Report of the President

Name: Aparna Mohan

Reporting Period: November 24 – December 7, 2022

Council Date: December 13, 2022

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a) Senate Caucus Prep – December 5, 3:00 PM – 3:30PM
   a. Met with DSU VPAE and Policy & Governance Coordinator to discuss upcoming
      Senate meeting and the need (if any) to bring together the Student Senate
      caucus but determined this was not necessary due to lack of explicitly student-
      facing items
b) Housing Bursary Deliberation – December 5, 3:30 – 4:00 PM
   a. Met with the DSU VPAE and Policy & Governance Coordinator to review past
      precedents for ad-hoc DSU bursaries and craft the Terms of Reference for a new
      housing bursary

Executive Committee Updates

a) December 1, 3 PM – 4 PM: (Attendance: All executives present) – Deliberated various
   administrative and housekeeping items including appointments to University award
   selection committees & ad-hoc bursaries for Winter 2023

b) December 2, 10 AM – 11 AM (Attendance: President absent without regrets) -
   Deliberated various administrative and housekeeping items including agenda items for
   our upcoming Student Affairs meeting; I was unexpectedly unable to attend this
   meeting nor provide notice due to illness

Board of Governor’s Student Caucus Updates

a) Meeting – December 1, 4:15 – 4:45 PM
a. Debriefed recent Board of Governors meeting and recent BoG Retreat with a focus on how to approach our responsibility as fiduciaries to the University versus the students and whether these are indeed distinct

Bylaw & Policy Review Committee Updates
a) Meeting – November 28, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
   a. Reviewed Election Policy amendments submitted for consideration and offered revisions as needed to allow DSU Council to approve them at its December 13th meeting

University Affairs and Committees
a) DSU Executive x Student Affairs Biweekly Mtg – Dec. 6, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
   a. Discussed recent influx of Residence Code of Conduct violations and recommendations made by the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Services (DSAS) to make processing fairer
   b. Requested information regarding end-of-term student services usage and furthered advocacy on transcript notations and streamlined CR/NCR option
   c. Unfortunately, administration has indicated no plans to offer tuition rebates nor any of the academic contingency measures we asked for citing long-term harms for students and their graduate school prospects
b) BoG Academic & Student Affairs Cmte Mtg – Dec. 6, 2:30 – 4:30 PM
   a. Meeting deliberations for standing Board committees are confidential

External and Broader Community
a) Media Interview – December 5, 2:00 – 2:30 PM
   a. Spoke to Global News regarding the DSU’s petition for tuition rebates and academic contingency measures following the resolution of the CUPE 3912 strike
   b. Link to article: https://globalnews.ca/news/9326881/dalhousie-students-financial-compensation-classes-lost-strike/

b) Government-Student Roundtable – December 6, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
   a. Represented the Dalhousie Student Union with our VPAE at the quarterly roundtable between the province’s Department of Advanced Education and student unions/associations across Nova Scotia
   b. Prepared a Roundtable report for VPAE to present while I attended the BoG ASAC meeting

b) Media Interview – December 7, 10 PM
a. Spoke to The Signal regarding Dalhousie’s decision to continue the indoor masking requirement and signalled the DSU’s support
d) Unsanctioned Street Parties Conversation – December 7, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
   a. Attended the second iteration of the Community Strategies Lab hosted by Inspiring Communities at the Halifax Central Library with representation from neighbors, HRM Staff, Halifax Police, staff from other universities (St.FX, NSCC), District 7 Councillor Waye Mason, and various members of Dalhousie administration & staff.
   b. Notably, attendance from HRP & HRM is an outcome that we directly contributed to with our advocacy via press release and media engagement

Goal Progress

a) **Fall 2022 Goal:** Increase access to skills, knowledge & competencies necessary to build a sustainable, decentralized movement against tuition increases
b) **Progress:** Studying campaigns at other universities/jurisdictions that have been successful to identify successful approaches
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 – 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 24, 10 am:
   a. Discussed planning details for Late Night at the SUB and Winter semester programming.

Council prep, November 25, 11 am:
   a. Discussed final details for November 29 Council meeting.

Campaigns meeting, November 28, 12:30 pm:
   a. Discussed details about post-strike relief campaign.

Comms meeting, November 29, 1 pm:
   a. Reviewed graphics for post-strike relief measures campaign social media posts.

Council meeting, November 29, 6 pm:
   a. Voted on motions.

Council debrief, November 30, 3:30 pm:
   a. Updated PGC and Director R&O on November 29 Council meeting discussions.

Puppy Power Hour, November 30, 4 pm:
   a. Attended the event!

