

DSS Proposed Constitutional Amendments - Fall 2020

Motion A

Whereas STEM Outreach is an important element of Academia that the DSS does not currently address,

And whereas no position or committee exists with the goal of STEM Outreach,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 8.a.ix. be created and read: The STEM Outreach Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article 8.91 be created and read:

The STEM Outreach Committee shall be chaired by the STEM Outreach Rep.

- a. The voting members of the STEM Outreach Committee shall be:
 - i. The STEM Outreach Rep; and
 - ii. At least one (1) other councillor.
- b. The STEM Outreach Committee shall:
 - i. Meet at least once per month;
 - ii. Facilitate projects and events related to bringing STEM to the Dalhousie community;
 - iii. Promote the science accomplishments of Dalhousie students, staff, faculty and researchers to the general public;
 - iv. Contribute to the planning of the DSS Symposium with the DSS Advocacy Committee.

Motion B

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has brought on unprecedented challenges to students,

And whereas many conferences to be attended by Dalhousie science students and hosted by departmental societies cannot occur in person,

And whereas the dedicated portion (22%) of the DSS Budget to grants is now unnecessary,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 10.8.a read: “The purpose of personal grants is to encourage and support students in their **academic** and extracurricular endeavours, be it presenting research, representing Dalhousie in a panel, planning an event, **or adjusting to the move to online schooling**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article 10.8.b.vi be created and read: “Costs associated with the move to online schooling and related adjustments; such as upgrading technology, workspace, home workout equipment or other items deemed appropriate by the Finance and Grants Committee that would support that student’s learning, academic success and mental health.”

Motion C

Whereas the DISP Program is unique and is specific to science students,

And whereas the DISS Society exists and is not a constituent of the DSS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DISS Society be added as a constituent society of the DSS, under Article 4.1.b and that they fulfill all responsibilities of constituent societies as outlined in Article 4.2.