**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

February 5 2018, 7:00 pm-Council Chambers Student Union Building

Chair: Kasey Moss

The Dalhousie Science Society acknowledges that Dalhousie University and

the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and

unsurrendered Mi’kma’ki territory. The Dalhousie Science Society seeks to

honour the relational treaty process in its programming, events, and

meetings.

1. **Roll Call;**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda;**
* Motion to add the following to the agenda by Vibhu: 8 minute discussion with the D level societies on problems they have faced in their respective programs in terms of ability, mental health, academic environment etc., second by Raph, passed
* Motion to add First Year Committee Event Recap by Tora, second by Vibhu, passed
* Motion by Shauna to remove Crowdfunding by Shauna, second by Howe, passed
* Motion to accept the agenda by Vibhu, second by Tora, passed
1. **Acceptance of the minutes;**
2. **Communications received**
* Email from Vihbu re: Agenda
* Welcome to the new biochem rep: Keira Durnin
* Jacob is a proxy for Tristan (Dawson)
* EPPS (Moira) flights cancelled - is there a proxy here?
* Krishain (first year rep sick), Alex O as proxy
* Proxy for James from DUESA
* Jordyn from Physics not here
1. **New Business;**
	1. DSU Photographer
* Mel went to student life meeting last week, with Cory Larsen, brought to attention two positions - looking to hire people - DSU photographer - come to events and take pictures - if interested talk to Mel
* If you know someone who is interested, get them in contact with Cory Larsen
	1. Wellness Commissioner
* The wellness commissioner - looking for someone to assess wellness services at dal, and compare to other schools, see what we are doing well and not well, come up with a three year plan on how to improve - get in contact with Cory Larsen if you are interested
* Do you have any more details on time commitment - Mike
* Mel - no specifics - from now until the end of the term
	1. First Year Event
* Alex: had scavenger hunt and final finale event last week - we didn’t get the turnout we wanted, but there wasn’t much else we could do - promotion was great, messaged profs
* People did scavenger hunt, but final event had not much turnout
* Tora - first year committee killed it with this one, looking forward to see how this event continues in future years
	1. Accessibility discussion with Vibhu
* No wheelchair access to life science department
* How many people had a discussion with their society?
* About ⅓
* For those who have not had a chance, please have a meeting and ask what they feel is needed
* Sean: Med Sci had a discussion about it
* Vibhu: if you haven't found anything that is probably a good thing because we don't have many problems
* Nicole: Entire LSC is inaccessible
* Later comments: please email Vibhu, and we will bring it up again
1. **Business of the Executive;**
	1. President’s report
* Office hours
* Attended exec meetings
* Faculty meeting
* Mask shopping
* Ticket sales
	1. Vice President’s report
* Office hours
* Exec meetings
* Mask shopping
* Sold gala tickets
* Began exec turnover document
	1. Director of Finance’s report
* Office hours
* Exec meeting
* F&G meeting
* Sold gala tickets
* Mask shopping
	1. Director of Communication’s report
* Office hours
* Exec meetings
* Respond to emails
* Sent meeting reminder email
* Selling gala tickets
* Psych and neuro unit review meetings
	1. Director of Student Life’s report
* Planning gala
* Social committee meeting
* Office hours
* Exec meeting
* Meeting with Danny about Smart is Sexy
	1. Director of Marketing’s report
* Stickers
* Helped with first year event
* Gala marketing and tickets
* Coordinated with faculty of science and DSU re: amplification of messaging
* LSC message board
* Office hours
* Exec meetings
	1. Chairpersons Report
* Executive meetings
* Chaired F&G
* Sold gala tickets
1. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
	1. Finance & Grants
* Awarded first conference grant
* Still have 2800$ left in conference grants
* So far: 13 personal grants, more to go through on monday
* Standing at 2600$
	1. Environmental Affairs
* Nothing new to report
	1. Curriculum Committee
* Meeting wa cancelled for this month as Dr. Walde is away ad no voting needed, next one is on March 1st
	1. First Year Rep
* Event last week, mixed feelings
* Meeting in next 2 weeks
* Add our snap shat: dalsciencesociety
	1. DISP Rep
* Noting to report
