

Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting

January 24, 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;**
- 3. Acceptance of the minutes;**
- 4. Appointments;**
- 5. Business of the Executive;**
 - a. Vote on exec reports
 - i. Vote Passed - will be emailed
 - b. President's report
 - i. Faculty - Credit or No Credit Option
 1. Process where someone reviews and decides whether to accept claims
 2. Let students know that they can come to us
 3. Not fully announced yet
 - ii. Drop deadline passed - students can still email Patricia Laws and be removed to their courses
 1. Vice Dean Academic
 2. Still an option to withdraw
 - c. Vice President's report
 - d. Director of Marketing's report
 - e. Director of Student Life's report
 - f. Director of Communication's report
 - g. Director of Finance's report
 - h. Chairperson's Report
- 6. New Business;**
 - a. Executive Review Debrief
 - i. Creating a sense of community
 - ii. Room limits - cannot currently meet back in person
 - iii. Dal Outdoors Society - could promote their events
 - iv. Intramural team - Tuesday evening - volleyball
 - v. Ways to connect online right now
 1. Coffee hour online
 2. Prompts of things to talk about
 3. Speed dating but as a whole group
 - vi. If back in person
 1. Can we have a zoom option?
 2. Can look into a process for that
 - vii.

- b. Alumni engagement
 - i. Hearing from Alumni about what they are doing with their degree
 - ii. Day in the life instagram story
 - iii. Mentors - matching people
 - 1. Already have a mentorship program but only with students
 - a. Would be nice being able to talk to someone who already graduated - good to add
 - 2. Probably cant have in place for this semester - usually takes some ground work before you can get to that stage
 - iv. Workshops
 - v. Speed dating - informal chatting, networking
 - 1. Talk to different alums in different fields
 - vi. Dal Alumni website - no connection with students
 - 1. Reach out to Alumni Mag
 - 2. Networking, guest speakers
- c. Advising month plans
 - i. February is advising month
 - ii. Faculty contributes with some sort of event
 - iii. Deans office - extra programming in March
 - 1. Major and minor fair
 - iv. In Feb - inspired by research mixer but instead have students from each department present quickly
 - 1. Discuss hidden sides of the degree, other opportunities within the degree (co-op, research, exchanges)
 - 2. Tentative date = Feb 16
 - a. Good for first year science students generally
 - b. Some midterms on the 16th
 - i. A lot of people may not be able to come
 - c. In the evening - 7pm - online
 - 3. First half of Feb for university-wide events
 - v. Could every D Level suggest a student speaker for that time
 - 1. D Levels can choose how to do that
 - 2. Can be within D Levels, or any student in the department
 - 3. Submit a name in the next week in a half for a student that could introduce themselves and speak with students
 - 4. Break out room format - go into a room and students can ask them questions
 - vi. Carmen will send a form out
 - vii. 17th - Thursday - date for the Symposium
 - viii. Alternative options to gala

1. Suggested a big science gala - not super feasible anymore
2. Would have to book something non-refundable
3. Celebrate student achievements
 - a. Some celebration, event, initiative to celebrate students making it this far
 - b. Food truck would be fun – but omicron is a bit of a problem
 - c. Late breakfast by DSU - some kind of a meal - have hand sanitizer - maybe outside
 - d. More towards the end of the semester
 - e. Food risky? Make little girl scout type badges
 - i. Survived covid
 - ii. Laptop stickers
 - f. Late night food was super successful - trying to get as many people as possible - would be effective
 - g. Could give treats in bags we give out - stickers, treats, give them out - no mask off situation
 - h. DSU gift bags - popular
 - i. Nice combination
 - ii. Middle of quad - outside - everyone can benefit, not just science
 - i. Free coffee - especially if close to exams
 - j. Include DSS masks
 - i. Logo masks not great quality
 - ii. Or, can have a cute button that you can add on a good mask - DSS button maker
 - k. Grab and go food - can be social and outside for exam season
 - l. DSU guidelines on events for food - have to look into it
4. Impact awards coming up
 - a. Won last year
 - b. Submit a form - add a list of things the DSS did
 - c. Some sort of recognition thing - recognize one of your friends for something
 - d. Could recognize people you dont know personally as well
 - e. DSS board in LSC - do little notes for all the submissions we get
- ix. Student cookbook
 1. Cheap and easy recipes - resource for students
 2. D Levels could submit a recipe or 2
 3. Organize by snacks, dinners

4. Student tuesdays, self checkout guides
5. How to get optimum card as an app
6. Could make a grocery list, meal planning
7. Ways to shop to reduce waste and expenses
 - a. Where to store certain food items, etc
8. Any input is good!

