society treasurers understand the audit process.
- Met with Student VIP and relevant Dalhousie University staff to discuss health plan opt-out process for Fall 2021.
- Provided feedback on the new re-ratification form for faculty and constituent societies, to be implemented Spring 2021.
- 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.
- Reviewed the Annual Survey results with the VP Internal.
- International Student Emergency Bursary Committee: did not meet this reporting period. Next meeting is on April 6, 2021.
- Preparing for executive transition – lots of time spent on my transition report, society audit process clarification, and preparation of helpful documents for incoming VPFO.
- Grants Committee met on March 26, 2021. The following society grants were approved:
  - Holiday Helper’s Society
  - STEM Fellowship
  - PhD Health Student Society
o Dalhousie Sailing Team
o Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research Dalhousie (CANFAR)
o Dalhousie Muslim Students Association
o Women in STEM Society
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 has been hired to complete an Arabic translation. The translation will tentatively be completed by April 15th.
2. The Accessibility Fund Committee met on March 26th to review applications.
3. On March 30 we met to develop our campaign strategy regarding tuition increases. The effort is ongoing.
4. Ongoing transition work for the incoming VPAE.
   a. Transition report
   b. Scheduling introduction meetings

University Affairs and Committees

1. Ongoing work with Senior Administration and Faculty in regard to 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 was held March 18th. The SRCC Proposal will be brought to Senate late April.
   b. The motion’s approval was conditional on a few minor amendments. I have made the amendments and am currently waiting on a response from the Chair of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee.
2. Ongoing work with the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee. We met March 25th and April 1st. We discussed the presentation that will be given to SLTC at our next meeting. I will answer many of the questions focused on student issues given my role in the Code’s development.
3. On March 30th I attended the Open Educational Resources (OER) Grants Submission Decision meeting. I am thrilled in the number of proposals we received and we awarded 4 developing projects the full amount of the amount requested.
a. More information to follow once the awards are accepted.

4. On April 1\textsuperscript{st}, I attended a Sexualized Violence Prevention Resource Group meeting. We discussed updates from all offices involved.

5. On March 30\textsuperscript{th} I was involved in the Award Selection Committee for the Educational Leadership Award for Collaborative Teaching.

\textbf{External Affairs}

On March 30\textsuperscript{th} I attended a Government Student Roundtable. We discussed what projects all student unions are currently engaged in. We raised concerns surrounding the isolation requirements for international students and the lack of discussion regarding tuition and the current Memorandum of Understanding with the government.

\textbf{Upcoming Dates}

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Jad Ghiz

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Ombudsperson Hiring
   a. March 22nd: Reviewed steps to ensure hiring process is complete by mid-late April.
2. Summer Send-Off Kits
   a. March 23rd: Finalized purchases and schedule for the kit give-away event.
3. Mental Health Fund
   a. March 26th: Completed reviewing all 273 applicants.
4. Reject the Fees
   a. March 30th: Executive and staff met to continue campaign planning.
5. DSU Review of Residence Community Living Guide
   a. March 30th: Consulted with students regarding RCLG.
   b. March 31st: Completed review of RCLG.
   c. April 1st: Submitted review to residence life leadership.
6. Annual Survey Review
   a. March 31st: Executive team reviewed results of the survey to include in the transition process.
7. Student Life Committee
   a. March 24th: Committee met to finalize plans for summer send off and ideas for incoming executive.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Impact Awards
   a. March 24th: Attended impact award planning committee meeting to finalize video content.
   b. March 25th: Filmed 3 videos for award video.
2. Appeals Committee
   a. March 29th: Participated through the appeal process of 4 students.
3. Fall Orientation Programming committee
a. March 25\textsuperscript{th}: Attended committee meeting to discuss location and program distribution.
b. April 1\textsuperscript{st}: Attended committee meeting to finalize locations and further discuss program distribution.

4. Sexualized Violence Prevention Resource Group
   a. April 1\textsuperscript{st}: Attended meeting and shared resources, current events, and general updates on recent/ future initiatives.

External and Broader Community

1. Togetherall Consultation
   a. March 23\textsuperscript{rd}: Attended a consultation session regarding a new online mental health resource.

Upcoming Dates

1. Summer Send-Off
   a. April 8\textsuperscript{th}: Kit distribution event takes place in the SUB