**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

**25** 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. Equity and Diversity Discussion (for FoS Equity Committee)
      1. Committee will be meeting every 2 weeks
      2. Increase EDI in classroom:
         1. be present
         2. give diverse perspectives
         3. use references everyone can understand
      3. Committee considering making glossary of terms in instructor’s Brightspace
      4. Committee considering EDI “champions” for each department
         1. Faculty member would be champion
         2. Could consider committee for selecting with student input
      5. Discussion regarding increasing EDI during COVID:
         1. More accomplishment from BIPOC researchers highlighted
         2. Prioritize hiring more diverse TAs
         3. A short time period for taking photos during exam could be an accessibility issue
         4. Bakhmala to provide insights from advocacy forms to Jayatee after meeting
      6. Other equity societies:
         1. DAIS : Accessibility and Inclusion Society
         2. HRES: Human Rights and Equity Services
         3. ASL Society
      7. Can be contacted jy231522@dal.ca
   2. Mental Health Resources and Inquiring Minds:
      1. On Dalhousie Mental Health page (<https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/workshops-events/mental-health-awareness-week-.html>)
         1. Access to counselling box will help you book a same day appointment
         2. Dal Social Worker box for social work info and mental health suggestions
         3. Resources for students in Truro and
         4. Resources for international students--can get contact with counselor in home country
         5. Group counselling sessions: Graduate, Eating Disorder, Putting off Procrastination, Professional Career Development, Enhancing Psychological Resilience
         6. Good 2 Talk number to call or text
         7. Tips for Students info
         8. TAO app to encourage wellbeing
         9. Dal Mental Health Forum to voice concerns
         10. Various external resources
         11. Inquiring Mind: free program, 4 hour workshops
         12. Q-Life Resilience project information
         13. Resources to ask Chaplain or nurse
   3. Course Representatives
      1. Which courses should have representatives--professors open to student feedback
         1. First Year Psych
         2. First Year Chem
         3. DISP courses
         4. Intro to Macroeconomics
         5. First Year Calculus
         6. First Year Physics -- Stay away from engineering physics , life sciences physics might be useful
         7. Second Year Cell Bio (Mindy)
         8. Second Year Organic Chem
   4. Talent Show
      1. Students submitting talents through google firms until next Monday (Feb 1) --lack of submissions
         1. Constituents to post on Instagram
         2. Can message Essa at essa.hashem@hotmail.com
      2. Anything could be a talent
   5. Symposium
      1. Goal to promote different science careers
      2. Schedule
         1. Thursday Feb 23, 6-7pm Undergraduate Student Panel
            1. Open for panelist applications
         2. Wednesday, Feb 24, 6-7pm Panel on Professionals in Traditional Science Careers
         3. Thursday, Feb 25 6-7pm Panel on Professionals in Non-Traditional/Interdisciplinary Science Careers
         4. Friday, Feb 26, 3:30pm Graduate Student Panel
      3. Hoping to reach out to get high school students to attend
      4. Looking for professionals in Econ, Ocean Sciences, Earth Sciences with unique careers
         1. Marine bio government consultants/lobbyist could be interesting
   6. Panel with DSAS
      1. Feb 3, 7-8pm Panel session with DSAS--Law students to help navigate through accusations of plagiarism process
      2. Post to go on socials tomorrow
      3. Register via Eventbrite: <https://navigatingstudentacademicappealsacademicoffences.eventbrite.ca>
      4. Helpul to attend and report back to society
      5. $20 prize
8. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
      1. Led exec meeting, office hours, and today’s agenda
      2. Corresponded with DSU about Impact Awards and Science Rep
      3. Invited a Symposium panelist
      4. Talk with Alison about FIGS, newsletters, etc.
      5. Reviewing constitution checklists
      6. Attended Faculty Council
      7. Discussed Course Reps with Dr. Walde and later at Faculty Council
      8. Attending Senate Review of Faculty policies tomorrow
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Symposium duties
         1. Reaching out to panelists
         2. Created call for student panelists
         3. Helped STEM Outreach with panel
         4. Worked with Jocelyn and Alison from Dean’s Office
      2. Met with Advocacy committee
      3. Working on DSAS event--promotional images
      4. Worked on promotional images for inquiring minds and free naloxone training
      5. Responding to advocacy form and reviewing advocacy reports to help construct letter to faculty
      6. Supporting DSS Talent Show
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. Edited audit as instructed by DSU officially passed
      2. Finished remaining D-level audits
      3. Wrote cheques for execs
      4. Wrote cheques for grant recipients
      5. Updated budget to represent remaining values for each grouping
      6. Sent emails
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Attended Exec Meetings and office hours
      2. Managed regular emails
      3. Sent out DSU Faculty Rep election decision
      4. Started working on handbook for first year students
      5. Working on mass email
      6. Provided Alison with D-Level contacts
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Regular business
      2. Met with Social Committee for Talent Show
      3. Planning Valentine’s Movie Night for 3rd movie in To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before series
      4. Watched STEM podcast
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Regular Business
      2. Applied for DSU Society Expo
      3. Posted STEM podcast and DSS Talent Show on socials
      4. Advertised call for student panelists
      5. Updated website with agenda and minutes
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Met with Dr. Walde about course reps
      2. Developed timeline for course reps
      3. Writing handbook for course reps
      4. Constitution committee
      5. Exec meetings and office hours
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. Cancelled last meeting due to no new grants
      2. One new grant sent in recently
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Working on post plans
      2. Early stages of getting ready for event
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. No meetings yet, first on Feb 4
   4. First Year Rep
      1. First Year Committee meeting
      2. Compiling advice from upper years for first years
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Getting clips for STEM committee
   6. DSU Rep
      1. Discuss about treatment of International students
      2. Call for Nova Scotia gov and Dal to acknowledge mistreatment and improve bursaries
   7. Senate Rep
      1. Discussion about digital strategy for Dal moving forwards
         1. Training older professors
         2. Data protection issues
         3. Improve accessibility
   8. DABS
      1. Virtual Bio concept room to help first and second year students with courseworks--timetable for courses
   9. DAMS
      1. Resume Building workshop today
   10. DAPS
       1. Start event planning
       2. Working on Bell Let’s Talk video
       3. Made new website
   11. DBSS
       1. Absent
   12. DISS
       1. Sweaters at bookstore
       2. Meeting with mentorship committee wednesday
   13. DOUGS
       1. Organized some events
       2. Recurring group study session on teams
   14. DUESA
       1. Working on creating journal for econ students
   15. DUMASS
       1. Working through problems with bank account and ratification process
       2. Working on clothing order
   16. DUPS
       1. Planning clothing order
   17. DUUCS
       1. Successful research mixer
   18. Dawson
       1. Clothing order
       2. Planning honours symposium and virtual game night
   19. EPSS
       1. Creating Tiktok content
       2. Clothing order
   20. SIMS
       1. Getting involved at society expo
   21. MSSDU
       1. Humanities night feb 15 8pm
       2. Resuming MMI practice sessions
   22. UNS
       1. Brain Awareness week in March--Instagram page
       2. Course selection workshop and study session planned
       3. AGM on 28th to elect missing positions
       4. Hosting proffee on 29th
   23. King’s Rep
10. **Announcements and Question Period;**
    1. What content to put on exec reports:
       1. Baby pics
11. **Notices of Motion;**
12. **Adjournment**