**DSS Council Meeting**

March 18th, 2019 at 7:00PM - 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. **Presentations**
6. SURGE

* Jordan is the project coordinator for SURGE. She gave a presentation to the council. Below you will find a summary of her presentation.
* SURGE is an innovation sandbox. It is a metaphor to play and learn about entrepreneurship, innovation, and commercialization. This is focused on science and applying it to real world problems. Their office is Room 2660 in Oceanography Wing of the LSC. They also offer programs, workshops. They primarily teach problem definition which includes leading launch start ups, customer discovery, understand customer, how to apply sciences. Also teaches soft skills such as networking, connections, resume building, business knowledge. In science, we don’t get a lot of business knowledge shown to us.
* They hope to teach by discover programs (1-2 lunch and learn things), deep- dive events (weekend events, VR, synthetic biology, brain computer interface, Saturday and Sunday you make project, money prize).
* Class registration is tomorrow: there are offering a fourth year class, Capstone. There is a residency program that is tailored towards graduate students but undergraduate students are able to register. There are networks to the startup ecosystem across Halifax.
* Capstone: no pre-reqs required, have to be a 4th year student, science and computer students. The professor is Aaron Newman. The rest are flipped-classroom experiences.

1. IADS

* Congratulations Alex on such a successful campaign!
* Comments on the video are below:
  + Well-edited
  + Is there a link in the video description to our website? There could be a description link for our website, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
  + Add a little group shot of IADS? Put a picture or video at the end.
  + The point of the video. Three goals. One is to get DSS out there. One is to get Faculty involved and engage more of a community feel. One is not only to engage and include students, but also professors and researchers.

1. **New Business**
2. DSS Zero Waste

* The environmental committee and Alex have made an event.
* This will be running until Monday.
* There will be tabling sessions tomorrow and Wednesday in the LSC by the Wallace McCain area. There is a poll to sign up to volunteer for the tabling events. The majority of the event will be on social media.
* They will be giving away mason jars and get people to talk about reducing waste. There are little tips in the jars to pass them on to other people and social media.
* Tell everyone about your D-Level societies about this.

1. Town Hall

* March 20th, 5-7 PM, in the Grawood.
* It is not as much about solution planning but it is more raising awareness of all the problems facing science students at Dalhousie University.
* Survey has created from feedback given by council and executive meetings. Pass on the D-Level societies.
* Two options
  + Smaller groups: introduction, each table would have one moderator with different topics (ie. infrastructure), guide conversations, bring the conclusions back to the DSS or Faculty. After each session, we could summarize with the whole group. Different groups of same topics.
  + One big group: forum discussion, depends on how many people show up.

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

* Moe will like the councillors to promote the VP of Finance. Send resume to [dss@dal.ca](mailto:dss@dal.ca) if you are interested.
* Meet with DOUGS rep after meeting.
  1. Curriculum Committee
  2. Faculty Council
  3. ASS
* Held a resume and networking event last Friday.
* Held a wine and cheese event last Friday.
  1. DABS
* Have gala coming up with DAMS on Saturday.
* Have a Keith’s Brewery tour coming up on March 30.
* Got sweaters in!
* AGM will be in April sometime.
  1. DAMS
* Have gala coming up with DABS on Saturday.
* Bake sale went well.
* AGM happened and elected new executive.
  1. DAPS
* Had a gala (business casual though).
* Pacifico night on March 29th.
* AGM this Wednesday.
  1. DBSS
* Ask a 4th Year went well.
* Biochemistry Olympics went well..
* AGM on March 29th
  1. DOUGS
  2. DUESA
  3. DUMASS
* Wine and cheese with ASS on Friday.
* Complaints sent to departments on conflicts with courses.
  1. DUPS
* Had a ski trip went well.
* Trivia night went well.
  1. DUUCS
* Chemistry Career Night will be on this Thursday.
  1. Dawson
  2. EPSS
* Wine and cheese went well.
* Sweater in soon.
* AGM tomorrow.
  1. SIMS
* Wine and cheese went well.
* Garrison tour this Friday.
  1. MSSDU
* Had our gala.
* Clothing orders are on their way.
* Humanities event went well.
* AGM is upcoming on next Wednesday.
  1. UNS
* Had gala with DAPS.
* Brain Awareness Week was last week.
* Had a graduate expo that went well.
* Last event is Pacifico Night.
* AGM is coming up.
  1. First Year Rep
  2. DISP Rep
* Research symposium on April 4th.
* Poster presentation on April 5th.
  1. Environmental Affairs Rep
* See you tomorrow!
  1. King’s Rep
  2. DSU Rep
* Executive policy a few weeks back: president has to submit report on general coordinator on labour relations. Aaron will ask the DSU lawyer regarding that.
* Judicial board has been appointed.
* NSPIRG: gave a presentation to the DSU. DSU survey was published on the website from last semester. NSPIRG also was petitioning to get levy raised. Got signatures and gave them to the registrar but a lot of the signatures were invalid. Don’t know how the name got on the levy signature list this year. Their levy was not passed.
* Breakfast Club: 1000$ will go from Equity Office to the Club.
* Accessibility bursary applications have been extended. If you go to the DSU website, there would be applications on one of the tabs.
* Budget advisory consultation: held administration accountable. Lots of the concerns was about international student fees by 11% and domestic by 3.3%. The tuition increase wouldn’t affect current students but more incoming students.
* BOG: presidential search is ongoing. The BOG rep is elected through the general election. The other one will be available in September in the by-election.
* Chantal is working on 2019-2020 budget.
  1. Senate Rep
* Today, there was this panel discussion between Peter MacKinnon and students. However, instead it was a diversity presentation and students weren’t able to ask any questions.
* Tuition hikes: DISA is the international student society. They have been working really hard to push against Dal’s tuition hikes. Gave a statement. Current enrolled students are exempt but the ones joining are gonna be hit by it.
* Concerns were raised by the council.
  + What are we able to do about it though? There is petition, statement, and other societies that are promoting this statement.
  + There is a 12$ million deficit for Dal’s budget. They want to raise more people to get in to close that. Is there another pathway to make the deficit close? If we are similar to U15 universities, can we have the support that they have as well?
  + Part of the issue that they haven’t been transparent. We are not like other U15 universities.
  + DISA is addressing only international students. DSU is protesting in general tuition increase.
  + Back report: shows graphs on what government funding is being ‘cut’.
  + The government isn’t really cutting funding. The government is increasing funding but it isn’t at the rate that Dal needs it maintain operations.
  + NS government is giving 2$ million, Dal operating budget is 19$ million dollars.
  + Voted in support of the DISA statement

1. **Announcements and Question Period**

* AGM: April 1, 7 PM, all councillors are *required* to be there. All the executive positions are all up for grabs. Talk to us, send an email, DM Instagram, office hours, after this meeting. Free PIZZA, getting garlic fingers.
* DOUGS and DUUCS come talk to Moe.
* Executive review committee after.

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