**Dalhousie Science Society Fall 2020 Annual General Meeting**

19 October 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;**
   1. Faculty of Science Committees
      1. Writing Across the Curriculum Committee (1)
         1. Andrew DUESA self nominates, Bahkmala seconds
         2. Motion to skip straight to voting, motion passes
         3. Andrew APPOINTED
      2. Student Appeals Committee (2)
         1. Emma Fennesy self-nominates, Tara seconds
         2. Taylor Davies self-nominates, Alex seconds
         3. Motion to omnibus all appointments, motion passes
         4. Emma and Taylor APPOINTED
      3. Strategic Enrolment & Management Operational Team (1)
         1. Cody self nominates, Andrew seconds
         2. Cody APPOINTED
   2. DSS Committees
      1. Constitution Committee
         1. Bakhmala self nominates, AnnaSofia seconds
         2. Bakhmala APPOINTED
      2. Nomination Committee
         1. Cap of 4-5 people
         2. Ibrahim self nominates, Anna seconds
         3. Francesca self nominates, Alex seconds
         4. Ibrahim and Fran APPOINTED
      3. Executive Review Committee
         1. No cap on number of positions, ideally 1-2
         2. JongSeok self nominates
         3. Alex nominates DAMS rep, proxy accepts on reps (Deklan’s) behalf
         4. JongSeok and Deklan APPOINTED
      4. Social Committee
         1. No cap on number of positions
         2. Emma Fennesy self-nominates, Cody seconds
         3. Lily Daw self-nominates, Cody seconds
         4. Tara Everding self-nominates, Cody seconds
         5. Megan MacDonald self-nominates, Cody seconds
         6. Kendra Mainprize self-nominates, Cody seconds
         7. All APPOINTED
      5. First Year Committee
         1. No cap on positions
         2. Shuya Li self-nominates, Alex seconds
         3. Mitchell Mathieson self-nominates, Alex seconds
         4. Carmen Graves self-nominates, Alex seconds
         5. All APPOINTED
      6. Advocacy Committee
         1. No cap on positions
         2. AnnaSofia required to sit on committee per constitution, self-nominates, Louis seconds
         3. Louis Bu (proxy for DUMASS) nominates DUMASS rep ( Lousie Cullen), Bakhmala seconds
         4. Olu Duru self nominates, Bakhmala seconds
         5. Kathleen self nominates, Bakhmala seconds
         6. JongSeok self nominates, Bakhmala seconds
         7. Essa self nominates, Bakhmala seconds
         8. All APPOINTED
      7. STEM Outreach Committee
         1. Louis Bu (proxy for DUMASS) nominates DUMASS rep (Louise Cullen), Anna seconds
         2. Kendra Mainprize self nominates, Alex seconds
         3. Cody Roy self nominates, Tara seconds
         4. Mitchell Mathieson self nominates, Anna seconds
         5. Shuya Li self nominates, Taylor seconds
         6. All APPOINTED
7. **New Business;** 
   1. Anti-Oppression Training
      1. Diversity Wheel
      2. Equality vs Equity vs Liberation
      3. Microaggressions
      4. Allyship
      5. Strategies for Creating Inclusive Environment
      6. Sexualized Violence
      7. How to Apologize
      8. Check out Human Rights & Equity Services resources
      9. For any questions, contact Bakhmala
   2. Board of Governors Rep Endorsement Discussion
      1. 8 minutes to review platforms before moving into discussion
      2. Motion for 5 minutes of discussion by Alex, Bakhmala seconds
      3. Motion to go in camera by Alex
      4. Aparna Mohan to be ENDORSED for Board of Governors Rep
   3. Supporting Students in Fall Term
      1. Exec Meeting with Dean’s Office
         1. Create a survey for Science Students to gage what’s working and how to better support
         2. Alex motions to go into 8 minutes of discussion on format of questions, Bakhmala seconds
         3. Suggestion of both ranking and open text boxes--students are very vocal this year and will be inclined to participate
         4. Surveys are a lot, so keep it fairly short, ranking with optional text box to elaborate if needed
         5. Incentive for survey?
            1. Discussion with Faculty of gift card or other prize
         6. Survey may be more useful if they are course specific
            1. Discussion during Dean’s Meeting about course level surveys but also need for more general survey for Winter Term delivery
         7. Question whether students would feel more inclined to participate if they knew where the info was going and if it was from DSS
