

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2015, 5:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

**CALL TO ORDER at 5:51PM**

## 1. ROLL CALL

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Bassemah Al Hulaimi	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Sam Dixon (Proxy: Abbey Martin)	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Yazan Matarieh	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senate Representative)
Bart Soroka (Proxy: Kevin Hong)	Law Representative
Callahan Murphy	Management Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss (Proxy: Tammy Selman)	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative

### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Corlyn Turner (Proxy: Mark Veysey)	Commerce Representative

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Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Marissa Multari/Thomas Steeves	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative

## VACANCIES:

Vacant	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Vacant	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Vacant	Women's Community Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Agricultural Representative
Vacant	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Vacant	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Vacant	Health Professions Representative
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## OTHERS PRESENT:

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION 2015-05-21: A01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be accepted.

**Moved:** Reid **Seconded:** Larsen

#### MOTION 2015-05-21: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move presentations before the appointments.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Matarieh

#### MOTION 2015-05-21: A02: CARRIED

#### MOTION 2015-05-21: A01 CARRIED

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION 2015-05-21: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

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**Moved:** Matarieh **Seconded:** Reid

**MOTION 2015-05-21: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Chair Johannson reviewed a letter received regarding the Member at Large appointment.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Fiduciary Duty, Tim Hill

- Hill talked about the positions of the council members, their affairs, challenges, and legal roles in the student union.
- Basic duties are diligence, loyalty and obedience.

### B. Introduction by Craig Kennedy, DSU General Manager

- Kennedy talked about his positions and responsibilities in the union and the issues DSU union faces as a whole.

### C. Council Orientation by Greg Johannson

- Council roles and rules
- Proxy form Brought 24 hours before meeting
- Motion Notice (Prior 2 weeks)
- Send regrets 24 prior the meeting.
- Addressing council
- Point of Personal Privilege and Order /Challenge
- Debating on motions (vibrant opinions & authority of Chair to cut time off)
- Motions (To amend, refer, move & limit debate)
- Agenda (Amended only by 2-3rd council members)
- Agenda (Prior 72 hours submission)

**The meeting recessed at 6:27**

**The meeting was called back to order at 6:33**

## 7. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Council Appointments

#### i. Member-at-Large: May Appointment

**Nominees: Nominee:** Jad Sinno **Nominated by:** Matarieh

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**Ballot vote conducted.**

**Candidate elected: Jad Sinno**

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Jad Sinno be appointed as Member-at-Large on the Dalhousie Student Union Council for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Matarieh **Seconded:** Al Hulaimi

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C01 CARRIED**

**ii. Extending Black Student Representative Term until September**

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the term of the Black Student Representative be extended until September 15, 2015.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Veysey

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C02 CARRIED**

**B. Committee Appointments**

**i. Grants Committee (2 council members):**

**Nominees:**

**Nominee:** Harry Makohoniuk

**Nominated by:** Makohoniuk

**Nominee:** Angela Hou

**Nominated by:** Larsen

**Nominee:** Bassemah Al Hulaimi

**Nominated by:** Al Hulaimi

**Meeting went in camera at 6:53 PM.**

**Meeting went ex camera at 6:58 PM.**

**Ballot vote conducted.**

**Candidates Elected:** Harry Makohoniuk & Angela Hou

**ii Grants Committee (1 non-council member)**

**Nominees:**

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**Nominee:** none

**Nominated by:** n/a

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment postponed to June 17 meeting.**

### iii. Society Review Committee (2 council members)

**Nominees:**

**Nominee:** Corey Larsen

**Nominated by:** Angela Hou

**Candidates Elected by Acclamation:** Corey Larsen

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Corey Larsen be appointed as a council member on the Dalhousie Student Union Society Review Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved: Davies-Cole Seconded: Reid**

**MOTION 2015-05-21: C04 CARRIED**

### iv. Society Review Committee (1 non-council member)

**Nominees: Nominee:** none **Nominated by:** n/a

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment postponed to June 17 meeting.**

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

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## **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbuber Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton was not present.

## **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION ON RFP PROCESS FOR SPACE IN THE SUB BASEMENT**

**Moved:** Nicholson

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO SPLIT THE EXTERNAL AND ACADEMIC COMMITTEES**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2015-05-21: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Reid **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2015-05-21: A03 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM**

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Friday, May 1, 2015 to Sunday, May 17, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

### Governance Review

- We've recently received the phase 1 portion of the governance review. Over the last week I've gone through the comments and notes made by the law firm
- Just had a meeting to discuss the preliminary thoughts from executive and staff

### AC Campus

- Had a lunch meeting with DASA to discuss our future focus
- Attended the AC campus convocation ceremony with Kaitlyne
- Met with our health plan provider to discuss issues arising from AC campus

### Executive Team

- Staff photos!
- Met up with the KSU executive
- We've had a few executive meetings
- Had an executive retreat
- Mapped out our goals and our guiding principles
- Working towards hiring (1) full time communications and (1) reservations staff member
- Worked to appoint various council members

Meeting with the SMUSA president went very well

We've had an officers meeting and a Board of Operations meeting

## **OPERATIONS**

### SUB Renovations

- Set up the new office
- Have been attending meetings 1-2 times weekly regarding everything from public information sessions to budget consolidation
- Had a brief interview with Dal News
- Have been working with Emily and other Dalhousie staff to ensure that our communications surrounding the renovations will be exciting, up to date and reflect the students values
  - Emily has drafted a wicked action plan schedule

### AC Campus

- Attended a meeting with admin and the DASA executives to discuss the Agricultural Campus master plan

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- We've had a few meetings with student services to discuss areas of collaboration
- Attended Senate last week
- Senate Learning and Teaching committee meeting

# **President**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- Planning and Governance committee meetings
- Senate discipline training
- I've been sitting on the search committee for the new Dalhousie Vice-President of Advancement
- Attended the Dalhousie Alumni Association board meeting
- Attended an environment and health safety committee meeting

### **ADVOCACY**

- Begun to get caught up to speed with some of the great work being done with the working group on sexual and gender based violence
- Contributed my support to the working group focusing on student parents
- Met with a representative from BuySocial
- Attended the 2-day Atlantic Universities Mental Health Summit
- Met to discuss Equity policy and what it would look like to implement the ideas coming from of last year's team

### **SERVICES**

- Working with the executives and Emily to arrange Handbooks this year
- Met with various societies at the society lunch
- Have met with various levied societies to discuss future vision and areas where the DSU can lend support

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Volunteered at the Bluenose Marathon to represent Dal
- Attended the Dalhousie Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet with the Alumni Association to represent the Student Union



# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Friday, May 1, 2015 to Sunday, May 17, 2015

## **CONTACT:**

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902-494-1276

## **INTERNAL**

### **Executive Transition**

- Moving offices for the renovation – come visit the executive in room 307!
- Days of meetings to learn the day to day operations of working for the DSU
  - o I am still learning a lot every day
- Setting up and connecting email/ social media accounts
  - o Email me at [ypi@dsu.ca](mailto:ypi@dsu.ca)!

### **Ratification**

- The ratification link has been fixed and societies have been submitting for ratification
  - o All Pending ratifications from last semester will be reviewed under the new Society Review Committee

### **Grants**

- All pending grant applications will be reviewed by the new Grants Committee

### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Sexton, Carleton, and Studley Campuses

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Improve the Website**

- Working with the Executive, Isaac, Kaley, and Emily to fix the website
  - o Update content
  - o Improve navigation to the website itself
  - o Make more user friendly

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Investigate how Tiger Society fits our needs and if it is the best platform for the DSU
- Research other community network platforms to find a more cost effective option

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## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **Working with Student Services**

- Meeting on Friday to discuss avenues for student advocacy in the university
  - o Discussion of an Ombudsperson position/office

### **Improve communication of university resources available for students – especially for societies**

Examples include:

- Career and Leadership Development Centre – Co-Curricular record opportunities
- Student Services: Availability of Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- o Incorporate into society training
- o Incorporate into the new event booking form

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Working to continue Jennifer's work in addressing the issues faced by student parents at Dalhousie.

Tasks:

- Outlining a position for a commissioner to research the services, policies, and resources for student parents at other universities to create a report.

## **SERVICES**

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form**

- The new form would streamline all the resources and services available to member societies for promotion, logistics, and financing
- Better advertise services through the DSU and the University to provide more resources to students
- Looking to be ready for use in September

Tasks:

- Investigating how to incorporate new elements into our current process on Tiger Society
- Consult with societies to make the events process more comprehensive, user friendly, and efficient

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## **Improving the “Hands On” Volunteer engagement resource**

- Working with Isaac (DSU Member Services Coordinator) to improve “Hands On”
  - o “Hands On” is the current volunteer engagement tool used on the DSU website. Interested students answer questions to connect them to volunteer opportunities that best suit their interests
- Looking to create a more personalized experience by establishing a “Volunteer Committee”
  - o The mandate of this committee would be to meet with students to discuss their interests, skills, and experiences to find fitting volunteer opportunities in the union or to help them start a project of their own.
    - This Committee would maintain a working inventory of all the projects and opportunities to volunteer to support initiatives of the executive, council, staff, societies, and members of the the Union.
    - Members of the committee would also follow up with volunteers to ensure their experience is the best possible.

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working with Isaac to plan monthly events for societies (ex. Monthly small scale society fairs)
  - o Way for societies to advertise events and initiatives
  - o Avenue for societies to network and collaborate with each other
  - o Way to engage with students on different campuses
- Establish regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect
- Create a more engaging model for society training with Member Services Department

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Executive Transition:**

DSU Executive team transition ended with a weekend retreat. We are working on set our executive goals for the year.

##### **Meeting with Society Incoming Treasurers:**

I am meeting with the incoming VP Finance/Treasurers of Type 1 (Faculty and Levied) Societies to discuss about the audit and other relevant matters. In the last two weeks I met with Dalhousie Science Society (DSS), Dalhousie Law Student Society (LSS), Dalhousie Commerce Society (DCS), Dalhousie University Nursing Society (DUNS), Society of Undergraduate Planners (SUP), Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Society (DDHS), and Dalhousie International Student Association (DISA).

I will meet the other societies in coming months.

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### **SUB Renovations:**

SUB Renovations Tenders are opened. We have five proposals from bidders to be General Contractors. Along with University Project Management and architect we are working to select the GC.

##### **SUB Renovation Finance:**

Working on the last minute works with RBC to finalize the Financing with Construction Financing, Swap Financing and cash flows.

#### **SERVICES**

##### **International Health Plan Review:**

International Health Plan review meeting was held with our Insurance Provider. University Representatives from Student Wellness and International Center were present. The status of International Health plan and relevant issues were discussed.

##### **International Student Emergency Bursary:**

Meeting with the University Student Services and International Center to proceed with the criteria and process for International student Emergency Bursary.

##### **Sponsorship:**

**Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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Board of Operations has approved \$1000 sponsorship to Dalhousie Delegation to Canadian University Queer Services Conference.

## **Report to DSU Council for Thursday May 21st**

**John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca**

### **INTERNAL**

Executive Transition happened April 22<sup>nd</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Very intense period.

- Meetings with many university officials
- Meetings with Societies
- Financial protocol training
- Went to Truro to meet Agriculture Students Association
- Executive Retreat to Fall's Lake

With the support of the full executive, I am taking the lead to organize a Skills Conference open to all students in mid-September. This conference will consist of issue and skill-based sessions to develop student union leadership and activism skills. This will be particularly useful for faculty and department society executives and I'd love to have your participation! Examples of workshops include effective lobbying, effective meeting facilitation, Student Issues in Nova Scotia 101, How to get in the news, membership outreach etc.

- Hiring a Skills Conference Commissioner! Full job description at [dsu.ca/opportunities](http://dsu.ca/opportunities). Send a resume and cover letter to [dsumemberservices@dal.ca](mailto:dsumemberservices@dal.ca) by May 25th to apply.

Working as an executive to make the website better and more user-friendly. Planning to create an updated student issues section with information and resources. I want your suggestions! Are there resources/tools/etc that you think should be there?

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Orientation

- Attended Senate Orientation
- Attended Senate Discipline Committee Training

##### Meetings

- Senate meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Hewitt (Faculty of Science) elected as new chair of senate. Bill 100 discussed.
- Senate Planning & Governance Committee meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **CAMPAIGNS**

#### **Unlearn Campaign**

- Attended Canadian University Queer Services Conference May 7-10 at Ryerson University. Joined my students from DalOUT, DalOUT Truro, South House and DSU Council LGBT Rep. Great chance to meet other campus LGBT organizers and share

skills/ideas. DSU placed a bid to host CUQSC in 2016, and we won! We view this as a sign of national recognition from our peers for the anti-misogyny efforts that the DSU has made in the last year.

- Safer Universities and Colleges Act introduced in the legislature by Dave Wilson, MLA for Sackville-Cobequid. The DSU strongly supports this legislation and we attended the press conference introducing it. The bill calls for universities to have a plan to address sexual violence, update it every 4 years with significant student involvement, and publicly disclose sexual assault statistics. The bill passed second reading with support from all parties, and is expected to be brought to a final vote in the fall.  
Read the bill (it's short) at: [http://nslegislature.ca/legc/bills/62nd\\_2nd/1st\\_read/b114.htm](http://nslegislature.ca/legc/bills/62nd_2nd/1st_read/b114.htm)

## **Students Unite Campaign**

### News / Information

- This has been a heated spring season on student debt issues. The NS budget: 1) deregulated tuition fees, 2) reduced the debt cap program while branding it as a new "loan forgiveness program and 3) called for new accountability measures for universities.
- The accountability measures were anything but: the University Accountability and Sustainability Act (Bill 100) is actually an anti-union bill. Between tuition deregulation and the restrictions on faculty/staff union rights, administrators are significantly less accountable and we all are worse off for it.

### Actions

- "Study-in" action at finance minister Diana Whalen's office in Clayton Park. Secured a 40-minute meeting with the minister and at least 10 media hits, including an in-studio interview at CBC and a Bruce Mackinnon cartoon.
- Two rallies at the legislature. One with NSUncut, a coalition against austerity measures in the budget. Got several media hits. Second rally regarding Bill 100, with faculty, staff and student unions present. I gave a speech at this rally. Roughly 100 attended, mostly faculty. Received good media coverage. A simultaneous rally took place at Cape Breton University with several hundred in attendance.
- Law Amendments – presentations to the Law Amendments Committee regarding Bill 100 and the Financial Measures Act
- Produced Membership Advisory on Bill 100 to put the bills measures into clear language. Can be viewed at: [http://dsu.ca/sites/default/files/image-uploads/DSU\\_MA\\_Bill100.pdf](http://dsu.ca/sites/default/files/image-uploads/DSU_MA_Bill100.pdf)
- Worked with Dal Legal Aid to support a student in Transition Year Program who had been unfairly cut off income assistance. DLA is advocating for her in court while DSU is working to end Regulation 67 of the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act, the prevents people on welfare from attending university without jumping through so many hoops that it may as well be impossible. A press release was sent out, which received coverage in the Halifax Examiner.

