**DSS Executive Meeting**

3pm on Teams

“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. **Business of the Executive**
3. President’s report
   1. Second peer mentorship training--
      1. many didn’t show up
      2. Delegated to Anna Sofia to manage
   2. Email from student in bio chem regarding a professional student mentorship program
   3. Talked with Sandy Walde about course reps
      1. Supportive and discussed with equivalent position in Computer Science
      2. Arlene to write something for Alex to present at Faculty Council
      3. To present to First Year Science Committee before all profs to get their support
   4. To attend meeting for Senate for Faculty Review--open to other execs who want to join
4. Vice President’s report
   1. Meeting with Arlene to discuss advocacy panels
   2. To move racism and mental health panels to March
   3. To do academic rights panel at end of month
   4. Working on getting panelists
5. Director of Finance’s report
   1. Personal grants sent out
   2. Redoing some items for audits
   3. Cheques to be sent out for societies
6. Director of Student Life’s report
   1. Met with Social Committee
   2. Students to submit talent show information in a google form
   3. Start submissions on Friday then social committee to look over
   4. Potential event for Valentine’s Day to do trivia based on To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before
7. Director of Marketing and Public Relations’s report
   1. Updated office hours
   2. Draft for canva for talent show
8. Director of Communications
   1. Minutes and Emails
   2. First Year Committee to do Ask Upper Year Post
      1. Execs could send bits of advice with name, year and major
9. Chairperson’s report
   1. Meeting with Bakhmala about panels
   2. Email Sandy Walde
   3. To meet with constitution committee
10. **New Business**
    1. Symposium Planning
       1. Tuesday, February 23: Undergrad student panel
       2. Wednesday, February 24: Professionals in traditional science fields
       3. Thursday, February 25: Professionals in non-traditional
       4. Friday, February 26: Graduate Student Panel
       5. Allison recommended sticking with either e-gift card or donations but Allison implied better for donations
          1. To discuss with advocacy committee
          2. Could also send out virtual thank you cards
          3. To send out information about gifts a couple of days
       6. To release call for student panelists soon: deadline February 2nd
       7. To put DSS email as contact on EventBrite
    2. DSAS Videos
       1. DSAS sent videos on plagiarism
       2. To potentially play during council
       3. Could be included in a January Newsletter with Human Rights Equity Rights Services, Society Expo, Inquiring Minds.
    3. Advocacy Reports
       1. Two concerning reports
       2. Some internal tension within UNS
       3. To reach out to Mitchell, UNS Rep, to ask how we can better support
       4. Could encourage having a chair position to be mindful of pace of meeting
    4. Council Meeting
       1. DSAS videos
       2. Email Alex with any items for meeting
    5. DSU Rep Decision
       1. To elect our own DSU Rep or through DSU election
       2. Typically very few people run through DSU
       3. Could get more interest thing year with everything online
       4. Candidate would have to put in extra effort in an election
       5. Decision to go through DSU election route--Carmen to email and cc
    6. Government Funding
       1. Glad to include free isolation for international students, question whether would reimburse students
       2. Increase accessibility in science buildings (no wheelchair access to psych wing and having buttons for opening doors)
       3. Providing more support to faculty for technology
11. **Old Business**
12. **Notes**

* Essa to look into if event registration for Expo has closed