Report of the President

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Reporting Period: August 12 – September 10, 2021

Council Date: September 13, 2021

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

- Support for O-Week, Welcome Week, and Dalfest.
- Working some shifts at the Grawood to cover staffing shortages.
- Ongoing Director check-in meetings and Operations and Research & Outreach division meetings.
- Ongoing work to support the creation and development of the Student Senate Caucus and student senator and Senate committee appointments.
- Prep in late August for in person DSU staff training.

Executive Committee Meetings

August 16: Discussion on a working group under the Survivor Support Centre; update from the VPAE on a student request from UNB. Discussion on the dates of the Fall Break – the university is re-evaluating the academic dates and wanted an opinion on what week would be best for Fall Break.

August 23: Update on Ascension Grooming and their new lease. Decision on hours and operations of the Sexton Campus DSU Office (one office to go to DUES for study space booking). Elections outreach update. Discussion on campus vaccinations.

August 30: Consultation on the Vice Provost, Student Affairs hiring. Fall scheduling. O-Week task distribution from the VPSL.

September 03: O-Week brief. Updating phone numbers on website. Allocation of Student VIP mental health funding – two new ad-hoc bursaries to be created. Update on federal debate.

Additional Meetings

August 13, 1pm: DSU Staff meeting.

August 18, 6pm: DSU Council meeting.
August 19, 11:30: Meeting with Ascension to discuss tenancy and lease renewal.

August 23, 1pm: Meeting to discuss the DSU Bursary Policy with staff and the Vice President, Finance.

August 27: DSU Supervisor Training Day! Presentations on what it means to be a supervisor, de-escalation and harm reduction, and supervising your peers. Department training with the DSUSO and E&A Office Managers.

August 31: DSU Part Time Staff Training Day! Presentations on staff and executive introductions, anti-oppression, and a review of the staff manual.

August 31-September 02: Accounting Clerk hiring interviews and decision. Welcome Amara to the team!

September 01: Painted the SUB Mural with Directors.

September 01, 6:30pm: Touch base with DUES President.

September 03, 2pm: Executive outreach – handed out sno-cones outside the SUB.

September 03, 5pm: Student Senate Caucus. Acted as Chair in the absence of the VPAE.

September 04-07: Orientation Week.

September 08, 12pm: Executive outreach – handed out donuts outside the SUB.

September 09, 3pm: Meeting with a Chemistry Society executive to discuss the new bar services model. All societies will receive this update in the September society newsletter.

September 10, 3pm: Meeting with DSU Bar Manager to discuss opening.

September 10, 4pm: Student Senate Caucus.

University Affairs and Committees

August 12, 1:30pm: Monthly meeting with DAL Human Rights and Equity Services.

August 18: Day at the T-Room and Sexton Campus Office.

August 18, 10am: Bi-Weekly Student Affairs x DSU executive meeting.

August 25, 3pm: Meeting with Peter Fardy, Dalhousie Vice President, Advancement to discuss student interests and long-term partnerships between students and advancements.

August 27, 9:30am: Meeting with Senate Chair to discuss Student Ratings of Course Conduct.

August 30th: Meeting with SMU and DAL teams to discuss hosting a federal election debate.

September 02, 4:30pm: Meeting of the Dalhousie Transition Advisory Group. This group was established as a sister working group of the Return to Campus Committee, which completed its
work in Spring 2021. The TAG will help oversee campus efforts to address Covid during the new normal.

September 03, 1pm: Meeting with SMU and DAL teams to discuss logistics of hosting a federal election debate.

September 10, 11am: Meeting with SMU and DAL teams to discuss content of the federal election debate.

External and Broader Community

August 17, 11am: Meeting with McMaster University Students Union President to discuss Chartwells contract.

August 18, 11:30am: Meeting with CFS-NS to check-in with new CFS executives. The DSU will not be engaging in any long-term or significant partnerships. However, we chose to meet with the CFS-NS executives to hear about their plans for the year and become familiar with one another in advance of requesting a referendum be held so that the DAL student body may vote on CFS membership.

August 27, 11am: Meeting with professor to discuss potential student partnerships on another Black is Gold event.

Board of Governors Caucus Updates

N/A.

Upcoming Dates

Election tabling – September 14-17 on Halifax campuses.

Federal Election Day – September 20, Remember to Vote!

Global Climate Strike – September 24, students have academic amnesty!