Report of the President

Name: Aparna Mohan

Reporting Period: October 20 – November 9, 2022

Council Date: November 15, 2022

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a) Council Prep – October 20, 2:30 PM – 3:00PM
b) NSPIRG x South House x DISA x KSU Organizing Meeting – Oct. 20, 12:30 PM – 2 PM
   o Met with student leaders and organizers from across the HRM community to discuss how to support our international students in their resistance to the proposed tuition hike as well as striking CUPE 3912 members
   o Key outcomes: DSU/KSU Student Solidarity Strike, NSPIRG x South House Navigating Direct Action Workshop, DSU Letter Writing Session
c) O-Week/Dalfest SWOT Analysis – October 24, 10 AM – 11 AM
   o SWOT: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
d) President x Directors Mtg – October 24, 11 AM – 11:30 AM
   o Received updates about all full-time staff activities, and any issues
e) Council Debrief – October 26, 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
f) DSU Letter Writing Session – October 27, 2 – 3 PM
   o Helped students in attendance craft letters to relevant stakeholders to express ongoing student concerns with the International Tuition Fee Proposal and ask Dalhousie to bring a swift and fair end to the CUPE 3912 strike by meeting demands for fair wages and working conditions
   o Event also doubled as an organizing meeting for October 31 Student Solidarity Rally
g) President x Directors Mtg – October 28, 12 PM – 12:30 PM
   o Received updates about all full-time staff activities, and any issues
h) Governance Review Presentation PGC – November 1, 10 AM – 12 PM
   o Was updated on the ongoing Governance Review and discussed upcoming steps and timeline.
i) DSU x Dalhousie Gazette Partnership Mtg – November 3, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
   o Met with Dalhousie Gazette Editor and Board Chair to discuss feedback on the Gazette’s relationship with the DSU.
j) Council Prep – November 3, 3:00 PM – 3:30PM
k) Staff Meeting – November 4, 9 AM – 10 AM
Directors announced Reading Week hours, issued reminders regarding Budget Revision deadline and upcoming November programming.

Executive Committee Updates

a) October 21, 10 AM – 11 AM: (Attendance: VPSL absent with regrets) – Discussed CUPE 3912 strike updates with respect to coordinating use of SUB space and resources, delegated tasks to plan letter-writing session, approved vacation & WFH requests, received updates on various meetings and next steps on the International Student Tuition Consultation.

b) October 28, 10 AM – 11 AM: (Attendance: All executives present) – Coordinated plans for Councillor Goal-Setting Session & PSE Townhall, discussed doing an Academic Advocacy week this winter, approved installation of blinds for Room 302 & Council Chambers, and addressed ongoing concerns regarding a student’s conduct with SUB staff.

c) November 4, 10 AM – 11 AM: (Attendance: VPSL absent with regrets) – Prepared agenda items for upcoming biweekly Student Affairs meeting & discussed frustration with lack of consultation regarding strike relief measures despite being the first to initiate the conversation, evaluated & rejected a sponsorship request, decided to attend the next Unsanctioned Street Parties consultation session in December together, and addressed operational questions from Grawood, T-Room and DSU Farmer’s Market.

d) November 9, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) – Discussed how to address recent Senate developments that occurred without student consultation, coordinated planning for Late Night at the SUB during exam period, and coordinated promotion/outreach efforts for upcoming PSE townhall.

Board of Governor’s Student Caucus Updates

a) Next Board of Governors meeting will be on November 22 and the next caucus will be scheduled between when the meeting package is released and the meeting begins. One of the major items that will be discussed at this meeting is the International Student Tuition Fee Proposal.

