**Dalhousie Science Society Council Meeting**

9 March 2020, 7:00PM - Council Chambers Dalhousie Student Union Building

 Chair: Sandra Sunil

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;**
	1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Autumn motioned liam second

Autumn motioned to add Jad and hannah to the presentations portion

1. **Acceptance of the minutes;**
	1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the February 24th meeting be accepted as circulated.

Autumn motioned Ali second

1. **Presentations**
	1. DSU Candidates
		1. Erica Seelemann

Hello everyone! For those of you who don't know me. My name is Liz and I’m speaking on behalf of my friend Erica, who is running for Vice President of Academic and External this election. Erica is a fourth neuroscience student with a minor in applied ethics at Dalhousie University.

If elected, there are three main areas she’d like to improve on our campuses. These are sustainability, security, and representation.

• Sustainability: Halifax is an amazing city with many local stores and sustainable living options. Dalhousie needs to reflect the city by reducing its dependency on large scale franchises and making spaces on campus for local stores to sell sustainable alternatives. Local stores produce less waste, support the local economy, and have an interest in our community’s wellbeing. Erica has reached out to several cafes, including the Lucky Penny, Dilly Dally Eats, and the East Coast Bakery. They are all interested in reaching more students.

• Security: Erica would like improve student security on campus in two ways.

o Firstly, She would like to initiate a system where Dalhousie security officers can accompany students from school buildings to residences or bus stops on campuses, after sunset, if they are uncomfortable. The uncomfortable truth is that there have been assaults on campus and action needs to be taken to prevent them in the future.

o Secondly, when the university is closed for inclement weather, Erica would like to create a ‘safe zone policy’. Instead of the entire university closing immediately, one area on all campuses will remain open for 1 hour longer, so students have time to organize transportation home. Students should not be forced to evacuate campus with no notice into unsafe weather conditions

• Representation: Did you know that Dalhousie University's students come from over 115 countries? Erica would like to improve minority visibility and representation on our campuses, beginning by creating spaces on all our campuses where groups can share their culture. Additionally, all major religious holidays observed by our students should be represented in our Student Union Building. For example, Chinese lanterns should be displayed around Chinese New Year and a menorah should be displayed during Chanukah. Improving representation also applies to students who are LGBTQ+. Erica would like to help DalOUT secure a permanent office space in the SUB, so that students will have a safe place to go and express their concerns. Improving minority visibility sheds light on to inequalities these groups face in our community. Visibility is the first step towards mitigating these issues.

Overall, Erica is campaigning because she thinks that Dalhousie University is a wonderful place to learn, but our student council needs to be run more effectively. The DSU handles a nearly 2.9 million dollar budget, but recently conflict between the council and students has prevented needed changes. If elected, Erica promises to eliminate this disconnect between council and students by remaining honest and transparent throughout the term

Liam-safety at howe hall and security at residences

Fran-has she spoken to dal security about her idea

she has not yet

Fran-

 She has not talked to the buisnesses on campus

Adam- implmenting local buisnesses on campus and DSU

 Yes she has

James- has she talked about the labour disput with the Gradwood

 Her stance there wil be a campaign

Alex-what kind of experience does she have in this position

 Did not provide me with a resume she has held positions

autumn - what position is this

Academic external

James- how does she feel about the non diclosure agreements that

 I noy sure

* + 1. Madeleine Stinson

DSU president

2nd year working with DSU

3rd yr managment student

Minor in security studies

Felt obligated from my experience

Accountability-i want to bring back live streaming and minutes, being avalible

Sustainability

Community- don't feel connected to the union, work with the fine arts program and varsity sports to opening their events

Giant calender- where ppl can premote their events

Questions

Fran- pockets of students that feel neglected, how will you better serve these people

 Grad students students, opening opportunities for individuals , international student policy

Liz- Stance of CFS

 Don’t want a referendum unless students are updated on information

* + 1. Shivam Mahajan

3rd year Bch CS

Social rep of comp sci - host events, built trust within societies

VP external

Room for improvement

inclusivity - hackathons, DSU should have more inclusive events, Office hours, CSS more athletic events- students can’t commit an entire term, previous years they were not exposed to societies on campus

