Report of the President

Name: Aparna Mohan

Reporting Period: July 14 – August 10, 2022

Council Date: August 15, 2022

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a) T Room Check-in – July 15, 12 PM – 12:30 PM
b) Executive Socials Brainstorm – July 15, 1 PM – 1:30 PM
c) Glow Parties Field Trip, July 19 – 3 PM – 5 PM
d) AGM Outreach Planning – July 20, 11 AM – 12 PM
e) July 18 Council Debrief Mtg – July 21, 1 PM – 1:30 PM
f) Interview Prep – July 21, 1:30 PM – 2 PM
g) Newsletter Blurb Prep – July 26, 12 PM – 12:30 PM
i) Naloxone Training for Senior O-Week Leaders – July 27, 6:30 PM – 7 PM
k) Interview Prep – August 2, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
l) Council Prep Mtg – August 3, 11 AM – 11:30 AM
m) AGM Check-in – August 3, 11:30 AM – 12 PM
n) Staff Meeting – August 5, 9 AM – 10 AM
o) Interview Prep – August 8, 12:30 PM – 1 PM
p) Senate Caucus Prep – August 9, 11 AM – 11:30 AM
q) Policy & Governance Support Mtg – August 9, 11:30 AM – 12 PM
r) Student Senate Caucus Mtg – August 9, 4 PM – 5 PM
s) Housing Communications Mtg – August 10, 12 PM – 1 PM

Executive Committee Updates:

a) July 15, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) Executive Team
   Government Relations, updates to Loaded Ladle kitchen agreement, & updates to Fall programming preparations.
b) July 18, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) New POS system for Grawood, SPC Sponsorship Proposal, HoCo programming, & Student Affairs Mtg Preparations

c) July 22, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) New sponsorship Offer, Fall ECM Scheduling, CASA Observership, O-Week Induction Ceremony, AGM Society Outreach, Transportation Mtg Follow-Up, Solidarity Statement Follow-up, & Government Relations

d) July 25, 1 PM – 2 PM: (Attendance: VPFO & VPSL Absent with Regrets) Food Service Provider Follow Up, New Staff Onboarding updates, Loaded Ladle Kitchen Agreement updates, August Newsletter Follow Up, Extraordinary Council Mtg Prep, & Exec Goal Follow Up

e) July 29, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) Executive Meal Hall Passes for Outreach, Sexton Coordinator Posting Re-opening, Ad-Hoc Housing Bursary exploration, Harm Reduction Campaign, & Hiring Committees for new DSU Openings

f) August 5, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: VPSL Absent with Regrets) Updates on upcoming vacations, Solidarity Payment Follow-up, Lease Review, Workplace Expectations Refresher, PSE Townhall planning, & COVID-19 Protocol Review

g) August 8, 11 AM – 12 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) Media Interview Request Protocol, September Programming, DSU Strategic Plan, Tenancy Rights Workshop Promotion & Support, AGM Programming, & DSU HoCo Programming Proposal

Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Updates:

a) Meeting week of August 15 with special focus on revision of 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and preparation for review of Governance Review completed for the DSU

Board of Governor’s Student Caucus Updates:

a) Call with John Hope (University Legal Counsel) to understand interaction between schedule of BoG and Senate this Fall; learned that BoG and Senate will be presented with the external governance review completed for Dalhousie at September 12th’s Senate meeting

b) BoG Rep #1 Murray Lyu convened special meeting with University Secretariat members to discuss continuous improvement measures for the accessibility of the Board meeting format

University Affairs and Committees

a) DSU President x Dal VP Student Affairs – July 15, 10 AM – 11 AM
   o First of monthly 1on1s to strengthen DSU/Student Affairs relationship
b) DSU Exec/Student Affairs Biweekly Mtg – July 19, 11 AM – 12 PM  
   o Discussed harm reduction approaches for Fall programming  

c) Ombuds Advisory Council Mtg – July 26, 2 PM – 3 PM  
   o Discussed strategic recommendations on Annual Report  

d) Melda Murray Student Centre (MMSC) / DSU Mtg – July 29, 1 PM – 3 PM  
   o Explored collaborative opportunities to help better support Sexton campus students  

e) Lunch w/ Health Promotion & Student Experience Team – August 3, 12 PM – 1:30 PM  
   o Introductory lunch with new Health Promotion & Student Experience staff members  

f) Employment Equity Council Special Mtg – August 9, 1 PM – 2:30 PM  
   o Discussed & provided feedback for draft Employment Equity Plan  

g) O-Week & Impact Awards MOU w/ Student Affairs – August 10, 3 PM – 4 PM  
   o Reviewed goals and action plan to create Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to codify collaborative relationship between Student Affairs & DSU in delivering O-Week and Impact Awards  

