Report of the President

Name: Aparna Mohan

Reporting Period: November 10 – November 23, 2022

Council Date: November 29, 2022

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a) Council Prep – November 10, 2:30 PM – 3:00PM
b) Post-Secondary Education (PSE) Townhall – November 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
   o The DSU Executive team noted that this townhall resulted in high engagement and quality discussion but not with the expected level of attendance. Plans are underway by our VPAE to schedule another Townhall during the Winter 2023 term as part of a broader Academics Week.
c) Council Debrief – November 16, 1:30 – 2:00 PM
d) 1on1 with Policy & Governance Coordinator – November 18, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Executive Committee Updates

a) November 18, 10 AM – 11 AM: (Attendance: VPSL absent with regrets) – Deliberated various administrative and housekeeping items including next steps with post-strike student relief and planning for upcoming Student Affairs meeting

b) Notes: We had one fewer ECM during this reporting period than usual due to Friday, November 11 being a holiday for Remembrance Day and because rescheduling a make-up meeting proved extraordinarily challenging during this time of year.

Board of Governor’s Student Caucus Updates

a) Meeting – November 18, 3:00 – 4:00 PM
   o Discussion was mainly to string together a response to the International Tuition Proposal being presented for decision at the Nov. 22 Board of Governors meeting

University Affairs and Committees

a) Senate Special Meeting – Nov. 14, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
I led the call to convene a Special Meeting of Senate to re-consider motions that had been passed in a special SPGC meeting to modify academic regulations to allow for time and capacity for consultation.

b) Board of Governors Consultation – November 15, 11:00 – 11:30 AM
   o 1on1 Consultation with University Secretary to inform Board leadership appointment

c) Senate Procedures Debrief Meeting – Nov. 16, 11:30 AM – 12 PM
   o Specially scheduled meeting with Senate leadership to clarify process and proper channels to bring motions forward in Senate

d) Giving Tuesday Interview with Advancement Office – Nov. 16, 1:00 – 1:30 PM
   o Interview with a writer contracted by the Dal Advancement Office to inform Dalhousie’s media releases in support of this year’s Giving Tuesday campaign
   o The Giving Tuesday Campaign is now in its third iteration to raise money to support the DSU’s food security initiatives

e) Senate Planning & Governance Cmte Mtg – Nov. 16, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

f) Transition to University Engagement Summit – Nov. 17, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
   o The DSU supported the Student Affairs department in the organization and facilitation of a summit that brought together student & university groups from across the community

g) BSW Student Interview on HoCo – Nov. 18, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
   o A Bachelor of Social Work student scheduled an interview with me to obtain the DSU’s perspective on the ongoing community concern regarding unsanctioned street parties & this year’s unsanctioned HoCo

h) Board of Governors Meeting – Nov. 22, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
   o International Tuition Proposal was deliberated in-camera so I cannot disclose the meeting deliberations but Dalhousie has announced that it was approved [here](#)

i) Board of Governors Annual Retreat – Nov. 23, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
   o In-person retreat featuring multiple presentations concerning Dalhousie’s future (e.g. leadership transition update & labour relations overview & strategy)

**External and Broader Community**

a) Media Interview – November 12, 12:00 – 12:30 PM
   a. Spoke to CBC News regarding the end of the CUPE 3912 strike

b) CASA Advocacy Week – November 21 – 25, Ottawa ON
   a. Advocacy Training – Nov. 21
   b. Lobby Meetings – Nov. 22 – Nov. 25
i. Meetings with available federal politicians were distributed and allocated to CASA delegates throughout the week based as much as possible on proximity to their constituency & portfolio

ii. I met with the following during my time in Ottawa: MP Damien Kurek, MP Iqwinder Gaheer, MP Peter Julian, MP Andy Fillmore, Senator Hassan Yussuff, & Minister Sean Fraser

   c. House of Commons Question Period – Nov 23
   d. Parliamentary Reception – Nov. 23

Goal Progress

   a) **Fall 2022 Goal:** Increase access to skills, knowledge & competencies necessary to build a sustainable, decentralized movement against tuition increases

   b) **Progress:** Attended CASA Advocacy Week and developed invaluable skills related to lobbying and relationship-building with decision-makers that will be disseminated in upcoming campaigns and advocacy programming

   c) **Upcoming plans:** Planning to facilitate workshops/presentations during the next iteration of PSE Townhall pending confirmation of logistics for the event

Upcoming Dates

   a) Senate Meeting – November 28, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
   b) DSU Executive x Student Affairs Biweekly Mtg – Dec. 6, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
   c) BoG Academic & Student Affairs Cmte Mtg – Dec. 6, 2:30 – 4:30 PM
   d) Unsanctioned Street Parties Conversation – Dec. 7, 1:00 – 6:00 PM
   e) Senate Meeting – December 12, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Research and Outreach meeting, November 10, 10 am:
   a. Discussed postering protocols for the SUB, prepped for PSE Town Hall, and updates on the CUPE 3912 strike.

