

DSS Executive Meeting
October 12, 2021 Room Teams

“The Dalhousie Science Society acknowledges that Dalhousie University and the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and unsundered 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
- Kendra
- Tara
- Carmen
- Linh
- Emma

2. Business of the Executive

Carmen

- committee meetings
- signing authority
 - get old exec to sign

Emma

- met with Carmen
- first council meeting
- moved research mixer
 - reaching out to participating professors, contacting departments have no heard back from
- new date: November 3rd
- catering, etc, all organized, just the date
 - Carmen: Anna from STEM outreach will speak, can get more student speakers
- still looking for students doing research!!

Marissa

- met with Carmen, planned the budget for this year
- put fall and winter separate
 - not tons of time to plan D level events, conferences, left the fall portion, more money to the winter
- grants half and half, any fall leftovers will roll over to the winter
- treasure training for D levels -> Kendra will send out the email
- audits due end of October

Tara

-resigning from the DSS, VP student life position

Joyce

-started research mixer promo- ready to go

-voice of STEM promotion

-weekly events

-STEM outreach post is up

Kendra

-managing emails

-touched up council minutes from last meeting

-working with Marissa to send audit emails

-created new folder in drive for D level constitutions

Linh

-went through agendas

-orienting with Roberts Rules

-working on ideas for events

3. New Business

a. Time to Meet with Dean

-new Dean

-chance to frame student issues, build connections

-what time would work to meet during normal working hours

-Thursday late afternoon? Sometime after 3

b. Office Hours

-need access to the zoom

-go into zoom, pick a recurring meeting time, set it up as a recurring event with the same link every week

-Joyce can put link into linktree

-teams is okay too as long as there is a link

-pick a time, make sure there is no overlap between exec office hour times

c. Research Mixer

-discussed earlier- happening in November

d. Exec Retreat

-every year

-exec bonding time, do something fun

-sometime in November, not reading week

-brainstorm - what would a fun thing to do be

-\$575 in budget for it

-rage room - \$95 a person

-dinner

- board game cafe
- small road trip
 - Cape Breton
- pedicure
- can keep brainstorming through the week, have an idea

by the end of the week

- could also do a potluck on a separate occasion

e. Mugs

- getting some kind of merch to have on hand
- for symposium for guests
- give aways, can include a DSS item
- mugs are useful, can make them cute, buy in bulk
- someone could design the mug
- submission contest for mug design
- want mugs done by winter term
- by reading week would be good
- win a free mug + book store gift card if chosen
 - make sure you're picking gift cards people can't buy

alcohol with

- could choose between 5 cards, something like that
- \$20 gift card
- walmart printed onto the mugs
- have to look into specifications before promo
- science themed design

f. Mental Health Campaign

- who to take the lead, what the next steps are
- take a different approach than some other mental health campaigns have - a lot more approachable, more destigmatized, steps you can take everyday of self care, take care of yourself every day
- also provide resources for help
- Joyce
 - code for playlists
 - DSS playlists for different moods
 - mindfulness
 - hikes
- Linh
 - group therapy
 - will people have time for it?
 - people can talk about whats on their mind
 - promo

- could make a video where people speak their mind, can choose to reveal their face or just walk away
- help people relate to each other
- Linh would like to take the lead on this
- want to take lead, put together a group of people to help you
- can get help outside DSS as well
- Emma and Joyce work together on the mindfulness initiatives
- could involve the 90% society, coordinate with them
- could get weekly guided meditations going
- weekly videos, can be accessed whenever
- could suggest apps that are helpful
- Linh: app of the week
- one campaign with different components
- Linh: overseeing and organizing event as a whole
- Joyce and Emma can help with smaller aspects
- Joyce can help coordinate mindfulness sessions
- Carmen: playlists
- deadlines
- Emma: weekly things, depending on what happens
- Carmen: give ourselves some time, let everything come together at the same time
- aim for after reading week
- have things ready ahead of time, drawn out campaign but its a little more cohesive
- budget
- Marissa: giveaways?
- Carmen: miscellaneous, social activities?

g. Smart IS Sexy

- Grawood
- not all science trivia
- do it in the fall term?
- have to figure out lack of Director of Student Life
- constitutionally falls to Emma
- will explore options
- have social committee to support student life

4. Old Business

Meeting finished.

TASKS

- pick a time for office hours if have not
- joyce - take lead on mug design contest promo
- kendra - organize new file with committee member names and contact information