Report of the President

Name: Madeleine Stinson

Reporting Period: June 17, 2021 – July 16, 2021

Council Date: July 21, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Executive Committee Meetings

- June 18, June 21, June 25, June 30, July 05, July 09, July 16. Notes available upon request.

Additional Meetings

- Ongoing meetings to plan the SUB mural, the SUB calendar, Equity & Accessibility Office hiring, DSUSO Manager onboarding, Campus Copy location repurposing, DSU Strategic Plan consultation, the governance review, and preparations for O-Week and bar services in the Fall.

June 17: Council prep meeting; morning off to get my first vaccine!!

June 18: Weekly director check-in; meeting with the outgoing Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) executive and office staff to discuss transition and the upcoming year; International Student Emergency Bursary Committee meeting (served as proxy for the VPAE).

June 21: External Committee meeting. President served as acting chair due to VPAE position vacancy. Meeting minutes available upon request. Discussion included points for the upcoming Labour and Advanced Education / Student Government roundtable, as well as priorities for the year.

June 22: Student Affairs prep meeting; council prep meeting.

June 23: Council meeting; interim VPAE appointed by Council for a term from July 01-October 31, 2021.
June 25: Weekly director check-in; office hours meeting with a student regarding PASS/ILL for Summer 2021. The topic of PASS/ILL has since gone to a Senate sub-committee for discussion and voting to be added to the first meeting of the Fall 2021 Dalhousie Senate.

June 29: Advocacy commissioner hiring interviews.

June 30: Advocacy commissioner hiring decision; council prep meeting.

July 01: Research & Outreach meeting.

July 02: Weekly director check-in.

July 05: Onboarding interim VPAE and new staff.

July 07: Council prep meeting; transition check-in meeting with interim VPAE; call with Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society (DUES) President for monthly touch-base.

July 08: Point of Sales (POS) training with Director Operations and Bar Manager; meeting with Dal and NS Alcohol and Gaming.

July 09: Staff meeting; O-week budget meeting; meeting with Bar Manager and Director Operations about bar services.

July 15: Meeting with DSU legal for upcoming year plans and governance review; Research & Outreach meeting.

July 16: Weekly director check-in; Anti-O with Dalhousie Security; staff BBQ!!

**University Affairs and Committees**

June 23: Meeting with Dalhousie Liquor Designate, Dal Legal, and DSU Director of Operations to discuss the DSU’s application for an independent liquor license; monthly summer meeting with the Student Affairs Office; Academic Quality Team meeting (served as proxy for the VPAE).

June 24: Return to Campus Executive Committee meeting.

June 28: Meeting with various university departments to discuss cross-campus communication around cultural and social events (ie. How do we better collaborate on events like Pride and African Heritage Month?)

July 06: Meeting with executives and the Dal Vice Provost Equity & Inclusion.

July 07: President’s EDI Award Committee meeting.

July 12: Meeting with Dalhousie Liquor Designate, Dal Legal, and DSU Bar Manager and Director of Operations to discuss DSU liquor license and plans for Fall.

July 13: Meeting with Bar Manager to discuss Grawood and T-Room hiring.
**July 14:** Media training with DSU Communications Coordinator; Alcohol Advisory Committee meeting; council prep meeting.

**July 15:** Tuition waiver working group meeting for former youth-in-care.

**July 16:** Meeting with various university departments to plan for Dal Pride programming in August 2021.

**External and Broader Community**

**June 24:** Government – Student roundtable with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education and Nova Scotia students’ unions. Presentation on tuition given.

**July 05:** CTV interview regarding housing.

**July 08:** News 97.5 radio interview regarding housing.

**July 11:** Maritime Connection radio show about the upcoming elections.

**July 15:** CBC interview regarding housing.

**Board of Governors Caucus Updates**

**June 21:** Board of Governors Caucus met to discuss upcoming Board meeting.

**June 22:** Board of Governors Academic and Student Affairs Committee Special meeting; Board of Governors meeting.

**Upcoming Dates**

N/A
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Truelee Love

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Met with the Student Accessibility Fund Committee on June 28th and July 8th. We were able to approve over 30 student applicants.
2. DSU Graphic Design & Campaigns Coordinator finished a rough draft for a "What is the DSU" brochure, hoping to have final copies ready for O-week.
3. Sat on a hiring committee for our Advocacy Commissioner and we were able to successfully hire a candidate.
4. Had several meetings to discuss our options for supporting the bike centre in keeping operations during the summer and in the future, as well as improving communication with executive.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Meeting with the Vice-Provost of Equity and Inclusion on July 6th to discuss the DSU’s involvement in University-wide equity and inclusion committees.