Council prep, November 10, 2:30 pm:
   a. Discussed final details for the November 15 Council meeting.

Campaigns meeting, November 14, 12:30 pm:
   a. Discussed final details for PSE Town Hall.

PSE Town Hall, November 14, 5 pm:
   a. Had conversations with the exec and attendees.

Council meeting, November 15, 6 pm:
   a. Attended the meeting and voted on motions.

Council debrief, November 16, 1:30 pm:
   a. Updated the PGC and Director R&O on yesterday’s Council meeting.

Puppy Power Hour, November 16, 4 pm:
   a. Attended the event with the President and VPSL.
   b. Set up next event for November 30.

Council prep, November 17, 2:30 pm:
   a. Discussed preliminary ideas for agenda items.

Executive Committee meeting, November 18, 10 am:
a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed operational matters of the Union, social media requests from exec, and how to proceed in our strike relief advocacy efforts.

PGC meeting, November 18, 1 pm:
   a. Discussed with PGC the timeline and required documents for Oversight Committee executive reviews.
   b. Discussed pending items on my end for committee meetings and executive goals.

DSU Market meeting, November 21, 2 pm:
   a. Was updated on the Food Market’s status from the Director of Operations and gave feedback on next steps.

Comms meeting, November 22, 1 pm:
   a. Discussed exec social media takeovers and next steps for public strike update.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee meeting, November 23, 2 pm:
   a. Assessed applications for Society and Member Grants.

Residence Council meeting, November 23, 3 pm:
   a. Met with S&P Coordinator and PGC.
   b. Discussed a plan to support Residence Councils and next steps for us to work on.

Society Review Committee Updates

Nothing to report yet, meeting will be scheduled VERY soon to discuss Society Policy amendment suggestions.

Offices Steering Committee Updates

Meeting scheduled for November 30, 1 pm.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, November 17, 6:30 pm:
   a. Did not meet quorum.
   b. Scheduled additional meeting to catch up for November 28.
University Affairs and Committees

FASS meeting, November 15, 11:30 am:
   a. Introduced myself to attendees.
   b. Offered to help with a Student Resource Guide for professors in the Faculty.
   c. Listened to Bissett Student Success Centre presentation.

Transition to University Engagement Summit, November 17, 8:30 am:
   a. Attended the event with the rest of the executive.
   b. Participated in event activities which aimed to generate ideas for a better transition to Dalhousie for incoming students.

Dalhousie Mental Health Forum, November 23, 4 pm:
   a. Attended and participated in the Mental Health Forum.

External and Broader Community

RISE Halifax, November 16, 6 pm:
   a. Attended a progress meeting with the VPSL.
   b. Discussed distribution of the final project product (a zine with stories related to the housing crisis in Halifax) at the SUB.

Goal Progress

Not that much progress because I've been working on Society Policy amendment recommendations. Since I delivered that to the PGC for feedback I've been working on a more concrete plan to engage with Societies. Part of the plan is to extend the part of my Fall goal around attending Society meetings to the Winter semester, as I haven’t been able to deliver much on it because I was busy with other parts of my portfolio, but I do see a great need for it to happen to build the relationship between Societies and the DSU. I’ve also been looking into ways to engage Societies in student consultation opportunities and potential events to take place, and I’ll be sending out a few emails soon.

Upcoming Dates

SAFC, November 28, 6:30 pm.

