**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

8 March 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;**
   1. Dean Search Committee
      1. Carmen self-nominates
      2. Motion to go directly to a vote
      3. Carmen appointed to committee
7. **New Business;** 
   1. Constitution Changes
      1. New position or assign Course Rep program to an existing position
      2. Move election of PR Development Rep to Winter AGM
      3. Figure out procedure for summer grants
      4. Potentially combine DISP Rep position into DISP Society
         1. Will society be prepared to put someone in that role in September
         2. Will adjust their constitution to make DSS Rep a first year and hold election for that position in September
         3. Shuya, DISP Rep, agrees on change
   2. Symposium Debrief
      1. Successful, around 100 people total
      2. Panelists happy with how it went and interested in participating in more events--anyone who want their contact info can ask Bakhmala
   3. Next Meeting - Food!
      1. Counselor and Representative appreciation
      2. Next council meeting we will buy dinner--$20
      3. Looking in food delivery gift cards
         1. Private message Bakhmala if you don’t have access
      4. Uber Eats giftcards don’t support small businesses
      5. Could do a google form for responses
      6. Form to be sent out tomorrow or Wednesday
   4. Promote the AGM
      1. March 29 7-9pm
      2. Please let your societies know what’s happening
      3. If anyone is interesting in running please let Alex know for support
   5. Donations from advocacy
      1. Funds leftover from advocacy
      2. Goal to use for mental health first aid training--not feasible
      3. Advocacy committee would love to make donations to the foundations that D-Level societies are already supporting (your society name will be included).
         1. Sent info to Bakhmala by next meeting
   6. International student bursary idea
      1. Increase in DSU Health plan
      2. So many increased costs for international students--tuition, isolation hotels
      3. Not much Dal support for returning International students
      4. Motion for discussion:
         1. Is the idea for 1-3 large bursaries or several small ones?
            1. Leaning towards several smaller ones to help as many people as possible
         2. How will they be distributed
            1. Could be elected by d-level societies
            2. Could follow current grant first-come, first-serve basis
         3. Is it based on academics or financial need
            1. Mainly based on need
            2. Students would write letters for F&G to review
         4. Constitutional changes need to be made for program to be moved into the new years
         5. Set budget for the year to figure out how much can be allocated
         6. In meantime can apply for personal grants if they have had to buy specific equipment
8. **Business of the Executive**
   1. President’s report
      1. Had to cancel Friday office hours
      2. Attended F&G, and showed face for Course Rep training
      3. Met with Kendra, assisted with planning for Enviro Sustainability event
      4. Brought gift cards and donations for Symposium panelists
      5. Nominated DSS for Impact Award
      6. Sent Judy feedback about DSU Health increase
      7. Made agenda
      8. Sent First Year advice to Carmen
      9. Answered lots of emails
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Followed up with Symposium panelists, now working on recordings
      2. Nominated DSS for Impact Award
      3. Sent info for first year advice
      4. Office hours and exec meeting
      5. Coordinating the next Advocacy Committee meeting!
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. Attempting to keep up with D-Level disbursement cheques and other questions
      2. Preparing and handing out cheque reimbursements and personal grants
      3. Updating and maintaining online finances
      4. Reviewing few audits already handed in, due date March 12, this Friday
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Regular business
      2. Course Reps
         1. Followed up with profs
         2. Went through applications
         3. Contacted un-selected applicants
         4. Helped prepare training and co-hosted training
         5. Reviewing communications from reps
      3. Attended Symposium
      4. Filled out Impact Award Nomination
      5. Compiled First Year Advice for Joyce
      6. Picked up and delivered gift card
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Regular business
      2. Met with social committee to plan meme contest
         1. Forward Essa all the info for it
         2. Running until the 17th
         3. Promote on D-Level socials
      3. Attended Symposium and helped with promotion
      4. Helped Carmen and Arlene with Course Rep applications
      5. Sent Carmen First Year advice
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Regular business
      2. Promoted
         1. Social Committee Meme Contest
         2. Sustainability Workshop, call for students as well
         3. Inquiring Minds workshops
      3. Promoted and attended Symposium days
      4. Made Canva for newer Lab Life Podcast
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Attended Symposium and helped with recordings
      2. Filled out Impact Award nomination
      3. Course Reps
         1. Selected Reps
         2. Prepared and ran session
      4. Office hours and Exec Meetings
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. Surplus of 2500 in personal grants
      2. Already had last meeting but can have email votes for any more grants
      3. Discussed continuing personal grants over summer
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Sustainability Workshop Wednesday at 7pm
      2. 4 different student speakers
      3. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqceCtpjgpGdxR4DOdDLCEnkcd8a8Roz8b>
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. March meeting last Thursday
      2. Looked at trends in enrollment and grades
      3. Presented changes in Econ department
   4. First Year Rep
      1. Attended Symposium
      2. Filled out Impact Award Nomination
      3. Selected as Course Reps
      4. Game night next week
      5. To post First year advice
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Attended First year meeting
      2. Filled out Impact Award Nomination
   6. DSU Rep
      1. DSU motioned to increase Health Insurance
      2. DSU elections today and tomorrow--all info on DSU website
   7. Senate Rep
      1. Debriefing challenges with COVID
      2. Registrar’s project to make admissions more equitable and accessible
      3. Dal Open --to provide non-traditional learning to non-traditional students (mature students and high school students)
   8. DABS
      1. Event on 10th at 7pm ADT about Bio courses for course selection
   9. DAMS
      1. Meet a professional event coming up
   10. DAPS
       1. Planning for Brain Awareness week
       2. New website made
   11. DBSS
       1. Event on March 24 7-8pm Trivia Night on Kahoot
       2. New sweater merch--logo competition
   12. DISS
       1. Handing out sweaters
       2. AGM on 16th
   13. DOUGS
       1. Undergraduate honours sessions
   14. DUESA
       1. Promoting journal for Econ department
       2. Past trivia night
   15. DUMASS
       1. Just placed a clothing order
       2. Sorting through finances
   16. DUPS
       1. Co-hosting trivia with Chem on friday
       2. Cancelled ski trip
       3. Working on end of year event
   17. DUUCS
       1. Co-hosting trivia
       2. Career Night on 18th
   18. Dawson
       1. Discussing arranging elections
       2. Clothing order placed
       3. End of year banquet being discussed
   19. EPSS
       1. Successful virtual game night
       2. Planning virtual banquet
   20. SIMS
       1. Ask a 4th year event
       2. AGM upcoming
   21. MSSDU
       1. Ask a med advisor event 8-9pm
       2. Med advisor Racheal Shaw
       3. Question form if you cannot attend the synchronous event
   22. UNS
       1. Grad expo and journal club meeting
       2. Journal club events planned
       3. Academic course workshop
       4. Updates on Brain Awareness Week Insta
          1. @baw\_uns
   23. King’s Rep
10. **Announcements and Question Period;**
    1. Thank you to moderators of Symposium
11. **Notices of Motion;**
12. **Adjournment**