

DSS Executive Meeting

November 23, 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

Marissa

Joyce

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2. Business of the Executive

a. President

- reaching out to students interested in DSS
- found someone for the curriculum committee
 - online appointment in time for next committee meeting
- transferred emailing info to Carmen's account instead of Alex
- getting Alex and Joyce a cheque

b. VP

- had office hours
- emailing about bird mural project
- sent out a couple emails over to new councilors
 - appointments for committees at next meeting

c. VP Finance

- still waiting in disbursement for the DSU
 - followed up with VP Finance
- social committee meeting
- found an invoice for the catering
- trying to coordinate exec retreat
 - Saturday at 1 o'clock, rainbow nails in Shopping Center
 - do we want acrylics?
- lunch and then nails
- writing cheques

d. Director Student Life

- social committee meeting
 - trivia on the 29th
- Emma booked T room from 8-10
- social committee meeting
 - Kendra has been forwarding trivia questions
 - decided against Smart is Sexy theme

- talked about the environmental cleanup, moving it until the spring around March

- contacting societies about galas

- on the agenda for the next council meeting

- attended first year committee meeting

- Emma: double-check minimum for the T room

- Carmen: incorporate other holidays into the trivia theme

- Brooke: send info to Joyce for the promotion

- Carmen: for the gift cards, easier to give a list of 5-6 options for the gift cards (can't do gift cards that will pay for alcohol), some gift cards are hard to get/find, social committee can put together a list of cards we can get easily

- Emma: T room - no info on the minimums in the website

e. Director PR and Marketing

- made the teams group

- Joyce: will add new DBSS rep

- get up exec intros before the end of the week

- get up an Instagram post

f. Director of Communications

- office hours

- sent out emails about the trivia night and the canceled meeting

- sending emails to Brooke about the trivia questions

- wrote out dates for next semester meeting

- socials

g. Chair

- uploaded a tiktok about the mixer

- also finished polishing DSS tiktok account

- finishing up app of the week for December

- developing to study better, mental health video

- created mental health video in teams

3. New Business

a. Trivia

b. Dates for next semester

- January 10th - DSS

- January 17th - F&G

- keep alternating

- February 14th - F&G

- good to have valentines for an F&G rather than council

- February 21st - Reading week

- February 28th - DSS
- keep alternating
- AGM - March 28th

c. Goals for next semester

-symposium and research mixer

- Emma planning for Symposium and Research Mixer
- reaching out to the Alumni coordinator
- see if anyone from her list is interested in speaking in

Symposium

- emailing getting the new speakers at the end of the semester
- hosting research mixer II in person again
- in person or online symposium?

-Bahkmala suggested online symposium

- speakers there who wouldn't have been able to be there in person
- accessibility issues in getting enough speakers from different areas
- could run with it being in person
- if there was someone specific we wanted but couldn't make it, we could put them in a call

-Carmen: last years exec liked it online

- easier to get speakers and students
- 4 panels in one day is a lot
- this was better online
- do a session every night for 4 nights
- don't have to ask students to come to campus every night for 4 nights

- people are done with online events now though

-Emma: could do it in the afternoon over a Saturday and a Sunday

- similar structure as McInnes room, having panels

-Joyce: maybe there are some good speakers that wouldn't be able to

make it

- could reach out to speakers first and see if people will be in

Halifax

- Emma: people can send in their presentation if they cannot make it
- Q&A with recorded?

-Emma could take questions and reach out to the speakers,
could connect people with those speakers that could not be here

-Carmen: next meeting

-based on what was successful at the research mixer, what kind of speakers
do we want

-presenting students with all the different options in their degrees

-students want to connect with people where there are actual opportunities

-can get people actually hiring people

-Emma: give students a concrete reason to come to the event

-provides more insight into the industry

-students need a way to actually get their foot in the door

-Carmen: Emma can also reach out to the Coop coordinator

-Carmen: get someone from banking to come

-scholarship program

-get it figured out during the winter semester

-get in the constitution

-can get it started for 2022

-housing workshops

-Emma: Jayatee is still working on workshops for the housing crisis

-international students

-Carmen: advocacy last year

-Dal was looking at intense increases for incoming international students

-another initiative:

-finding a better way to get international students integrated into the
societies

-societies are not a part of university culture in a lot of places

-can coordinate with the international center to make them aware

-socially informal, meet and greet, invite D Level reps to hype up their societies

-information package

-can ask D Levels about their involvement at next council meetings

-Joyce can help with infographics for international students and exam info

-exams

-prep infographics about what to expect for exams

-what goes in for in person exams

-wear multiple layers to go to exam - freezing or hot

- don't bring a backpack - not allowed
- what does it look like when you're in there
- how to find the exam you are supposed to be writing
- can put them on our social media

-Truro Program

-Dal started a program where students can be on Truro for the first year and come to Dal for the science degree

- a lot of interest
- the DSS could play a role in welcoming the new students
- faculty can add DSS into the orientation
- first group will be coming to Dal Fall 2022

4. Old Business