- Sent a formal letter to Joanne Bernard, Minister of Community Services and Minister responsible for the NS Advisory Council on the Status of Women in support of repealing regulation 67 and supporting the Safer Universities and Colleges Act. Currently waiting for a reply.

### **Federal Election Campaign**

- The federal election will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The election is expected to be called at some point between labour day and the second week of September.
- Met with a representative from VoteDemocracy about preparation for the federal election. I asked the group to develop a proposal for a poster and outreach campaign which the DSU could endorse.
- Met with Zane Robison (Dal Executive Director Student Life) about getting Elections officials access to residence to enumerate students (update the voters list). Dalhousie is refusing to let enumerators in and rejected the idea of having RAs help with enumeration- even if they were paid by Elections Canada. Without the university's cooperation, other strategies to get students registered to vote will be necessary.

### **UPCOMING**

- Motion to divide Academic & External Committee into two separate committees in development.
- Report-back from CUQSC
- Forming CUQSC 2016 and Federal Election organizing committees
- Participating in hiring committee for SUB Reservations director.
- Attending convocations in DSU capacity
- Attending my own graduation!



# ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL



## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Transition**

###### Incoming & Outgoing

April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>

- Review of transition report with outgoing Vice President Student Life (VPSL). This report covered all internal and external information regarding the position.
- Review of outgoing VPSL's goals and timeline last year. Including what was accomplished, what needed to continue with consistency, and what was unsuccessful.
- Becoming oriented with members/ actors of the union who I will be working with throughout my time here. Such as societies, staff members, external partners and sponsors. In addition having the outgoing VPSL at these meetings was helpful in updating me on current collaborative projects, and past relationships.

###### Incoming

May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>

- Incoming executive retreat: Helpful in crafting our mission as a team for the 2015/2016 year. Created focused goals that we hope to accomplish as a team. Created a list of discussion topics that needed to be reviewed as a team over the next couple of weeks at executive meetings.
- Set personal goals for my position for the year.

#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### **Orientation**

- Joined the Orientation Committee 2015. Made up of members throughout the university who work on orientation, such as residence life, academic advising, the international center, health services ect.
- Scheduled meetings with the Office of Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention to check in on programming for orientation week/ programming in general.

##### **Student Life**

- Collaboration with Student Life Manager to touch base on projects, specifically with the Community Assistant program.

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Worked with the Grawood manager to create the 2015/2016 programming calendar, and highlighted dates to be held for additional programming (potentially for societies).

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Working Group on Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

- Joined this working group and became oriented with their current projects and initiatives.
- Working with a sub-working group to create and update materials for orientation week, and working on orientation week leader training.

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

### **Orientation Week 2015**

- Hired Orientation week staff members:
  - Programming Coordinator: Kelsey Keddy (oweeek@dal.ca)
  - Sponsorship coordinator: Yasmeen Ghebari (oweeeksponsor@gmail.com)
- Created and had first official meeting with the 2015 Orientation Week Committee.
- Currently programming the Orientation Week Committee retreat, which will occur May 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. This retreat includes team building, brainstorming, problem solving, the creation of the schedule, and the creation of sub committees (working groups that will focus on specific events)
- Tentatively meeting and speaking with several agents about Dalfest 2015. Also talking to other east coast schools about block booking in an attempt to lower the cost of acts.

### **Shinerama 2015**

- Hired Shine Director: Rosalyn Huynh (rs939626@dal.ca)
- Sent Rosalyn, and active shine volunteer Julian McGuire, to the National Shine Conference in London, ON (May 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>)

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Bart Soroka  
Marissa Multari/Thomas Steeves

Law Representative  
Dentistry Representative

## VACANCIES

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Engineering Representative (Sexton)  
Health Professions Representative  
Health Professions Representative  
Women's Community Representative  
Residence Representative  
Residence Representative  
Agricultural Representative  
Aboriginal Students' Community  
Representative  
Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)

Vacant

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-06-17: A01

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

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Al Hulaimi

### MOTION 2015-06-17: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to re-arrange the order of appointment of the committee.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Murphy

### MOTION 2015-06-17: A02 CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-06-17: A01 CARRIED

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2015-06-17: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the May 21, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Veysey **Seconded:** Bhatia

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- Chair Johannson received regrets prior the meeting.
- Chair Johannson reviewed a communication request regarding council members nominating for council positions.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Committee Appointments

#### i. Society Review Committee (1 non-council member)

**Nominee:** Alvarez **Nominated by:** Murphy

**Candidates Elected:** Alvarez

#### ii. Society Review Committee (1 council members)

**Nominee:** ElKhashab **Nominated by:** ElKhashab

**Candidates Elected:** ElKhashab

#### iii. Grants Committee (1 non-council member)

**Nominee:** Chris Abraham **Nominated by:** Larsen

**Candidates Elected:** Chris Abraham

#### iv. Nominating Committee (1 non-council member)

**Nominee:** Dylan Ryan **Nominated by:** Reid

**Candidates Elected:** Dylan Ryan

#### v. Nominating Committee (2 council members)

**Nominee:** Davies-Cole **Nominated by:** Davies-Cole

**Nominee:** Dixon **Nominated by:** Dixon

**Nominee:** Elkhashab **Nominated by:** Elkhashab

**Nominee:** Hou **Nominated by:** Hou

**Meeting went in camera at 6:03**

**Meeting went ex camera at 6:08**

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## **Ballot Vote Conducted.**

Vote began at 6:09

Vote completed at 6:15

**Candidates Elected:** Davies-Cole & Dixon

## **vi. Nominating Committee Alternate (1 non-council member)**

**Nominees:** Chris Abraham **Nominated by:** Larsen

**Candidates Elected:** Chris Abraham

## **vii. Nominating Committee Alternates (2 council members)**

**Nominee:** Bhatia **Nominated by:** Bhatia

**Nominee:** Elkhashab **Nominated by:** Elkhashab

**Nominee:** Hou **Nominated by:** Hou

**Nominee:** Kabara **Nominated by:** Kabara

**Meeting in camera** 6:20

**Meeting ex camera:** 6:25

## **Ballot vote conducted:**

Vote began at 6:26.

Vote completed at 6:30.

## **Ballot vote due to tie (runoff):**

Vote began at: 6:31

Vote completed at 6:50

**Candidates Elected:** Kabara, Hou

## **viii. Facilities Improvement Committee (Studley Campus)**

**Nominees:** **Nominee** Dylan Ryan

**Candidates Elected:** Dylan Ryan

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## **ix. Facilities Improvement Committee (Carlton Campus)**

**Nominees:** Lesley McIntyre

**Candidates Elected:** Lesley McIntyre

## **x. Facilities Improvement Committee (Sexton Campus)**

**Nominees:** Banks **Nominated by:** Smith

**Candidates Elected:** Banks

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: C01**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Alvarez be appointed to the Society Review Committee for 2015-16;

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

**MOTION 2015-06-17: C01 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: C02**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** ElKhashab be appointed to the Society Review Committee for 2015-16;

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

**MOTION 2015-06-17: C02 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: C03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Chris Abraham be appointed to the Grants Committee for 2015-16;

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

**MOTION 2015-06-17: C03 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: C04**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Dylan Ryan be appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2015-16 and Chris Abraham be the alternate.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

**MOTION 2015-06-17: C04 CARRIED**



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## **MOTION 2015-06-17: C05**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Davies-Coles and Dixon be appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2015-16, with Kabara and H ou as alternates.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

## **MOTION 2015-06-17: C05 CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2015-06-17: C06**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Ryan Dylan, Lesley McIntyre, and Jeremy Banks be appointed to the Facilities Improvement Committee for 2015-16;

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Larsen

## **MOTION 2015-06-17: C06 CARRIED**

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. DSU Deadline Rubric, Greg Johansson**

- Johansson gave an overview of the rubric.

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Report and Discussion**

- Board of Governors Representatives Haworth and Sakaili gave an overview of the recent work with the Board of Governors.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. MOTION TO DIVIDE THE ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### **MOTION 2015-06-17: N01**

WHEREAS, dissolving, or amending of committees must be approved by Council. This item is presented for decision; and

WHEREAS the Academic and External Affairs Committee was approved by council in summer 2013; and

WHEREAS the committee's mandate is broad and covers all issues relating to academics, Senate, Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service and external affairs; and

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WHEREAS dividing the work would allow more focus; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Academic and External Committee be dissolved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Committee Policy be amended to include:

## **Academic Committee**

1. There is hereby constituted an Academic Committee, which shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice President (Academic and External), who shall act as Chair;
- (b) the President, who shall act as Deputy Chair;
- (c) the student Senate Representatives;
- (d) one (1) representative from each faculty within the University, determined by the faculty's representative student society;

2. The Academic Committee shall meet at least once per month. Additional meetings may be called at the request of the Chair or any two (2) members of the committee.

3. The Academic Committee Shall:

- (a) Assist Council and the Executive in formulating positions on issues of an academic nature;
- (b) Conduct research in areas regarding issues of an academic nature;
- (c) Keep the Union informed of changes occurring in academic areas;
- (e) Advance concerns over academic matters brought forward by members of the union and/or other matters which Council deems to be of an academic concern;
- (d) Develop policy as needed in relation to the Student Advocacy service;
- (e) Ensure that the Student Advocacy service is performing its function in accordance with the stated policy guidelines developed by the Committee;
- (f) Submit an annual report to Council not later than April 1, of Council's term of office;
- (g) Provide the Senate Caucus a written mandate no later than October 15. This mandate will serve as a guide for the Caucus throughout their term with regards to key initiatives;

4. Quorum at any meeting of the Academic Committee shall be four (4) members of the Committee, provided that the Chair or Deputy Chair is present.

## **External Affairs Committee**

1. There is hereby constituted an External Affairs Committee, consisting of:

- (a) The Vice President (Academic and External), who shall act as Chair;
- and

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- (b) At least three (3) councillors;
- 2. Notwithstanding Section 1, meetings of the Committee shall be open to all interested members of the Union.
- 3. The committee shall meet as frequently as deemed necessary by the committee Chair, but not less than twice per academic term.
- 4. The committee shall:
  - (a) Assist in developing and implementing campaigns of the Union;
  - (b) Provide Information to students regarding:
    - (i) Municipal, provincial, and national student issues, and
    - (ii) External affairs issues as may be determined from time to time; and
  - (c) Assist Council and the Executive in formulating positions on issues relating to the external affairs of the union
- 4. Quorum at any meeting of the committee shall be four (4) members of the Committee, provided that the chair is present.

**Moved:** Hutton **Seconded:** Kabara

**MOTION 2015-06-17: N01: CARRIED**

## **B. MOTION ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR RETAIL SPACE IN THE SUB**

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: N02**

Whereas council has passed a budget assuming revenue from a tenant in the basement retail space; and

Whereas the revenue was assumed to start accumulating July 1<sup>st</sup> and this deadline has expired; and

Whereas the Request for Proposal process to fill the retail space has been underway for over a year and there are no current prospects for tenants; and

Whereas the Student's Union must now absorb a total cost of \$ 11,976 in lost revenue which could be used for offering student services; and

Whereas if we do not reach a newly proposed January target, the Student's Union will need to absorb an additional estimated total of \$15,968 in lost revenue;

Whereas the Board of Operations can respond more quickly to changes during a process; and

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Whereas the Board of Operations is responsible for the economic and operational health of the Union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Operations be directed to undertake a request for proposal process for the vacant basement retail space; and

Be it further resolved that the process seek proposals to the space that meet the following criteria:

- The operation must be able to pay rent to contribute to the financial health of the union.
- The operation must be accessible, affordable and offer a high quality service.
- The operation must be of value to students, and must aim to improve student life.
- The operation must attempt to engage with students and include them in its operations, if possible.
- The operation must fit well in the complement of existing operations in the Student Union Building and must contribute to a healthy, inclusive and safe campus culture; and

Be it further resolved that Council will be given the opportunity to provide input into priorities for the space as deemed appropriate by the Board of Operations; and

Be it further resolved that the decision on a tenant for the vacant basement retail space be referred to the Board of Operations.

## **REQUEST OF OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL**

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Reid

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to replace *“Be it further resolved that Council will be given the opportunity to provide input into priorities for the space as deemed appropriate by the Board of Operations”* with *“Be it further resolved that Council will be given the opportunity to provide input into priorities for the space to the Board of Operations”*

**Moved:** Banks **Seconded:** Reid

**MOTION 2015-06-17: N03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-06-17: N02: CARRIED**

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## **C. MOTION TO ALLOCATE ADVOCACY FUNDS**

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: N04**

WHEREAS in 2013, the Dalhousie Student Union moved to Associate Membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations after the 2013-14 Budget was passed; and

WHEREAS the membership change resulted in approximately \$22,000 in savings in 2013-14; and

WHEREAS Council resolved on April 10, 2013 that the \$22,000 be spent solely on external advocacy; and

WHEREAS Council resolved on August 20, 2014 that the \$7,100 that was unspent in 2013-14 be rolled over to be spent on external advocacy in 2014-15; and

WHEREAS Council resolved that any unspent money be transferred to the endowment fund on July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS \$6939.29 of the \$7,100 was not spent; therefore

Be it resolved that the \$6939.29 remaining be allocated to Advocacy (Dept 111) in the 2015-16 Budget.

**Moved:** Hutton **Seconded:** Smith

### **MOTION 2015-06-17: N04: CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlyne Lowe**

Lowe sent her regrets.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

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## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO DISCUSS UNLEARN HEALTHY POSTER

**Moved:** ElKhashab

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

**Moved:** Hutton

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clothing swap for architecture students at the Sexton Campus.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2015-06-17: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Hudson **Seconded:** Dobson

**MOTION 2015-06-17: A03 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM**

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday May 18, 2015 to Sunday June 14, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

### Governance Review

- **We've reviewed over half of the policy up to this point. We plan to have something for council by the next meeting; Reviewed policies to date:**
  - **Constitution**
  - **BOPs policy**
  - **Elections Policy**
  - **Executive Policy**

### AC Campus

- Received the Memorandum of Understanding between DASA and DSU on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Planning to have it approved and signed by next council meeting.
- Discussed the planning of a blood drive with Robyn – this is in the works. Unsure about a timeframe at this point.
- Beginning to plan out our AC campus visits for the year – still in preliminary stages.
- Participated in the International Center's trip to Moncton to see a couple of Fifa matches – This was open to AC students as well.