Operations meeting, December 1, 10:30 am:
   a. Discussed dates/times of operation for SUB and DSU services.
   b. Discussed IT related concerns and issues.
   c. Discussed payroll and vacation time tasks for the end of the year.

Survivor Support Centre bursary touch-base meeting, December 1, 12 pm:
a. Was brought up to date with progress on SSC’s ad-hoc bursary.
b. Discussed final details to be brought to Council.

Executive Committee meeting, December 1, 3 pm:

a. Took minutes.
b. Discussed potential ad-hoc bursaries to be brought to Council in January.
c. Gave updates and reminders on exec task deadlines.
d. Forwarded an inquiry about the Food Bank to the exec.

Staff meeting, December 2, 9 am:

a. Discussed December and January program updates.

Executive Committee meeting, December 2, 10 am:

a. Chaired the meeting.
b. Took minutes.
c. Discussed Health and Dental plan appeals process, Student Affairs meeting agenda items.

Exec social media takeover prep, December 2, 11 am:

a. Coordinated takeovers for the Winter semester and subsequent steps.

Hot Cocoa at the SUB, December 7, 10 am:

a. Accompanied VPSL and Dal Tiger in bringing holiday cheer at the SUB lobby.

Society Review Committee Updates

a) Nothing to report.

Offices Steering Committee Updates

Fall meeting, November 30, 1 pm:

a. Received updates on DSU Offices’ work.
b. Discussed DSUSO Issues Policy work progress.
c. Discussed Winter programming inclusion and attendance.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, November 28, 6:30 pm:
a. Updated the Committee on an accessibility grant inquiry I received, discussion on SAF referrals from Student Health and Wellness.
b. Assessed applications.

Meeting, December 1, 6:30 pm:

a. Updated the Committee on end-of-year tasks.
b. Assessed applications.

University Affairs and Committees

Institutional Survey Committee meeting, November 28, 3 pm:

a. Discussed ToR draft.
b. Discussed other stakeholders/representatives to include to Committee discussions and to what capacity (consultation vs Committee membership).

University Classroom Planning Committee meeting, December 1, 1:30 pm:

a. Voted on project approvals for classroom renovations.

DSU x Student Affairs biweekly meeting, December 6, 11 am:

a. Discussed Residence Conduct landscape.
b. Updated Student Affairs on my work around Residence Councils.
c. Solidified post-strike relief measure asks with the rest of the exec team.

External and Broader Community

Unsanctioned street parties conversation, December 7, 1 pm:

a. Represented the DSU with the Director R&O and the President.
b. Contributed to discussions around preventing unsanctioned street parties.

Goal Progress

a. Shared outreach opportunity on Sexton Campus with Societies.
b. Reached out to Societies via the DSU newsletter to get some insight on Society meeting times. Will also follow up via email.

Upcoming Dates
a. Puppy Power Hour, December 14, 4 pm.
Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Name: Henry Amin

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

a) Research and Outreach meeting, November 24, 10 am.
b) Conducted a Treasurer Training on November 24th.
c) Reviewed audits every week, followed up with societies about their applications, and met with some societies to resolve some issues with their audits.
d) Fool’s Gold Night event at The Grawood:
   - Attended the event to show support for student talent.
e) OSC (Offices Steering Committee) meeting, November 30:
   - Attended the meeting and engaged with the members.
f) Council prep, November 25, 11 am:
   - Discussed final details for the November 29 Council meeting.
g) Council meeting, November 29, 6 pm:
   - Attended the meeting and voted on motions.
h) Council debrief on November 30, 3:30 pm:
   - Debriefed the council meeting to the PGC and Director R&O.
i) Executive Committee Meetings:
   - Attended all ECM meetings and engaged with members.
j) Responded to emails and offered help and guidance to all societies and members that required assistance that was within my jurisdiction as the VPFO.
k) Exec Social Media Takeover Prep, December 2nd:
   - Attended meeting and offered a timeline to engage with project.
l) Part-time Staff Social:
   - Attended Part-time Staff Social to network with part-time staff and show support.
m) Attended all World Cup events that I have organized at The Grawood. World Cup viewings went on till December 2nd, staff was happy to see The Grawood crowded and energetic.

n) Working with bar management to organize several potential events at The Grawood throughout the winter semester including Taylor Swift Night, Harry Styles Night, Bi-Weekly PS5 Gaming Nights, Bi-Weekly Pool Tournaments, Stand-up Comedy Nights, Movie Nights, Bi-Weekly Trivia and Sex toy Bingo nights hosted by Dalout, Sports events
viewings which include Rugby, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Tennis, F1, Hockey, and several other sports viewings. One of the main sports events that I will be organizing is the Super Bowl viewings, which depends on whether it is logistically possible or not due to it happening on a Sunday.

