Report of the President

Name: Mariam Knakriah
Reporting Period: March 6 – March 19, 2024
Council Date: March 22, 2024

Internal Affairs

- ECMs – March 8 & 15, 2024
  - Discussed the policy around the suspension of inactive societies fees.
  - Has been pretty chill.
- One-on-One with the General Manager – Ongoing
  - Operations conversations.
- Student Hours – Ongoing
  - As per routine, I convened with students to deliberate on various topics, fostering an open dialogue and exchange of ideas.
- Student Issues Discussions – Ongoing
  - The VPAE and I discussed various matters concerning the grading regulation project I am working on, among many more.
- End-of-Year Report Writing Session – March 6, 2024
  - We had a meeting to begin writing our first-ever end-of-year report for the DSU. With a detailed plan in place, we'll finish it soon and get it ready for publishing.
- Special ECM – March 7, 2024
  - Confidential.
- Council Prep – March 7, 2024
I attended the standard Council prep meeting to ensure readiness and coordination for upcoming council sessions.

- **Board of Operations** – March 7, 2024
  - HR and operations discussions.

- **Board of Governors Caucus Meeting** – March 10, 2024
  - We discussed matters concerning the Board of Governors and laid out plans for upcoming data collection initiatives.

- **By-Law and Policy Review Committee Meeting** – March 11, 2024
  - Several amendments were approved for DSU Society Policy, Grants Policy, and Bursary Policy.

- **DSU x MSA** – March 14, 2024
  - Met with the MSA to finalize decisions regarding the prayer room. We are still awaiting Dal's contribution to our proposal.

- **General Elections Unofficial Results** – March 16, 2024
  - I'm thrilled to announce that I've won the elections and am eager to serve the DSU as the President alongside our dedicated team once again. Looking forward to the exciting work ahead!

- **VPFO Interviews** – March 19, 2024
  - We've commenced interviewing students for the VPFO position, having conducted interviews with two candidates thus far, and we anticipate making a selection by the end of next week.

**University Affairs**

- **High-Performance Leadership Workshop 4 (Collaborating)** – March 9, 2024
  - Participated in a hands-on session with fellow student leaders focused on the theme of Collaboration.

- **By-Weekly Meetings with Student Affairs** – March 15, 2024
  - Discussed several projects we are working on, including our preparations for an advanced transition period for the incoming Executives.
• By-Weekly Meetings with Mentor Grace Jefferies-Aldridge – March 19, 2024
  o Met with Grace, VP of People and Culture at Dalhousie, to discuss my progress
    with my Leadership Academy Capstone Project.

External and Broader Community

• SNS Winter Board Meeting – March 7, 2024
  o Discussed SNS’s budget and future goals.

Upcoming Important Dates

• Dalhousie Senate Meeting – March 25, 2024
• Dalhousie Board of Governors Meeting – March 26, 2024
• Impact Awards Dress Rehearsal – March 27, 2024
• SNS Transition Dinner – March 29, 2024
• DASA Night – March 29, 2024
Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou
Reporting Period: March 6, 2024 – March 18, 2024
Council Date: March 22, 2024

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

End-of-year report writing session, March 6, 9 am:
  a. Met with the rest of the executive.
  b. Wrote an outline for a DSU end-of-year report.

Council prep meeting, March 7, 10 am:
  a. Met with the PGC and executive.
  b. Went over the agenda and asked questions.

Executive Committee meeting, March 7, 2:30 pm:
  a. Went over the GM’s goals for next year, assessed them, provided feedback to the President, and suggested goals of our own.

Impact Awards rehearsal, March 8, 10 am:
  a. Met with the VPSL, MCs for Impact Awards, and Dalhousie staff.
  b. Went over the script and order of speakers/presenters.

Executive Committee meeting, March 8, 12 pm:
  a. Took minutes.
  b. Discussed Society Policy stipulations on Society fees and Levy/Faculty Societies that haven’t ratified in a while.
  c. Discussed Ramadan decoration updates, HR updates, and sponsorship package updates.

Council meeting, March 8, 6:30 pm:
  a. Brought and passed a motion to Council to access money from the Student Accessibility Fund to give out for additional bursaries due to an influx in applications.

Executive Committee meeting, March 11, 11:45 am:
a. Took minutes.
b. Approved DSUSO’s proposal for additional funding for the Green Gala and Green Grants.

BPRC meeting, March 11, 7 pm:

a. Attended a BPRC meeting as a guest to provide additional insight on proposed amendments for the Society Policy, Grants Policy, and Bursary Policy.

Commissioner check-in, March 13, 10 am:

a. Checked in on the Commissioner’s capacity for the next week, and status of regular admin tasks.
b. Asked for SAFC meetings to be scheduled on a weekly basis until exam season starts (3 meetings total) and discussed parameters for Residence Council research.