Bahkmala- WHat experience do have working with LGBTQ, indigenous, Sexual abused

 Premoted awarness however no direct exoerience

Liz-declines in grant applications

 Getting people work with other students

Bahkmala-what is your course schedule

 Next term im currently in a research position

Liz- are you a graduated students

 No

Liam-safer events

 Painting events

Liz what kind of staff are at these events

 External staff volunteers

-have that staff at all res events

 Yes

* + 1. Jad Ghiz

Canadien lebanesse

2nd year management

Studying entupenerial, help make life better

Inclusivity

Safety

Fun

Science more related to the events side, visibility and promotion

Questions

Alex-somthing to add

 Visibility, safety, accountability

Bahkmala- advocating for marginalized communities, what experience working with them

 Help coordinate with the biggest cultural festival, consent culture- safe culture on campus, have time and energy resources on campus

Liam- it is howe particularly bad

 Keep the culture in a safe space,

Most venues wont allow students underage near the bar

 safety of the event and changing the policy

 Resolving that control with the DSU

Point of info- harm reduction, residence is not currently dry

* + 1. Hanna Stewart

Currently med sci- 2nd year

Running VP Internal

Key communicatior between societies and DSU

Connection, understand what students wants on campus

Mental helath resources, Food

Upholding myself to office hours

Trying to change what i have heard from fellow students

What helped me to decide to run

communication - improving response time

Consciousness- how were impacting the students

Questions

How many classes

 Will be taking 4 courses and drop as needed

conciousness , how do you plan to implment it

 Being aware of what students want through multiple polls , tuition frezzes and what students want

Inclusiveness, maganalized groups

Mental help, food secuity holding referendums

Any specific directions for food security

 Sexton campus, would like to work with the food coalition, laoded ladel type service at sexton and get a food bank their

Loaded ladel does serve at sexton campus

 Lack of structure, no acess to kitchen

Fran-Sexton food locker, an iniative, maybe look at those smaller iniatives and work on them

Fran-Their problems is unique to their campus

Fran-what do you precieve as your biggest challenge,

student engagment, most difficult

Alex motions Autumn second

* + 1. Mazen

VP student life

2nd yr kenisionlogy

RA at sheiff hall

Dal lead committee

Youngest candidate

Emailed survey 800 ppl satifactoy scales

Tigers

Student empowerment

DSU that you can be proud of

Want people to be proud

Questions

Liz- adress neg perception, HOW were going to change

 Acknowledging the problems, listening to the criticism, whether you implement it you need to be heard.

Liz- when your having the convo, how will you be getting it more than a convo

 Certain policy, motion to change that

Essa- anything you want change right off the bat if you have get the position

 CFS, and mostly student engagment

Liam-how will you get ppl to get more involved

 Each person need to able to express yourself

Liam- he felt out of touch when I went to the meeting

 We didnt feel welcomed or awknowledge, communication and transparency

James- are you fully commited to streaming the DSU council meetings

ALex motions in cameron Autumn seconds

Alex motions discussion about endorsement second autumn

Alex motions to extend discussion second autumn

Alex motions extends discussion 2 more min autumns seconds

Alex motions to VPAE

Discussion

Ali motions 3 mins extension, autumn seconds

Autumn Motions discussion for student life candidates kate second

Ali motioned for discussion VPI autmn seconds

Autumn 2 min discussion of VPFO

Autumn motions to go out of camera turner seconds

President- madiline stension

VPAE- Erica

VPSL-Jad

VPI-no endorsment

VPFO-no confidence

Motions for 5 more min

1. **Amendments to the Constitution;**
2. **Appointments;**
3. **New Business;**
	1. Research 101 Event
	2. Exec Review
4. **Old Business;**
5. **Business of the Executive;**
	1. President’s report
	2. Vice President’s report
	3. Director of Finance’s report
	4. Director of Communication’s report
	5. Director of Student Life’s report
	6. Director of Marketing’s report
	7. Chairperson's Report
6. **Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;**
	1. DSU Rep
	2. Senate Rep
	3. Finance & Grants
	4. Environmental Affairs
	5. Curriculum Committee
	6. First Year Rep
	7. DISP Rep
	8. Professional Development Rep
	9. DABS
	10. DAMS
	11. DAPS
	12. DBSS
	13. DOUGS
	14. DUESA
	15. DUMASS
	16. DUPS
	17. DUUCS
	18. Dawson
	19. EPSS
	20. SIMS
	21. MSSDU
	22. UNS
	23. King’s Rep
7. **Announcements and Question Period**
	1. Symposium
8. **Notices of Motion;**
9. **Adjournment**