

DSS Executive Meeting

November 16, 2021 Teams at 7:30pm

“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

Carmen

Emma

Marissa

Joyce

Kendra

Linh

Brooke

2. Business of the Executive

a. President

-research mixer - meetings with more people interested in the

DSS

-get bank signing authority

-F&G meeting yesterday

-reached out to other societies about Women in STEM event

-in contact with Dean

-discussion about Departments connecting with D

Levels

-can also help D Levels recruit

-more access to students through academics

-Carmen will speak about this at the Faculty Council

Meeting

-also going to an awards ceremony

b. VP

-research mixer happened

-possibly host another researcher mixer

-have one closer to when researchers would need summer interns

-secured a date for the November meeting for the advocacy committee

-trying to organize a venue for the trivia night

-communicating with professors from research mixer to see if they are interested in another one

- final exam workshops with Bisset Student Center
 - heard back today, does not look like they will have time to coordinate that with us
 - Carmen: could have a study room booked at some point, room people can come into and study during exam, community thing
- c. VP Finance
 - did the audit over reading week, mostly done, notified D levels
 - submitted DSS audit
 - treasurer training completed
 - hosted F&G with Carmen
 - went over grants, disbursements
 - did signing authority
 - signed checks
- d. Director Student Life
 - did the PO training over reading week
 - can now book events
 - tried to contact Venus Envy for coordinating for the trivia night
 - called, emailed, waiting to hear back
- e. Director PR and Marketing
 - worked on the mug design contest promo
 - promote Women in STEM
 - worked on domain name issue
 - former president was charged for the domain name, need to transfer it over
 - Carmen: will put it on her credit card
 - Smart is Sexy promotions as soon as possible when we have the information
- f. Director of Communications
 - sent out emails for F&G
 - sent out emails for Women in STEM
 - office hours yesterday
- g. Chair
 - office hours today
 - made a TikTok for the research mixer
 - reached out to researcher mixer presenter that is doing a study about students mental health and interaction with dogs
 - needs a lot of participants
 - could do a collaboration
 - probably for next semester

- still working on app of the week
- made Spotify account
- have two playlists

3. New Business

a. Winter Mixer and Symposium

- symposium is the big winter event
 - how to differentiate from research mixer, but also apply what we learned from mixer to symposium
 - not really opportunities in symposium
 - could also have speakers that work for companies and hire summer students
 - Joyce: could also include a mixer part of the symposium?
 - Carmen: in person there was pre-prepared questions and then a Q&A, time for mingling with panelists in breaks, mingling lunch
 - more of networking part is good
 - Emma: incentive to attend events being opportunity-oriented is good, focus on bringing speakers that could have opportunities
 - focus on job component rather than research
 - but still being open to speakers
 - Carmen: could connect with Jocelyn and Dal Alumni, could also reach out to Coop office
 - could get CIBC people for the econ section
 - Emma: was there any stand out speakers we would want again
 - Ernest - good presentation, good for students to engage
 - Dr. Meczer - student opportunities
 - marine bio masters student
 - Dr. Hewitt?

b. F&G idea

- part of budget is personal and conference grants
 - travel for events
 - transition to online learning (phase out)
- tend to have left over money in bank account that accumulates
- scholarship committee added recently
 - nothing in constitution about how to offer a scholarship
 - could have extra funds from left over grants could go into scholarships for students
 - do 500\$ scholarships, offer however many we can based on how much money we have left over
 - Marissa: how we would choose people

- Carmen: set it up this year, have it run next year
 - can add constitutional framework about it this year
- Emma - may not get full grants for housing for advocacy committee, could any money go to this as well
 - housing is a current issue for a lot of students
- Carmen: indeterminate amount each year
 - break it up across multiple people into smaller scholarships
 - merit based ones, housing need ones
- Joyce: differences in money across year
 - do \$500 a year, and change the number of scholarships based on how much money we have every year

-Marissa: bring this up to councilors, what are the most important issues

- get perspective from a wide range of students
- c. Winter Pride
 - DSU working on a winter pride week of events
 - Kathleen reached out
 - if D Levels have anyone wanting to be involved
 - asked if DSS would like to be involved as well
 - DSS has not done any work with LGBT community
- d. Trivia update
 - struggle to book the Graywood

4. Old Business

- Joyce: engineering Gala, could we do a science gala as well
 - eat food and meet people
- Emma: every department seems to have their own gala
 - usually departments have some christmas formal event
 - maybe it would make sense to do a science one, but a lot of departments do their own thing
 - it is difficult to make a larger event with exams coming up
 - can look at this for the end of the year
- Carmen: discuss with D Levels if they are holding their own departmental end of year galas
 - see what the interest is
 - keep doing smaller departmental ones or a big science one
- Carmen: start councilor group chat
 - easier to reach out about upcoming events, etc

- Linh: going to make a Team Group for the mental health campaign, can make the councilors group chat
 - can make a subgroup within the other group
 - Joyce can help as well, can check in easier about upcoming events

- doodle for exec retreat

- Kendra: make sheet with compiled passwords and usernames for different socials and accounts

- trivia night

- general knowledge questions, science questions
- D Levels and social committee makes questions
- social committee member MCs and reads out questions
- present questions in 5s
 - write down answers
- check answers at the end
 - good to do it with pen
- D Levels send in questions
- Kendra can send out email
 - email to execs as well
- Graywood would handle vaccine proof checking
- can have it in the new year if we need to

- sheet with all the log in information