**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

**22 February** 2021, 7:00PM - Zoom

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Chair: Arlene Jiang

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;**
3. **Acceptance of the minutes;**
4. **Presentations;**
5. **Amendments to the Constitution;**
6. **Appointments;**
7. **New Business;** 
   1. Symposium!!
      1. First day tomorrow
      2. Website: <https://www.thedss.org/symposium>
         1. Can find outline and registration
      3. Invite your societies and promote
      4. Great for science outreach that has been missing this year
      5. Can still learn valuable information/advice from speakers whose fields are not relevant to you
      6. Panelists:
         1. Student olympian
         2. International student perspective
         3. Very involved students
         4. Law practitioner
         5. Two business owners (one enviro-friendly and another art-based)
         6. Tim Bardouille in physics
         7. Meteorologist
         8. Member of department of sustainability who works with indigenous communities
   2. Course Representatives Update
      1. Application out currently, due on Friday
      2. 3 applications submitted
      3. Many profs have not responded due to reading week
      4. May need to extend due date
      5. Some enthusiastic professors, some with concerns that are being cleared up, and one interested in future
   3. Together @ Dal Meet Up Feedback
      1. Meeting with Kerriane Ryan at Together@Dal
      2. Events being run: Together@Dal Weekly Group Meetups
         1. Thursday Feb 4, 6pm: Let's vent about quarantine and play some online games!
         2. Friday Feb 12, 6pm: How to catch up with your courses, during the study break (tips/advice).
         3. Thursday Feb 25, 8pm: Catch-up and talk about organizing events
         4. Wednesday Mar 3, 7pm: Resume Building and Networking for summer jobs
         5. Tuesday Mar 16, 7pm: Skribbl.io Games Night
         6. Wednesday Mar 17, 6pm: Transitioning into university
         7. Monday Mar 22, 6pm: Decompress and Vent session
         8. Wednesday Mar 24, 6:30pm: Questions and real talk about moving into second year
         9. Tuesday April 6, 7pm: Study Tips and Destress
      3. Discussion about balanced workload
         1. Don’t take O-Chem as elective
            1. Use electives wisely
         2. If considering electives or selectives ask an upper year student
         3. Take cell bio in second semester
         4. Review upper year pre-reqs to make sure you’re prepared
         5. If you’re studying multiple fields make sure to balance within a semester
   4. Letter to Faculty
      1. Letter to faculty was drafted from feedback in advocacy reports
      2. Info was summarized by Bakhmala to make it anonymous and sorted through by Alex and Carmen
      3. Carmen drafted letter
      4. No feedback given
8. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
      1. Attended Faculty Council
      2. Reviewed follow up poll from FoS coming this week
      3. Reviewed letter for faculty and sorting out distribution
         1. How to be sent out for best reception from instructors
      4. Purchased gift cards for Talent Show winners
      5. Signed cheques
      6. Emailed Symposium information out to highschools, made tips document for moderators, helped with registration issues, reviewed promotional material
      7. Worked on DSS impact award nomination
         1. Any who would like to nominate DSS for impact award is welcome to do so
      8. Reviewed constitution
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Exec meeting, office hours
      2. Organized and promoted DSAS panel
         1. Coordinated gift cards for winners
      3. Advocacy reports--letter to faculty
      4. Symposium things
         1. Organizing high school outreach
         2. Reached out to panelists, confirmed new panelists, confirmed new panelists and stayed in touch with them
         3. Worked with advocacy committee to select student panelists for day 1 and contact them
         4. Assigned moderators, helped with questions and providing training session and advice
         5. Lots of promotion
         6. Lots of tech problem solving
      5. Constitution committee tasks
      6. Meetings and communications with Kerrianne Ryan from Together @Dal
      7. Shared resources with Arlene for course reps handbook
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. Sent and responded to emails concerning reimbursement, disbursements, and general questions
      2. Got cheques made and signed for other execs and D-level societies
      3. Updated and maintained financial records
      4. Beginning search for replacement
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Attended Exec meeting, office hours, and managed usual business
      2. Sent out newsletter to email list
      3. Judged submissions for Talent show
      4. Attended DSAS panel
      5. Wrote letter to faculty based on d-level advocacy reports