Organized for the distribution of bi-weekly Grawood gift card giveaways for students to use at The Grawood. I will be working with staff on devising a marketing strategy for the giveaways.

Budget and Finance Committee Updates

a) Meeting took place on November 28 at 7 PM:
   - Revised DSU budget was approved by members of the committee.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee Updates

a) GSC meeting took place on November 23.

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee Updates

a) Emergency ISEBC meeting took place on November 24th to approve two emergency applications.

b) Another ISEBC meeting took place on December 2nd and all applications have been reviewed by the committee.

University Affairs and Committees

a) DSU Executive/Student Affairs Biweekly Meeting:
   - Attended meeting and engaged with members.

External and Broader Community

a) Nothing to report.

Goal Progress

a) Budget Infographics and social media posts done and will be shared with general members later in the Fall Semester.

b) Finalizing the organization of Grawood Events for the winter semester. World cup events have been incredibly successful.
Upcoming Dates

a) None.
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. December 01 – Rescheduled ECM from November 25, which was cancelled due to attendance at Advocacy Week.
   b. December 02 – Handled administrative tasks and housekeeping duties.

2. Campaigns Meeting
   a. November 28 – Discussed ongoing Strike Relief Campaign and made preparations for social media rollout.

3. Senate Caucus Prep
   a. December 05 – Met with the President and Policy & Governance Coordinator to discuss and create the agenda for Senate Caucus.

4. Housing Bursary Meeting
   a. December 05 – Met with the President and Policy & Governance Coordinator to outline the terms of reference for bursaries coming in the Winter semester.

Student Senate Caucus Updates

1. No updates

External Committee Updates

1. No updates.

University Affairs and Committees

1. Student Affairs Meeting
a. December 06 – The executive team received a Residence Code of Conduct Landscape Check-in from the Residence Life Manager and Student Conduct Manager. Additionally, we did a Fall 2022 end of term Check in.

2. Senate Meeting
   a. November 28 – Received a presentation by Faculty of Management on EDIAD Cluster: Plans and Work in Progress. Also received updates from the Chair of Senate, Provost and Vice President Research.

3. Senate Discipline Committee
   a. November 29 – Participated in a Senate Discipline Hearing.

4. Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC)
   a. December 07 – Discussion focused on proposed amendments to guidelines for recording video-conferenced synchronous online classes.

External and Broader Community

1. CASA Advocacy Week
   a. November 21 - 25 – Attended CASA Advocacy Week and participated in lobby meetings with MP’s, Minister’s, and other elected officials.

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.
2. During the Fall Semester, I regularly polled students on social media and have conducted two university wide surveys in line with student issues.

Upcoming Dates

1. Executive Committee Meeting
   a. December 09, 10:00am-11:00am
2. Senate Meeting
   a. December 11, 3:00pm-5:00pm
3. Campaigns Meeting
   a. December 11, 12:30pm-1:00pm
4. SLEQ Taskforce Meeting
   a. December 14, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Emilia Cordova

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Interviews for new Harm Reduction Coordinator November 24, 11h00:

a. Conducted the last interview for our part-time Harm Reduction Coordinator with the Director of Research and Outreach.

b. Discussed the qualifications of each applicant and decided who the most suitable candidate is. The DRO sent out the offer via email.

Fool’s Gold Night November 25, 20h00

a. Hosted a band night at the Grawood with student-led bands Fool’s Next Door and Lloyd’s Money.

b. It was a successful event. The bartenders and servers were extremely content with their tips, and the Director of Operations informed me the sales were good for that night.

Tiger Reels December 1, 12h00:

a. Got together with the Comms team to record two Tiger Reels for our Instagram page.

b. We made a Holiday themed one, and one to promote our Hot Cocoa at the SUB event.

SnoWeek

a. Checked in with full-time staff and discussed the programing planned for SnoWeek on December 1st at 13h00

b. Booked all the rooms needed at the SUB for our programing, as well as the Grawood.

c. Delegated to the DRO to get the coffee and hot cocoa for our first event.

d. Reached out to the Latinos and Hispanics in STEM society to reschedule the Lati Night. They advised me what DJ to book for the event.

e. Reached out to DalOUT to co-host Trivia.

Executive Social Media Takeover December 2 11h00
a. Discussed how our social media takeover will look like and decided on dates.
b. My takeover will be on January 9 for the first day of class and beginning of SnoWeek.