### Executive Team

- Had several executive meetings
- Planning a lunch with SMUSA Executives
- Had our first Senior Administration Breakfast to talk about orientation, student success and the University donation policy
- We've been working out our conference schedules
- We've had a couple of student services lunches
- Hired our full time reservations staff member
- Various board of operations meetings and officers meetings

## **OPERATIONS**

### SUB Renovations

- In the later stages of negotiations surrounding the SUB renovations
- Planning to schedule a public information session about construction practices

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

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- **Attended Senate last week**
- **Worked with our senators to begin planning strategic approach to reform (John)**
- **Board of Governors meetings coming up – preparing for that**
  - **Working with our BoG members who will be speaking at today’s meeting**
- **Attended an operations committee meetings for the BoG**
  - **Went through the operating budget for the year**
- **Senate Learning and Teaching Committee meeting**
  - **Discussed the exam percentage threshold – ie. When can you have an in-class versus during exam period**
- **Planning and Governance committee meeting**
- **Short-listed the VP Advancement Candidates – Interviews to begin next week**
- **Attended an environment and health safety committee meeting**

## **ADVOCACY**

- **Working with members of the WG on gender and sexual based violence to work out some funding options**
- **Met with the “road-map” committee to discuss a mental health and wellness approach that will unify our services and provide a more robust system of support**
- **Working with one of our food bank volunteers, Rebecca, to implement an idea of hers. We are working to partner with the university to bring in a deep freeze and promote the food bank service**
- **Reviewing some of the excellent work coming from our Mental Health Peer Support Program – planning to sit down with the current coordinator and map out the next few months**
- **Working with the newly forming Post-Doc Union to help them get started and find their feet**
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## **SERVICES**

- **Working with the executives and Emily to arrange Handbooks this year**
- **Met with various societies at the society lunch**
- **Have met with various levied societies to discuss future vision and areas where the DSU can lend support**

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- **Volunteered at the Bluenose Marathon to represent Dal**
- **Attended the Dalhousie Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet with the Alumni Association to represent the Student Union**



# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 17th, 2015 to Sunday, June 14, 2015

## **CONTACT:**

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## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Trying to keep up with emails and communications for projects while I am away
  - o Please be patient as I do not have the most reliable internet access

### **Ratification**

- Isaac (Member services coordinator) has been organizing the SRC in my absence
- Many type 3 societies have been ratified
- SRC will approve the ratification for type 1 and 2 societies
  - o Our goal is to clear up issues that have been continuous over the years so a lot of back and forth communication with societies has been underway

### **Grants**

- Grants Committee met for the first time to review individual member grants
- The Grants committee will meet soon to discuss society grants now that societies are starting to be ratified
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### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Sexton, Carleton, and Studley Campuses

### **Equity Policy**

- Continuing Jacqueline's work to create an Equity Policy within the DSU
  - o Kaley has been a driving force on this project
  - o Meeting with other groups such as South House and the Equity and Accessibility office

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Improve the Website**

- Working with the Executive, Isaac, Kaley, and Emily to fix the website
  - o Update content
  - o Improve navigation to the website itself
  - o Make more user friendly

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Investigate how Tiger Society fits our needs and if it is the best platform for the DSU
- Research other community network platforms to find a more cost effective option

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **Working with Student Services**

- Meetings and discussions are continuing with Student Services to create an Ombudsperson office (or the like thereof) in the university

### **Improve communication of university resources available for students – especially for societies**

Examples include:

- Career and Leadership Development Centre – Co-Curricular record opportunities
- Student Services: Availability of Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- o Incorporate into society training
- o Incorporate into the new event booking form

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Working to continue Jennifer's work in addressing the issues faced by student parents at Dalhousie.

Tasks:

- Commissioner position to research the need for services to accommodate student parents and researching the resources, policies, and services available at other universities.

## **SERVICES**

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer

### **Farmer's Market**

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- Met with Kamie to discuss the operations of the market last year and ideas going forward
- Introducing new services such as “Produce Packs” and “DSU Access Kitchen” (a kitchen tool renting service)
- The Architecture society has offered to host a competition to design a new stand for the Farmer’s Market

## **Improving the “Hands On” Volunteer engagement resource**

- DSVIEW (Dalhousie Student Volunteer Involvement Engagement Working group)
  - o Looking to create a more personalized experience by establishing a “Volunteer Committee”
  - o Tasks:
    - Build a working inventory of all the projects and opportunities to volunteer to support initiatives of the executive, council, staff, societies, and members of the the Union.
    - Coordinate volunteers for the working group and organize meetings with those sending in in Hands On applications

## **Hiring Board Policy/ Guiding Principles**

- Working with Kaley to create a policy/ a set of guiding principles for societies that have hiring boards to ensure transparency, and equity in hiring decisions
- Societies with these boards will be consulted on their current practices and for input on what should be included in the new policy/ principles

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Society Fair: Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Also will be the first Super SUB Wednesday organized by the Farmers Market
- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect
- Create a more engaging model for society training with Member Services Department
  - o Isaac is working on improving risk management training
  - o Working on society wide anti-oppression training
  - o Idea to have societies go through the event planning process for an event the society wishes to host as part of society training

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday June 27th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **GENERAL**

- Attended convocation ceremonies for Science, Nursing and medicine with the Platform party.
- Attended my own convocation!
- Attended Orientation Committee Retreat
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report released. It contains numerous recommendations regarding post-secondary education, but also is a clear reminder that reconciliation is an issue for all Canadians and we should take it seriously to work hard towards it.

### **INTERNAL**

- Hired a Skills Conference Commissioner, Jad Sinno.
- Governance Review is ongoing, we are going through each recommendation from the lawyers.
- Working to get the schedule, room bookings, workshops, etc. organized for Skills. The Conference will be September 18-19<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!
- Working with Communications Coordinator Sarah and Graphic Designer Emily to prepare a suite of materials for tabling and outreach, plus handbook content.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Senate meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup>. Approved new Bioveterinary and Actuarial Science programs, Ocean Frontier Institute. Asked President Florizone about the university's response to the TRC report, he didn't have a prepared answer. I intend to follow up on this.
- Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC) meeting June 1.
- Ratification Meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>. 15 resolved cases of plagiarism.
- Senate values and Principles Working group- drafting a preamble to the Senate constitution

##### Student Caucus

- Preparing an effort at senate reform to get one student per faculty. Currently researching what other university senates look like.
- Met to discuss Belong Report and ad-hoc committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment as well.

#### **Other**

- Filling in for VPI Kaitlyne in meetings with Vice-Provost Student Affairs to discuss the creation of an Ombudsperson/Student Advocate position.

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## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Breakfast with senior admin June 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussed creating a policy governing donor agreements with President Florizone & VP Finance Ian Nason, because Dalhousie does not have one.

### CAMPAIGNS

#### Unlearn Campaign

- Along with VPSL Kathleen, working with Dal admin to prepare a float for the Halifax Pride Parade on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Please get involved!
- Booked residence spaces for next year's Canadian university Queer Services Conference – it will be May 12-15, 2016!

#### Students Unite Campaign

##### News / Information

- Research by the United Way and Canadian Centre For Policy Alternatives has calculated a living wage for Halifax. A living wage is what is needed to raise a family in a comfortable and dignified way. The living wage for Halifax is \$20.10 per hour. President Dan, Communications coordinator Sarah and myself attended the report launch, and got one interview from Global.
- The Post-Secondary Education Coalition made a Freedom of Information request for the minutes of the consultation sessions which the government held regarding the Memorandum of Understanding in the fall. The FOIPOP request was returned late and stated that the request was denied because no minutes were taken. I was at a session and saw notes being taken, meaning that either the notes were destroyed or we are being lied to- either is outrageous. We are appealing the FOIPOP decision. It has also come to our attention that the person that led the consultations is the president of the NS Liberal Party. It is unclear what, if any tendering process took place to select the consultants but on the surface it seems sketchy.

##### Actions

- Published a Letter to The Editor in the Chronicle Herald about students on income assistance and repealing Regulation 67.
- The letter got cited in a live interview on CBC Information Morning with Community Services minister Joanne Bernard.

#### Federal Election Campaign

- First Elections Committee meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> was a big success! Next committee meeting is Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, open to everyone.
- Met with David Etherington at the Canadian Federation of Students-NS to discuss what other student unions are planning regarding the election and ways to collaborate.

#### #EndStudentPoverty

- Provided partial funding as part of a Canada Summer Student Grant to hire Meredith Baldwin as a Campus Food Coordinator. Meal Exchange, a national campus food



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advocacy group, is involved. Meredith will be helping to produce a campus hunger report to help us better understand food insecurity, poverty and hunger on campus.

- Met with a representative from Feed Nova Scotia along with VPSL Kathleen to discuss the DSU food bank.
- Met with the outgoing Campus Food Coordinator, Jaida Regan, to discuss food issues and food-related student groups, and better understand what's going on at Dal.

### UPCOMING

- Student-Government Roundtable
- Meeting with Senate secretary Andrea Power to discuss the “roadmap” for senate reform proposal
- Meeting with Engineers Without Borders to discuss Federal Election Campaign collaboration
- SAPRC June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Senate Planning and Governance Committee Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Elections Committee Meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Constance Backhouse Report release on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### Handbook

- Working with the DSU graphic designer, other Execs and the DSU communications personal to bring back the DSU Handbook this year.
- Creating content for the book, as well as with the O-Week sponsorship coordinator to generate revenue via ads and sponsors to make the handbook a free resource for students.

##### Staff Retreat

- Working with the GM (General Manager) to program a retreat for all full-time DSU Staff members, on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>. The retreat focuses on facilitating full time staff's ability to plug into this year's executive goals, as well as team building activities.
- The purpose is to strengthen the full time staff team, and streamline projects to create an efficient and effective work place environment.

#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### Orientation

- Working with members of the Orientation Committee to partner on 'swag' items to promote existing resources on campus to incoming students.

##### Society Carnival

- Working with the Career Leadership & Development Center, and Student Health Services, to turn the September Society Carnival into a collaboration of all fall service fairs. We are attempting to create a one stop shop where students can hear about all services they may need, groups they would like to get involved in, as well as ways they may want to plug into different parts of the university.

##### Roadmap to Mental Health

- Joined a committee of folks working on creating a guide to streamline services pertaining to mental health on campus. The goal is to provide all parties with a way to properly direct students to the appropriate mental health resources on and off campus for each specific case.

##### Residence

- Working with the Student Life Manager and Residence Life to create a module on consent and sexual assault that first year students can complete and be assessed on before entering residence in the fall.

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### Sexton Campus

- Meeting with the sexton campus director to hire a sexton entertainment director commissioner, and allocate student life involvement on sexton.

## **ADVOCACY**

### Working Group on Sexual and Gender Based Violence

- Attempting to allocate funds for the sub committee that is creating a Sexual assault crisis hotline for students, to pilot a trial period in September and October.

### Alcohol Harm Reduction

- Working with Dal Security and the Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office to create a plan for alcohol harm reduction for the upcoming year.
- Heading to Truro on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> to collaborate with the AC campus initiatives on this subject.

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

### Orientation Week 2015

- O-Week Committee has now divided into SUB committees that focus on respective areas of the week. There is typically a sub committee for each large event, as well as sub committees that garner interest of this year's committee, such as residence relations, and communications.
- Currently working with the committee to finalize the O-Week Schedule for 2015
- Working with the DSU Equity & Accessibility office to ensure that programming for O-Week is proactive in making all events accessible for all attendants.
- Created a volunteer based Dalfest 2015 committee to provide students with volunteer opportunities in a wider range of events.

## **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Working to collaborate with the DSU rep from Varsity Council to create further varsity involvement for O-Week.
- Working to hire an Athletics & Recreation commissioner for the fall.



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## CALL TO ORDER at 5:34 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Bassemah Al Hulaimi (Proxy: Elizabeth Nicoll)	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Yazan Matarieh (Proxy: Mostafa Sarhan)	Sexton Campus Director
Angela Hou (Proxy: Jay Fradette)	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Marissa Multari (Proxy: Devin MacDonald)	Dentistry Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Bart Soroka (Proxy: Kevin Hong)	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner (Proxy: Mark Veysey)	Commerce Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss (Proxy: Tammy Selman)	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative

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## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Liam Hunt  
Callahan Murphy

Senate Representative  
Management Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)  
Engineering Representative (Studley)  
Engineering Representative (Sexton)  
Health Professions Representative  
Health Professions Representative  
Aboriginal Students' Community  
Representative

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

Women's Community Representative  
Residence Representative  
Residence Representative  
Agricultural Representative

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-07-22: A01

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

**Moved:** EIKhashab    **Seconded:** Nicholson

### MOTION 2015-07-22: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended in the removal of Motion on Unlearn Healthy Poster from the NEW BUSINESS

**Moved:** EIKhashab    **Seconded:** Nicholson

### MOTION 2015-07-22: A01 CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-07-22: A02: CARRIED

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2015-07-22: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the June 17, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Larsen    **Seconded:** Dixon

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## **MOTION 2015-07-22: M01 CARRIED**

### **5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

#### **A. Dentistry Representatives**

Chair Johannson reviewed a communication regarding the resignation of a previous Dentistry councillor representative Thomas Steeves.

#### **B. Regrets**

Chair Johannson received a communication regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Sarah Dobson, Jeremy Banks, Druv Bhatia, Anthony Sakaili and Michael Davies-Cole.

### **6. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **A. Committee Appointments**

##### **i. Executive Review Committee Chair (1 council member)**

**Nominee:** Prado Jimena      **Nominated by:** ElKhashab

**Candidates Elected:** Prado Jimena

##### **ii. Executive Review Committee (1 council member)**

**Nominees:** None

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment tabled to August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

##### **iii. External Committee (At least 3 council members)**

**Nominee:** Bart Soroka,      **Nominated by:** Hong

**Nominee:** Sinno Jad      **Nominated by:** Sinno

**Nominee:** Moe Kabara      **Nominated by:** Kabara

**Nominee:** Amr ElKhashab      **Nominated by:** ElKhashab

**Nominee:** Cory Larsen      **Nominated by:** Larsen

**Nominee:** Dan Nicholson      **Nominated by:** Nicholson

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**Candidates Elected:** Bart Soroka, Sinno Jad, Moe Kabara, Amr El Khashab, Cory Larsen and Dan Nicholson

## **iv. Executive Review Committee (1 non-council member)**

**Nominee:** Krishna Chaitanya Varma Sirivuri      **Nominated by:** Veysey

**Nominee:** Stephanie Okoroafor      **Nominated by:** Nicholson

**Meeting went in camera at 5:49 pm**

**Meeting went ex-camera at 5:51 pm**

**Ballot Vote Conducted.**

**Vote conducted began at 5:53**

**Vote completed at 5:56**

**Candidates Elected:** Stephanie Okoroafor

### **MOTION 2015-07-22: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Jimena Prado be appointed as Chair of the Executive Review Committee for 2015-2016;

**Moved:** Veysey      **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2015-07-22: C01 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-07-22: C02**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Stephanie Okoroafor be appointed as members of the Executive Review Committee.