University Affairs and Committees

a) Board Academic & Student Affairs Cmte Mtg – Oct. 20, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
   o Was only able to attend last half hour of the meeting due to time conflict with class
Presented a verbal report on ongoing student issues and DSU operational trends (e.g. rise in Food Bank use)

b) 1on1 with Vice Provost Student Affairs – Oct. 20, 4:00 – 4:30 PM

c) Dalhousie Open House – October 22, 12 PM – 3 PM
   - Tabled on behalf of the DSU at Dalhousie’s Open House in the Student Union Building
   - Supported CUPE 3912 picketers outside with informational picketing inside

d) Senate Meeting – October 24, 3 PM – 5 PM

e) DSU Executive x Student Affairs Biweekly Mtg – October 25, 11 AM – 12 PM
   - Coordinated planning for a Dalhousie Student Transition & Engagement Summit to create a more cohesive and comprehensive orientation experience for new Dalhousie students

f) Academic Quality Team (AQT) – October 26, 9:30 AM – 11 AM
   - Invited to a standing meeting chaired by Dalhousie AVP Academic and attended regularly by DSU VPAE & various Dalhousie academic staff
   - Main discussion was scenario planning around the ongoing strike & brainstorming potential supports
   - DSU advocated for streamlined Credit/No Credit option, clarity & consistency in messaging as well as financial compensation wherever possible

g) Promoting Community Connections – Sexton Campus – Oct. 27, 12 – 2 PM
   - Tabled on Sexton campus on behalf of the DSU for a Melda Murray Center event “Promoting Community Connections” along with Dalhousie University departments such as the International Center

h) Special Senate Planning & Governance Cmte Mtg – Nov. 3, 12 PM – 1 PM
   - Matters discussed in this meeting are going to be subject to ratification at upcoming Special Meeting of Senate

i) In-Person International Tuition Task Force (ITTF) Consultation – November 8, 9 AM – 10:30 AM
   - DISA organized in-person consultation to occur at International Center with Provost and other Dalhousie staff/admin present to hear from International Students directly
   - Helped with short notice promotional efforts and coordinated attendance of DSU executive

j) DSU Executive x Student Affairs Biweekly Mtg – November 8, 11 AM – 12 PM
   - Delivered presentation on DSU survey that has collected ~500 responses on strike impacts as well as recommendations on supportive accommodations.

k) Giving Tuesday Campaign Video Filming – November 8, 2 – 3 PM
   - Worked with Dalhousie Advancement Office to film video to be used in this year’s Giving Tuesday donation campaign which raises money that will directly supports the operation of the DSU Food Bank and other food security initiatives
   - Recruited 4 additional student volunteers to be in the video
External and Broader Community

a) Media Interview – October 27, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
   a. Spoke to Carleton Campus newspaper regarding CUPE 3912’s strike, its implications for the community and the DSU’s position
b) Student Solidarity Rally Preparation – October 31, 10 AM – 12 PM
   a. Finalized speaker line-up, secured access to microphone system, and coordinated arrival of media and Nova Scotia NDP guests
c) Student Solidarity Rally – October 31, 12 PM – 2 PM
   a. Excellent turnout from across the community including Dalhousie/King’s students, Faculty Associations across the HRM, Nova Scotia NDP leader Claudia Chender and MLA Susan Leblanc, and NSGEU members
b. Organized in collaboration with King’s Students Union, Divest Dal and other independent student organizers
d) Media Interviews – October 31, 12 PM – 2 PM
   a. Interviewed by Global News and CTV Atlantic for TV on-site at the rally
e) Media Interview – October 28, 3:30 PM – 4 PM
   a. Interviewed by the Dalhousie Gazette regarding Dalhousie’s recent International Fee Proposal for the next 5 years
f) Navigating Direct Action Workshop – November 1, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
   a. NSPIRG & South House co-organized a workshop featuring Halifax-based immigration, criminal defence & prison lawyer Asif Rashid
b. Rashid’s presentation concerned navigating direct action during on-campus strikes and actions based on his experience supporting students during York University’s 2018 TA strike

Goal Progress

a) Fall 2022 Goal: Increase access to skills, knowledge & competencies necessary to build a sustainable, decentralized movement against tuition increases
b) Progress: Engaged students in organizing and attending a rally, organized a letter-writing session/campaign to help students craft impactful correspondence, helped inform a workshop and other organizing meetings
c) Upcoming plans: Preparing informational materials for social media outreach around tuition advocacy & presentation materials for upcoming PSE Townhall

Upcoming Dates

a) Special Senate Meeting - November 14, 3 PM – 5 PM
b) PSE Townhall – November 14, 6 PM – 8 PM
c) CASA Advocacy Week - November 21 - 25
d) Board of Governors Meeting – November 22, 3 PM – 6 PM
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Operations meeting, October 20, 10 am:
  a. Was updated on operations related matters of the Union.