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

- a. Finance & Grants
 - i. Fall disbursement cheques ready to go
 - ii. Email Marissa - could meet people at the SUB at a certain time
 - iii. Winter audit due end of February
 - iv. Submitted winter audit update to DSU
- b. Environmental Affairs
 - i. Nothing new
- c. Curriculum Committee
 - i. No January meeting - meeting on Feb 3
- d. First Year Rep
 - i. Planning trivia night - Wednesday
 - ii. Promoting that
 - iii. Please promote the instagram!!
- e. DABS
 - i. Last meeting - potentially creating an award or bursary for SEASIDE courses - auxiliary
 1. Can we incorporate this into personal grants - F&G meetings
 2. Biology D levels - auxiliary or student fees - please bring to DSS, F&G attention for things to incorporate into a personal grant
 - ii. Could that funding come from leftover DAMS, DABS, DSS money?
 - iii. Biweekly virtual events to watch a documentary
 - iv. Virtual jeopardy
 - v. Society expo on the 1st
 - vi. Research mixer - will send a form for the cell biology prof they would like
- f. DAMS
 - i. MGM on 27th
 - ii. Trivia night planned
 - iii. Meet a grad event
 - iv. Co-op and resume event planned for February
- g. DAPS
 - i. New logo, new clothing order
 - ii. Events for the term - Kahoot night
 - iii. Virtual meet the faculty
 - iv. Study skills workshop
- h. DBSS
 - i. Have not started society meetings yet- Feb

- ii. Working on clothing order
 - iii. Stickers and patches coming in
 - iv. In person event in March
- i. DISS
- j. DOUGS
 - i. Study sessions
 - ii. Looking for alumni
 - iii. <https://www.middlebury.edu/office/midd2midd>
 - 1. Could create a platform for Dal students and Dal alumni could connect
 - iv. Plans with DOS
- k. DUESA
 - i. Study group sign up launching
 - ii. Google form - put your courses that you are looking for peers in
 - 1. Send them each others contact info
 - 2. They can then form a study groups
- l. DUMASS
 - i. January meeting
 - ii. Placed a clothing order
 - iii. Planning on doing something for Pi day
 - iv. First meeting - first Wednesday of February - can they get hand sanitizer
- m. DUPS
 - i. Online pictionary night Thursday
 - ii. Careers panel in March
 - iii. Merch order
- n. DUUCS
 - i. Research mixer last week
 - ii. Clothing order
- o. Dawson
 - i. Movie night and bingo night on Friday
 - ii. Guest speakers for their lecture series
- p. EPSS
 - i. Redesigning logo
 - ii. Generating feedback for wine and cheese night options
- q. SIMS
 - i. Have not met yet this year
- r. MSSDU
 - i. Running MMI sessions
 - ii. Humanities rep wondering if they could use our zoom account - yes!
 - 1. Email us - dss@dal.ca
 - 2. When it is, when you want access
 - 3. Send you log in info
 - 4. Once you know the data - make the zoom meeting immediately so we don't double book
- s. UNS

- i. UNS wants more details about the gala - they have their own gala - wondering how that would work
 - ii. DSS will not do a science wide gala - look for future years but not this year
- t. DSU Rep
 - i. DSU released an application for a wellness grant
 - 1. Deadline - March
 - ii. Dal budget survey - tuition increase - express concerns and opinions
 - iii. Emergency housing bursary - application, explain situation
 - 1. DSU council students will look at the applications
- u. Equity Rep
 - i. Planning on doing workshops surrounding housing crisis, navigating housing
 - 1. Up in the air
 - ii. Google form - experiences with housing - what properties are good and what are not

8. Announcements and Question Period;

- a. Housing
 - i. Emergency housing bursary - separate from DSU
 - ii. Applied for funding for bursary - rejected
- b. Any work in Halifax with GIS and housing - mapping demographics - housing of Dal students
 - i. What is it like living in Halifax as a Dal student
 - ii. Connect with sociology department?
- c. Housing workshop
- d. Student forums for housing

9. Notices of Motion;

- a. Motioned, seconded**

10. Adjournment

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