**Moved:** Veysey      **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2015-07-22: C02 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-07-22: C03**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Bart Soroka, Jad Sinno, Moe Kabara, Amr El Khashab, Cory Larsen and Dan Nicholson be appointed to the External Committee for 2015-16;

**Moved:** Veysey      **Seconded:** Nicholson

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## **MOTION 2015-07-22: C03 CARRIED**

### **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Haworth gave an overview of the Caucus written report.

### **9. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Motion to Amend Financial Policy**

#### **MOTION 2015-07-22: O01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Policy be amended as circulated.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Rahman

#### **MOTION 2015-07-22: O01 CARRIED**

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion: Bike Lane Project for University Avenue**

Item tabled to August 26.

### **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

#### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

#### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

#### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbub Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

#### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

#### **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

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Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT AN EQUITY POLICY

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following Equity Policy be adopted:

#### ***EQUITY POLICY***

***Note: All terms will hold the same definition as outlined in the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution.***

#### **1. Preamble**

*The Dalhousie Student Union is committed in all its operations to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination. Creating inclusive and positive environments is a collective responsibility of all members of the Dalhousie Student Union, but in order to promote these aims, the following policy outlines actions that will be undertaken by the Dalhousie Student Union to actively challenge discrimination, harassment, and oppression.*

#### **2. Definitions.**

*a. Privilege is the unearned advantages extended to a dominant group in the form of cultural, economic, political, social and institutional rights—at the expense of marginalized groups. These advantages are actively reproduced through the normalization of the dominant group.*

*b. Power is the ability to exercise control and/or having access to systems and resources considered legitimate by individuals and institutions.*

*c. Oppression is the exercising of power over a marginalized group by a dominant group. Oppression is a systemic phenomenon that can manifest in individual or institutional actions.*

*d. Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual attention or solicitation which has the effect of interfering with an individual's participation, or which creates a negative emotional or psychological environment.*

#### **3. Harassment and Discrimination**

*a. Pursuant to the Objectives of the Union, discrimination and harassment based on any and all grounds protected under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act will not be tolerated at any events sponsored by the Union or in any space operated by the Union.*

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*b. Discrimination and harassment may take the form of:*

- *Barriers that prevent the members of the Union living with disabilities from participating in student union programming and activities;*
- *Remarks, including jokes or innuendos, that are based on racist, sexist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic sentiments;*
- *Promotional materials, events, or performances that use stereotypes based on any and all grounds protected under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act;*
- *Offensive comments and/or actions which demean, humiliate or threaten an individual or group;*
- *Printed or digital material, displays, and graffiti which demean, humiliate or threaten an individual or group; and*
- *Sexual harassment, including remarks, jokes or innuendoes about a person's body, attire, age, marital status, gender, sexuality, sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation or perceived gender identity.*

*c. The Executive, Council and Board, in consultation with the Equity and Accessibility Office, are responsible for ensuring that the services, events, advocacy, campaigns and other programs of the Union represent the diversity of the Union's membership, including but not limited to, creating bylaws, policies, programmes, activities and groups that aim to ameliorate the conditions of marginalized communities including Indigenous students; racialized students; students with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer students; and women students.*

## **4. Accommodations for Union Events and Activities**

*The Union shall include contact information on all promotional material for students wishing to seek accommodations for events and activities undertaken by the Union. The Union will undertake all reasonable efforts to meet accommodation needs within its control.*

## **5. Equity Statement**

*In accordance with the aims of this policy, the following statement will be posted and/or read aloud to participants at all events of the Union:*

*Student union solidarity is based on the principle that all members should be able to participate equally in their union, recognizing that students have diverse experiences of privilege and marginalization. As members of the students' union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.*

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*It is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive space for discussion and dialogue. Any form or forms of discrimination and/or harassment will not be tolerated, nor will hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. If you are not here in an understanding of good faith, or if you have violated this understanding, you will be asked to leave.*

## **6. Complaints**

*a. Members of the Union who believe the Union has in some way violated this policy can make a complaint to the Vice-President (Internal) who shall be responsible for meeting with the complainant confidentially and seeking a remedy. Remedies may include:*

- a public statement on behalf of the Union;*
- a change in policy or procedure;*
- a meeting with concerned parties; or*
- any other remedy that may from time to time be determined.*

*b. If the complaint concerns the Vice-President (Internal), a complaint may be made to another member of the Executive.*

*c. If the complaint concerns all members of the Executive, a complaint may be made to the Chair of Council or the Chair of the Executive Review Committee.*

*d. The Vice-President (Internal) or appropriate recipient of the complaint shall convene a meeting with the complainant within fourteen (14) days. The Union will respond in writing to the complainant within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.*

*e. Complaints will remain confidential unless the complainant permits disclosure.*

**Moved:** Lowe

## **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT AN EQUITY HIRING POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following Equity Hiring Policy be adopted:

### ***EQUITY HIRING POLICY***

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*1. In the hiring of full- and part-time staff, the Union shall employ an equity hiring approach.*

*a. The Union shall include the following equity hiring statement in all postings for full- and part-time staff within the Union:*

*The Dalhousie Student Union welcomes the contributions that individuals from marginalized communities bring to our organization. A non-comprehensive list of these groups includes racialized people; Indigenous people; women; lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and queer people; and people with disabilities. We encourage all applicants to self-identify in their cover letter or application if they are a member of a marginalized community.*

*b. The Union will circulate job postings to communities and organizations that represent and/or service marginalized populations including the Black Student Advising Centre, South House, Transition Year Program, DalOut, Native Counselling Unit, the International Centre, and relevant societies. The Vice-President (Internal) will maintain a list of where postings are to be circulated.*

*c. The Union has a duty to provide reasonable accommodation to all employees, as per the Human Rights Act. The Union will strive to review employment systems, policies, and practices as necessary to ensure accommodation is provided.*

## **2. Complaints**

*a. Individuals who believe the Union has in some way failed to live up to this policy can make a complaint to the President who shall be responsible for investigating the complaint and providing a remedy, if necessary.*

*b. The Union will respond in writing to the complainant within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the complaint.*

*c. Complaints will remain confidential unless the complainant permits disclosure.*

**Moved:** Lowe

## **C. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DALHOUSIE AGRICULTURAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **D. NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE AN ADHOC GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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**WHEREAS** the Dalhousie Student Union hired law firm DLA Piper to review the Union's constitution and policy; and

**WHEREAS** the review found a number of inconsistencies and areas of concern within the governing documents; and

**WHEREAS** amending the governing documents for consistency and to adhere to best practices will ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union has more transparent and accessible governance structures; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an ad hoc Governance Review Committee be struck with the mandate to:

- Review the comments from DLA Piper;
- Consult with students and societies about priorities for amendments to the governing documents;
- Coordinate with staff and external consultants such as DLA Piper to draft amendments to the bylaws and policies; and
- Present an updated set of bylaws and policies to council no later than January 30; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the committee membership include the Dalhousie Student Union President, and up to two members of council, with the Dalhousie Student Union Policy and Research Coordinator as an observer.

**Moved:** Nicholson

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2015-07-22: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** ElKhashab **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2015-07-22: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM**

## Board Caucus Report

Anthony Saikali, Dan Nicholson and Rebecca Haworth attended the Board of Governors meeting on June 23, 2015. To begin the meeting there were presentations from various students enrolled in the Starting Lean at Dalhousie program which is partnered with the Norman Neuman Centre for Entrepreneurship. These presentations were from the CEOs of Pet Konekt, Spring Loaded, Eye read and Intelligence Site innovation. It was noted that Spring Loaded recently received a \$100 000 grand prize in a Canada wide young entrepreneur contest which was provided by the business development bank of Canada.

President Florizone then presented on Dalhousie's progress towards the Strategic direction approved at last year's annual meeting. The progress report is available here: <http://www.dal.ca/about-dal/leadership-and-vision/dalforward/strategic-direction/progress-report.html>. We noticed that throughout the presentation that there was no mention of student health and wellness, athletics nor a sense of institutional pride which are areas we feel are important to improve. Following the presentation Board Member Bill Black who recently finished his term on the board provided three points to strive in his absence;

1. Talent management should be improved.
2. Students are customers and we should be focusing on them.
3. Measure student outcomes as we are not currently measuring this. For example, where are students ending up one year after finishing their time at Dalhousie.

At the meeting the 2015-2016 Operating Budget was approved. All votes were in favour of the budget with the exception of the DSU president. The full budget is available online here: <http://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/financial-services/Reports/Operating%20Budgets/2015-16%20Operating%20Budget%20Report.pdf>. Important points noted in the budget include

1. Revenues
  - a. 3% increase in tuition fees for all programs both Canadian and International students and phased increased for Dentistry and Medicine which began in 2014-2015
  - b. 1% increase in Department of Labour and Advanced Education Operating Grant
  - c. One time use of reserve funds (\$1.8M)
2. Expenditures
  - a. \$698 000 increase in student assistance
  - b. \$843 000 increase in Campus Renewal expenditures
  - c. \$2.7 million allocated for strategic initiatives
  - d. Base reduction of \$6.7 million to faculties and service units
  - e. Enrolment related budget allocations of \$1.4 million distributed to faculties based on enrolment changes in 2015-2016 over 2014-2015

The DSU President asked President Florizone about potential for tuition fee resets in 2016-2017 and the board was informed by Provost Carolyn Watters and VP Finance Ian Nason that applications to reset the tuition fees in Pharmacy, Engineering and Agriculture were submitted. These increases will bring Dalhousie's tuition fees in these programs in line with other programs across the country.

Upcoming meetings:

- Board of Governors Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00pm University Hall, MacDonald Building (Open Meeting)
- Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> (Committee members only)



Subject:	Financial Policy
Date Passed by Council:	
Last Date Revised:	August, 2012
Expiration Date:	
Committee:	

**Note - All terms will hold the same definition as outlined in the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution**

### **1. Signing Authority and Guidelines**

- a. The signing officers of the Union are (in order of authority):
  - i. Vice President (Finance and Operations);
  - ii. President;
  - iii. Vice President (Internal); and
  - iv. General Manager or other staff designate selected by the Officers.
- b. A signing officer is considered absent if:
  - i. the signing officer is away from the Halifax vicinity for a period of greater than 24 hours;
  - ii. the signing officer confirms, in writing, their willingness to yield the signing authority order to the remaining signing officers; or
  - iii. the signing officer becomes unable to sign due to medical or other reasons.
- c. The Board must not attempt to overturn or question the intent of expenditures less than \$ 10,000, unless the expense explicitly violates policy.

### **2. Authorization**

- a. Every cheque must have the signature of two (2) signing officers.
- b. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) must sign all cheques unless the cheque is being issued to the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- c. In the absence of the Vice President (Finance and Operations), only the President or Vice President (Internal) shall sign on the Vice President (Finance and Operations)'s behalf.

d. The President shall have the option to sign all cheques on a regular basis or appoint the Vice President (Internal) or staff designate to sign on his or her behalf.

e. Any cheque issued to a signing officer or the personal or company credit card for purchases made by a signing officer must have the signature of two (2) of the remaining signing officers in the outlined order.

f. All purchases over \$100 require a purchase order.

g. Purchase orders for amounts under \$10,000 shall be requested by the appropriate department head and then authorized by the Vice President (Finance and Operations), or where the Vice President (Finance and Operations) is absent, the next available signing officer.

h. Purchase orders for amounts over \$10,000 that are not a part of regular operations must be approved by the Board of Operations.

i. Petty cash issued in excess of \$100.00 must be authorized by the Vice President (Finance and Operations) or the next designated signing authority in the absence of the Vice President (Finance and Operations).

### **3. Budget**

a. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) must submit a budget to Council before April 1, of each year.

b. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) must ensure the budget is submitted to the Board for feedback before it is submitted to Council.

c. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) must ensure the budget is submitted to members of Council (2) weeks before it is discussed.

d. A revised Union budget must be submitted to Council before December 15, of each year.

e. In any given year where the Union incurs a net operating income and the equity as a percentage of qualified expenses at the end of the fiscal year is 50 per cent or above, the net operating income will be distributed as follows:

i. 25% will be used to fund the DSU grants fund.

ii. 25% of the net income will be transferred to DSU's Emergency Bursary Program.

iii. 25% will be transferred to the Facility Improvement Fund.

iv. 25% will be held in retained earnings through the unrestricted assets account. The holding of the retained earnings will ensure that the DSU has adequate resources to continue its operations through times of uncertainty.

f. Qualifying expenses shall include all expenses from the financial statements excluding Facility Improvement expenses, Renovation expenses and Health Plan expenditures and any other internally restricted expenses.

g. Net income shall refer to the net operating income amount as stated in the annual audited financial statements. This excludes all internally restricted funds.

#### **4. General Financial Management**

a. Every cheque must be accompanied by a corresponding receipt or invoice for the same amount.

b. The Union will have a cheque run at least every three (3) weeks.

c. The Board shall appoint an independent external auditor for a term of up to three (3) years before March 30, of the final year of the current auditor's term.

e. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) must publish the audited financial statements online before October 31, of each year.

g) The Board may review the Union's month end statements and may, at its discretion, review copies of any individual cheques or transactions.

h) Any manual cheque issued by the Union must be photocopied and filed so as to be available to the Board.

i) The Union does not refund student fees under any circumstances unless the error is committed by the University, which they acknowledge in writing to the Vice President (Finance and Operations). In such a case, only fees not appropriated to external groups will be returned.

j. To ensure the accuracy of staff record keeping the Vice President (Finance and Operations) will perform a monthly review of balance sheet figures to ensure that these figures agree with the supporting sub ledgers or detail listings. Any unusual items are to be discussed with staff and if they are not rectified must be reported to the Board.

k. The Board shall be notified if any member of the Executive or Full-time Staff violates the Financial Policy.

#### **5. Contracts**

a. All three (3) Officers' signatures are required when entering into or renewing a contractual agreement.

b. If all three (3) Officers cannot agree, Council must vote on the contract upon receipt of a report from the Board.

c. Any project undertaken by the Union must be detailed in a contract between the Union and supplier.

d. Any project work completed by the University for the Union must have a work order indicating the final estimate and completion date.

## **6. University Restricted Account**

a. Any transaction involving the university restricted account must be copied in writing to the VP (Finance and Operations) or their designate.

b. Any transaction involving the university-restricted account that is for an amount over \$10,000 and is not a part of regular operations must be approved by the Board of Operations

c. The Vice-President (Finance and Operations) will report annually to the Board on the state of the university-restricted account.

## **7. Investments**

a. The Union may from time to time make investments when the balance in the cash amount so permits.

b. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall report any significant loss or profit activity in the investment fund to Council and the Board.

c. The Officers are prohibited from direct trading in individual stocks and other holdings,

## **8. Credit Cards**

a. The Union will have one (1) corporate credit card for each member of the Executive, the balance of which must not exceed \$1,000.00, and one (1) corporate credit card for the General Manager, the balance of which must not exceed \$1,500. The Officers may also from time to time authorize credit cards for other staff.

b. Under no circumstances will personal purchases be made on the corporate credit cards. All transactions are limited to business related activities.

c. Any purchases deemed to be non-business related by the VPFO will result in the loss of the credit cards usage at the VPFOs discretion.

d. The Board will have the authority to reinstate the cardholder's privileges upon hearing and reviewing the VPFOs and cardholders reasoning.

e. All purchases made with a credit card require both a receipt and corresponding visa slip. It must be properly coded and submitted to the accounting department within 5 business days of purchase. If receipts are not received within this time then the purchase

will be added to the cardholder's accounts receivable. If the purchase is made outside of HRM the receipts must be submitted within 5 days of the cardholders return to HRM.