External and Broader Community  

a) Halifax Pride Parade - July 16, 11 AM-1PM  

b) NS Housing Needs Assessment – Int’l Student Experience – July 19, 1 PM – 3PM  

c) Postmedia Interview / Halifax Affordability for Students– July 21, 2 PM – 3PM  

d) Transit Updates Discussion – August 5, 10 AM – 11 AM  
   a. Met with Student Unions across Halifax to discuss collaborative advocacy opportunities & responses to recent Transit route cancellations due to their impact on students  

e) CBC Interview for Radio – August 7, 6 PM  

f) CTV Interview for TV / Housing – August 8, 2 PM  

Goal Progress  

Summer 2022 Goal: Build outreach strategy to improve engagement with DSU for implementation in Fall 2022 and Winter 2023  

a) Secured meal hall passes from Ancillary Services as an additional outreach tactic  

b) Preparing presentation for September Council meeting based on summer engagement with social media and identified best practices for promoting visibility into DSU services, operations and activity.
Upcoming Dates

a) Tenancy Rights for International Students (TRIS) Workshop – August 27, 10 AM – 12 PM
b) Part Time Staff Training – August 30, 8 AM – 6 PM
c) DSU Executive/Student Affairs Bi-Weekly Mtgs on August 16 & August 30
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Grants and Sponsorship Committee meeting, July 14, 1 pm:
   a. Went over the Grants and Sponsorship Policy with the rest of the Committee.
   b. Made decisions on Society Grant applications.

Executive Committee Meeting, July 15, 11 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Updated the exec on Society matters in progress of resolution and suggested a Dalhousie event as an outreach opportunity.
   c. Discussed events programming with other execs.

Exec Socials Brainstorming, July 15, 1 pm:
   a. Following a suggestion from the executive team to the comms team, the executive and the Communications Director sat down and brainstormed ideas for the DSU social media.

Executive Committee Meeting, July 18, 11 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed items in preparation to an upcoming regular meeting with Dal Student Affairs.

Council meeting, July 18, 6 pm:
   a. Discussed and voted on agenda items.

Glow Parties field trip, July 19, 3 pm:
   a. Visited Glow Parties with the President, VPSL, and Events Coordinator in preparation and research for the Society Expo.

Society Expo Comms meeting, July 20, 10 am:
a. Met with the Graphic Design and Campaigns Coordinator, Communications Director, and Societies and Programming Coordinator.
b. Reviewed applications for the Society Expo, coordinated their distribution to Societies and external groups and their posting on the DSU website, and updated everyone on Glow Parties visit.

AGM Outreach Planning, July 20, 11 am:

a. Met with the executive team, the Policy and Governance Coordinator, the DSU Directors, the Graphic Design and Campaigns Coordinator, and the Communications Director.
b. Discussed progress on preparations for the AGM.

Council Debrief Meeting, July 21, 1 pm:

a. Met with the executive team, the Policy and Governance Coordinator, the DSU Directors, and the Survivor Support Centre Manager.
b. Informed the full-time staff of how the Council meeting went, relayed feedback from Councillors, and gave personal feedback.

Executive Committee Meeting, July 22, 11 am:

a. Took minutes.
b. Discussed details for Extraordinary Council meeting, listened to updates from Dal Committees and other meetings, and was informed of upcoming participation in the Induction Ceremony.

Executive Committee Meeting, July 25, 11 am:

a. Took minutes.
b. Discussed SUB Operations, upcoming DSU newsletter submissions.

Newsletter Submission Prep, July 26, 12 pm:

a. Met with the President to coordinate content for exec newsletter updates.

Comms Meeting, July 26, 1 pm:

a. Updated the comms team on newsletter exec submission progress and discussed comms team O-Week schedule.

Council Prep meeting, July 27, 12 pm:

a. Prepped for upcoming Extraordinary Council meeting.