Council prep, October 20, 2:30 pm:
  a. Prepared for the October 25 Council meeting, including an AGM debrief update.

Executive Committee meeting, October 21, 10 am:
  a. Took minutes.
  b. Coordinated with the rest of the team on CUPE strike related issues.
  c. Confirmed Annual Survey prizes.
  d. Updated the Committee on ongoing discussions about a potential Society space on the third floor of the SUB.
  e. Coordinated Puppy Power Hour at the SUB.
  f. Brought up a Society inquiry and initiated a debrief about the online International Tuition Task Force (ITTF) consultation sessions, resulting in me coordinating a consultation session with DISA for an upcoming External Committee meeting.

Council agenda writing session, October 21, 2 pm:
  a. Helped the executive team with finalizing the wording on a couple agenda items.

O-Week/Dalfest SWOT Analysis, October 24, 10 am:
  a. Analyzed how the events went with exec and staff.
  b. SWOT: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats

Campaigns meeting, October 24, 12:30 pm:
  a. Discussed upcoming social media and website updates.
Impact Awards meeting, October 25, 10 am:
   a. Met with President, VPSL, Director R&O, and S&P Coordinator.
   b. Discussed initial thoughts and feedback on Impact Awards.

Campaigns meeting, October 25, 1 pm:
   a. Coordinated promo for the upcoming Viola Desmond Legacy Lecture Series event.

Council meeting, October 25, 6 pm:
   a. Gave presentation on AGM debrief.

DISA x DSU consultation session, October 26, 11:30 am:
   a. Facilitated meeting between DISA and DSU in preparation for the upcoming External Committee meeting.
   b. Took notes on feedback and prompts for students.

Council debrief, October 26, 1 pm:
   a. Discussed feedback received from Councillors during the October 25 Council meeting.

Meeting with Dalhousie Outdoors Society, October 26, 2:30 pm:
   a. Discussed initiation of consultation process for a potential Society space on the third floor of the SUB.

External Committee meeting, October 27, 2 pm:
   a. Assisted with coordinating the writing session for students.
   b. Wrote email to Societies about the CUPE 3912 strike.

Executive Committee meeting, October 28, 10 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed initiating a consultation session for third floor study space.

Society Policy meeting, October 28, 11 am:
   a. Met with Events Manager, PGC, S&P Coordinator
   b. Discussed potential solutions to ongoing violations of Society Policy articles 3.3 and 3.4.

Governance Review presentation, November 1, 10 am:
   a. Was updated on the ongoing Governance Review and discussed upcoming steps and timeline.

Comms meeting, November 1, 1 pm:
a. Requested a website update in response to ongoing violations of Society Policy articles 3.3 and 3.4.
b. Discussed November Newsletter, comms requests, Puppy Power Hour promotion, etc.

Council goal-setting session, November 1, 6 pm:
   a. Provided feedback to Councillor goals.

Society Policy amendment meeting, November 3, 11 am:
   a. Met with Policy and Governance Coordinator.
   b. Discussed potential Society Policy amendment recommendations to be discussed at SRC.

DSU x Dalhousie Gazette meeting, November 3, 1:30 pm:
   a. Discussed feedback on the Gazette’s relationship with the DSU.

Council prep, November 3, 3 pm:
   a. Discussed initial ideas for agenda items.

Staff meeting, November 4, 9 am:
   a. Discussed upcoming programming for November, SUB hours for the holidays/Reading Week, and was reminded of ongoing budget revisions.

Executive Committee meeting, November 4, 10 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Coordinated attendance to upcoming Inspiring Communities event.
   c. Discussed agenda items for upcoming Student Affairs meeting.

Puppy Power Hour, November 4, 3 pm:
   a. Hosted Puppy Power Hour and welcomed Ollie and his owner to the SUB.
   b. Coordinated next event.

Comms meeting, November 8, 1 pm:
   a. Discussed promo for upcoming events.

Executive Committee meeting, November 9, 11:30 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed opportunities to email Societies to help with advocacy efforts and inclusion to upcoming events.