### **9. Pay Advances**

- a. The Union will not issue pay advances to any full-time or part-time staff.
- b. Members of the Executive may only receive a pay advance during their first month in office.
- c. Executive pay advances shall not exceed \$500.00.

### **10. Reimbursement for Expenses Incurred**

- a. Any employee or representative of the DSU acting on behalf of the Union at a conference or on external business is entitled to a daily per-diem.
- b. The per diem rate is \$10.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 for lunch, \$15.00 for dinner, and \$10.00 for incidentals. If any meals are provided, the per-diem will be deducted based on the aforementioned figures. A per diem rate of \$15.00 will apply if all meals are provided.
- c. While using their own vehicle for DSU business, an employee or representative is entitled to a reimbursement of \$0.46 per kilometre.
- d. Starting April 1, 2015, the per diem rate and kilometre reimbursement shall increase each year with the annual rate of change in the Canadian Price Index.
- e. Reimbursements not including per diems and mileage, must be accompanied by corresponding receipt. Receipts must be submitted to the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) or their designate within 5 business days of the claimant returning to HRM.
- f. Every cheque requisition shall be accompanied by a receipt or motion equal to the amount of the cheque.

### **11. Cash Floats**

- a. Cash floats must be authorized by the Vice President (Finance and Operations). In the absence of the Vice President (Finance and Operations) the aforementioned signing order precedence will apply.
- b. Cash floats must be signed out from the appropriate Full-time Staff member in writing.
- c. Two (2) days notice is required.
- d. The person requesting and receiving the float is responsible for the safety and the return of all monies to the same Full-time Staff member.
- e. It is not the responsibility of the Full-time Staff member to replace stolen monies or refill shortages but that of the person who signed the funds out.

### **12. Full Time Salary Adjustment**

- a. All Full-time Staff salary increase under 5% per fiscal year and which falls within the salary ranges approved by the Board must be approved by all three (3) Officers.



- b. Any Full-time Staff salary increase in excess of 5% in any one (1) fiscal year or any Full-time Staff salary increase in excess of approved salary ranges must be approved by the Board.
- c. No bonus may be awarded to any Full- or Part-time Staff member unless written authorization is received from all three (3) Officers.
- d. Any monetary bonus over \$500 must be processed through the payroll system to allow for appropriate deductions.

### **13. Honoraria**

- a. The President, Vice President (Internal), and the Vice President (Finance and Operations) of the Union shall each receive \$26,000.00 per annum as honoraria, paid out in twelve (12) equal monthly instalments unless the term is not completed.
- b. The Vice President (Academic and External) and Vice President (Student Life) shall each receive \$24,500.00 per annum as honoraria paid in twelve (12) equal monthly instalments unless the term is not completed.
- c. All other honoraria amounts will be detailed in the annual budget.
- d. Each Executive honoraria amount shall be increased according to the rate of change in the Canadian Price Index (CPI), as calculated by Statistics Canada, at the beginning of the new fiscal year. If the rate of change in CPI is a negative, the honoraria shall remain constant. The figures set in this policy are for fiscal year 2003-2004.
- g) All approved honoraria amounts must be outlined in a contract between the Union and the person receiving the honoraria, including members of the Executive.
- h) The date the employee can expect to receive their honoraria must be noted in the contract.
- i) If a member of the Executive does not exhaust all of their available vacation time the Union will purchase the time proportional to their salary.

### **14. Student Levies**

- a) When a student levy is enacted by a referendum, the purpose and spirit of the levy may not change without another referendum.
- b) The Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall review all levies annually with the Board and make recommendations to Council on whether or not a levy should be sent back to referendum.

### **15. Societies Receiving Direct Levies**

- a. The Union shall issue society membership fees in two (2) instalments of approximately equal value. The first instalment will be issued before December 15, and the second instalment before April 15, of each year.
- b. Each year, the Vice President (Finance and Operations) must audit the accounts of every society receiving a direct levy before issuing the levy.
- c. All societies collecting a direct student levy must submit their financial records to the Vice President (Finance and Operations) before November 15, in fall term and March 15,

in winter term. Including but not limited to: receipts, ledger, cancelled cheques, and bank statements.

d. If there are any significant accounting discrepancies with a society, the problem shall be brought to the attention of Council and the funds may be withheld from said society.

e. Financial records of all societies that collect a direct student levy can only be released upon authorization from the Vice President (Finance and Operations) or Council.

# President REPORT TO COUNCIL

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## INTERNAL

### Governance Review

- **Policies have been reviewed**
- Eagerly waiting to begin the next phase

### AC Campus

- MOU has been worked out between DASA and the DSU. We are currently working to incorporate suggestions from Student Services
- Planning out our day of events on the AC campus for Thursday – their open house
- Working with DASA to look at their health plan options
- Partnering with their executive in the planning for the national MH summit

### Executive Team

- Working with the team to build our visibility strategy this year
- **Hosted the SFX crew – great way to network and we got some excellent ideas.**
  - **Have begun planning for better utilization of our Dal Cards (Back space)**
- **Wicked performance by our team in relation to the backhouse report. Some great interviews and news articles.**
- Met with the backhouse team to debrief after the report. Great discussion about recommendations and how the DSU can improve and provide support to administration
- Student services lunches have been helpful to discuss areas of collaboration between Student Services and the DSU, especially after the most recent set of reports.
- Various board of operations meetings and officers meetings
- **Had an excellent staff retreat. Able to connect with our staff members in a meaningful and productive way. Many great ideas were formulated and a solid direction was established.**
- All of our team members have lent their support to the working group on sexualized and gender-based violence to get the phone line on its way.
  - Submitted a proposal for university funding
- Attended the SAC meeting this month

## OPERATIONS

### SUB Renovations

- Contracts signed up and renovations have slowly begun
- Planned an ice-cream social for Thursday at 3:30 – Breaking Ground!
- Wednesday night – heading to a public information sessions

### South House

- Lent support to the folks at SoHo to get their renovation project on track.
- Had a preliminary meeting with Carmella, Craig and the project planners/managers

# President REPORT TO COUNCIL

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- Attended Senate
- Attended board of governor's meeting
- Attended a couple Alcohol Advisory Committee meetings
  - Hot topics
    - society events with alcohol
    - the LMU galleria – should it be licensed?
- **Completed my role as a search committee member for the Vice-President, External of Dalhousie**
- **Begun my role as search committee member for both the Vice-Provost, Student Affairs AND for the Registrar**
  - Various consultation sessions between Dean's and faculty members
- Met with director of student life to discuss alcohol and drug policy for residence students
- **Met with the Sexton campus coordinator and the Vice-provost to discuss how to achieve improved connections between the campuses**
  - More reliable services
  - Dedicated spaces
  - Improved/updated signage
- Attended a couple of Pride Planning committee meetings, folks there are doing a great job and have an excellent float planned for Saturday!
- Met with some folks at the Human Resources Equity and Harassment Prevention office to discuss strategy for the upcoming year.
  - Pink day
  - Collaboration on advertising and referrals
  - How we can better help each other to inform students of their options

## ADVOCACY

- Met again with the “road-map” committee to discuss a mental health and wellness approach that will unify our services and provide a more robust system of support.
  - Discovered that Caring Campus has done quite a bit of work already and we have been able to piggyback on their work to fast forward this project.
- **Completed a portion senate reform research**
- Attended a meeting with Department of Community Services to discuss regulation 67
- Worked to secure funding from the University to acquire a freezer and expand the capacity of our food bank
  - Beginning to start work with our food bank coordinator to ensure that all our training is adequate for the increase in capacity and that our volunteers will be prepared.
- MHPSP has also submitted a proposal for funding through the university

## **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- **Beginning to work with DAGS to map out a strategy for the upcoming year and for future years.**
- **Had a couple of preliminary meetings with some managers and the EnA office to discuss adjusting and expanding our training practices to include a more robust anti-oppression training**
- Continued Peer-to-Peer support – collaborative approach planning
- Have Begun planning for mental health summit with some members of the administration – they are willing to lend their support.
- Beginning to prep for the outcomes measures (Bill 100) meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>

### MISC

- Took a couple weeks vacation to celebrate engagement and to attend a family reunion
- Discussions with Dal GET REAL to look at possible partnership
- Working with the RMA to gain some data on student relations
- Partnered with Dal Shinerama crew to partake in a Dalhousie “celebrity serve” and lend my support for a BarBlitz event
  - Also – submitting a softball team for the shine tournament – let me know if you’re interested in playing!
- Met with Wayne Mason to discuss Bike Lane project
- Update on RFP for travel cuts space – Survey will be launched for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 17th, 2015 to Sunday, June 14, 2015

## **CONTACT:**

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## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Trying to keep up with emails and communications for projects while I am away
  - o Please be patient as I do not have the most reliable internet access

### **Ratification**

- Isaac (Member services coordinator) has been organizing the SRC in my absence
- Many type 3 societies have been ratified
- SRC will approve the ratification for type 1 and 2 societies
  - o Our goal is to clear up issues that have been continuous over the years so a lot of back and forth communication with societies has been underway

### **Grants**

- Grants Committee met for the first time to review individual member grants
- The Grants committee will meet soon to discuss society grants now that societies are starting to be ratified
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### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Sexton, Carleton, and Studley Campuses

### **Equity Policy**

- Continuing Jacqueline's work to create an Equity Policy within the DSU
  - o Kaley has been a driving force on this project
  - o Meeting with other groups such as South House and the Equity and Accessibility office

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Improve the Website**

- Working with the Executive, Isaac, Kaley, and Emily to fix the website
  - o Update content
  - o Improve navigation to the website itself
  - o Make more user friendly

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Investigate how Tiger Society fits our needs and if it is the best platform for the DSU
- Research other community network platforms to find a more cost effective option

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Wednesday, May 17th, 2015 to Sunday, June 14, 2015

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **Working with Student Services**

- Meetings and discussions are continuing with Student Services to create an Ombudsperson office (or the like thereof) in the university

### **Improve communication of university resources available for students – especially for societies**

Examples include:

- Career and Leadership Development Centre – Co-Curricular record opportunities
- Student Services: Availability of Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- o Incorporate into society training
- o Incorporate into the new event booking form

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Working to continue Jennifer's work in addressing the issues faced by student parents at Dalhousie.

Tasks:

- Commissioner position to research the need for services to accommodate student parents and researching the resources, policies, and services available at other universities.

## **SERVICES**

### **Creating a new all-inclusive "Event Booking" form**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer

### **Farmer's Market**

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- Met with Kamie to discuss the operations of the market last year and ideas going forward
- Introducing new services such as “Produce Packs” and “DSU Access Kitchen” (a kitchen tool renting service)
- The Architecture society has offered to host a competition to design a new stand for the Farmer’s Market

## **Improving the “Hands On” Volunteer engagement resource**

- DSVIEW (Dalhousie Student Volunteer Involvement Engagement Working group)
  - o Looking to create a more personalized experience by establishing a “Volunteer Committee”
  - o Tasks:
    - Build a working inventory of all the projects and opportunities to volunteer to support initiatives of the executive, council, staff, societies, and members of the the Union.
    - Coordinate volunteers for the working group and organize meetings with those sending in in Hands On applications

## **Hiring Board Policy/ Guiding Principles**

- Working with Kaley to create a policy/ a set of guiding principles for societies that have hiring boards to ensure transparency, and equity in hiring decisions
- Societies with these boards will be consulted on their current practices and for input on what should be included in the new policy/ principles

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Society Fair: Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Also will be the first Super SUB Wednesday organized by the Farmers Market
- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect
- Create a more engaging model for society training with Member Services Department
  - o Isaac is working on improving risk management training
  - o Working on society wide anti-oppression training
  - o Idea to have societies go through the event planning process for an event the society wishes to host as part of society training



# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, June 15, 2015 to Sunday, July 19, 2015

### **INTERNAL**

#### **Society Audit:**

The following dates are deadline for society audits for 2015-16

**Summer:** July 29

**Fall :** September 25 (First Round Deadline)  
October 30 (Final Deadline)

**Winter :** January 29 (First Round Deadline)  
February 26 (Final Deadline)

#### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Type 1 (Faculty and Levied) Societies. In the last month, I met with Dalhousie Management Society (DMS), Architecture Students Association (ASA), Dalhousie Urban Garden Society (DUGS), Loaded Ladle.

Moreover I am keeping society Treasurers updated about Audit and other relevant matters.

#### **Treasurer Training:**

Treasure traing for society treasurers will be arranged in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September. If any treasurer need any help before that special individual or group sessions can be arranged.

#### **Finance Commissioner:**

Finance commissioner Job is posted. Deadline for applying is August 24, and will be appointed in early September.

#### **Sexton Advisory Committee:**

Attended Sexton Advisory committee Meeting to discuss about Sexton issues

**Vice President (Finance & Operations)**  
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**Nominating Committee:**

Nominating Committee met on July 6<sup>th</sup> and decided on the following timeline for the positions those are coming in next few months.

Name of Position	No. of post	Job Posting	Application Deadline	Application sorting & Interview Schedule meeting	Interview period	Council approval
Sexton Entertainment Director	1	July 10	July 31	August 3	August 10- August 14	N/A
Judicial Board Chair	1	July 10	August 14	August 18	August 24- September 11	September 15
Judicial Board Member	2	July 10	August 14	August 18	August 24- September 11	September 15
BOPS Member	2	July 10	August 14	August 18	August 24- September 11	September 15
Chief returning Officer (CRO)	1	July 10	August 14	August 18	August 24- September 11	September 15

**Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meeting on July 13 to discuss and approve society ratification

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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#### **OPERATIONS**

##### **SUB Renovations:**

The lowest bidder, MARCO was awarded the contract as General Contractor for SUB Renovation .After Value Engineering being done; the contract of the \$10.7million project was signed on the First week of July.

Everything is now set to start the renovation which is starting this week.

Regular weekly meeting will continue with GC and Architect throughout the project.

##### **SUB Renovation Finance:**

Met with University on June 25<sup>th</sup>, to finalize process for project billing and internal cash flow with the university

Renovation Financing swap rate was locked down on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with RBC. Total financing is \$7 million with a 25 years amortization.

##### **Health Plan Investment Fund:**

Working with our investment Manager to sell some investments, to cover the deficit in health plan for next few months.

#### **SERVICES**

##### **Consumer driven model for Health plan:**

DSU Board of Operations has approved on July 13 the implementation of Consumer driven model as a cost containment measure starting from September 2015.

##### **O Week Registration and Bursary:**

Registration for O week has start. O week package cost is \$90 this year. O week Bursary program will continue this year as well where students can apply for full or half waiver of the package cost.