Comms meeting, March 13, 2 pm:

a. Discussed comms for the upcoming solar eclipse, ongoing elections tasks, went over clues for St Patrick’s Day Treasure Hunt, and confirmed comms for St Patrick’s Day events.

Executive Committee meeting, March 15, 12 pm:

a. Took minutes.
b. Discussed St Patrick’s Day updates.

Conference Services Director interview, March 18, 12 pm:

a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the current Conference Services Director and the General Manager.

Conference Services Director interview, March 18, 1 pm:

a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the current Conference Services Director and the General Manager.

Conference Services Director interview, March 18, 2 pm:

a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the current Conference Services Director and the General Manager.

Society Review Committee Updates

No meetings as of writing this report.
The DMSS Policy Committee is discussing the best way to amend their Constitution to add a procedure for approving Constituent Societies. Once the amended Constitution is received, SRC will vote on ratifying them.

The Dalhousie Architecture Student Association has applied for ratification. Their constitution is currently being checked by the Internal Commissioner.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, March 18, 10 am:

  a. Processed applications with the rest of the Committee.

University Affairs and Committees

Dalhousie University Classroom Planning Committee, March 7, 9 am:

  a. Was presented with the University’s plans on creating a new Space Management Framework which entails the creation of several new committees related to this purpose.

Residence Council restructure meeting, March 11, 10 am:

  a. Met with RLMs to discuss a plan to restructure Residence Councils based on the current Residence landscape and lessons from the year that passed.
  b. Next steps are to do research on the structure of Residence Councils in other Universities, and to clarify the roles and expectations of ResLife and the DSU.

FASS meeting, March 12, 11:30 am:

  a. Voted on approving FASS’s new PASS/ILL policy, was updated and provided feedback on 1st year Intro to Humanities courses (ASSC).

DSU x Student Affairs biweekly meeting, March 15, 10 am:

  a. Discussed elections progress, transition timeline, Residence Council work.

External and Broader Community

Nothing to report.

Goal Progress
Summer:

- See University Affairs and Committees.

Fall:

- Elections guide draft 1 is complete, feedback from the PGC is being integrated into the guide.

Upcoming Dates

SAFC meeting, March 25

Impact Awards, March 28

Puppy Power Hour every Wednesday at 3:45 pm
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Ana Patton

Reporting Period: March 6 – March 19, 2024

Council Date: March 22nd, 2024

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

ECM – Ongoing

- Discussed day-to-day activities.
- We spoke about some society policy, and what to do about levies that are untouched for long periods of time.
- I brought up some sponsorship opportunities that students emailed me about, such as Shift24, DASA and a Bollywood night.

MSAxDSU Iftaar – March 16

- Met with their President and discussed some more logistics surrounding volunteers and promotion.
- I proposed that we create a proposal to the University to make it a community-wide event, and alleviate some of the monitory cost onto the MSA and DSU.

Student Life Committee – Jan 31

- I briefed the members about some programing that had occurred in the last few weeks!
- I proposed an Airtable form to distribute for O-Week event proposals from committee members!
- Want to release the society event proposal form to societies soon so that we can begin planning some of the community oriented programming.
Communications Meeting – March 19

- I attended the comms meeting to discuss the MHF as well as possible plans for the next few holidays/events.

T-Room Pancake Breakfast -

- We had an amazing turnout, we had food for 150-200 people, and we gave away all of it! We ran out an hour before the event was supposed to end, I got to see a lot of Sexton students, and I think overall it was a very successful event.
- I hope to do more programming like this soon.

University Affairs and Committees

Mental Health Forum

- I’m currently working with David Pilon and Karyn Hemsworth to bring the MHF to Sexton on a regular basis. We’re currently discussing dates and times that would work best for Sexton students.
- Please attend the next MHF! I’m going to better work on the promotion of the event, so that we can have broader reach, specific to students.

Impact Awards Planning

- Worked on script, and met with MCs for event
- Created volunteer form and set up a training session for all the duties that need to be taken care of that day.
- I’m working on collecting information for the seating chart!

Campus Climate Pan-University Committee – March 11

- We discussed the release of a report to better inform the community on changes made by this committee.
- The University proposed that the Chairs of the committee go on a retreat!
External and Broader Community

Shift24 Conference
- We, at ECM decided to sponsor a city planning conference for/from some DAL students, and it went well, and they thanked us for our support!

Goal Progress
- I'll be setting another working hour based on exec availability in the next week.

Upcoming Dates
MSAxDSU Iftaar – April 3, 2024
Last Class Bash – April 5, 2024