Society meeting, November 9, 2 pm:
a. Assisted a Society with filling out their Society Grant application.

Society Review Committee Updates
Meeting, October 21, 3:30 pm:

a. No Societies were ratified during this meeting; instead, discussions were held about a Society Constitution and required amendments per the Society Policy. Recommendations from SRC will be approved soon via online vote.

Offices Steering Committee Updates
Meeting to be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Have been collecting member availability.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates
Meeting, November 3, 6:30 pm:

a. Did not meet quorum so no applications were reviewed on that day.

University Affairs and Committees
Student Life Fair tabling, October 22, 12:00 pm:

a. Set up the table with the President.
b. Advertised the DSU to potential incoming Dalhousie students.

Name Change Working Group Meeting, October 24, 1 pm:

a. Was introduced to the rest of the Working Group.
b. Discussed initial areas of development for the group’s work.

Student Affairs biweekly meeting, October 25, 11:00 am:

a. Discussed planning around the Dalhousie Student Transition and Engagement Planning Summit.
b. Gave feedback on key Societies to be consulted/invited to the Summit.

HRES meeting, October 26, 11:00 am:

a. Met with HRES staff and DSU Director R&O.
b. Discussed potential updates to Society Anti-O training with a focus on HR related topics as per Societies’ request.
c. Initiated discussions on my Winter goal, the development of a template/guide for Society Equity Policies.

Dalhousie Mental Health Forum, October 26, 4 pm:

a. Attended the forum.

Promoting Community Connections event, October 27, 11:00 am:

a. Set up table with the VPFO and VPAE.
b. Promoted the DSU to Sexton students.

Student Health and Wellness meeting, October 31, 11:15 am:

a. Met with the head of Student Health and Wellness.
b. Discussed the relationship of the DSU and Student Health and Wellness as it relates to bursary referrals and funding.

Institutional Survey Committee meeting, October 31, 3 pm:

a. Was introduced to fellow Committee members.
b. Discussed initial goals and vision for this Committee.

Fall Convocation (FASS, FCS, Law), November 2, 9 am:

a. Represented the DSU at Convocation.

ITTF consultation, November 8, 9 am:

a. Attended the in-person consultation session at the International Centre and asked questions.

Student Affairs biweekly meeting, November 8, 11:00 am:

a. Discussed VPAE’s strike survey results.
b. Brought up issues of status of disabled students taking two courses.

**External and Broader Community**

Student Solidarity Strike Rally, October 31, 12 pm:

a. Attended the rally!

**Goal Progress**

- Reached out to HRES to begin consultation on my Winter goal.
- Coordinated DISA consultation for October 27 External Committee meeting. I will also discuss with the VPAE if another letter writing session can be held to fully utilize DISA’s feedback and ideas.
- Wrote email to Societies about the CUPE 3912 strike. I plan to send out more of those emails in the next couple of weeks to invite Societies to attend our events and help with advocacy efforts, as part of my Fall goal.
- Emailed disability and mental health related Societies inviting them to Puppy Power Hour. Turnout wasn’t great so I’m hoping to follow up with them for Ollie’s second visit.

Upcoming Dates

- Puppy Power Hour, SUB Lobby, November 16, 4 pm. COME PET OLLIE HE’S SO SOFT.
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Henry Amin

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Internal Affairs and 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.
3. Attended all Bi-weekly Operations staff meetings.
4. Attended Grawood Meetings to work on improving the Grawood.
5. World Cup viewings will be happening in the Grawood till December 2nd.
6. Taylor Swift event postponed till after winter break due to time conflict with another event at the Grawood.
7. Bi-Weekly PS5 Gaming nights are possible now as we have received glass box for PS5 protection.
8. Attended a monthly financial update meeting to review budget up to date.
9. Attended several meetings with staff members to devise the societies fall audit strategy.
10. Reviewed several society audits and will be done reviewing audits before the end of this month.
11. Attended council prep meetings.
12. Attended SRC (Societies review committee) meeting which is chaired by Tammy (VPI).
13. Reached an agreement with SASEP (South African Student Education Project) about a proper structure for the process of releasing their funds by the DSU.
14. Met with several society treasurers and provided crucial support and guidance.
15. Attended all Research & Outreach Meetings.
16. Successfully concluded a Treasurer training session on October 24th.
17. Attended campaigns meetings to keep up with the CUPE strikes updates.
18. Attended a DISA X DSU meeting to discuss a strategy and response to proposed international tuition increase.
19. Attended Governance Review PGC Presentation meeting.
20. Attended DSU + Gazette Partnership Meeting to discuss Gazette questions and concerns.
21. Attended a Goalsetting session for Councilors where councilors shared their goals and concerns and planned to fix barriers that would affect their goals.
22. Attended monthly staff meeting.
23. Attended meetings that I’ve set up with several society treasurers to guide them through their audits and address their concerns.
24. Attended a Strike Survey Presentation Overview by Sydney, our VPAE.

