**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

30 November 2020, 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;**
7. **New Business;** 
   1. Executive Review
      1. Discussion had with exec in waiting room
   2. Town Hall-type event
      1. Take place early next semester
      2. Students can interact with faculty members leading transition to online learning
      3. Panel style event
      4. Have profs give information and findings then move to Q&A
      5. Potential date in second week of first semester
      6. Potentially recorded and students can send in questions ahead of time for accessibility
      7. Purpose is that both sides can understand each other better
      8. Create a safe space
      9. Question regarding whether there will be follow up with how they use the information.
         1. Faculty is currently sending all the findings to the profs but do not have as much control over everything individual profs do
      10. Beneficial to have as a listening and talking components, that we could schedule so students could attend a specific component if they want
   3. DSS Study Skills & Online Exam Workshop
      1. Teach students study skills specifically for online
      2. Especially beneficial for 1st and 2nd year students but open to all years
      3. RSVP form: https://forms.gle/eZ4Ag3DX3jCJfMK49
      4. December 3rd 12:30-1:20
      5. There will be a draw
8. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
      1. Led Exec Meetings and helped with F&G meeting
      2. Held office hours
      3. Approved Dean’s Response video to survey
      4. Attended Dean Profile Discussion to communicate our previous discussion
      5. Spoke with Tara to coordinate Exec Review and completed Exec Review survey
      6. Paid for website, domain, and Cava
      7. Touched base with Joyce
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Attend office hours and Exec Meeting (had to miss one)
      2. Met with Advocacy Committee
      3. Met with Alison and Jocelyn to plan Science Symposium (if you have events in the next semester let us know so we do not book the same date)
      4. Organized the ‘Study Skills and Online Exam Workshop’ (Dec 3 12:30-1:30 AST)
      5. Addressed replies in advocacy form
      6. Attended part of Research Mixer and Smart Is Sexy
      7. Working on DSS talent show and highlighting contributions of black students at Dal
      8. Please send out any advocacy issues within constituent societies
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. Updated and maintained financial documents
      2. Prepared for DSS audit submission
      3. Finished final D-level audits
      4. Attended and hosted F&G meeting with Alex
      5. Wrote cheques
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Attended exec meeting and took minutes
      2. Attended office hours
      3. Attended Smart Is Sexy
      4. Sent out and answered exec review
      5. Worked on exec sweaters and retreat
      6. Managed regular emails
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Regular business (office hours and exec meeting)
      2. Attended and promoted research mixer and hosted last session
      3. Hosted Smart Is Sexy
      4. Met with social committee to finalize smart is sexy
      5. Talked to Anna about STEM Outreach
      6. Completed Exec Review Form
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Attended and promoted Smart is Sexy
      2. Attended exec meeting and office hours
      3. Helped organize and promote Study Skills Workshop
      4. Promoted First Year Game Night, SDA forms, and STEM podcast
      5. Updated website
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Attended Exec Meeting
      2. Attended Smart Is Sexy
      3. Received constitution reviews
      4. Brainstormed for black student profiles
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. Approved 9 grants out of 10
      2. No meetings for a while
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Keeping up with Instagram
      2. Has had meetings
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. No meetings since last DSS
      2. To have one on Thursday
   4. First Year Rep
      1. Game Night on Wednesday 6-8pm AST
      2. Promoting Game Night on socials
      3. RSVP: https://forms.gle/1yJVnN9Xdkj9fHVy7
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Attended research mixer and first year committee meeting
   6. DSU Rep
      1. Unable to attended
      2. PASS/ILL option
   7. Senate Rep
      1. Grades can be converted from letter grade to PASS if passing or ILL if not passing due to challenges from Covid
         1. Concerns about how this might create obstacles to getting into higher education
         2. Some faculties might apply to not allow that option
      2. Can withdraw from course with W up until last day of course
      3. Faculty can review accessibility and course guidelines if they feel that it would improve student’s situation
      4. Please communicate with Fran if you have concerns about how your profs change the syllabus
   8. DABS
      1. MGM last week
      2. 31 festive facts on social media
   9. DAMS
      1. Last R seminar
      2. Last meeting this semester tomorrow
   10. DAPS
       1. Writing workshop with Neuro was successful
       2. Last meeting with semester thursday
   11. DBSS
       1. Had successful BINGO night
   12. DISS
       1. Exam help session for first years next week
   13. DOUGS
       1. Next meeting Thursday
       2. Nothing to report
   14. DUESA
       1. Exam review seminar for first year students
   15. DUMASS
       1. Deciding clothes for merch order
       2. Discussing prof appreciation
   16. DUPS
       1. Hosted career panel
   17. DUUCS
       1. Started newsletter
          1. Important dates
          2. Study tips
          3. Highlight past and present scientist
   18. Dawson
       1. Cancelled some events due to some students being overwhelmed
       2. Cancelled clothing order
       3. Virtual Christmas card over zoom to send department
   19. EPSS
       1. Moved meetings from weekly to biweekly
       2. Secret Santa next week
   20. SIMS
       1. Finished lecture series
   21. MSSDU
       1. Planning Jingle Mingle online
   22. UNS
       1. Writing workshop successful
       2. Virtual yoga event
       3. Journal club tomorrow
       4. Have coffee with profs online
   23. King’s Rep
10. **Announcements and Question Period;**
11. **Notices of Motion;**
12. **Adjournment**