

Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting

March 28, 2022 7-9pm

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Chair: Linh Tran

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;**
 - a. Passed**
- 3. Acceptance of the minutes;**
 - a. Passed**
- 4. Presentations;**
 - a. Executive Review
 - b. Councillor Awards
- 5. Amendments to the Constitution**
 - a. See supporting documentation [here](#)
 - b. DISS
 - i. Did not attend F&G
 - ii. Will not be receiving winter funds
 - iii. Thoughts
 1. First year of the society - would be a year of involvement and dedication
 2. Some issues with dedication that the other societies show
 3. Treating them as equivalent members would diminish efforts of the other societies
 4. Next year - would have to keep making this decision over and over again
 5. If there were different people in the society - maybe it would be better
 6. Society specified for first years, difficulties with turn overs
 7. Depending on enthusiasm of the next year
 8. Was being run by upper year students who had done it previously
 - a. Some execs did not continue with their position
 - c. Motion to omnibus A through (all but last)
 - i. Passed
 - d. Vote on amendments A through (all but last)
 - i. Passed
 - ii. Vote in favour of first group of amendments

- e. Vote on DISS removal amendment
 - i. Passed
 - ii. In favour of removing them from the constitution

6. Appointments;

- a. Executive positions
 - i. President
 - 1. Emma self nominates
 - a. seconded
 - b. 3rd year - biology and neuro
 - c. Experience in leadership
 - d. Member of DABS - social rep, community of the whole rep, president
 - i. Grown immensely
 - ii. DABS concept room
 - e. Interactions with faculty and staff members
 - i. Well prepared
 - f. Knows how things function
 - g. Member of DSS for 2 years
 - i. Course rep
 - ii. VP
 - h. Role as VP has prepared her well for president
 - i. Led several successful research mixers, chaired advocacy committee
 - j. Involved in research projects
 - k. Volunteers at organizations
 - l. Value community involvement
 - m. Received impact award
 - n. Build on successful initiatives
 - i. Research mixer
 - ii. Alumni integration
 - iii. More networking
 - o. TA positions, greater integration of course rep program
 - p. Capacity?
 - i. Good understanding of what responsibilities and time commitments are
 - ii. DABS presidency - would continue this again
 - q. Lack of communication with exec and council - how would she plan on solving this
 - i. Ensure more communication
 - ii. More delegating
 - iii.
 - 2. Joyce self nominates
 - a. D of Marketing and PR
 - b. Involved since her first year

- c. First year rep last year
 - d. Goal this year - further connect DSS, D levels and science students
 - i. Upcoming events
 - e. Increased engagement and following
 - f. Her promotion resulted in the highest event turnout yet
 - g. Course rep program
 - h. Science booth, expo, open house, FIGS
 - i. Worked with Deans Office - tour of LSC
 - j. Deans Office Alumni - Instagram takeover
 - k. Wants to continue working with the Deans's Office
 - i. Connect with alumni and mentors
 - l. Speed mentoring event
 - m. Grad school fair
 - n. Med sci gala - hosting a charity gala in the fall
 - o. Council meetings can feel long - make them more interactive and engaging
 - p. Capacity?
 - i. Experience balancing her commitments this year
3. Joyce is elected to the position of president
- ii. Vice President
 1. No nominations
 2. Tabled for fall nomination
 - iii. Vice President of Finance
 1. Nomination committee - Alec Macheahan nominated by Carmen
 - a. Seconded
 - b. 3rd year econ major
 - c. Experience running finances
 - d. Elected as treasurer of Greek Life council
 - e. In a financial statement analysis class
 - f. Professional experience - RBC broker this summer
 - g. Goal - support DSS in financial aspects of event planning and provide guidance of D Level treasurers
 2. Anaam Choudhury self nominates
 - a. Seconded
 - b. 3rd year undergrad - economics
 - c. Finance work over the summer - will have skills
 - d. Part of online model UN - communications
 - e. Leadership conference
 3. Alec elected to VP Finance
 - iv. Director of Public Relations and Marketing

1. Motion to open nomination round
 - a. Second
2. Brooke Cramer nominated by Carmen
 - a. Joyce seconds
 - b. Brooke accepts
 - c. Director of student life
 - d. Bring science community closer
 - e. Gained experience through social events, working with Director of PR to promote events
 - f. Created designs for DSS mugs and mask
 - g. Experience updating DSS board in LSC
 - h. Experience on exec
 - i. Continue work with connecting with alumni, mental health, weekly schedules
3. Ava Maleki self nominates
 - a. Seconded by Arlene
 - b. First year medical science student
 - c. Leadership, teamwork roles
 - i. Highschool - president of math club
 - ii. First year rep on med sci society
 - iii. Signing officer on premed society
 - d. Familiar with DSS structure
 - e. Course rep
 - f. Ideas
 - i. Tour of LSC - would like to implement tours of some other buildings
 - ii. Organization or course rep program
 - iii. Promoting Dal Science Society
4. Brooke elected to Director of PR and Marketing
- v. Director of Student Life
 1. Arlene nominates Ava
 - a. Ava declines
 2. Tabled
- vi. Director of Communications
 1. Ali self nominates
 - a. Second
 - b. Pre med student
 - c. HS - president of a club, model UN, robotics team
 - d. Run a newspaper
 - e. Working on projects in Lebanon
 - f. Experience with communication
 2. Ava self nominates
 - a. Second
 - b. Efficient communication skills
 - c. Past leadership and volunteer experiences
 - d. Job calling patients - communication

- e. Experience with Dal societies
 - 3. Ava is elected to director of communications
 - vii. Chair
 - 1. Linh self nominates
 - a. Seconded
 - 2. Motion to skip over speeches
 - a. Passed
 - 3. Linh voted to Chair
 - viii. Motion to re-open VP - passed
 - ix. VP
 - 1. Janini self nominates
 - 2. Seconded by Carmen
 - 3. Motion to skip speeches
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Vote passes
 - 4. Janini elected to VP position
- b. Council Positions
 - i. Professional Development Rep
 - 1. Anna self nominates
 - a. Seconded
 - 2. Anna elected
 - ii. Motion -if only one candidate for any election going forward- skip speeches
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Passes
 - iii. Senate Rep
 - 1. Carmen self nominates
 - 2. Carmen elected to Senate Rep
 - iv. Equity Rep
 - 1. Tabled
 - v. DSU Rep
 - 1. Victoria self nominates
 - a. Seconded
 - 2. Victoria elected to DSU rep
 - vi. Course Rep Coordinator
 - 1. Arlene nominates Oswin
 - a. Accepts
 - 2. Oswin elected to course rep coordinator
- c. Motion to reopen equity rep
 - i. Passed
- d. Equity rep
 - i. Linh nominates Shada
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Accepted
 - ii. Shada elected to equity rep
- 7. Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
- 8. Motion to skip reports - passed**
 - a. Finance & Grants

- b. Environmental Affairs
- c. Curriculum Committee
- d. First Year Rep
- e. DABS
- f. DAMS
- g. DAPS
- h. DBSS
- i. DISS
- j. DOUGS
- k. DUESA
- l. DUMASS
- m. DUPS
- n. DUUCS
- o. Dawson
- p. EPSS
- q. SIMS
- r. MSSDU
- s. UNS
- t. DSU Rep
- u. Equity Rep

9. Announcements and Question Period;

10. Notices of Motion;

11. Adjournment

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