##### **Tiger Patrol:**

Preparing to buy a new Van before September.

Working on funding and other logistics to continue the Tiger Run service in Fall.

##### **Sponsorship:**

DSU Board of Operations has approved on July 13, \$1500 sponsorship to Sodales to participate World University Deabte Championship in Greece.

##### **Grant Committee:**

Chaired Grant committee Meeting to discuss and approve society and member grant on June 24th

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### **Health Plan Fee timeline:**

Working with the University to receive a portion of the health plan fee in an earlier timeline.

##### **Committee Meeting:**

Attending University Committee meeting such as Transportation and Security Committee and Environmental Health and Safety committee

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday July 22nd**

**John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca**

### **GENERAL**

- Met with loaded ladle to propose some skill-based workshops the DSU could offer in their upcoming conference.
- Met with Sexton advisory committee July 13th. Discussed a few academic issues, o-week, and the tuition resets, among others.
- Met with a representative of the Dal Feminist Legal Association about forming a law student society that can help advocate for students with student code of conduct or sexual harassment policy grievances. Currently Dal Student Advocacy Services only offers (mostly) academic discipline-related advocacy so building a separate volunteer base may be needed, at least in the short term. Planning to reach out to DSAS this week.
- Met with the executive of the STFX student union to share ideas and network.
- Met with two VPs from SMU student association to discuss the society hub and the food bank, which they are interested in starting.
- Created campaigns-related issue sheets for handbook

### **INTERNAL**

- Skills Conference organizing continues. Most workshop facilitators have been confirmed. The Conference will be September 18-19<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!
- Governance review ongoing, we got through every policy and have submitted them back to the lawyer for round 2.
- Training for sexual assault peer support phone line July 22nd

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Senate meeting – June 22nd. Last of the summer. Discussed SRIs and reforms in the nursing program.
- senate values and principles working group is working on crafting a preamble to the senate constitution, met on June 26 and later discussed/revised at senate planning and governance committee.
- Senate and board of governors met on June 29. Meeting was in camera.
- Ratification meeting- 5 cases of plagiarism resolved through AIOs since last council meeting.

#### **Other**

- First meeting of registrar search committee. If you have feedback on what you'd like to see in dal's next registrar please let me know and I'll pass along the feedback!
- Met with Verity Turpin, director of student wellness while supporting a student with a grievance. In the process we ended up discussing Dal health hiring psychiatrists, and

proposed that they get CPATH training (Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health). This would let them recommend hormone therapy and gender confirmation therapy. Currently Halifax only has one so the wait lists are long. She happily agreed. This is a big win for transgender health in Halifax.

## Campaigns

### Unlearn Campaign

- o Met with administration several times to organize for the pride parade. It's on July 25!
- o Attended safe campuses conference hosted by the Association of Atlantic Universities
- o Report from Constance Backhouse on misogyny, sexism and homophobia in the faculty of dentistry was released June 29th. DSU executive met with Dr. Backhouse the next day.
- o DSU responded to the report positively. It gives useful recommendations to move forward combatting oppression on campus, notably by creating an ombudsperson, which the DSU has advocated for for over 2 years. We held off commenting to the media for a day, and as a result got our message as a full story on every news outlet in the city as well as getting national press. VPSL Kathleen did most media but President Dan and myself also did some interviews.
- o We have been in meetings with admin about the ombudsperson and are so far optimistic about it.
- o First meeting of the organizing committee for the Canadian University Queer Services conference. Representatives from every LGBTQ student group came, and several DSL societies represented. Very successful meeting with 5 subcommittees formed. Next meeting is in August.
- o

### Students Unite Campaign

#### News / Information

- At the June 23rd board of governors meeting, provost Carolyn watters admitted that they had made a submission to the department of labour and advanced education regarding the tuition resets. The submissions discussed implementing them in the agriculture, pharmacy and engineering programs. They noted that agriculture tuition is about \$1400 less than tuition in Halifax, which I worry is a signal of their intent to make major fee hikes.

#### Actions

- Press release regarding the tuition reset proposal got coverage in global, CNBC and news 95.7, and made the academia top 10 news items. NS NDP issued a press release following it denouncing fee hikes at Dal and CBU.
- rally at NSCAD with SUNSCAD and NSGEU to oppose staff layoffs.
- Action with Fair Wage Coalition outside McDonald's on July 15th for \$15 minimum wage. The coalition got some media hits from CBC, CTV, global, News 95.7
- Met with dal VP finance and administration Ian Nason to discuss the tuition reset submission, which he wouldn't share. I have filed a freedom of information request with the department of labour and advanced education in order to see it.
- Meeting with Department of Community Services executive director for Employment Support and Income Assistance on Monday July 20th to discuss eliminating regulations that (in effect) prevent people on income assistance from attending university programs. Will have updates on the by the time of July 22nd council meeting.

#### **Federal Election Campaign**

- Collaborating with engineers without borders to have election-related activities during o-week at studley and sexton campus
- Advancing the planning stages of the campaign: organizing meetings- one with dal's committee to plan actions for o-week and tabling at community events over the summer, met twice with other Halifax student unions to coordinate our efforts and share ideas. VPSL Kathleen and I have been in contact with the Council of Canadians to plan a Rock the Vote concert in the fall.
- Plans to table on Canada got rained out unfortunately.

#### **UPCOMING**

- Meeting with department of labour and advanced education regarding Outcome Agreements from Bill 100 on July 30th.
- Pride Parade and community fair July 25th!
- Shooting executive video for o-week
- Agriculture campus open house July 23rd
- Ombudsperson meeting with vice provost Anne forestall
- Sub groundbreaking party July 23rd - come get free ice cream!
- Trying to get tabling for the federal election going before fall!
- Hiring for street team should start soon
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## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### Handbook

- Final production stages of the handbook, working with the DSU Graphic Designer and communications person to complete the project so it is ready for the fall.

##### Communications

- Working with the communications staff person to create an executive information/ welcome video to be released in the fall.

#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### Orientation

- Working with members of the Orientation Committee to partner on 'swag' items to promote existing resources on campus to incoming students.

##### Society Carnival

- Working with the Career Leadership & Development Center, and Student Health Services, to turn the September Society Carnival into a collaboration of all fall service fairs. We are attempting to create a one stop shop where students can hear about all services they may need, groups they would like to get involved in, as well as ways they may want to plug into different parts of the university.

##### Residence

- New student module on consent, respect, and harm reduction, in final creation stages, will be advertised through the university communications department first year "from the tiger" email series in mid august.
- Working with DSU Policy and Research Coordinator and VP Internal to create a grand residence council committee.

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on fall programming, and attempting to allocate specific dates for society nights.
- Bringing back Dal's Got Talent! (Woop!)

#### **ADVOCACY**

##### Working Group on Sexual and Gender Based Violence

- Aiming to hire the Sexual assault crisis hotline coordinator by the end of this week.

##### Student Parent Research Position

- Joined the hiring committee for the new Student Parent Research Position, coordinated by the VP internal.

##### Alcohol Harm Reduction



- Working with Dal Security and the Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office to create a plan for alcohol harm reduction for the upcoming year.

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

#### Orientation Week 2015

- Registration for O-Week is officially open
- Bursary Program is up and running, Students are able to apply for a half and full bursary by filling out a form via the website. Have designated a certain amount of bursaries specifically for International Students.
- Collaborating with internal and external groups on creating a positive educational talk on sex and consent.
- Working with Student Health Promotion to have drop-in STI screenings available for first year students during O-Week.

#### Dalfest 2015

- Formed a committee of students to plan the event, working on booking talent and creating a theme for the event.

### **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Working with varsity and clubs to get all games schedule imputed into the student handbook.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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## CALL TO ORDER at 5:33 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks (Proxy: RachelleCornway)	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Bassemah Al Hulaimi	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Yazan Matarieh (Proxy: Mostafar Sarhan)	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Marissa Multari	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Bart Soroka (proxy: Kevin Hong)	Law Representative
	Management Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk (Proxy:Casper Grady)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Sara Jaber (Proxy: Omar Yousef)	Engineering Diploma Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative

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Kassy Moss  
Corlyn Turner

Science Representative  
Commerce Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Vacant	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Vacant	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Vacant	Health Professions Representative
Vacant	Health Professions Representative
Vacant	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Women's Community Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Agricultural Representative

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-08-26: A01

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

**Moved:** Haworth      **Seconded:** Larseon

### MOTION 2015-08-26: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move to table the Equity of Policy to the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Moved:** Nicholson      **Seconded:** Lowe

### MOTION 2015-08-26: A02: CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-08-26: A01 CARRIED

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2015-08-26: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the July 22, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Smith      **Seconded:** Bhatia

### MOTION 2015-08-26: M01 CARRIED

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## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Chair Johannson received a communication of regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Sam Dixon, Liam Hunt, Anthony Sakaili, Kasey Mason and Corlyn Turner

Chair Johannson received a report from executive to be circulated via electronically

Chair Johannson review a communication from Mary MacDonald regarding a presentation on Biking Lane prior the meeting.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Committee Appointments

#### i. Executive Review Committee Chair (1 council member)

**Nominees:** None

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment tabled to September 16th meeting**

#### ii. Student Accessibility Fund Committee (2 council member)

**Nominees:** None

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment tabled to September 16th meeting**

#### iii. Student Accessibility Fund Committee (2 non-council members)

**Nominees:** None

**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment tabled to September 16th meeting**

#### iv. Impact Awards Committee (2 members)

**Nominees:** Krishna Chaitanya Varma      **Nominated by:** Varma

**Nominees:** Mahbubur Rahman      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Krishna Chaitanya Varma & Mahbubur Rahman

**MOTION 2015-08-26: C03**

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**BE RESOLVED THAT** Varma, Krishna Chaitanya and Mahbubur Rahman be appointed to the Impact Awards Committee.

**Moved:** Reid

**Seconded:** Davies-Cole

**MOTION 2015-08-26: C03 CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

**A. University Avenue Bike Lane (Nicholson)**

**B. SUB Reno Update (Nicholson)**

**C. Executive Goals (Executive)**

**D. Break the Silence, End the Stigma (Morton)**

**E. Remarks from the Chair (Johansson)**

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Haworth gave an overview of the Caucus written report.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Motion on Adhoc Governance Review Committee**

**MOTION 2015-08-26: N01**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union hired law firm DLA Piper to review the Union's constitution and policy; and

Whereas the review found a number of inconsistencies and areas of concern within the governing documents; and

Whereas amending the governing documents for consistency and to adhere to best practices will ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union has more transparent and accessible governance structures; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an ad hoc Governance Review Committee be struck with the mandate to:

- Review the comments from DLA Piper;

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- Consult with students and societies about priorities for amendments to the governing documents;
- Coordinate with staff and external consultants such as DLA Piper to draft amendments to the bylaws and policies; and
- Present an updated set of bylaws and policies to council no later than January 30; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the committee membership include the Dalhousie Student Union President, and up to two members of council, with the Dalhousie Student Union Policy and Research Coordinator as an observer.

**Moved:** Nicholson      **Seconded:** ElKhashab

## **MOTION 2015-08-26: N01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion **Consult with students and societies about priorities for amendments to the governing documents;** be amended to read as **Consult with students, societies and the board of operations about priorities for amendments to the governing documents.**

**Moved:** Nicholson      **Seconded:** Dobson

## **MOTION 2015-08-26: N02**

**Nominee:** Michael Davies-Cole      **Nominated by:** Davies-Cole

**Nominee:** Daniel Smith      **Nominated by:** Smith

**Candidates Elected:** Michael Davies-Cole & Daniel Smith

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Michael Davies-Cole and Daniel Smith be appointed in the committee membership council.

## **MOTION 2015-08-26: N02: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2015-08-26: N01: CARRIED**

### **B. Motion to Amend Financial Policy**

## **MOTION 2015-08-26: N01**

Whereas items 13 (a) and 13 (b) of the financial policy have not been updated since the 2003-2004 fiscal year; and

Whereas amending the Financial Policy to reflect current honoraria figures would ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union has more transparent and accessible policies; therefore

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** item 13(a), 13(b) and 13(d) of the Financial Policy be amended to reflect the figures from the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

**Moved:** Haworth **Seconded:** Reid

**MOTION 2015-08-26: N01**

**MOTION 2015-08-26: N01: CARRIED**

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbub Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hired policy was notice last week but would be presented next meeting.
- Campus Council director position descriptions available online.
- Last summer council meeting.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2015-08-26: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Smith **Seconded:** Bahtia

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 5:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

**MOTION 2015-08-26: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM**



# President REPORT TO COUNCIL

Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

## INTERNAL

### AC Campus

- Currently working with DASA executives to work out a system that would allow them to participate in council meetings from Truro
- The AC open house was loads of fun!
- Planning out participation in Farm Days??

### Executive Team

- Working with the team to create our goals presentation
- Hosted the UWO student union president to talk about various aspects of student representation
- Most of the team went to the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)
  - Came away with some excellent insight and new ideas
  - Able to share some unique aspects of DSU operations
- Our team has been reaching out to various societies and organizing conversations to talk about student issues. This is an ongoing process and if you haven't been contacted yet – expect this to happen within the next few months
- Worked to create a proposal for grant through Student Services – although we did not receive a monetary contribution, the university has agreed to provide free Assist and MHFA training to all phone line volunteers
- Various board of operations meetings and officers meetings
- Preparing for staff training (full time and part time)
- Worked out our orientation week responsibilities and identified various opportunities for on the ground outreach
- Filmed an executive “welcome to the DSU” video
- Purchased a replacement van to continue offering tiger patrol at the same capacity as before.
  - Discussions started around purchasing an access-a-van

## OPERATIONS

### SUB Renovations

- **Working to ensure that there will be enough space for existing societies/services** – small re-organization of space in the Travel Cuts space to accommodate short-term space needs.
- The Ice-Cream social went off without a hitch. We had a huge turnout!

### South House

- **Setting up a meeting to introduce architect and project manager**
- Working to finalize the project timeline

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- **Attended an Alcohol Advisory Committee meetings**
  - **Hot topics**

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- **DDSS – should they be able to host alcoholic events?**
  - **Decision – sub-committee to determine a set of rules that must be followed**
  - **Updates to come**
- **Met with the DAA to discuss plan for upcoming year**
  - Interesting updates – looking to join efforts on various initiatives including potential mentorship program
- Began my role as a member on the 1.1 strategy committee to discuss and plan strategies for student retention
  - Met individually with Julie Green, Senior Advisor for Student Success, to discuss ideas and share insight
- Met with the Search Committee for the VP Student Affairs (old Vice-Provost)
  - Determined what the recruitment package would look like
  - Had a portion about working with the DSU into the package
- **Met with Mental Health team to discuss current initiatives including Caring Campus Mental Health Roadmap** (new website to come, will update council)
- Attended the Halifax Pride parade with members of the student body and members of the university admin.