Senior O-Week Leader Naloxone training, July 27, 6:30 pm:

a. Attended first half of the event with the President and VPFO.
b. Was introduced to Senior O-week leaders and members of the Dal Health Promotion team.
Extraordinary Council meeting, July 27, 7 pm:
   a. Attended and voted on motions.

Council Debrief meeting, July 28, 10:30 am:
   a. Met with the executive team, Policy and Governance Coordinator, and the DSU Directors.
   b. Informed the full-time staff on how the meeting went and offered personal feedback.

Office hours – Dalhousie Accessibility and Inclusion Society, July 28, 11 am:
   a. Met with the President of DAIS.
   b. Discussed ratification process.

Meeting with Policy and Governance Coordinator, July 29, 10:30 am:
   a. Asked PGC about DSU Policy-related ways to support a couple of inquiring societies and forwarded a Policy-related inquiry from the executive.

Executive Committee Meeting, July 29, 11 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Updated the committee on Society support progress, coordinated preparations for the Societies and Programming Coordinator interviewing process.

Meeting with the Loaded Ladle, August 2, 1:30 pm:
   a. Met with the DSU Director of Operations and the Loaded Ladle Operations Coordinator for preliminary discussions on the Loaded Ladle’s kitchen space agreement.

Office hours – Sextant and The Dalhousie Gazette, August 3, 9:30 am:
   a. Introductory meeting with the Sextant President and Gazette Editor in Chief.
   b. Discussed potential collaboration and support options between the two Societies.

Council Prep meeting, August 3, 11 am:
   a. Discussed potential upcoming presentations and motions for the Council meeting, task list for the executive team in preparation for the meeting.

AGM Check-In, August 3, 11:30 am:
   a. Met with Policy and Governance Coordinator, the executive team, the DSU Directors, and the Communications Team.
   b. Discussed progress on AGM preparations.

Research and Outreach meeting, August 4, 1 pm:
   a. Full-time staff and executive team were updated on 0-week programming.
Staff Meeting, August 5, 9 am:
   a. Discussed Covid protocols for the office starting in September and was updated on Part-time staff training programming.

Executive Committee Meeting, August 5, 11 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed DSU operations and events programming, initiated final discussions on DSU Strategic Plan, and updated the team on Society support progress.

Societies and Programming Coordinator interviews, August 5, 1:30 pm:
   a. Introduced myself to interviewees, asked questions, and took notes.

Executive Committee Meeting, August 8, 11 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed rollover items from previous meeting, among other items, and finalized discussions on the Strategic Plan.

Meeting with Policy and Governance Coordinator, August 8, 12 pm:
   a. Was updated on Residence Council status.

Executive team presentation prep, August 8, 2:30 pm:
   a. Assisted the VPSL with an upcoming presentation and gave feedback.

Societies and Programming Coordinator interviews, August 9, 2 pm:
   a. Introduced myself to interviewees, asked questions, and took notes.

Council Prep meeting, August 10, 11 am:
   a. Prepped upcoming presentations with the Policy and Governance Coordinator.

Societies and Programming Coordinator interview, August 10, 12 pm:
   a. Introduced myself to interviewee, asked questions, and took notes.

Office Hours – Dungeons and Dragons Society
   a. Follow up meeting with the President to answer a few inquiries.

Society Review Committee Updates
Nothing to report.

Offices Steering Committee Updates
The OSC’s first meeting has been scheduled for August 11.

**Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates**

The Committee was supposed to meet on August 9th but was cancelled due to lack of quorum. An online discussion and vote meant for the items in that agenda are being coordinated.

**University Affairs and Committees**

Lunch with Dal Health Promotion and Student Experience Team, August 3, 12 pm:

a. Networking opportunity with the rest of the executive team.

**External and Broader Community**

Halifax Pride Parade, July 16, 10:30 am:

a. Represented the DSU at the Parade and marched along Dalhousie administrators and employees.

International Student Housing Accessibility meeting, July 19, 1 pm:

a. Meeting consisted of various stakeholders from NS universities discussing the unique impacts of the housing crisis on international students.

b. Attended and listened in on the event along with the President and VPAE.

**Goal Progress**

The first updates of dsu.ca/society are live! Still working on the rest of them, but there should be more updates soon.

