**DSS Council Meeting**

January 14, 2019 at 7:00PM - SUB Council Chambers

 Chair: Howe

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**
* DUUCS is absent.
* EPSS is absent.
* ASS is absent.
1. **New Business**
2. Exec Review
* Motion to move executive review to after D-Level Reports. Carried.
* Tabled executive review to next council meeting. Carried.
1. New Instagram Layout
* Alex has introduced a new format to our Instagram Feed for our stories. She has put different categories in each bubble.
* Some suggestions were put forward:
	+ To incorporate councillor photos and biographies.
	+ To incorporate a “Meet the Councillors” post.
	+ “Events” story tab would be good to include.
	+ The committees would like a story tab as well.
1. Smart is Sexy
* It is a trivia event that we run annually with DASSS in the last year. We have sex-toy prizes when you win. Very popular event so we do it annually. DASSS will be discussing if they want to be involved this year. We will hear from them soon. We would want to do the event without DASSS since it is usually very successful.
* Last year, they had Arts, Sciences, and pop culture questions.
* Perhaps hosting Smart is Sexy twice, one in each term, would be a good idea since it is hard to find a right time once in a year for everyone.
* You can be under 19 until 9PM at the Grawood, but last year it wrapped up around then anyways.
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
	2. Curriculum Committee
* There have been changes to the Minor in Physics. Before they had a list of required courses and prerequisites. Very difficult to take the minor as well as doing any other major program. They changes it to 18-36 credit hours of Physics courses (same as other Minors).
* Academic Integrity: In the process to make academic integrity claims easier for the professors to tackle on. Right now, it is very hard to manage as they have to each individual case even if the students had plagiarized in the same way. Course Hero, OneNote, and related courses that allow you to pay for notes, may be integrated in Academic Integrity policies.
	1. Faculty Council
* SandBox Program, SURGE was announced to the council.
* FIGS will be piloting for both semester now.
* Earth and Environmental Sciences merger is happening.
	1. ASS
* Absent.
	1. DABS
* Having Gala with DAMS soon.
* Had a bake sale.
* Scheduling executive meetings.
	1. DAMS
* Organized a co-op event. Got 3 faculty members and lots of students to come out. Very successful.
* Have Pacifico Night this Friday.
* Had a bake sale.
	1. DAPS
	2. DBSS
	3. DOUGS
	4. DUESA
	5. DUMASS
* Ordered shirts and hoodies. Selling them out of the Chase Building.
* Having a party with ASS next Thursday.
* Honours Seminar on Feb. 13. Start-up companies from Toronto will be there with lots of hiring opportunities.
	1. DUPS
* DUPS lecture and Physics Friday are on for this semester!
* Clothing ordered.
* Ski trip is being planned.
	1. DUUCS
* January 18, they will be hosting a Lab Tie Dye as well as ChemBeer following it.
	1. Dawson
* Mooseheads Game!
* Banquet will be held soon.
	1. EPSS
	2. SIMS
	3. MSSDU
* Had two meetings so far.
* January 21, they’re having a Board Games night.
* They are having a bake sale.
* They are planning for their AGM and Ask a Fourth Year Event.
* Humanities and Gala are in the works.
	1. UNS
* NeuroBeer coming up on January 18
	1. First Year Rep
	2. DISP Rep
	3. Environmental Affairs Rep
	4. King’s Rep
* History of Science and Technology Honours course is available as one of the only science-related courses at King’s College. They also have a society dedicated to that course to bridge the gap between the Arts and Sciences. Hosting a conference soon where they are looking for papers for science-related subjects. The deadline is currently Friday but they are most likely extending it. They are trying to imitate historical experiments therefore would like to involve the Physics faculty and others.
	1. DSU Rep
* Looking for one general member to join the DSU Accessibility Committee. Looks at application for accessibility bursaries.
* Chantal gave revised budget.
* All DSU grants should have been disbursed.
* Upcoming events:
	+ Snowfest is happening Friday, January 18th. Tickets are being sold at the SUB Information Desk. Able to find the event on FaceBook as well.
	+ Winter Society Expo: January 30th, 11am-3pm.
	+ Monroe Day Ski Trip: February 2nd.
	+ Impact Awards: Happening in March. Event that recognizes students’ achievements outside the classroom. Different categories such as residence, individual, society-level awards. There is just a Google Form to fill out. The deadline to nominate is February 8th.
	1. Senate Rep
1. **Announcements and Question Period**
* January 25 deadline for Chemistry NSERC.
* Chemistry Mixer will take place to meet professors on January 21.
1. **Notices of Motion**
2. **Adjournment**