## ADVOCACY

- **Attended a meeting with the provincial specialist on Sexual Assault Prevention**
- **Met with the President of the Atlantic Association of Universities to discuss areas of collaboration and potential joint efforts**
- **Attended a training session for the phone line**
  - Sexual Assault Crisis Lines in Ontario – a 24/7 response model
  - Volunteer versus staff models for crisis lines
  - Immediate versus answering service models for crisis lines
  - Text and chat features and crisis lines
  - The intersectionality of callers – the gender of volunteers
  - What calls are crisis calls? Sexual Abuse versus Sexual Assault
  - Training of volunteers: Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre Case Study
  - Supporting non-English speaking callers
- **Worked with the Graduate Student Association to gain commitment from Admin for waived rent while we develop a plan for the Grad House**
  - **This will allow for the Grad House to remain open come September**
  - Attended the last DAGS meeting to view a presentation on potential changes
- Had a meeting with Nathan Rogers to discuss concerns re: bike lanes that have been brought up by some members of the union
  - More to come on this!
- Met with the Department of Labour and Advanced education re: Outcome agreements resulting from Bill 100
  - John to provide more in detail update
- Beginning communications with other labour unions on campus in an attempt to discuss overlapping concerns

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- **Working to bring two campaigns to the Dalhousie Campus – fighting against stigma surrounding mental health** (breaking the silence, #Mydefinition)

## MISC

- RMA has begun their operation
- DSU softball team was great! We went 2-1
- **The celebrity serve went very well!**
- **Update on RFP for travel cuts space – Survey has been up for the month – we've secured over 100 responses.**
  - **Next steps:**
    - **Consolidate survey results into a readable document**
    - **Update/create the RFP document and begin approaching businesses that fit within council's criteria and taking into account the survey results**
- Mahbub had the execs over for dinner – the food was fantastic!

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, July 19, 2015 to Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

## **CONTACT:**

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902-494-1276

## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Staff Training day – September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in October
- Society and Volunteer Expo (Society Carnival) – September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Communications

### **Ratification**

- Get SRC ready to continue ratifications into September, follow up with provisional ratifications, and review society policy

### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - If you have events for September/ October please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Sexton, Carleton, and Studley Campuses

### **Societies**

- Kaley has created a presentation on Hiring Practices to aid societies when hiring staff
- Two successful society training sessions

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Planning to be more effective with full time staff- increasing awareness and communication about projects and campaigns going on
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
- Improving upon staff training day

### **Phone Line**

- Have 70 volunteers who have applied online
- Rebecca has been working on the training program
- Rebecca has also been working on securing more funding

**Society and Volunteer Expo – September 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date of the 24<sup>th</sup>)**

## **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- Over 60 societies have registered
- Working with Eric from the CLDC
- Be sure to register your society
  - o Plan an activity or have your society perform
- Also the first Super SUB Wednesday

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Hiring a commissioner to evaluate Tiger Society and research other platforms

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **Improve communication of university resources available for students – especially for societies**

Examples include:

- Career and Leadership Development Centre – Co-Curricular record opportunities
  - o Increasing communication with societies about membership and volunteer positions to incorporate on CCR
- Student Services: Availability of Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- o Incorporate into society training
- o Incorporate into the new event booking form/ package

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students
- Setting goals for the report that is to be created
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

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## **Farmer's Market**

- Planning the first super SUB Wednesday for September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Society and Volunteer Expo)
  - o Music and programming in the SUB – possibly a Beer Garden!

## **Hiring Board Policy/ Guiding Principles**

- Working with Kaley to create a policy/ a set of guiding principles for societies that have hiring boards to ensure transparency, and equity in hiring decisions
- Societies with these boards will be consulted on their current practices and for input on what should be included in the new policy/ principles

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Create a more engaging model for society training with Member Services Department
  - o Isaac is working on improving risk management training
  - o Working on society wide anti-oppression training
  - o Idea to have societies go through the event planning process for an event the society wishes to host as part of society training
  - o Gathering and updating society membership information

## **List of Ratified Societies**

AIESEC Halifax

Amnesty International: Dalhousie Chapter

Black and Gold Dance Team

Canadian Blood Services Student Association

DalDance Society

Dalhousie African Student Association

Dalhousie Brigadoon Camp Society

Dalhousie Cancer Awareness and Research Society

Dalhousie Christian Students on Campus

Dalhousie Women's Field Hockey Club (Competitive Sports Club)

Dalhousie Gujarati Students Association

Dalhousie iGEM

Dalhousie Model United Nations Society

Dalhousie Swing Dance Society

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Dalhousie University Fashion Design Show

Dalhousie University Korean Society

Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Development and Peace Youth Society

Indian Sub-Continent Students Association

Open Source Society

Pakistani Students Association

Salsa Society (Not ratified only for training inclusion)

Specialties in Medicine Society

V-Care

Dalhousie Urban Garden Society (pending SRC approval)

Dalhousie's Tamil Student Association

Repair Our World

Dal Toastmasters

Power to Change

Dalhousie Cricket Society

Dalhousie University Rowing Club

Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA)

Dalhousie Curling Society

Dalhousie ALS Awareness Society

Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team

Get REAL Dal

Dalhousie Bitcoin Club

International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) Dalhousie

Dalhousie Salsa Society

Dalhousie Young Liberals

Students for Wishes Dalhousie University

Dalhousie Architecture Students Association

Environmental Engineering Society

Dalhousie Graduate Physics Society

Dalhousie University Computer Science Graduate Society

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Dalhousie University Undergraduate Chemistry Society

Rowe Women in Business Association

Undergraduate NeuroScience Society (UNS)

School of Information Management Student Association (SIMSA)

Dalhousie University Computer Science Society

Dalhousie Capoeira Club

Dalhousie Concrete Toboggan Team

Entrepreneur and Law Association of Dalhousie

Dalhousie Nursing Research Interest Group

Society of Undergraduate Planners

Dalhousie Undergraduate Economics Society

South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre

Association of Health Administration Students

Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team

Dalhousie Undergraduate English Society

Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences

Golden Key International Honour Society

Rotaract Club of Dalhousie University

Dalhousie Sri Chinmoy Meditation Society

Food Friend of Dalhousie University

Catholic Christian Outreach Halifax

Dalhousie Islamic Relief

Dalhousie Special Tigers Society

Dal Sense

Dalhousie Varsity Council Society

Dalhousie's Women Rugby Football Club

Dalhousie Figure Skating Club

Sodales: The Dalhousie Debating Society

Best Buddies Dalhousie Chapter

Rowe Marketing Association

Dalhousie Judo Society



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REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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Dalhousie University Cheerleading

Women's Lacrosse

Dalhousie Kings Fencing Society

Biology Organization of Graduate Students

Dalhousie Science Society(not ratified)

Physiotherapy Students Society

Loaded Ladle

Dalhousie University Russian Society

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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### **INTERNAL**

#### **Society Audit:**

The following four societies submitted their books for summer audit

Architecture Students Association

Dalhousie International Student Association (DISA)

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS)

Loaded Ladle

The following societies have passed the summer audit

Architecture Students Association

Dalhousie International Student Association (DISA)

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS)

Deadlines for Fall Audit:

September 25 (First Round Deadline)

October 30 (Final Deadline)

#### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Type 1 (Faculty and Levied) Societies. In the last month, I met with Dalhousie Dental Student Society (DDSS), Dalhousie Campus Medical Response Team (DCMRT), Dalhousie International Student Association (DISA) and Loaded Ladle.

Moreover I am keeping society Treasurers updated about Audit and other relevant matters.

#### **Treasurer Training:**

Treasure traing for society treasurers will be arranged in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September (on the week of 21<sup>st</sup> September). If any treasurer need any help before that special individual or group sessions can be arranged.

#### **Finance Commissioner:**

Received applications for Finance commissioner. They will be interviewed and will be appointed in early September.

## Vice President (Finance & Operations)

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

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#### Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee received application for the following positions:

Judicial Board Chair

Judicial Board Member

BOPS Member

Chief returning Officer (CRO)

Interview will be done in first week of September and recommendations will put forward to next council meeting.

We are looking for applications for the following positions

Name of Position	No. of post	Job Posting	Application Deadline	Application sorting & Interview Schedule meeting	Interview period	Council approval
<b>Board of Operations Chair</b>	1	August 18	August 31	September 3	September 7-September 11	September 15

#### Society Review Committee:

Attended Society Review committee Meeting on July 29 and August 5 to discuss and approve society ratification

### OPERATIONS

#### SUB Renovations:

Reno Project Meeting is happening weekly. Work is going on as per changed schedule. We approved the first change order about extra layer of asbestos wall.

#### SUB Renovation Finance:

Documents related to SWAP financing was signed on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Received the first Invoice of Renovation payment.

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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### **Health Plan Investment Fund:**

Liquidation and Withdrawal from Health plan reserve was done to cover deficit as July \$211,000 and August \$171,000

## **SERVICES**

### **Health plan Opt Out:**

Health plan opt out Deadline this year is September 25<sup>th</sup>,2015

### **O Week Registration and Bursary:**

Registration for O week is going on. O week Bursary committee is reviewing the bursary applications.

### **Tiger Patrol:**

Tiger patrol Van is bought on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sponsorship:**

DSU Board of Operations has approved on July 27, \$1500 sponsorship to Dalhousie Delegation to National Student Food Summit.

### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meeting to discuss and approve society and member grant on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

## **External Relations:**

### **SUDS Conference:**

Attended SUDS 2015 conference in Vancouver on 12-17 August.

### **National Student Food Summit**

Attended National Student Food Summit in Toronto on 20-23 August.

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday August 26th**

John Hutton – [vpae@dsu.ca](mailto:vpae@dsu.ca)

Registration for the Student Union Skills Conference on Sept. 17-18 is live! Visit <http://dsu.ca/skills> to register.

Skills is a great way to boost your organizational and leadership skills, as well as train your society's board. Registration is free, so don't miss it!

### **GENERAL**

- Attended open house at Agricultural Campus, met with president of Dalhousie Agricultural Students Association
- With DSU executive and staff, hosted ice cream social to celebrate the beginning of SUB renovations
- Produced welcome video for new and returning students with DSU executive
- Skills conference registration is live, with thanks to the Career and Leadership Development Centre for hosting the registration on myCareer. Keynote speakers and workshops are all confirmed at this point.
- Met with some executives of the Dalhousie Alumni Association.
- Met with the president of the Dalhousie Engineering Graduate Society to discuss their plans for the year are and how we can support them, and vice-versa.
- Met with the President of the University of Western Ontario's student union to discuss federal advocacy in non-aligned student unions. They are in a similar position as the DSU, where they too recently left CASA and are figuring out how to represent students federally. Discussion of a conference of undergraduate student unions in the U15 were brought up.
- A mature student living in metro housing was dealing with exposed asbestos and wanted support because his complaints to building managers were not dealt with. I helped him bring his story to the CBC news.
- Met with SMUSA VP Student Affairs to talk about the DSU society hub and food bank. SMUSA has since set up a food bank on their campus, which is a great service that we wish wasn't necessary.

### **INTERNAL**

- Ongoing discussions among executive of what a DSU office is versus a society and a department. Our offices (Sustainability office, Equity and Accessibility office) exist in a grey area currently and we are trying to clarify what it is in policy and practice.
- By invitation, I sat on the hiring committee for DalOUT's first staff person. An excellent candidate, Laura Chan, was hired for the position and I look forward to seeing what DalOUT can do with the expanded capacity.
- Hiring street team commissioners! Positions are available for general street team members and campaigns street team members. Job descriptions can be seen at [dsu.ca/jobs](http://dsu.ca/jobs).
- Academic Committee is now filled. First meeting is Monday, August 24th.



- External Committee's first meeting is on August 31st at 5:30-7 in room 224 of the SUB. All are welcome!
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## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### Senate

#### Meetings

- My senate committees, with one exception, are dormant for the summer so updates on this front are limited.
- Working on Senate Reform proposal.
- Ratification meeting- 5 cases of plagiarism resolved through AIOs since last council meeting.

### Other

- Collaborating with Dalhousie's Career and Leadership Development centre to expand the DalConnects program. I'll be giving a few workshops as part of the program, as will other DSU executives.
- Working to establish a regular meeting group of all unions on campus (DSU, DFA, NSGEU, CUPE, SEIU) starting in the fall.

## Campaigns

### Equity Campaigns

- Pride parade on July 25th was a huge success! Roughly 50 students marched despite the rain, 1000 pamphlets were handed out, more than 1000 buttons. At the community fair we collected over 100 signatures in 2 hours for our \$15/hour minimum wage campaign, and registered 26 first-time voters. Our float and signs looked great, and we won the Halifax Pride award for best non-profit float entry!
- Organizing for the Canadian University Queer Services Conference is ongoing. We have a draft budget and are working on reaching out to donors. Trying to secure keynote speakers as well.
- Met with Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service executive director to discuss expanding the service to provide students advocates in student code of conduct and sexual harassment policy cases. We are on track to have a new law student society formed that can build a volunteer and expertise base in these cases, and should be able to fold it into DSAS by the end of the academic year.
- We met with the provincial specialist on sexual assault to discuss the DSU's priorities such as passing Bill 114 (the Safe Universities and Colleges Act), and funding our Sexual Assault and Harassment Support Line.

### Students Unite Campaign

News / Information

- My freedom of information request to see exactly what Dalhousie has proposed regarding the tuition resets has been delayed by the FOIPOP office for an additional 30 days. I am told that I will get the information on September 18th. It is concerning that they are taking the maximum allowed amount of time to share with the public the content of an email.
- Bad news: the provincial Liberal government has cut \$220,000 from the department of health and wellness that funded an internship program for PhD students in psychology. These internships are necessary in order to complete a psychology PhD, meaning that current PhD students will have to leave NS to finish their degrees and it is likely that this will deter prospective students from coming to Dalhousie now. These interns provide 1000 hours of mental health care each year, and there are 8 internships. This is as much a blow to our mental health system as it is to students. The DSU, along with DAGS and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students in Psychology (DAGSIP) are fighting these cuts.
- Changes to the municipal voting act are being discussed which would change residency requirements from 3 months to 6 months, which would mean that out-of-province students that go home in the summer would lose the right to vote. This is something we just found out about but will need to strongly oppose.
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#### Actions

- Our button set has been redesigned and we've ordered a lot of new buttons! In addition to re-designing existing buttons (i.e. "Reduce Tuition Fees") we've produced new materials for grad students and the federal election.
- Along with President Dan, DAGS VP External Moe, and DSU policy & research coordinator Kaley Kennedy, attended a student-government roundtable on the outcome measures mandated under Bill 100.
- Attended a stakeholder consultation about Employment Support and Income Assistance. We received support from many non-student organizations that the minimum wage should be increased and that regulation 67 should be repealed (which would enable people on income assistance to attend university)
- Produced a survey on student classroom space and seating, in order to get accurate data about the seating situation is for students. There has been a very high rate of responses from Sexton campus-based students and the comments so far are negative. The survey is still active, and can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/DSUSeatingSurvey>.
- Met with the Post-Secondary Education Coalition (Dal Faculty Association, Association of NS University Teachers, Canadian Federation of Students-NS, NS Government and General Employees Union, Canadian Union of Public Employees, and the DSU) to plan for a presentation to the legislature's Human Resources Committee in September.
- Produced a press release and sent it out with DAGS and DAGSIP to condemn the psychology internship cuts. We got media pickup on CBC, the Chronicle Herald, and



CKBW radio in Bridgewater. We are working to get a meeting with MLA Joachim Stroink this week to follow up and try to stop the cut.