      6. Gave presentation about opportunities to get involved with FIGS students
      7. Participated in together@dal meeting
      8. Edited letter to high school teachers regarding Symposium
      9. Contacted students not selected for undergrad panel
      10. Course Reps
          1. Emailed with Dr Walde
          2. Communicated with instructors selected for program
          3. Helped Arlene with letters and application
      11. Registered for Symposium !!!
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Usual business
      2. Finished up Talent Show
         1. Judged submissions, connected with Essa about posting them on social media
         2. Emailed all winner
      3. Promoted and helped plan the movie night
         1. Created the Kahoot and purchased the gift card
      4. Met with social committee to plan future events
      5. Attended Open House with Faculty of Science
      6. Helped promote Symposium
         1. Posted on story and reached out to other Dal accounts to post
      7. Watched STEM Outreach podcast
      8. Talked with FIGS students with Carmen about getting involved in DSS
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Usual business
      2. Judged talent show
      3. Posted talent submissions and winner for talent show
      4. Met with Cody and promoted movie night
      5. Met with Bakhmala to plan promotion for Symposium
         1. Set up page for Symposium on website
         2. Made Zoom links for the 4 dates
         3. Made canva for promotion with help from Bakhmala
         4. Set up FB event
         5. Promoted on Insta
         6. Sent out Symposium posts to some constituents to promote
      6. Updated website with agenda and minutes
      7. Moderated DSAS panel
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Course Reps
         1. Working on handbook
         2. Put together application
      2. Attended Symposium Training for Moderators
         1. Helping work through tech problems
      3. Exec meetings and office hours
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. Next meeting in a week
      2. 1-2 grant applications
      3. $2000 remaining in budget
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Met before reading week
      2. Working on student-led sustainability workshop
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. Last meeting in beginning of Feb
      2. Minutes will be released soon but unable to attend due to midterm
   4. First Year Rep
      1. Helped promote events on Insta
      2. Meeting this week
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Posting for events
      2. Helping find clips for podcast
   6. DSU Rep
      1. DSU Election campaign started this morning
      2. Some positions still available
      3. All information on DSU webpage
   7. Senate Rep
      1. Think Tank session about academic integrity
         1. Discussing demographic trends
            1. Brainstorming how to address trend with international students
         2. Discussing causes of academic integrity
         3. Discuss how to prevent academic integrity offences
   8. DABS
      1. Ordering sweaters
      2. Elections upcoming in MArcch
      3. Course selection workshop March 10 (depending on when course schedule released)
   9. DAMS
      1. Meeting with professionals event pushed
   10. DAPS
       1. Digital paint night
       2. Brain awareness week
   11. DBSS
       1. Trivia night on March 24
       2. Bio chem, ask a grad student
   12. DISS
       1. Distributing sweaters
       2. Meeting next week
   13. DOUGS
       1. Planning presentation/seminar for transition from undergrad to grad and one for research
       2. Meeting on wednesday
   14. DUESA
       1. Rep did not attend
       2. Trivia night
       3. Working on a student run jounal
   15. DUMASS
       1. Working on clothing order
       2. Sorting out bank account
   16. DUPS
       1. Clothing order
       2. Trivia night with chem
       3. Possible ski trip
   17. DUUCS
       1. Co=hosting trivia night
       2. Reaching out to other chem societies at other universities to jointly host event
   18. Dawson
       1. Clothing order form sent out
       2. Discussing virtual events
   19. EPSS
       1. Processing clothing orders
       2. Did socially distant hike
       3. Planning a game night
   20. SIMS
       1. Preparing ask an upper year session
   21. MSSDU
       1. Planning ask a fourth year event--for different career paths
   22. UNS
       1. Successful coffee event
       2. Preparing grad program expo
       3. Clothing order is in
   23. King’s Rep
10. **Announcements and Question Period;**
    1. DSU E&A Blogger Callout
       1. Looking for students to share stories about how remote learning has affected students with accessibility issues
       2. Compensation for bloggers
       3. Can be found on @dsuequity
    2. AGM season is upcoming--March 29
       1. Interested in holding exec role, reach out to Alex or person holding that exec role
11. **Notices of Motion;**
12. **Adjournment**