External and Broader Community

1. Working on re-organizing the collaborative + and have reached out to HRES to set up a meeting for August to discuss the future of the group. I also have reached out to an organization called the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity looking for support and resources.
2. Met with our investment advisor to discuss and understand the student union’s current investments. Looked at the process for making sure our investments fit into our values as the student union.
Society Review Committee Updates

1. Have not been able to meet and approve any new societies since the last meeting. Have been working on society complaints and helping them get through internal issues. Currently working on a better system for the committee to review complaints by creating an air table.
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Mohab Brisha

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Met with the company glow to discuss O-week supplies and ideas.
2. Created a draft for the engagement proposal.
4. Updating record-keeping templates and procedures for society treasurers.
5. Learned how to set up printers which was fun.
6. Media training with DSU Communications & Outreach Coordinator.

University Affairs and Committees

N/A

External and Broader Community

N/A

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates

1. Looking into the amendments of the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy to clarify the acceptable means of depositing money for approved students.

Upcoming Dates

1. Grants committee meeting on 19th of July.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External (Interim)

Name: Aparna Mohan

Reporting Period: July 5, 2021 – July 14, 2021

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Role Transition/Onboarding: July 5 – July 9
2. Advocacy Commissioner Hiring Committee: June 29 & June 30
   a. Hiring Result: We are pleased to welcome Abigayle Winters this fall
   b. The role will support campaign visioning/planning, research, consultation, data collection, etc.
3. International Student Emergency Bursary Fund: July 9
   a. Allocated $5400 this session towards int’l students in need
   b. Working with the DSU Policy & Governance Coordinator to maximize confidentiality protections for all applicants
4. Student Senate Caucus Training Curriculum: Ongoing
   a. Working with the DSU Policy & Governance Coordinator and other relevant executives/staff to consolidate educational materials & resources
   b. Will be reaching out to subject matter experts within the community to help run workshops on topics like: argumentation, navigating University policies, data analysis, etc.

University Affairs and Committees

1. DSU x VP Equity & Inclusion Office Meeting: July 6
   a. Discussed support from the VPEI office on the DSU’s Strategic Plan
   b. Discussed broader themes/dynamics around EDIA work
2. Academic Quality Team Meeting: July 7
   a. Updates from various academic initiatives & organizations (e.g. Centre for Learning & Teaching)
   b. Main concern: communications strategy about teaching & learning this fall
3. President’s Awards for EDI Consultation: Ongoing
External and Broader Community

1. International Student Issues Policy Development: **Ongoing**
   a. Resumed work on a 2019-2020 project to develop a comprehensive document of international student issues and related recommendations to the University, province, and federal government.
   b. The DSU’s role in issues policy development is to enable relevant community groups to initiate and lead work on this.
   c. Collaborating with NSPIRG, past Dalhousie International Student Association executives and more to facilitate completion of this project.

Senate Caucus Updates

1. Deadline for Student Senate Caucus application is **July 20**
2. Recommendations/selection will be made on **July 21**
3. Training curriculum development is **ongoing**

Upcoming Dates

1. Sexualized Violence Prevention Resource Group Meeting: **July 15**
2. Code of Student Conduct Review Task Force Biweekly Meeting: **July 15**
3. Tuition Waiver Student Working Group Meeting: **July 15**
4. External Committee Meeting: **July 19**
5. Academic Quality Team Meeting: **July 21**
6. Senate Caucus Recommendations: **July 21**
7. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee: **July 30**
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Mazen Brisha

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Attended daily O-week planning meetings with the O-week & Events Commissioner
2. Scheduled Student Life Committee meetings
3. Developed detailed event description for the O-week webpage and for Dalhousie communication
4. Worked with Dal athletics to solidify collaboration for O-week and strategize for the fall and winter semesters
5. Designed job description and expectations for the O-week leader postings
6. Launched the O-week leader posting to the student body
7. Reached out to Dalhousie Muslim Student Association to coordinate Eid Care Package assembly and give away
8. Worked on updating the O-week budget to accommodate changing restrictions and assigned ticket pricing for O-week
9. Attended all executive committee meetings
10. Attended weekly O-week planning meetings with the Director of Research and Outreach
11. Worked with Dalhousie to fill in a street closure application for the 10th of September for Dalfest and welcome back party
12. Designed a shortlist line-up for Dalfest

University Affairs and Committees

1. Attended five meetings with the Fall Orientation university committee
2. Hosted bi-weekly meetings with residence to provide collaboration on student fall orientation
3. Met with the University to discuss a collaborative volunteer/O-week leader recruitment plan

External and Broader Community
1. Attended HealthyMindsNS Committee Meeting
2. Attended meetings with the Halifax municipality to coordinate O-week events and ensure that governmental restrictions are not breached
3. Worked on finalizing O-week kit providers and solidifying timing of delivery
4. Attended meetings with potential O-week event suppliers to help get quotes for budget breakdown and ensure informed decisions are made regarding O-week event selection

**Upcoming Dates**

1. N/A