

## **DSS Executive Meeting**

November 2, 2021 Room 224 at 7pm

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### **1. Roll Call**

Carmen  
Emma  
Marissa  
Brooke  
Kendra  
Linh

### **2. Business of the Executive**

#### **a. President**

- met with Anna Sofia
- bank statement almost ready
- Dean invited to mixer part of mixer

#### **b. VP**

- sent information to Joyce
- contacted speakers for powerpoint information
- followed up with Grawood
  - waiting to hear back about booking
  - double booked for trivia night
- advocacy committee
  - looking into extra contacts for projects
  - might be getting some money for bursaries

#### **c. VP Finance**

- going through D Levels audits
- should be ready by end of the week
- waiting for bank account information to start getting funds issued

#### **d. Director of Student Life**

- reading through turnover documents
- looking over notes from committee meetings
- getting caught up to speed
- PO training on the 8th

#### **e. Director PR & Marketing**

- made program for research mixer

- shared on stories
- post has a lot of engagement
- made a facebook event for researcher mixer
- put up posters in Killam, LSC, SUB
- first app for app of the week going up tomorrow
- added scholarship to link tree
- mug design post ready
- f. Director of Communications
  - emails
  - emails with Danielle Wood
    - need another student rep for faculty committee
  - updated contact information for D Levels
  - forwarding emails to Marissa
  - email for F&G Cancellation
- g. Chair
  - first few office hours
  - worked with Joyce
  - app of the week ready for all of November
  - reached out to STEM for the spotify playlist
  - Carmen: research mixer check in
    - QR code to google form
    - don't have to keep hold of ballots
    - can just be in a spreadsheet
    - can also have paper ones for people who may not be able to get that work

### 3. New Business

- a. Exec Retreat
  - dinner, rage room, road trip
  - nordic spa - spa day
  - manicure
  - rage room
    - given a period of time
    - get a box of old glassware, etc
    - crow bar, baseball bat
    - smash it all
  - decided: spa day!
  - could have a spa day and then lunch
- b. Meeting with Dean
  - November 4th - Thursday
  - got an idea from councilors of student ideas to bring to Dean

- Dean at symposium
  - previous years he attended
  - lunch - would chat to students and speakers
- Emma: people finding back to back exams
  - how can students bring this up to a professor
  - what can students do when they have 3 midterms worth 25% within 2 days, etc
  - is there anything in place for students?
- Joyce: SDA forms, but sometimes professors don't accept it unless there is a medical reason
- Carmen: miss a midterm - weight added to final - pretty common place

- worth bringing up:
- having information of if there is a policy
- what is too many midterms in a row
- students accessing this information
- how to address this problem on FoS website

-Linh: immunology class

- discussed in meeting
- Carmen: Dean does not get involved in anything that is

a specific course

- have a better relationship and connection and

communications between departments and D Levels

- can't change courses, but can at least explain

why they cannot change anything

- can at least hear back

-Kendra: encourage departments to put lectures online

- 2nd years who had first year online especially,

struggling with in person classes

Other ideas brought up in DSS

**-Career advising**

- Dean wants to get student experience opportunities
- ideas in terms of that?

-Carmen: faculty of Management has job opportunities and scholarships on

linktree page

- research internship opportunity
- could populate instagram with scholarship opportunities that science

students may be eligible for

- could work with Dean's Office for this

- Emma: regular emails sent out by admin for biology
  - different job opportunities sent out
  - most opportunities do not cater to undergrad students without honours
- also sent link to awards
  - most awards are old links
- Joyce: med sci brightspace page
  - posts announcements, and more for Med Sci students
- Carmen: send links to scholarships that apply to general science students to Joyce and we can post them
- Emma: separate merit scholarships from financial aid

**-what protocol is if you have some symptoms of COVID, waiting to check**

- varying opinions from profs
- having some general information might be helpful

**-Emma: one pass/fail option**

- there is still so many COVID difficulties
- should there be another pass/fail?
- regular COVID updates changing how people function
  - it is still COVID times
  - people still facing an usual amount of extra stress because of COVID
- Marissa: Commerce was not going to do the pass/fail
  - enough people went to DSU that they did have pass/fail
- can bring up with Dean's Office
- Carmen: still a lot of first year classes online
- Emma: peoples TAs missing labs because of COVID, complicating labs
  - COVID is still adding stress

c. Bank Transfer

- Marissa: make sure we have all information from Jayce that is needed to go to the bank with
- book a time when everyone is here

**4. Old Business**