

DSS Executive Meeting
October 19, 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

2. Business of the Executive

Carmen

- first F and G meeting on Monday went well
- looked at grants with Marissa
- meetings with Julianne
- Dean's Office meeting coordination
- signing authority to former executives

Marissa

- looked at left over grants with Carmen
- questions from treasurers

Joyce

- student life promotion
- research mixer promotion
- together at dal group - research event on November 3rd - possible collaboration
- communicated with first year rep
- communicated with Julianna about promotion for environmental affairs committee

Kendra

Linh

- contacted a candidate for the research mixer
- prepared contacts
- developing DSS App of the Week
- contacted a professor that researched student mental health
 - event with service dogs?
- suggestion: create a hashtag for the mental health campaign
 - something more original - something catchy

3. New Business

a. Office Hours & About the Exec

- put office hours and a link to it in the office hours document

- exec on the instagram
- about the exec on the website
 - specific emails for each person
- b. Dean's Office Meeting
 - finalized time: November 4th at 3pm-330pm (Thursday)
 - over Teams
 - meeting
 - meet with the Dean and members of the Deans Office
 - group of 5 or 6
 - get to know the exec - have an introduction about yourself prepared
 - do we have any insights or suggestions to things that students have been experiencing?
- c. Election for Director of Student Life
 - election happening during the meeting on Monday
 - beginning of the meeting
 - open to the public
 - promote it!
- d. D-Level integration
 - Carmen: DSS and D Levels independent in a good way, but D Levels are not necessarily aware of all the supports/resources DSS can offer
 - D Levels not well interconnected with events, etc
 - i. President's Group Chat
 - D Level team group
 - can split big budget events
 - new alcohol policies- can collaborate on some alternatives
 - ii. Incentives
 - previously had incentives for D Levels
 - D Levels could win prizes for participating in DSS events
 - used to be part of homecoming
 - if students go to events, submit a picture to the DSS with name and department, was a point for the department, department with the most points would get money to go towards their events
 - is there something like this we could do now?

-incentivize D Levels to get students in their department to go to DSS events, with something good for the D Level

-Marissa/Joyce: could do a draw

-more students from a department, additional points in a draw

-Carmen: could do it by term

-Emma : could help it do bridge the gap between D Levels and the DSS

-could also help connect first years generally with DSS

-Carmen

-bi-term basis

-end of the fall term

-draw from all the ballots we got earlier

-do the same thing in the winter

-all events over fall, all events over winter

-Marissa

-with low attendance expected events

-could promote double ballot attendance

-Carmen

-double ballots for important but time

consuming events, etc (research symposium)

-Budget - 200 per term

-send this to D Levels, mention to DSS reps at the meeting

-any other ideas for bridging the gap with the D Levels?

e. Research Mixer

-Carmen: ballots for research mixer

-have to check vaccination status at entry

-count for ballots at the same time?

-check vaccination, then directed to the ballot-checking table

-Joyce: posters for research mixer

-Carmen: can put posters on the box in the LSC

-can also put posters outside

-or can get permission for inside posters

-contact information?

-Carmen: send it out to all the D Level representatives

-Emma: researcher mixer is on November 3rd, 6-8 pm

-currently have about 10 speakers lined up

- probably 50 minutes of content
- representation from most departments!
- also have some student speakers
- also hoping to have event programs at the event + a speakers list
 - work with Joyce for this?
 - try to solidify speakers list by the 29th? The 1st?
 - Emma can do the printing
 - don't have information
 - send some version of the program to the speakers so they know when they are going
 - about \$400 for event planning
- Linh: promotion for the event
 - slideshow presentation about the speakers
 - may not have time for this
- Carmen: put the department on the speakers list
 - may not be able to get specific research
 - we can put the department on the program without over-communication with speakers
 - Emma: no slides, but will have a program

f. DSS Committees

- chairing a committee - reach out to committee members, get things organized
- Kendra: Send contact information to all committee chairs

g. Sustainability Tables

- Julianne is the environmental affairs representative
- had an idea for council
- create tables made of sustainable material that can be put in the dining halls
 - communal place for all the students
 - information about it at the tables
 - get students informed about sustainability
 - physical, long-lasting item from council
 - could run workshops in the making of the tables
 - would be a really big project, over 2-ish years?
- costs - need to external funding
 - could fund out of budget
- are dining halls a place where people can/will learn?
 - is there a better place where these could be?
- would we be replacing the tables in the dining hall?

- would that be sustainable?
- dining hall would restrict access to first years mostly
 - library, LSC, labs?
- would need a lot of approval for the residences?
- would need external funding
- outside would be great, would materials be weather resistant?
- Emma: Ottawa U
 - individual runs a company, makes bird safe windows
 - designs them -> art
 - cool idea for the LSC?
 - environmental protection aspect
 - would Julianna be interested in this?
- could make LSC nicer

4. Old Business