**DSS Council Meeting**

October 15th at 7:00-7:45PM - SUB Council Chambers

Chair: Howe Simpson

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. **Communications Received**
5. **Appointments**
6. Faculty of Science

* Point of Information: if we have the number of required people for a committee or less, we can just appoint and no vote required

i) Curriculum Committee (Alex, “X”)

* Looking for one student
* Meets monthly
* No one ran for this position during this meeting

ii) Faculty of Science Committee (Tanner)

* Pass any FoS business, other accessory items could be brought up at these meetings
* One person ran

iii) Student Appeals Committee (Sara)

* Decision or refusal to make decisions with respect to academic matters
* 1-2 hours if held, last year had no meetings
* One person ran

iv) Medical Sciences External Program Review (Alex)

* Three meetings a year
* One person ran

b. DSS Committees

i) Exec review committee (Jacob, “X”)

* Formal review of executive in fall and winter semesters
* Provide honorariums based on our performance
* Two people wanted
* One person ran

ii) Social committee (Mikaela, **Chris**, Autumn, Arlene)

* ASS proxy, Renny, nominated **DSS** rep for this position
* ASS DSS representative must email the DSS to confirm agreeance for running for the position
* Other three people ran

iii) First year committee (Alex, Sara, Lindsay C.)

* Unlimited number of seats on this committee
* Three people ran

iv) Advocacy committee (Fran, Liam, Sara)

* Unlimited people
* Three people ran

v) Environmental Affairs Committee (Moira, Krishshain)

* Unlimited people
* Bridges environmental affairs to DSS
* Two people ran

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
3. **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
4. **Reports from the Councillors and Standing Committees;**
   1. Finance & Grants

* Nothing to report
  1. Curriculum Committee
* Lots of changes made; however, none were important
* If there are any questions regarding the Psych and Neuro department, feel free to send Alex Oprea an email
  1. Faculty Council
* Nothing to report
  1. DABS
* Absent
  1. DAMS
* Absent
  1. DAPS
* Nothing to report
  1. DBSS
* Going skating at the Oval
  1. DOUGS
* Absent
  1. DUESA
* Nothing to report
  1. DUMASS
* Held a party with ASS
  1. DUPS
* Next Friday is a Physics mixer at 5:30 PM
  1. DUUCS
* ChemBeers happening every Friday
  1. Dawson
* Geobeers regularly
  1. EPSS
* Clothing swap on Thursday, by donation
* Outdoor clean-up
* Sponsoring an animal via. FB page
  1. SIMS
* Wine and Cheese next Friday from 5:00-8:00 PM
  1. MSSDU
* Had our first council meeting and successful bake sale
  1. UNS
* NeuroBeer this Friday at 6:00 PM
  1. ASS
* Hosted party with DUMASS
  1. First Year Rep
* Nothing to report
  1. DISP Rep
* Working on DISP society ratified
  1. Environmental Affairs Rep
* Lots of HRM events happening soon surrounding environmental affairs
  + UN Citizens Climate Lobby: making a Halifax chapter and meeting every Wednesday
  + Halifax Tree Walk
  + Climate Change and Sustainability Talk in McCain this Thursday from 7-8:30
  + HRM has many different committees around the community that need representatives so if you want to get involved, let Arlene know
  1. King’s Rep
* Absent
  1. DSU Rep
* Has attended two DSU meetings since last DSS meeting
* **Electing Committee Members**
  + Oversight Committee
    - Executive Committee Review for the DSU; analogous to the DSS’s committee
    - Open for 2 members at large (non-council)
  + Grant and Sponsorship Committee:
    - External committee, meets every second Thursday
  + Student Life Committee
    - Contact Cory Larson, our VP of Student Life if interested
  + Office and Steering committee
    - They make sure that the services in the SUB are preferable to students and functioning well
* **Part-Time Jobs**
  + On DSU website under “Get Involved, Job Posting” tab
  + Society engagement officer is an example of potential employment
* **Events**
  + BoG
    - Tomorrow in the Grawood at 5:45 PM, very casual and fun
  + DSU AGM
    - Nov 7, SUB Atrium (in front of Grawood) at 6PM, need 1% people of student population to amend things and vote on policies
  + Special meeting this Wednesday: two election policies will be talked about
    - Election policy: highlights the wordings and spelling errors DSU fixed up, taking out certain sections
    - Referendum policy: DSU council is composed of elected student representatives, go through different definitions, by-law number has changed, general rules section added rules
* Sandra has monthly updates on policies in the blog on the DSS and DSU website
* Temperature check: to agree with the amendments of the election policy: good
* **Passed By-Laws**
  + In order to ratify society, used to need minimum of 3 executives
  + Changed to need minimum of 10 members to ratify societies and 3 executives
  + Minimum wage motion: allows DSU to support campaigns to support transition of minimum wage to liveable wage
* **Committee Reports**
  + Masuma Khan: Dal wants to increase percentage of funding to make it tuition as free as possible
  + Need to address fees for international students as they are not regulated at all
  1. Senate Rep
* **New Sexual Violence Policy**
  + Was supposed to be a campaign with many advertisements including posters, bookmarks, banners, promotions, etc. (planned by HRes)
  + But there hasn’t been any about it, minimal advertising (saw one or two posters and sent out emails), no information in orientation packages

- **Dentistry Dean has to Update Sexual Violence in the Program**

* Haven’t been really doing anything, they are working on this though
* **Richard Florizone is Leaving**
  + In December: new Presidential Search Committee is on the hunt!
  + Like to see a president that is BIPOC, potentially female, gender-queer, Faculty of Arts
  + Sent out a questionnaire by email to see what we’re looking for
  + Ask Vibhu for more information
  + MOU: Fight for Fees Committee (5:30PM on Wednesday)

1. **Amendments to the Constitution**
2. See attached document

* ASS is ratified as a constituent society

1. **Announcements and Question Period**

* Q: Lindsay C: How does a Christmas Mixer sound this year? It will be more or less like the Welcome Mixer?
* A: Yes, cake would be nice too
* Constitution Committee: need all D-level societies’ constitutions emailed to the DSS if you haven’t already

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