            1. Students might be more inclined if it’s coming from students but going to the departmental and faculty level for decision making and course design
8. **Business of the Executive;**
   1. President’s report
      1. Exec Meeting, Office Hours, Faculty Council
      2. Organized Dean’s Office Meeting
      3. Met with AnnaSofia for Peer Mentorship
      4. F&G meeting
      5. Contacted Dean’s Office with info for FoS Committee members
      6. Met with Essa for website and linktree
   2. Vice President’s report
      1. Exec and Dean’s Office Meetings
      2. Anti-Oppression workshop
      3. Emailing for mental health programming
      4. Planning Advocacy Committee
   3. Director of Finance’s report
      1. F&G meeting and grants
      2. Office hours and Exec meeting
      3. D-level audit date
      4. Worked on DSU Fall Audit
      5. Set D-level audit date as November 6th, 2020
      6. Template for D-levels for transition to online
   4. Director of Communication’s report
      1. Took over emails address and sent emails
      2. Attended and took minutes at Exec meeting and Dean’s Office meeting
      3. Updated mailing list
      4. Set up office hours
   5. Director of Student Life’s report
      1. Exec and Dean’s Meeting
      2. Office hours
      3. Booked ghost tours
      4. Working on Smart is Sexy
         1. Each D level rep send in 2 questions (1 pop culture and one science) to [cd358580@dal.ca](mailto:cd358580@dal.ca) before next meeting
      5. Brainstormings partnership with Bissett Centre
      6. Email templates for first years emailing professors
   6. Director of Marketing’s report
      1. Exec meeting
      2. Updated Exec info on website
      3. Created and posted link tree of office hours
      4. Posted Instagram stories with office hours
      5. Added minutes to website
   7. Chairperson's Report
      1. Learned Zoom polls
      2. Held office hours
      3. Attended Exec meetings
9. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants
      1. Grants approved ($2500-$2600)
   2. Environmental Affairs
      1. Nothing to report
      2. Environmental Affairs committee needs to be added--appointments tabled to next meeting
   3. Curriculum Committee
      1. Nothing to report
   4. First Year Rep
      1. Started Instagram
      2. Sent info on First Year perspective to Carmen for Dean’s Office Meeting
   5. DISP Rep
      1. Informally reached out to students about experience
         1. Stress about strike
         2. Need for student support
         3. Frustration with labs
   6. DABS
      1. Costume contest--send cool bio costumes
      2. Netflix moving Netflix
      3. BIPOC book club last Monday of every month 5pm on teams
   7. DAMS
      1. Online elections yesterday
   8. DAPS
      1. Honours info and undergrad awards with UNS
      2. Questions about ethics committee
   9. DBSS
      1. One activity by semester
      2. Nov 25 Bingo night
   10. DISS
       1. Creating society bank account
       2. Soon to host AGM
       3. Mentorship meeting on friday
       4. Plans for clothes
   11. DOUGS
       1. Bob Ross virtual paint night
   12. DUESA
       1. Created Facebook
       2. Create library to reduce barriers to entry to Econ students
   13. DUMASS
       1. AGM 2 weeks ago
       2. Email list from department head
       3. First event soon
   14. DUPS
       1. 3 events and discord server
       2. Career Panel Nov 20th
   15. DUUCS
       1. Internet connectivity problems
       2. Discord server
   16. Dawson
       1. Discord server
       2. Chat rooms for each class
       3. Host rock climbing event
   17. EPSS
       1. Hosting vegan recipes on Insta
       2. Sustainability workshops
   18. SIMS
       1. Hosting COVID-19 lecture series
       2. Prizes for attendance of all series
   19. MSSDU
       1. Monthly check-in moved to Oct 24
   20. UNS
       1. Events with DAPs
       2. Brain buddies mentorship
       3. Brain awareness week
   21. King’s Rep
       1. No King’s Rep
   22. DSU Rep
       1. Discussion of faculty stress and potential strike--student position
       2. Vote passed to support faculty in their strike if they can’t reach agreement
   23. Senate Rep
       1. No Senate meeting since last DSS meeting
       2. Academic amnesty for showing support for Indigenous fishers
10. **Announcements and Question Period;**
11. **Notices of Motion;**
12. **Adjournment**