**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

9 March 2020, 7:00PM - Council Chambers Dalhousie Student Union Building

Chair: Sandra Sunil

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;**
   1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as circulated.
3. **Acceptance of the minutes;**
   1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the February 24th meeting be accepted as circulated.
4. **Presentations**
   1. DSU Candidates
      1. Erica Seelemann - VPAE - Endorsed
      2. Madeleine Stinson - Prez - Endorsed
      3. Shivam Mahajan - VPSL
      4. Jad Ghiz - VPSL - Endorsed
      5. Hanna Stewart - VPI - No Endorsement for this position
      6. Mazen - VPSL
5. **Amendments to the Constitution;**
6. **Appointments;**
7. **New Business;** 
   1. Research 101 Event
   2. Exec Review
8. **Old Business;**
9. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
   2. Vice President’s report
   3. Director of Finance’s report
   4. Director of Communication’s report
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
   7. Chairperson's Report
10. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
    1. DSU Rep
    2. Senate Rep
    3. Finance & Grants
    4. Environmental Affairs
    5. Curriculum Committee
    6. First Year Rep
    7. DISP Rep
    8. Professional Development Rep
    9. DABS
    10. DAMS
    11. DAPS
    12. DBSS
    13. DOUGS
    14. DUESA
    15. DUMASS
    16. DUPS
    17. DUUCS
    18. Dawson
    19. EPSS
    20. SIMS
    21. MSSDU
    22. UNS
    23. King’s Rep
11. **Announcements and Question Period**
    1. Symposium
12. **Notices of Motion;**
13. **Adjournment**

My platform is the only thing I’m standing on, and these aren’t your average Rhino Party promises. I aim to create unity amongst our student body by making sure all students are represented not only in student governance but to the administration and university

governance. I believe we have lots of room for improvement amongst the DSU communication strategies. I want to ensure the DSU is able to provide more accurate information to the student body, to increase transparency and to explore the platforms students find most accessible in receiving their information. All students deserve to understand and to be informed about what is happening in their union.

My final, and arguably most valuable platform point is to improve access. I understand that accessibility is thrown around a lot and it is an extremely broad term. The VPI has the opportunity to sit on Dalhousie’s various accessibility committees, working to improve

our campus structure to be more physically accessible to students. I will use my voice on these committees to ensure all student needs are being met by our institution.

Beyond the physical accessibility of students, the increasing costs of tuition and living in Halifax are unsustainable for students to keep chasing. I will advocate for lower tuition and differential fees, work to expand the foodbank and ensure all students are making

a living wage. I will ensure that student voices are being heard on all levels of governance.