

Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting

February 7, 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 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;**
 - a. Approved**
- 3. Acceptance of the minutes;**
 - a. Approved**
- 4. Appointments;**
- 5. New Business;**
 - a. AGM/Constitution
 - i. Exec appointments and constitutional changes
 - ii. In-person? Or is it better off to be online so it is more accessible to people
 1. Online - more accessible
 2. If we go back in person would there be an online option for people needing to isolate or have covid?
 - a. Willing to keep the option of online
 3. AGM will be kept online
 - a. All science students are welcome and are able to vote
 - iii. No positions are held over - execs will have to run again, all positions will still be available
 - b. Event Advice
 - i. What events the societies have run that have been successful, which ones didn't really work
 - ii. Can be hard to come up with ideas -> can make a document on our website of different options for events
 - iii. Econ society
 1. Study groups for courses - can be hard to manage
 2. Promoted through social media
 3. Sign up through a google form and say what classes you want to meet people in
 4. Send people each other contact info
 5. Can create a community but also not take on a lot of work as a society
 - iv. DUUCS - coffee social
 1. Worked well to get to know department better
 2. Booked out a room, got instant coffee and coffee maker, kettles for tea and hot chocolate

- 3. Just sit and chill and talk to people
- v. Together at Dal Speed Friending
 - 1. 70 people showed up
 - 2. Might work better in person - next year if in person could be a good event for DSS
 - 3. For first years specifically?
 - a. Targeting it to first years might help boost how many people, but upper years would be good too and first years could ask questions
 - 4. DSS and D Levels could do this
- vi. DABS - information sessions for registration
 - 1. Fall - interest
 - 2. Spring - register for courses, Q and A, bring in representatives from courses
 - 3. Well received from students
 - 4. Could help students if other departments did this
- vii. AGM turn out, how to get people to come?
 - 1. Outdoors Society - 70 people
 - a. Had prizes and a bingo get to know each other game
 - b. Promoted the fun part before AGM as well
- viii. Games Night
 - 1. Hosted at Grawood but Tea Room is more affordable now
 - 2. Had first year profs post about it -> got a lot of first and second year students
 - 3. Worked really well - profs used the Brightspace that all students have to promote it
 - 4. Also had prizes!!

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

- a. Finance & Grants
 - i. January 31st
 - ii. Approved one new grant application
 - iii. Working towards defining a new criteria for the rest of the semester involving non-conference grants, but the conference grants students attend (workout equipment, mental health purchases)
 - iv. Setting up e transfers
- b. Environmental Affairs
 - i. Working on a series of social media posts to inform student community about environmental politics
- c. Curriculum Committee
 - i. Inquiring about transition from online to in person
 - 1. Most responses - pretty smooth so far
 - ii. Not any significant course changes
 - iii. Non degree program - still can complete certificates
 - 1. Graduate but still want a certificate - are able to do that without being enrolled in a degree program

- d. First Year Rep
 - i. Trivia night
 - ii. Hot chocolate social was successful - good idea for students
- e. DABS
 - i. Council meeting this week
- f. DAMS
 - i. News letter
 - ii. Meet a grad night
 - iii. CV and coop night
- g. DAPS
- h. DBSS
- i. DISS
- j. DOUGS
- k. DUESA
 - i. Trivia night
 - ii. Study group
- l. DUMASS
 - i. Looking to do an event the 13th
 - ii. Outdoor event like sledding or skating
- m. DUPS
 - i. Clothing order
 - ii. Collecting feedback on curriculum changes
 - iii. Careers panel for March
- n. DUUCS
 - i. Clothing order
 - ii. Prepping for career night
- o. Dawson
 - i. Logo contest - submissions due Friday
- p. EPSS
- q. SIMS
- r. MSSDU
 - i. Yogo night
 - ii. Society expo
 - iii. Med school session
 - iv. Looking at an in person gala
- s. UNS
 - i. Working on social events with covid restrictions - had things planned
 - ii. Working on clothing with new designs
 - iii. Study groups
 - iv. Discord channel
 - v. Changed gala date -> now Friday April 1st
- t. DSU Rep
 - i. Nomination for winter general election opens, closed Feb 16
- u. Equity Rep
 - i. Setting a date to hold sessions
- v. Professional development Rep
 - i. A lot of the mentors are not getting responses from mentees

1. Could do a big meeting once a month and whoever wants to join can
 2. A lot of mentees stop answering and the mentors dont know what to do
 - ii. Trying to figure out what to do with the mentorships program in that aspect
- 7. Announcements and Question Period;**
 - a. **Motion for question period, seconded**
 - b. **Reminder that we sent out the form for the Science Major Mixer**
 - i. **Every D level to submit a speaker**
 - ii. **Friday is the deadline to have that sent in**
 - c. **Issues with attendance from D Level reps**
 - i. **Going through and making note with who have had too many absences**
 - ii. **Third strike - have to go to an F and G meeting**
 - iii. **Send out a warning**
 - d. **Science Symposium coming up**
 - i. **Tuesday from 6-9**
 1. **6-745 is undergrads**
 - ii. **Google forms posted if anyone wants to be a speaker**
 - e. **Can email Carmen any information about anyone else interested in speaking at the Science Major Mixer**
 - i. **No requirement for anyone not a D level**
 - f. **Please help share the symposium promotion!**
- 8. Notices of Motion;**
- 9. Adjournment**
 - a. **Adjournment**