Budget and Finance Committee Updates
1. Meeting will take place on November 28 at 7 PM.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates
1. Meeting will take place later in November.

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee Updates
1. Monthly ISEBC meeting will be taking place at the end of November.

University Affairs and Committees
1. Attended all bi-weekly Student Affairs Meetings.
2. Attended a Name Change Working Group Meeting and got acquainted with the committee, its members, and its purpose.
3. Attended Promoting Community Connections Event that the DSU got invited to on Sexton campus and did tabling throughout the entire event with other execs.
4. Attended Dentistry and Health Convocation to perform my duty to students as their elected representative at the DSU.
5. Attended an in-person consultation with provost and Dal senior admin staff regarding Dal’s new international tuition increase plan.

External and Broader Community
1. Nothing to report.

Goal Progress
1. Budget Infographics and social media posts done and will be shared with general members later in the Fall Semester.
2. Finalizing the organization of Grawood Events.
Upcoming Dates

1. Treasurer Training Session on Friday, November 24th.
2. SRC Meeting on November 15.
3. ISEBC Meeting at the end of November.
Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Sydney Keyamo

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

1. Executive Committee Meeting
   a. October 28 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.
   b. November 04 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.
   c. November 09 – Held a make-up ECM to go over unresolved items from the previous meeting.

2. International Student Emergency Bursary Committee (ISEBC) Meeting
   a. October 31 – Took meeting minutes

3. Governance Review Presentation
   a. November 01 - The executive and directors received a presentation from our Policy & Governance Coordinator regarding the status of the governance review and determined next steps.

4. Goal Setting for Councillors
   a. November 01 – Met with other members of council to carve out goals for the year

External Committee Updates

1. October 27 – Hosted a letter writing session in support of CUPE 3912 and brainstormed ideas for the International Tuition Increase Proposal

Student Senate Caucus Updates

1. No updates.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Student Affairs Meeting
   a. November 08– Discussed Student Strike Impacts, Students with Disability & Full-Time Status and Exchange Students Social Support.
2. Convocation  
   a. November 01 – Attended the Agriculture, Architecture & Planning and Engineering Convocation ceremony.

3. Late Withdrawal Task Force Meeting  

4. Senate Discipline Committee Appeal Hearing  
   a. October 28 – Acted as a student representative on the appeal panel for Senate Discipline Committee.

5. Ratification Meeting  
   a. November 03 – Ratified academic integrity documents.

**External and Broader Community**

1. Student Solidarity Strike Rally  
   a. October 31 – Hosted and attended the Student Solidarity Strike Rally, with attendance from NSGEU, SMUFU, MSVUFU and the NS NDP. The rally was organized in collaboration with the KSU, DivestDal, Cupe 3912 and other student leaders.

2. Interview with the Charlatan  
   a. October 27 – Participated in an interview alongside the President on Wage Parity across Canadian Universities and the ongoing CUPE 3912 strike,

**Goal Progress**

1. In line with my Fall goal to regularly poll and survey students on the issues facing them, I created a survey to learn more about the Strike Impacts. Additionally, I have been polling frequently using the DSU social media. I also assisted with the creation and distribution of the Campus Copy Space Designation Survey.

**Upcoming Dates**

1. Executive Committee Meeting  
   a. November 18

2. Senate Meeting  
   a. November 14  
   b. November 28

3. Ratification Meeting  
   a. November 17

4. CASA Advocacy Week  
   a. November 21 - 25