**Upcoming Dates**

SRC will be meeting on August 16.
Report of the Vice President, Finance & Operations

Name: Henry Amin

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Internal Affairs & DSU Committees

1. Responded to emails and offered help and guidance to all societies and members that required assistance that was within my jurisdiction as the VPFO.
2. Attended all weekly Executive Committee Meetings and Bi-weekly Operations staff meetings.
3. Attended weekly Grawood Meetings to work on improving the Grawood.
4. Ongoing work planning the First Bash event at the Grawood.
5. Successfully conducted the monthly treasurer training session on Wednesday, July 25 at 1 PM.
6. Attended a monthly financial update meeting to review budget up to date.

Budget and Finance Committee Updates:

1. Preparing to contact Budget and Finance Committee members and discuss optimal time to set up the meeting in August.

Grants Committee Updates:

1. First GSC meeting took place on July 14 at 2:00 – 3:00 PM and was concluded successfully.
2. Updated applicants about their applications and when they can expect to receive future updates.

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee Updates:

1. Successfully concluded two ISEBC meetings on July 14 at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM and July 28 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2. Contacted all applicants and updated them about the committee decision about their applications.
University Affairs & Committees

1. Attended a lunch meeting with the student affairs team with the rest of the executives.
2. Attended all bi-weekly Student Affairs Meetings.

External & Broader Community

1. Attended a meeting with Bell and discussed sponsorship details.

Goal Progress

Still working with other execs and full-time staff to better structure my goals for the year. My goal for the summer semester is to raise more awareness about the DSU Budget for the general members of the DSU by:

A. Providing detailed guidance and other resources on budget and fiscal transparency that are available.
   - This might include summarizing the budget into infographics and sharing relevant parts on several channels, which include, social media, the DSU website, and even the dal mobile app once we get access to it. (I am currently working on finding the appropriate form of infographics by researching several other similar examples).
   - Already discussed setting up a meeting with the comms team to work on creating the budget infographics and other forms of budget awareness content and will post them all by the end of the summer semester.

B. Helping general members by raising their awareness of the various available standards and guidelines.
   - This can be achieved by working with the comms team to plan a marketing strategy to raise more awareness about the budget for the general members. (The meeting to discuss the details is happening by August 15).

Upcoming Dates

1. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee Meeting on August 25 at 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM.
2. Grants Review Committee Meeting on August 11 at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM.
3. Treasurer Training Session on Tuesday, August 23 at 3 PM
4. DSU Executive Team x Rob Leforte on August 15 at 11:30 AM
5. Offices Steering Committee Summer Meeting on August 11 at 4:00 PM
6. SRC Meeting on August 16 at 12:00 PM
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Sydney Keyamo

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Executive Committee Meetings
   a. July 15 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.
   b. July 18 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.
   c. July 22 – Prepared for CASA Observership application and planned exec outreach plans.
   d. July 25 – Made preparations for the extraordinary meeting of council and followed up on executive goals.
   e. July 29 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.
   f. August 05 – Follow-up on the donation for People’s Park, as well as discussion on workplace expectations.
   g. August 08 – Discussion centred around September Programming and AGM Programming, as well as making decisions for the strategic plan.

2. Staff Meeting
   a. August 05 – Discussion focused on preparations for part-time staff training.

3. Council Prep Meeting
   a. August 10 - Prepared agenda items and motions for the upcoming meeting of council.

   a. July 21 – Debriefed the previous meeting of council and made preparations for the Survivor Support Centre for the Fall.
   b. July 28 – Debriefed the extraordinary meeting of council and discussed next steps for CASA observership.

5. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee
   a. July 14 - Met with the committee to allocate funds and took meeting minutes.

6. Research & Outreach Meeting
   a. August 04 – Received updates and a breakdown of the full tentative schedule for O-Week.
7. Exec Socials Brainstorm  
   a. July 16 – The executive team met with the Communications Coordinator to discuss ideas and plan out the social media strategy.

8. AGM Check – In  
   a. August 03 – The executive team met with the Policy & Governance Coordinator to discuss updates and plans for the AGM.

