Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

Reporting Period: March 20, 2024 – April 16, 2024

Council Date: April 19, 2024

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

DSU Oversight Committee Interview, March 20, 9 am:
   a. Conducted my second regular interview with Oversight for my term.

Council prep meeting, March 21, 10 am:
   a. Went over the agenda for the March 22 meeting, asked questions as needed.

Executive Committee meeting, March 21, 10:30 am:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Was presented with the new sponsorship packages by the Marketing and Design Manager, provided feedback with the rest of the executive.

Grad students’ initiatives meeting, March 21, 2:30 pm:
   a. Met with the President, VPSL, and Graduate Students Representative.
   b. Discussed opportunities for the DSU to support graduate students.

Society meeting, March 21, 4 pm:
   a. Had an informal meeting with a Society to discuss feedback I received on their safety practices. The meeting was very productive and cleared up a lot of things!

Council meeting, March 22, 6:30 pm:
   a. Presented Fall goal deliverables.
   b. Voted on motions.

Commissioner check-in, March 27, 1 pm:
   a. Checked in on capacity for exam season.
   b. Debriefed on Society complaint.
c. Prioritized tasks based on urgency and importance.

Comms meeting, March 27, 2 pm:
   a. Debriefed on bunny hunt results and logistic details.
   b. Discussed eclipse post.

Executive Committee meeting, March 28, 2:30 pm:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed executive transition process and ideas.

Comms meeting, April 1, 1 pm:
   a. Discussed service summer closure posts, Society booth updates, and filming projects with the Socials Coordinator.

Iftaar with the Dalhousie Muslim Students Association, April 3, 7 pm:
   a. Attended the event, representing the DSU.

Council prep meeting, April 4, 10 am:
   a. Went over the Council meeting agenda, asked questions as needed.

Sponsorship and Advertising Coordinator interview, April 4, 11:30 am:
   a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the Marketing and Design Manager and Conference Services Director.

Executive Committee meeting, April 5, 12 pm:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Discussed DSU Office reporting structure, DSU office area construction logistics.

Community fridge launch, April 5, 2 pm:
   a. Attended the event in support of the initiative.

Council meeting, April 5, 5 pm:
   a. Attended the meeting and voted on motions.

Society form renewal meeting, April 10, 10 am:
   a. Met with the Societies and Programming Coordinator and Internal Commissioner.
   b. Discussed necessary changes to Society ratification forms, SRC Airtable, for next year.

Sponsorship and Advertising Coordinator interview, April 10, 12:30 pm:
a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the Marketing and Design Manager and Conference Services Director.

Comms meeting, April 10, 2 pm:
   a. Discussed updates on end-of-year report.

Executive Committee meeting, April 12, 12 pm:
   a. Took minutes.
   b. Chaired the meeting on behalf of the President.
   c. Discussed potential training for incoming executives from Dalhousie administration, feedback on capital projects ideas.

Sponsorship and Advertising Coordinator interview, April 16, 1 pm:
   a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the Marketing and Design Manager and Conference Services Director.

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   a. Interviewed a candidate for the position with the Marketing and Design Manager and Conference Services Director.

Society Review Committee Updates

Complaint meeting, March 28, 4 pm:
   a. Met with Committee members and the Society receiving the complaint.
   b. Received the Society’s side of the story and requested supplemental evidence.

SRC meeting, April 4, 10:30 am:
   a. Met with the Committee to adjudicate the complaint.
   b. The Committee decided to dismiss the complaint, which means no report will be submitted to Council. The decision was communicated with both parties of the complaint.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, March 25, 12 pm:
   a. Processed applications with the rest of the Committee.

Meeting, April 1, 12 pm:
a. Processed applications with the rest of the Committee.

University Affairs and Committees

Residence Council meeting, March 25, 10 am:

a. Met with RLMs and the DSU Internal Commissioner.
b. Discussed the Commissioner’s findings from her Residence Council survey from other Canadian universities.
c. Discussed a potential new structure for Dal’s Residence Councils based on the survey.

Impact Awards dress rehearsal, March 27, 5 pm:

a. Went over the presentation process and awards queue.

Impact Awards, March 28, 7 pm:

a. Attended the event with the rest of the executive and presented awards.

FASS meeting, April 9, 11:30 am:

a. Discussed the lack of childcare spots on campus and the HRM for faculty and graduate students.

Aramark Iron Chef competition, April 10, 3:30 pm:

a. Competed on behalf of the DSU.

Residence Council meeting, April 16, 3 pm:

a. Met with the Assistant Vice Provost, Campus Living and Student Wellbeing, the Director of Residence Life, and the DSU President.
b. Discussed takeaways from the year and discussions on Residence Council restructuring.
c. Identified important questions for interim operations.

External and Broader Community

Nothing to report.

Goal Progress

Summer:

Though still in the ideation phase, meetings with RLMs and senior student affairs admin have revolved around discussions on how Residence Councils can be restructured to adapt to
the current Residence landscape (e.g., lack of returning students) and how to mitigate issues encountered this year (e.g., utilizing student momentum in the beginning of the academic year, first year students being asked to deal with DSU bureaucracy).

The current plan is to work over the next year to consolidate Residence Councils into one, and instead have students from all Residences participate through interest groups or committees (e.g., sustainability committee, mental health and wellness committee), which will be supported by ResLife, the DSU, and campus partners (e.g., the Accessibility Office, Food Services, SH&W). The inter-Residence Council will be composed of returning students in Residence to ensure proper handover from executive to executive and that important information (e.g., banking) is not lost.

I acknowledge that a lot of that work will fall on the next VPI, including but not limited to governance work to ensure the levies and the Council’s constitution are suitable for the new structure, that necessary votes on the membership level are made, forging connections with campus partners, etc. I’m confident they will be able to take it on well, as they have experience with Residence Councils and the discussions that have taken place over the year. This project is definitely in the right hands. My role in the next two weeks will be to support them as needed, provide as much information as possible, and begin important conversations both internally and externally.

**Upcoming Dates**

Incoming executive transition period, April 17-30.
Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Ana Patton

Reporting Period: April 3 – April 16, 2024

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

ECM – Ongoing

- Discussed day-to-day activities.

O-Week Planning – Multiple Meetings, Ongoing

- Working on graphics and promotion/marketing plan going into the Summer!
- Discussed methods of making O-Week more financially accessible for all students, and the possibility of opening activities (usually larger scale) to returning students.

University Affairs and Committees

Transition and Engagement Committee

- Met and discussed the successes of O-Week 2023, and our plans moving into this Summer.
- I’d like for us to focus on coordinating between DAL departments and our O-Week activities, so there’s no confusion on the part of students or the University on what we’re doing.

Last Class Bash

- Hosted an event in collaboration with Student Affairs, had a great turnout, lots of prizes, gave a ton of food away for free, and had an awesome trivia!

Impact Awards Committee De-Brief - April 9
- Received feedback from Sr Admin at DAL and other parties who were invited.
- Took note of having more staff/paid individuals present to encourage participation and engagement.
- Discussed food and vendor logistics to be improved upon next year.

External and Broader Community

None for now!

Goal Progress

- Awaiting new execs arrival to continue collective work as everyone’s busy transitioning!

Upcoming Dates, Please Attend!

None for now! Have a great Summer!