**DSS Council Meeting**

November 19 at 7:00PM - SUB Council Chambers

Chair: Howe Simpson

The Dalhousie Science Society acknowledges that Dalhousie University and

the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on ancestral, 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**

* Move all notices under Announcements to New Business
  + Carried
* Move a make a quick announcement at the beginning of the meeting under New Business
  + Carried

**3.** **Acceptance of the Minutes**

**4.** **Communications Received**

- EPSS had a proxy

- DBSS had a proxy

**5.** **Appointments**

**6.** **Presentations**

**7.** **Old Business**

**8.** **New Business**

* **Announcement from the President**
* Your duty as councillors of the society consist of relaying information from your departmental societies to the DSS. This includes information brought forward by the DSS and also information on events from your own departmental society.
* If you receive information/jobs from the DSS, please be sure to let your society know about it at your executive/council/general meeting or contact your president if your meeting doesn’t take place within a week.
* Materials on events, minutes, agendas are on the website, folder, and through email. PLEASE let us know if you do not get emails from Sean. He will figure this out in his office hours with you (Thursday, 4-5PM).

* **DSS Survey**
* Have 72 total responses to the survey
* Need more representation from some of the departments
* Post to a class discussion board, on Facebook, to your society through meetings and notices. The more people we get surveyed, the more the results are representative of the complete faculty
  + Q: When do you plan on closing the survey?
  + A: Perhaps when winter term ends. We’re more focused on getting as many results as possible.

* **Holiday Mixer (Wednesday November 28th)**
* Share it with everyone
* From 6-8PM
* More pizza and drinks
* Professor(s) will be coming!

**9.** **Business of the Executive**

**a.** President Report

b. Vice President Report

c. Director of Finance Report

d. Director of Communication Report

e. Director of Student Life Report

f. Director of Marketing Report

g. Chair Report

10. **Reports from the Councillors and Standing Committees;**

**.** Finance & Grants

* There are two departmental societies that have not submitted their entire audits: DABS, DAMS. Please get your treasurer to get them to Moe, VP of Finance ASAP.
* Other 2 societies are only partially filled out. Get them in ASAP.

* 1. Curriculum Committee
* Two new courses approved for the Medical Sciences program involving Health Economics
* Changes to the Genetics Certificate
* The popular entrepreneurship course is being formatted as a general science course rather than specific for neuroscience
* A paleobiology course is being introduced

* 1. Faculty Council

d. DABS

* Had a Halloween party with DAMS

* 1. DAMS
* Have a general meeting coming up
* Garrison Brewery tour is coming up
* Bake sale next week
* Meet a grad event and Pacifico Night were successful past events

* 1. DAPS
* Gingerbread baking session coming up
* Ordering some clothes
* Have an event where upper year students help 2nd year students write lab reports
* Waiting on inquiries on gala venues
* Discussing a coffeehouse for next semester

* 1. DBSS
* Held the Halloween bake sale
* Ordered new sweaters
* Over reading week, had 11 people show up to an Escape Room
* Planning a Christmas social/movie/gingerbread building event for next weekend but finding it hard to book a room

* 1. DOUG'S
* Went axe-throwing the other week
* Hosting study rooms for any members of their society on the Wallace McCain Learning Commons

* 1. DUESA
* Had a Halloween event that went well
* Study session coming up for the 1st year Economics classes

* 1. DUMASS
* Party at 7PM on Friday in the Chase Building

* 1. DUPS
* Two of their events were cancelled
* To any other societies, if you are thinking of doing winter sports, we would be interested in combining to make intramurals teams

* 1. DUUCS
* Had a Halloween ChemBeer with around 70 people at peak time
* Chemistry gala is being planned

* 1. Dawson
* Hosted Atlantic Geoscience Conference
* GeoBeers scheduled this Friday

* 1. EPSS
* Had a sustainability event

* 1. SIMS
* Bake sale was held just before reading week

* 1. MSSDU
* Jingle Mingle: this Friday, cookie decorating, drinks, food, games, karaoke, Pacifico night after, and more. Please come out, it is open for every society and anyone who wants to come.
* Their council is holding a Secret Santa

* 1. UNS
* Meeting Wednesday for the constitution update
* Friday is the weekly NeuroBeer with neuroscience trivia

* 1. First Year Rep
* Brainstormed events in their first meeting

* 1. DISP Rep
* Starting a design contest for hoodies

* 1. Environmental Affairs Rep
* First meeting this Wednesday day

* 1. King’s Rep

· Happy you’re here!

* 1. DSU Rep
* Had the DSU AGM; however, didn’t make quorum. This will be discussed at the DSU meeting on Wednesday
* The DSS will still have a DSU representative this entire year but not sure about the following years
* There is a DSU survey going out with a prize to win a free trip. Please fill it out.
* Equity Committee: DSU is hiring for an equity commissioner. Contact Sandra if you are interested.
* Equity in Science
  + People facing difficulties in science labs
  + Deans and professors were talking about diversity training
  + Town Hall for Science Students: generally, talk about some of the problems arising in the FoS pertaining to studies organically. Some comments include perhaps unit-focused talk may be more productive. It may also be productive to do it in a big group as you can gauge relatively how your department is doing compared to other departments.
  + All this information will be sent to the DSS council via. Sean’s emails
  + Planning a Town Hall event like this could be a cooperation between Sandra, Vibhu, Lindsay, and the rest of the Advocacy committee

* 1. Senate Rep
* Looking to reform Dal Online to make it more accessible

11. **Amendments to the Constitution**

12. **Announcements and Question Period**

* ASS
* Held an event ASNA conference in January (networking event)
  + Looking to apply for grants such as the DSU and DSS grants.
* Holding a pizza party this Friday in the Chase Building with DUMASS

* DABS
  + Lucy the DSS representative wanted to gauge interest for a FoS Women in Science Club. Temperature check was positive.

13. **Notices of Motion**

14. **Adjournment**