Student Senate Caucus Updates

Student Senate Caucus

1. August 09 – During this meeting we did brief introductions and conducted a presentation on Senate basics and FAQs. In addition to this, we made senate appointments. 5 seats have been filled and the remaining 4 seats will be filled later in the month.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Student Affairs Meeting  
   a. July 19 – The executive team received a debrief on the Community Strategies Lab and engaged in discussion on a potential MOU between the DSU and Student Affairs. Additionally, we received a debrief on residence data.

2. Ombudsperson Annual Review  
   a. July 26 – Received a presentation and debrief on the Ombudsperson Annual Report, then participated in a strategic discussion and made recommendations for the final report.

3. Ratification Meeting  
   a. August 02 - Ratified Academic Integrity documents.

4. Late Withdrawal Taskforce Meeting  
   a. July 27 – Conducted an environmental scan assessing drop dates at other institutions.
   b. August 10 – Brief discussion on potential changes and recommendations for drop dates.

External and Broader Community

1. Pride Parade  
   a. July 16 – The Executive Team participated in the Halifax Pride Parade, alongside other members of the Dalhousie community and members of administration.

2. Interview with PostMediaxRBC
a. July 21 – Participated in an interview on Affordability in Halifax, alongside the President and VPSL.

Goal Progress

1. Guidebook creation is going steadily, books for the faculty of Computer Science have been completed and books for the Faculty of Science are now underway.

Upcoming Dates

1. Executive Committee Meetings
   a. August 12, 11:00am-12:00pm
   b. August 15, 11:00am-12:00pm
   c. August 19, 11:00am-12:00pm
2. Council Meeting
   a. August 15, 7:00pm-9:00pm
3. Research & Outreach Meeting
   a. August 18, 1:00pm-2:00pm
4. Student Affairs Meeting
   a. August 16, 11:00am-12:00pm
5. Operations Meeting
   a. August 25, 10:00am-11:00am
6. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee
   a. August 25, 2:30pm-3:30pm
7. Late Withdrawal Taskforce Meeting
   a. August 31, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Emilia Cordova

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Vacation dates: July 26th – 28th, and August 5th

Orientation Week Planning Updates:

a. Senior O-Week Leader Training: ongoing training every week on Wednesday starting on July 20th from 6:30-8:30pm
b. Weekly O-Week Check-in on Thursdays at 11am
c. Met with the Boardgames Society to ensure their participation in O-Week, July 15th, 10:30-11am
d. Met with DMCRT to confirm their attendance at O-Week events, July 18th, 12pm
e. Merch: Confirmed all the artwork for T-Shirts
f. Went to Glow Parties warehouse to check all the inflatables for Beach Carnival and Sunset Foam Party, July 19th, 2:30pm

Socials Updates

a. Working with our Communications Coordinator to increase outreach on our socials by creating more content with the Tiger.

AGM After-Party Programming

a. Contacted a band who will possibly perform in the Grawood

Executive Committee Meetings, weekly on Mondays and Fridays, 11am

a. Presented to the executive my programming ideas for Homecoming. I will also be presenting to Student Affairs in the week of August 14th.

Student Life Committee Updates:
Nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee Updates:
Nothing to report.

University Affairs and Committees

Student Affairs Committee

- Bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 11am
- Community Strategies Lab Follow-up
- Meeting to plan Induction, August 8th, 1pm

Student Affairs Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs)

- Developing an Orientation MOU with Student Affairs and Ancillary Services for next year’s orientation events, to coordinate dates before any planning begins.
- Developing an Impact Awards MOU with Student Affairs.

University Fair Meeting, July 20th, 2pm

- Planning for the fair happening on the first day of classes.

New to Dal meetings

- Weekly meetings with all orientation organizers, Wednesdays, 9am
- Meeting with Faculty representatives to discuss respective orientations, August 2nd, 3pm

Ancillary Services

- Meeting to discuss registration for O-Week in residences, ongoing on Thursdays, 2pm
- Tour of residence locations where O-Week leaders can meet students, August 10th, 2pm

External and Broader Community

Halifax Pride Parade Participation, July 16th, 11am-1pm

- Attended the parade with the Dalhousie Float
- Attended other events organized throughout the week

Interview with Postmedia on Affordability, July 21st, 2pm
Goal Progress

Nothing to report.

Upcoming Dates

Homecoming Presentation to Student Affairs August 16th
O-WEEK from September 1st to 4th
Welcome Week September 6th to 9th
DALFEST September 9th