	1. DABS
* general meeting last week, elected new treasures
* Planning gala
* Sucessful bake sale and sweater sale
* Having viewing of blue planet 2 at 7:30 on the 12th in the bio lounge
	1. DAMS
* General meeting and bake sale (220$)
* Preperations for gala on March 3rd
* Cameron conference this Saturday - looking for volunteers to help with coat check
* Planning Ski trip to wentworth, working on date
	1. DAPS
* Bake sale on friday
	1. DBSS
* Process of designing clothing, got a hold of DSU graphic designer
* Intramural sports
* Planning some events
* Skating event on Jan 27th
* Society expo attendance
* Meeting this friday
	1. DOUGS
* General meeting on wednesday
* Scheduling a bake sale
* Placed order for clothing
	1. DUESA
* Skating last week
* Clothing
* Planning a night out (downtown)
	1. DUMASS
* Developed new logo - putting in clothing orders soon
	1. DUPS
* absent
	1. DUUCS
* Planning chemistry career night - March 8th
* 3-4 speakers coming
* Regular chem beers and meeting
	1. Dawson
* Clothing order, having another one
* Conference in truro last weekend
* Banquet planning for March
* Axe throwing lounge this Friday
	1. EPSS
* Have wine and cheese coming up next week on Feb 15th (annual event)
* Parks canada, greenpeace, ecology action center people coming
* Bake sales - donating to nature trust fund
* Trips by transit - Bluff Wilderness Trail
	1. SIMS
* Bake sale
* Another clothing order
* Start planning gala with biochem
	1. MSSDU
* Clothing order
* Events coming up
* Mooseheads game on thursday
* Humanities event on March 8th
* Ask a 4th year in February (28th)
* March 15th - yoga event - for 4th years
* Gala - March 24th
	1. UNS
* Next meeting on Thursday at 6pm
* Planning gala with DAPS
	1. King’s Rep
* absent
	1. DSU Rep
* General elections (executive and science rep) nominations start on the 7th until the 18th
* Then campaigning comes
* If you want to know more let Katie know
* Feb 10th - racial justice symposium - here form 8:30-5pm for BIPOC people
* Impact awards - if you want to nominate someone you can do it online
* New graphic designer - same contact information
	1. Senate Rep
* Senate has three subcommittees - teaching, planning and governance and another
* Having meeting on Wednesday, joint meeting with subcommittees last monday and we got a presentation for strategic management and enrollment - which was similar to the learning pathways powerpoint - but this was more based for faculty, interesting for student perspective
* We do not have good retention, how are we interacting with students to make this happen - they had no data - a lot of faculty members complaining they are overworked
* Given by vice-provost Agri - they are going to revisit this
* Other thing: we have a meeting on monday
* Sexual violence policy - this came about because dal got a grade of D on secual violence and their policy - we had faculty members and some student who put this together- south house involved to bring in different perspectives - they put out a survey, but if you could get a quick view of the policy and fill out the survey by tomorrow that would be great
* If this goes through, this will be the policy whether the victim or the perpetrator
* Where can we find this?
* Tora: latest post on Facebook Page
1. **Announcements and Question Period;**
* Mel: had meeting with Danny (DASSS) to start planning Smart is Sexy (Arts vs. Science) - through our discussion we realized it isn’t fair for us to come up with insane science vs arts questions that the other has no information on - agreement that we will have 80% pop culture questions, 10% arts questions, and 10% science
* TO keep it fair, we will go for a multiple choice question set up
* Please do not try to have them too challenging
* Pop culture questions should be open answer questions
* Each society to send one pop culture and one science question
* Vibhu: had contact with equity committee (Heather Andreas) - asked when they want to meet up - Doodle poll will be going out
* Shauna: at the gala, there are 5 awards - 2 best dressed awards, most extravagant mask, most creative mask, and best dancer
* Tora: we are having an ask an upper year event - for promo we want to have a series of snapchat stories s please come prepared with a sentence about your program
* Mike: complete exec turnover next year, so please come see us if you are interested
1. **Notices of Motion;**
* Adding accessibility discussion to next meeting (Vibhu)
1. **Adjournment**
* Motion by Mike to adjourn, second by Jacob, passed