Winter Pride

a. Met with the President of DalOUT, the LGBTQIA2S+ advisor at Dal, our 2SLGBTQIA+ representative on council, and our full-time staff to begin our programing for Winter Pride.
b. Presented our draft schedule for the week and the programing I had in mind, and received feedback from the participants.
c. We decided the list of events that we will host throughout the week.
d. Booked all the rooms at the SUB for the week.
e. Booked the facilitators for paint night.

Late Night at the SUB

a. Sent calendar invites for the execs to make a snack giveaway schedule.

Holiday at the SUB December 7, 10h00

a. Handed out hot cocoa outside of the SUB to celebrate the last day of classes and the beginning of the Holiday season.

Valentine’s Day Programing Progress

a. Submitted Comms Request for graphics for the event.
b. Finalized booking at the Grawood for the Taylor Swift Night.

Council Prep November 25, 11h00

Council Debrief November 30, 15h30

Operations Meeting December 1, 10h30

Executive Committee Meetings December 1, 15h00 and December 2, 10h00

Student Life Committee Updates

Meeting on December 5, 17h00:

a. Presented the Homecoming proposal I developed over the summer for Student Affairs to the committee.
b. Discussed my winter goal and how I want to orient the committee towards developing a more structured and better researched Homecoming proposal for 2023 (more information in goal progress section).
c. Assigned interested committee members the task to research a university that hosts their own Homecoming programming.
d. Set up next meeting to discuss findings on January 23rd, 17h00.

Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee Updates

Meeting November 29, 17h00

a. Discussed improvements for the Mental Health Forum, and ways in which we should do outreach to increase engagement.
b. This was the committee’s last meeting.

End of Committee’s Term

a. The AHMHC was created by the previous VPSL from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The committee never met before my term, and our first meeting was on August 29, 2022.
b. Due to the short lifetime of the committee, and the first committee meeting happening during my interim period, it was not feasible to set tangible long-term goals or produce an outcome with this committee.

University Affairs and Committees

Be Well @ Dal Committee November 29, 11h05

a. Discussed presentations for Faculty and Staff at Dalhousie on the University Mental Health Standards.
b. I was requested to find a date for the committee to present to the DSU executive. I brought it to the Executive Committee Meeting where everyone was interested in the idea.

DSUxStudent Affairs Meeting December 6, 11h00

External and Broader Community

Halifax South Community Circle

a. Met with Halifax Councillor Waye Mason, and other universities’ executive to discuss issues in our community.
b. Started the discussion on Homecoming, and gave a brief introduction on our Homecoming proposal which was backed up by the group.
Goal Progress

Winter goal development: Homecoming Proposal

Background

An unsanctioned celebration of Homecoming has been happening in the past 5 years at Dalhousie University, and the university has not done enough to address or mitigate it. Past attempts at hosting a sanctioned event have been centred on liability reduction and PR, which significantly reduced students’ engagement and increased their participation in unsanctioned street parties. Currently, Instagram pages like Canada Party Life, its local branch Dal Party Life, and Dal Hoco, have the say on when and where the party happens and encourage unsafe activities like jumping from trees into the crowd, lighting fireworks, or making a bonfire on the street.

I understand the need for partying and wanting to feel like you belong, being proud of wearing dal colours and showing everyone that Dalhousie is the place to be. However, there is a way to do it that does not include disturbing an entire neighbourhood. Dalhousie should take ownership of Homecoming and host a sanctioned event that is equally as or more entertaining than a street party and overall, provide a safe space where students can celebrate being a Dal Student.

I want to direct the Student Life Committee to build a reasonable, student centred, and well-rounded Homecoming proposal, to apply it for September 2023.

Proposed Timeline

- December 5, 2022: Initial meeting with Student Life Committee to introduce the proposal.
- December 2022 – March 2023: Research period. I want to focus on the following areas:
  a. Examples of other universities that host Homecoming events, how does this look like? What is the budget? Is there an unsanctioned street party happening simultaneously?
  b. Harm reduction strategies during Homecoming.
  c. Identify possible partners to organize the sanction event on campus, and what we will be requesting of them. E.g., the university, HRM, alumni, sponsors.
  d. Student consultation: what do students want to see at Homecoming? What would make them interested enough to attend on campus celebrations instead of the street party?
- Late March 2023: bring draft proposal and presentation to council for feedback.
- April 2023: finalize proposal and have it approved by council.
- Spring-Summer: present the proposal to the University and identified stakeholders.
Upcoming Dates

SnoWeek January 9th - 13th

Winter Pride January 16th – 20th

Student Life Committee Meeting January 23rd

Band Night January 27th