OSC, November 30, 1 pm.
SAFC, December 1, 6:30 pm.
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 Grawood Meetings to work on improving The Grawood.
4. World Cup viewings started, and they have been incredibly successful and brought in a lot of income for The Grawood. There were a lot of people in attendance.
5. Bi-Weekly PS5 Gaming nights are possible now as we have received a glass box for PS5 protection. I am working with the bar management to find a location in The Grawood to permanently place the PS5.
6. Attended a monthly financial update meeting to review budget up to date.
7. Attended all Operations Meetings.
8. Attended several meetings with staff members to devise the societies fall audit strategy, it has been very successful, and we have more societies that have submitted audits this year than previous years.
9. Reviewed several society audits and will be done reviewing audits before the end of this month.
10. Attended general council prep meetings.
11. Met with several society treasurers and provided crucial support and guidance.
12. Attended all Research & Outreach Meetings.
13. Attended campaigns meetings.
14. Attended meeting with staff to prepare for oversight committee executive reviews.
15. Attended budget revisions meeting and finished reviewing the entire DSU budget.
16. Attended meetings that I’ve set up with several society treasurers to guide them through their audits and address their concerns.
17. Attended PSE townhall and discussed important topics that would help students.
18. Attended meeting to discuss strategy to help the DSU farmer’s market.

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

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates
1. GSC meeting will take place on November 23.

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 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. World cup events have been incredibly successful.

Upcoming Dates
1. Treasurer Training Session on Friday, November 24th.
2. ISEBC Meeting at the end of November.
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Emilia Cordova

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Mapping out Exam Wellness Programming, Nov 14th 10h00-11h00:

a. Coordinated Christmas with the DSU Day on December 7th where we will encourage students to wear Christmas pajamas and handout hot chocolate outside the SUB
b.Requested tables and a speaker for out Christmas events
c. Submitted communications request to promote the event
d. Mapped out the snacks we will hand out during late night at the SUB, delegated to the Director of Research and Outreach to purchase non-perishable snacks at Costco

Mapping out Programming for the Winter Term, Nov 14th 10h00-11h00

a. Met with the Director of Research and Outreach to schedule programing at the DSU until mid-February
b. SnoWeek will be from January 9th – 13th and it will include all the rescheduled programing from Multicultural Week (MENA WD Game Night, International Fashion Show, and Latin Night)
c. Pride Week will happen from January 16th-20th
d. Valentine’s Taylor Swift Night on February 14th
e. Booked the Grawood for events like Drag Sex Toy Bingo, Welcome Back Karaoke, and Queer Band Night

1on1 with Policy and Governance Coordinator Nov 15th 10h30

a. Discussed the upcoming Oversight Committee executive review
b. Submitted documentation for Oversight Committee

Interviews for Harm Reduction Coordinator, Nov 21st 13h00 and Nov 23rd 10h30

a. Interviewed two candidates for the Harm Reduction Coordinator position and provided feedback to the Director of Research and Outreach
DalOUT Trivia Night, Nov 17th 18h30

a. Attended the Glee Trivia night at the Grawood to improve and maintain our relationships with the DalOUT society
b. Did not win, I don’t know anything about Glee apparently

Executive Committee Meeting Nov 18th 10h00

Student Life Committee Updates

Fall meeting scheduled Nov 22nd:

a. Sent an email to all the members and scheduled a meeting on November 30th at 17h30
b. Topic of discussion: Impact Awards Programming
c. Requested Teddy from the Equity and Accessibility Office to take minutes for the meeting, awaiting response

Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee Updates

Fall meeting scheduled Nov 22nd:

a. Sent an email to all the members and scheduled a meeting on November 29th at 17h30
b. Topic of discussion: Improvements in the Dalhousie Mental Health Forum and Exam Wellness Programming
c. Requested the Director of Research and Outreach to take minutes for the meeting, they agreed

University Affairs and Committees

Transition to University Engagement Summit:

a. Attended the Summit organized by Student Affairs to discuss Orientation activities and how we can work together to improve and streamline the processes of organizing and delivering
b. Actively engaged and presented the ideas brought up by my group

Dalhousie Mental Health Forum Nov 23rd 16h30

a. Organized and chaired the 3rd DMHF of the year
b. Requested the Societies and Programming Coordinator to email societies that might be interested to attend the forum
c. Requested members of the Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee to attend the forum, to discuss ways for improvement in our next committee meeting on Nov 29th

External and Broader Community

Attended RISE (extension of Apathy is Boring) meeting Nov 16th 18h00

a. Harvey Song invited the DSU executive to attend the RISE ambassador meeting to see their work on the Housing Crisis

Goal Progress

Fall goal: Multicultural Week (done, events that were not hosted have been rescheduled for SnoWeek)

Winter goal: Homecoming Proposal, I have brought it up in Student Affairs Meetings however, I am not yet fully focused on this goal

Upcoming Dates

Fool’s Gold Night, Nov 25th 20h00