**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

11 January 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. Peer Mentorship Topics Winter Term
      1. Peer Mentor Training this past Saturday and Tuesday
      2. Two topics picked for January and February but need new topics for later months (Degree Planning and Getting Involved)
         1. Major Expo in February could match up well with Degree Planning Month
      3. Topic Ideas
         1. Midterms/Finals Month for March to have advise going into April
         2. Summer research and grants -- could incorporate with Getting Involved month
         3. Coop program advice would be helpful as it is underused resource and students need to apply in first year--could incorporate with January
         4. Choosing courses and picking of a minor. If Bisset has done any work for minors it could be highlighted.
   2. Academic Updates from FoS
      1. Dean’s Office was handling the survey and advocated for student results/views from the survey in all programming done through Dean’s Office
      2. Series of conversation sessions for faculty and instructors to brainstorm and ask questions. Was very well attended.
      3. Working on list for professors based on survey results
      4. Results had already been presented to each department and their chairs
      5. Working on follow-up survey
   3. Course Representatives
      1. Increase accountability of instructors and strengthen relationship between students and instructors
      2. Liaison between professors and students to advocate for student rights
      3. DSS would offer training, human rights and equity representatives could speak to course reps
      4. Faculty of Computer Science is currently doing this
      5. Have course representative for all core first year courses and potentially open it up to other courses as well
      6. Representatives would be students enrolled in the course
      7. Hoping to start program this semester
      8. Could potentially open to students in First Year Rep network
      9. Could have google forms for selecting students
      10. Helpful to have more than one person helping out with large first year classes, especially for first semester of first terms as students are adjusting
      11. Max of 2-3 reps per course
      12. Could have a different rep per professor that is lecturing in a course because they could have different experiences in the same course
      13. Advertising will mainly fall from D-levels
      14. Any feedback from D-level societies would be helpful as well
   4. DSS Talent Show
      1. Send in submissions of talents
      2. Top 3 prices as gift cards ($100, $75, $50) and 5 $15 gift card draft for submitting
      3. Social Committee would manage voting with rubric and DSS council would help pick so not to be a popularity contest
      4. Videos would then be submitted to Instagram to build sense of community
         1. Would check with participants before posting their videos
8. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
      1. Answered emails, created agenda
      2. Working for engagement in FoS for International Day of Women and Girls in STEM
      3. Met with Bakhmala about Symposium
      4. Spoke to Arlene about course reps
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Collected advocacy reports and wrote a summary
      2. Answered submissions to advocacy form
      3. Meeting with STEM outreach committee
      4. Met with Arlene for student advocacy panels
      5. Symposium and Talent Show Planning
      6. Looking to use Advocacy fund to support local and international science students
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. Updated and maintained financial documents
      2. Participated in Exec Retreat
      3. Contacted D-level societies
      4. Changed office hours to mondays 11:30-12:30
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Regular Business
      2. Participated in First Year Game Night
      3. Participated in Exec Retreat
      4. Send out emails for Peer Mentorship Training
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Regular business
      2. Working on Talent show
      3. Listened to podcast for stem outreach
      4. Made doodle for DSS Social Committee
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Planned and promoted giveaway
      2. Working on Talent Show
      3. Participated in Exec Retreat
      4. Updated website with minutes and agenda
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Participated in Exec Retreat giveaway
      2. Received constitution reviews
      3. Developed course representative program
      4. Talked inclusivity programming with Bakhmala
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. No meetings since but need to meet about late audits
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Post planning and upcoming meeting
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. Meeting last Thursday was cancelled until Feb
   4. First Year Rep
      1. Had a virtual game night
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Attended first year game night
      2. Sent out welcome back message
   6. DSU Rep
      1. Reveal disciplinary review for councillors
   7. Senate Rep
      1. Discussion on SRI policy for faculty members would not be used to evaluations on tenure track, promotions, and awards
         1. Concern that faculty would not be held to same standard as students if they were underperforming
         2. SRIs will still be conducted and still be considered but kept out of evaluations
   8. DABS
      1. 31 festive facts was success
      2. Next meeting Wednesday
   9. DAMS
      1. Next meeting Wednesday
   10. DAPS
       1. First meeting of year Wednesday, meetings now in Wednesdays
   11. DBSS
       1. Bio Chem program night for course planning
       2. Trivia night in the works
   12. DISS
       1. Not in attendance
   13. DOUGS
       1. Virtual Christmas Party over break
   14. DUESA
       1. Trivia Night on Jan 28
       2. Exec Skating
   15. DUMASS
       1. Not in attendance
   16. DUPS
       1. Lecture on the 22nd
   17. DUUCS
       1. Jan 15--yearly research mixer



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     1. First meeting on Wednesday
  2. EPSS
     1. First meeting Thursday
  3. SIMS
     1. Possibly ask a fourth year and trivia night
     2. Planning for society expo
  4. MSSDU
     1. No meetings yet
  5. UNS
     1. First meeting on Thursday
  6. King’s Rep

1. **Announcements and Question Period;**
2. **Notices of Motion;**
3. **Adjournment**