

## Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting

February 28, 2022 7-9pm

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QT09

Chair: Linh Tran

The Dalhousie Science Society acknowledges that Dalhousie University and the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and unsundered 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. Appointments;**
- 5. New Business;**
  - a. Quick Dean's Office Debrief
    - i. Advising
      1. Drop-in advising session for course registration
    - ii. Transition to in-person Fall 2022
      1. Ideas for next meeting
  - b. Updating the Peer Mentorship Program
    - i. Many mentors not getting responses
    - ii. Could keep one on one connection through email but could also have mentor days to have an in-person connection
    - iii. Mentor days
      1. Informal social event?
      2. Q and A
    - iv. Difficult to stay involved through a conversation through email alone, not very interactive
      1. For being useful to first and second-year students - more events to pop in and ask questions
      2. Speed dating type event, or specific themes that people want to ask questions about
        - a. Eg course credit requirements
        - b. Different areas for different topics of discussions
    - v. Good idea to keep it more casual
      1. No pressure to show up
    - vi. Keep it informal but some structure would be helpful for first years
      1. Going to an event without questions prepared is stressful
      2. Some structure, questions, categories would be helpful
        - a. Pre-requisites
    - vii. Currently: people signed up as both mentors and mentees

1. Students sign up and give programs and preferences
  2. Pair them up
  3. Mentor reaches out to mentee
  4. Once a month there are template emails to fill out, have their own conversation
- viii. Peer mentorship as a group kind of meeting
1. Questions going around in a group meeting
  2. Each write a Q, put it in a box
  3. Group setting and anonymous box for questions
  4. For online - could have an open google form for people to fill out for questions
    - a. Group of mentors and mentees instead of one to one
    - b. Might start more conversations
    - c. Would have to figure out logistics
- ix. Could have a couple mentees per mentor
1. If one drops off they still have mentees
  2. Groups of 2 mentors and 3 or 4 mentees
    - a. Might not have as many mentees, include max amount of mentors
- x. Easier to come up with questions when you can bounce ideas off of people
- xi. Could have a cheat sheet from different D Levels of major -specific information about good things to know and chat about in mentorship events
- c. New DSS Bursaries criteria
- i. Constitution committee
    1. DSS bursaries from left-over funds from last year
    2. Going back out to students
  - ii. Simple form with low barriers
    1. Declaration of financial aid, etc
    2. Separate bursaries for separate topics
      - a. Housing bursaries etc
  - iii. Any other categories/criteria
    1. Grocery bursaries
      - a. Prices increasing, food insecurity
    2. Last year - increased fees for international students etc, also an option
    3. Textbooks, course materials
    4. Emergency housing
      - a. If a lottery system - hard to do a rolling application at any time of the year
      - b. Could have two dates through the year to split
      - c. Does that make sense, what points of year would be best
    5. Bursary at beginning, mid, end of term
      - a. Beginning

- i. Upfront costs with housing at beginning of term
        - 1. Moving fees, security deposits
    - b. Middle - late October-November
      - i. Still relying on parents somewhat, might have funds through parents that might deplete through term
      - ii. In middle of semester might have a stronger need for funds
      - iii. More time to learn about the bursary
        - 1. More time for promotion
      - iv. A lot going on at the beginning
      - v. Might have other things to apply for
      - vi. More people might miss out in the beginning of the year
    - c. End of term - early December-late November
    - d. One term at the beginning, one term more towards the middle
    - e. Same time of the semester might be ideal for both to avoid confusion
  - 6. Will weigh different times with constitution committee
  - 7. May not know leftover funds until end of October
- d. Personal Finance help
  - i. Carmen looking to take on this - not a lot of information for personal finance for students
  - ii. Some resources on money matters
  - iii. Interest on having more information for students dealing with stuff like that, starting a bank account, managing online banking, getting a credit card, taxes
  - iv. Topics
    - 1. Taxes
    - 2. Life after school
      - a. How to pay off student loans and budget that
    - 3. Retirement savings
      - a. Supposed to be doing that young
      - b. What does that mean
      - c. When does that start
    - 4. Building good credit
    - 5. How to check credit score, what it means, why its important
- e. D-Level Contact List
  - i. FIGS - made a list of all contact info with every D level and the socials and emails
  - ii. Keep it up to date
  - iii. Let us know if everything is up to date
  - iv. Can share it on our instagram
  - v. Will send that out shortly

- f. Red Bull Fridge
  - i. Advertise office hours, have the fridge in the office
  - ii. If redbull is wanted for any events

**6. Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**

- a. Finance & Grants
  - i. Prepping grant applications for next F&G
- b. Environmental Affairs
  - i. Compiling resources and jobs for students
- c. Curriculum Committee
  - i. Meeting for March meeting on Thursday
- d. First Year Rep
  - i. Collected feedback from trivia night participants
- e. DABS
  - i. Had a council meeting
  - ii. Started bi-weekly virtual series night
    - 1. Games, planet earth episodes
- f. DAMS
  - i. Clothing orders going
  - ii. Meet a professional event
  - iii. Ocean photography and editing event
- g. DAPS
  - i. Grad school expo on Wednesday
  - ii. Kahoot night March 3rd - general trivia, in LSC
  - iii. Bake sale on St. Patrick's day
- h. DBSS
  - i. Getting clothing order started
  - ii. Biochem Olympics on Wednesday
- i. DISS
- j. DOUGS
- k. DUESA
  - i. Planning games night - 18th of March
    - 1. Bingo and trivia
- l. DUMASS
- m. DUPS
  - i. Clothing order finalized, going to start distributing
  - ii. Online career panel march 18th
- n. DUUCS
  - i. Preparing for career night
  - ii. Finalizing clothing order
- o. Dawson
  - i. Paint night
  - ii. Posted order form for clothing
- p. EPSS
  - i. Planning a banquet for april 9th
  - ii. Virtual wine and cheese event - march 6th
  - iii. Career orientation
  - iv. Clothing order in next couple weeks
- q. SIMS

- r. MSSDU
  - i. Ask a 4th year event
  - ii. Planning gala - march 18th at four points from 7-11
- s. UNS
  - i. Changed gala date to Friday April 1st
  - ii. Neuro study group on thursday nights
- t. DSU Rep
  - i. General election campaign - voting on march 14th and 15th
  - ii. Indigenous students bursary open - deadline is march 18th
- u. Equity Rep
  - i. Wednesday - housing workshop with student success centre
    - 1. 630-800
    - 2. Reaching out to first year classes
    - 3. Link on instagram

**7. Announcements and Question Period;**

**8. Notices of Motion;**

**9. Adjournment**

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**DUESA, DUMASS, DOUGS, EPSS**