**DSS Council Meeting**

Feb 11th, 2019 at 7:00-8:30 PM - SUB Council Chambers

Chair: Howe Simpson

The Dalhousie Science Society acknowledges that Dalhousie University and

the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on ancestral, 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. **Communications Received**
5. **New Business**
6. Smart Is Sexy

* Date: March 1, from 6:30-9:00 PM (after 9 is 19+) @ SUB Grawood Bar
* In partnership with DASSS
* Come in, have a team, compete for prizes, etc.
* Councillors must send in two questions, a first year level science question and pop culture question to dss@dal.ca
* All ages and all departments are welcome to come

1. Advocacy Form

* The Advocacy Form is now up on our website, thedss.org
* Let your D-Level societies know
* It will be up on social media and posters will be hung up as well

1. **Business of the Executive**
   1. President Report
   2. Vice President Report
   3. Director of Finance Report
   4. Director of Communication Report
   5. Director of Student Life Report
   6. Director of Marketing Report
   7. Chair Report
2. **Reports from the Councillors and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants

* Audits are now able to be submitted
  1. Curriculum Committee
* Science and SCIE courses: these courses that are offered aren’t department specific. They want to add more courses under this label. But, there would be resources taken away from other departments.
* ECON 3320: Sports course being edited. There are a few edits to the syllabus changes, offered this summer.
* Two ECON courses that were used to be cross-listed with Math (ECON 2260/80) aren’t anymore.
* Biology minor requirements have changed. Applies to 90 and 120 hour majors in biology. Biology equivalent courses are able to count towards the minor now.
  1. Faculty Council
  2. ASS
* Held pizza party last Thursday.
* Held it with DUMASS.
  1. DABS
* Had a conference with DAMS: Honour’s Poster Presentation.
  1. DAMS
* Went to the society expo.
* Had the Honour Poster Presentation with DABS.
* Has a Valentine’s Bake Sale this week.
  1. DAPS
* Pacifico Night is TBD.
* DSSSE sent invitation if we wanted to participate in DalCon Dance competition on an unknown Thursday. Weird.
  1. DBSS
* Hosting a Biochemistry Olympics event in the Tupper, Feb. 26 at 4 PM.
  + Composed of a circuit of competitions with biochemistry and lab-themed events, there will be prizes and winners. All the money that will be raised will go towards the DMRF. Anyone is welcome to come.
  1. DOUGS
  2. DUESA
  3. DUMASS
* Had a pizza party with ASS.
* Got clothing order in and sold them at the party.
* On Wednesday, there is an Honours seminar talk on importance of attending conferences at 12:30 PM in the Chase Building.
  1. DUPS
  2. DUUCS
  3. Dawson
* Had a couple of Honours students at a conference. Gave presentations.
* Have a clothing order coming in next week.
  1. EPSS
* Feb 28, 7:00-10:00 PM Wine and Cheese event, University Club.
  1. SIMS
* Have an AA4Y eventually
  1. MSSDU
* We brought up the interim president.
* We made a survey and vote. Got some feedback.
* Gave everyone a weekend to review what was going on. This what they decided upon:
  + 78% should be concerned and 14/18 of our own councillors agreed as well.
  + Not enough student representation in the voting itself. There should be more student transparency on the hiring process.
* Bake sale this Thursday in the Tupper Link.
  + Sending bundles of love (candy grams) at the bake sale.
* Gala: March 9, 2019, $26 and 29 for tickets without or with Pacifico cover.
  1. UNS
* Dr. Newman came in and talked about SURGE Innovation. Event dates are on SURGEInnovation.ca. Open to ideas for events, you can contact him as well about this stuff.
* Clothing designs out on Facebook.
  1. First Year Rep
  2. DISP Rep
  3. Environmental Affairs Rep
* March 18-22 for tabling event.
* Slowly trying to make Instagram account linked to the DSS.
  1. King’s Rep
  2. DSU Rep
* Had a presentation at the DSU. Deans of College of Continuing Education and Comp Sci came. Defined what a student is. There are students that go to Dal that take courses but denied rights of students for things such as access to a bus pass, BS, B00, etc. There isn’t a definition of student at Dal though. A Dalhousie student is now defined as any student enrolled for a course for any mark, statement, assignment, etc. Everyone seemed to agree with it. How can the DSU expand its membership on top of this definition? This reaches a niche part of the student population who are part of the College of Continuing Education or having to take year ‘zero’ courses.
* DSU Survey Results: will be publicly posted for everyone on website and Instagram. Most students that voted were Studley campus students. Most are females. Biggest concern was around tuition, food insecurity, and engagement.
* Breakfast Club Motion: concern about the motion was not discussed with the Equity Coordinator who would be in charge of directing the funding for the motion. Motion is tabled to next Wednesday.
* Fight for 15 and Fairness: September 26, DSU passed a motion, for $15 min. wage to be standardized for all student jobs.. Looking at operations and how that would work. Would everyone be paid $15 or different amount? Would office cap it at $15 base on NS government? It is just discussion right now.
* Meeting on Wednesday: looking at levy questions. NSPIRG was a primary concern. Increasing a dollar and 50 cents increasing NSPIRG initiatives. What DSU would be voting on. Currently, $3.00 is given to NSPIRG.
* Town Hall: talking to Greg. Monday, Feb. 26 from 6-8 PM was a proposed date. Other possible dates is March 11th except F&G is that week though. The promotion and turn-out may be small since it is the Monday right from reading week. The Grawood may not be a good place because of the stage takes up too much space. It depends on how many people will be in there. It would be good for a smaller turnout, but if there are more people, it may not be that great. Cons of having it March 11: the only concern is that it is March, but it might be good for incoming executives and representatives to work, to give to the DSU. The Killam Collider could be a good room. There would be funding available for Sandra. It might be hard to get people out so the Grawood might be a good spot for a social spot. We could get free pizza. Catering would be tough on campus, has to go through Chartwell. There is a list on the DSU page that we can see the places we can get food for.
  1. Senate Rep
* Had a meeting today. McKinnon issue is put on hold. DSU hasn’t been talking about it. On Tuesday, the BOG meeting will be taking place. A bunch of students will be doing a silent protest. There has been a lot of articles from Dal Law or other journalists. Reach out to Vibhu for more information.

1. **Announcements and Question Period**

* Smart is Sexy Questions: please submit questions for this. Please, please, please! You risk losing disbursements. Submit questions in MC format. Include the answer.

1. **Notices of Motion**
2. **Adjournment**