### **Federal Election Campaign**

- Have had three committee meetings- two halifax-wide planning meetings at NSCAD and Dalhousie, and one for the DSU Elections Committee to plan summer and September actions.
- Debate-watching party held along with the Kings Student Union at the Wardroom, which was fun and well attended.
- With other halifax student unions, held a sidewalk chalking action along Barrington Street and Spring Garden road. We got great media coverage from it including the front page of the Herald, and great responses from pedestrians. The messages lasted about a week thanks to the nice weather.
- Collaborating with the Council of Canadians to host a Rock the Vote concert.
- Collaborating with Engineers without Borders-Dalhousie to hold a pumpkin smash event.
- In the process of planning an all-candidates debate for Monday, September 28th.

### **UPCOMING**

- Pamphleting and voter registration at Quinpool road superstore for Student Discount Tuesday, August 25th.
- Meeting with SMU students union, touring their new food bank, August 26th
- Meeting with David Wilson, MLA for Sackville-Cobequid and NDP critic for Labour and Advanced Education August 28th
- Breakfast meeting with Dalhousie senior administration and president August 27th
- Senate committees resume, starting with Senate Values and Principles Working Group August 27th and Learning and Teaching Committee Sept. 2nd
- External Committee meeting August 31st
- Orientation week!



Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

Report to Council

Monday, July 20th, 2015 to Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Contact at: [vpstudentlife@dsu.ca](mailto:vpstudentlife@dsu.ca)

### **INTERNAL**

Communications

- Creating a student life radio show on the CKDU where students can stay up to date with all things DSU. The show will cover goings on at the DSU like events and services, student issues, and much more!

### **EXTERNAL**

SUDS

- Attended the Student Union Development Summit, hosted by the University of British Columbia's Student Union; AMS. Had the opportunity to network with Student Union Executives from all over Canada and the US, and attend some very helpful workshops.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Orientation

- Working with university groups to promote all orientation programming to first year students via the Dal Communications department. I.e. Blog posts, email blasts, ect.

Residence

- New student module on consent, respect, and harm reduction completed in collaboration with Dal Student Life and The Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office. Will be advertised through the university communications department first year "from the tiger" email series all next week. Note that any students are able to have access to the module. If you are interested in using it for your society, group, or just interested in trying it out yourself, email me.
- Working with DSU Policy and Research Coordinator and VP Internal to create a grand residence council committee.

Society Carnival

- Working with the Career Leadership & Development Center, and Student Health Services, to turn the September Society Carnival into a collaboration of all fall service fairs.

### **OPERATIONS**

Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on fall programming, and attempting to allocate specific dates for society nights.

- Working with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada to start monthly programming at the Grawood to host Lip Sync Battle events that will raise money for their charity.

#### T-Room

- Collaborating with T-Room manager on fall programming.

#### **ADVOCACY**

##### Alcohol Harm Reduction

- Working with Dal Security and the Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office to create a plan for alcohol harm reduction for the upcoming year.

#### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

##### Orientation Week 2015

- Registration for O-Week is officially open
- Bursary Program is up and running, Students are able to apply for a half and full bursary by filling out a form via the website. Have designated a certain amount of bursaries specifically for International Students. First round of bursary approvals have gone out and people are stoked!
- Collaborating with internal (Lyndsay Anderson with Student Life) and external (Venus Envy) groups on creating a positive educational talk on sex and consent.
- Working with Student Health Promotion to have drop-in STI screenings available for first year students during O-Week.
- Orientation week is ready to go, will be occurring from Sept 6<sup>th</sup> to Sept 9<sup>th</sup>! Stop by if you are around and say hello to our brand new first years!

##### Dalfest 2015

- Formed a committee of students to plan the event, working on booking talent and creating a theme for the event.
- Making changes to the structure of the event to include more student groups and have activities for all different types of students.

##### TEDxDalhousieU

- Event Coordinator Position is posted!

##### General Programming

- Two programming commissioner positions posted.

#### **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Working with varsity and clubs to get all games schedule imputed into the student handbook.
- Athletics & Recreation commissioner position is posted!
- Working with Dal Alumni Association and Clubs on Homecoming and homecoming weekend.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Bassemah Al Hulaimi	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Yazan Matarieh	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub / Angela Czart	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Callahan Murphy	Management Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Jamil Sinno (proxy: Branwen Price)	Engineering Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Amr ElKhashab

International Students' Community Representative

Sara Jaber

Engineering Representative Diploma

Moe Kabara

Graduate Studies Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant

Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)

Vacant

Health Professions Representative

Vacant

Health Professions Representative

Vacant

Aboriginal Students' Community Representative

Vacant

Residence Representative

Vacant

Residence Representative

Vacant

Agricultural Representative

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-09-16: A01

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

**Moved:** Matarieh

**Seconded:** Turner

### MOTION 2015-09-16: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move the SUB Renovations Project presentation before the appointments.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move the motion, to adopt Equity Policy and Equity Hiring Policy and be tabled to the September 30<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Moved:** Nicholson

**Seconded:** Reid

### MOTION 2015-09-16: A02 CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-09-16: A03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to add a motion to extend the Black Students' Community Representative Position to September.

**Moved:** Soroka

**Seconded:** Larsen

### MOTION 2015-09-16: A03: CARRIED

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**MOTION 2015-09-16: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2015-09-16: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Smith

**MOTION 2015-09-16: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Chair Johannson received a communication of regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Jeremy Banks, Druv Bhatia, Anthony Sakaili, Kaitlynne Lowe, and Jimena Prado.

Chair Johannson received a report from executive John Hutton to be circulated electronically.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

### A. SUB Renovations Project (Keith Tufts)

Tufts gave an overview of his presentation to Council.

## 7. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Outstanding Committee Appointments

#### i. Student Accessibility Fund Committee (2 council member)

**Nominee:** Corey Larsen                      **Nominated by:** Larsen

**Nominee:** Jad Sinno                              **Nominated by:** Sinno

**Candidates Elected:** Corey Larsen and Jad Sinno

#### ii. Student Accessibility Fund Committee (2 non-council members)

**Nominee:** Dylan Ryan                              **Nominated by:** Dixon

**Nominee:** Rossy Sax                              **Nominated by:** Reid

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**Candidates Elected:** Ryan Dylan and Rossy Sax

## **B. New Committee Appointments**

### **i. Programming Committee (at least 2 council member)**

**Nominee:** Allister Mason      **Nominated by:** Mason

**Nominee:** Corey Larsen      **Nominated by:** Larsen

**Nominee:** Corlyn Turner      **Nominated by:** Turner

**Nominee:** Callahan Murphy      **Nominated by:** Murphy

**Candidates Elected:** Allister Mason, Corey Larsen, Corlyn Turner and Callahan Murphy

### **ii. Programming Committee (3 non-council members)**

**Nominee:** Mackenzie Arnold      **Nominated by:** Reid

**Nominee:** Rosalyn Huynh      **Nominated by:** Reid

**Nominee:** Victoria Wight      **Nominated by:** Reid

**Candidates Elected:** Mackenzie Arnold, Rosalyn Huynh, and Victoria Wight

## **C. Appointments from the Nominating Committee**

### **i. Chief Returning Officer**

**Nominee:** Sep Rassi      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Sep Rassi

### **ii. Judicial Board Chair**

**Nominee:** Justin Hiscock      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Justin Hiscock

### **iii. Judicial Board Members (2)**

**Nominee:** Killian McParland      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Killian McParland

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## iv. Board of Operations Chair

**Nominee:** Ali Calladine                      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Ali Calladine

## iv. Board of Operations Members (2)

**Nominee:** Kyle Warkentin                      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Nominee:** Mitchel Bowers                      **Nominated by:** Rahman

**Candidates Elected:** Kyle Warkentin and Mitchel Bowers

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C01**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Corey Larsen, Jad Sinno, Dylan Ryan, and Rossy Sax be appointed as members of the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Al Hulaimi

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C01 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C02**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Allister Mason, Corey Larsen, Corlyn Turner, Callahan Murphy, Mackenzie Arnold, Rosalyn Huynh, and Victoria Wight be appointed to the Programming Committee.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Al Hulaimi

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C02 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C03**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Sep Rassi be appointed as Chief Returning Officer for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Rahman                      **Seconded:** Hou

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C03 CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2015-09-16: C04**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Justin Hiscock be appointed as Chair of the Judicial Board for 2015-16.

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**Moved:** Rahman                      **Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C04 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C05**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Killian McParlan be appointed as a member of the Judicial Board for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Rahman                      **Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C05 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C06**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Ali Calladine be appointed as Chair of the Board of Operations for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Rahman                      **Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C06 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C07**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Kyle Warkentin and Mitchel Bowers be appointed as members of the Board of Operations for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Rahman                      **Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-16: C07 CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Haworth gave an overview of the Caucus activity since the last meeting.

### **B. Senate Caucus**

Hutton gave an overview of the Caucus activity since the last meeting.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**



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## **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe**

Lowe was absent.

## **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE OF INVESTMENT REVIEW**

**Moved:** Matarieh

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO IMPLEMENT A MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN**

**Moved:** Soroka

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A town hall on accessibility of buildings and accessibility in relation to the bike lane is being hosted by the DSU on the September 29, in the McInnes room

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2015-09-16: A04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Reid

**Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-16: A04 CARRIED**

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**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM**

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## INTERNAL

### AC Campus

- Attended/participated in Truro students induction
- Received MOU back from legal team, working through comments
- DASA will be participating in Senate through video conference this year

### Executive Team

- Working over the last couple weeks to support Kathleen with orientation week stuff
- Various executive meetings
- Attended and participated in staff training (part-time)
- **Worked with John and Sarah to hire a street team**
- Attended many DSU orientation events
- Attended various faculty/program orientations eg.
  - Presented to the internetworking grad program students
  - Participated in the Faculty of Science first year scavenger hunt
  - Attended the Engineering first year BBQ
- Various board of operations meetings and officers meetings
- "Welcome to the DSU" video has been released

## OPERATIONS

### SUB Renovations

- Reorganization of Travel Cuts has been made to accommodate for society space needs
- Jack hammers in the office have been tons of fun -\_\_-

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- **Contributed to the first-year student advice column**
- **Attended a roundtable discussion on the Syrian refugee crisis**
- **Attended Senate orientation**
- Presented in the DAL 101 event for first year students
- Beginning to short list candidates for the VP Student Affairs

## ADVOCACY

- **Working with the university on equity hiring practices**
- **Met with the organizer of #MyDefinition to discuss bringing that campaign to Dalhousie**
- **Attended the weekend training for the phone line**
  - **Over 40 volunteers attended**

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- **Many great speakers**
- Worked to find space for the phone line (found some through DAGS)
- **Presented with DAGS to Dalhousie VPFO re: Grad House**
- Worked to produce an action plan surrounding the accessibility of the SUB
- Beginning communications with other labour unions on campus in an attempt to discuss overlapping concerns

### MISC

- DSU intramurals to begin soon – if you're interested in any sports, please let me know
- **Update on RFP for travel cuts space – We have sent out request to a few folks.**
  - **Please send in business ideas**
- Still looking to hire a Carleton campus director
- Working with Piedad to wrap up the MHPSP pilot and formulate some advice/recommendations for the university
- Working with EnA to reformulate the officer roles
- Attended an all candidates debate

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## CONTACT:

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A huge congratulation to Kathleen, the Executives, the O-week Committee, O-week Leaders, and everyone involved in making this Orientation Week so great!

## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Staff Training day – September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Successful training day
  - Member Services department is working on going over the strengths and weaknesses from this summer's operations
  - Working with the Member Services staff to ensure that each society has a positive experience and gets the help they need
- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in October
- Society and Volunteer Expo (Society Carnival) – September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Communications
  - Social media coordinator from the street team has been hired
    - Working on having regular planning medias to continue success in our social media presence

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### Improving communication with all campuses

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - If you have events for September/ October please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Sexton, Carleton, and Studley Campuses

### Societies

- Attend the Skills Conference: September 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Society training has been successful so far
  - Your society must have a Primary Event Organizer (PEO) that has completed society training: <http://www.dsu.ca/societytraining>
  - Treasurer training will be September 21<sup>st</sup>

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created

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- Outlining financing and governance process
- Timeline: to have this process approved by council in October

## **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Planning to be more effective with full time staff- increasing awareness and communication about projects and campaigns going on
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
- Improving upon staff training day

## **Phone Line**

- Have 70 volunteers who have applied online
- Rebecca has been working on additional training for volunteers
- Phone line has been doing well so far!
- Working on advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19

## **Society and Volunteer Expo – September 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date of the 24<sup>th</sup>)**

- We have over 140 exhibitors!
- Working with Eric from the CLDC
- Be sure to register your society by September 16th
  - o [www.dsu.ca/expo](http://www.dsu.ca/expo)
- Also the first Super SUB Wednesday

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Hiring a commissioner to evaluate Tiger Society and research other platforms

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING WITH ANNE FORESTALL ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing the hiring practice for this position and the job description

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students
- Setting goals for the report that is to be created
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Helping SMU set up a Food Bank

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- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer’s Market**

- Planning the first super SUB Wednesday for September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Society and Volunteer Expo)
  - o Music and programming in the SUB – possibly a Beer Garden!

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Society and Volunteer Expo – September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Skills Conference :September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

### **List of Ratified Societies**

Dalhousie University Undergraduate Chemistry Society

Association of Health Administration Students

Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences

Dalhousie University Computer Science Graduate Society

Dalhousie Urban Garden Society (pending SRC approval)

Dalhousie Caribbean Connections

Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team

Get REAL Dal

Dal Toastmasters

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Sodales: The Dalhousie Debating Society

Jack.org Dal

Risley Hall

Association of Korean Canadian Scientists & Engineers Atlantic School Chapter

Dalhousie Capoeira Club

Young Greens Dalhousie

Dalhousie University Korean Society

Greek Council

Dalhousie iGEM

Dalhousie Undergraduate English Society

Rowe Women in Business Association

School of Information Management Student Association (SIMSA)

Society of Undergraduate Planners

Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group \*

Society of Dalhousie Music Students \*

Power to Change

Dalhousie Figure Skating Club

Specialties in Medicine Society

Dalhousie University Nursing Society

Dalhousie Women in Technology Society

Dalhousie Islamic Relief

Loaded Ladle

Canadian Blood Services Student Association

International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) Dalhousie



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AIESEC Halifax

Dalhousie Nursing Research Interest Group

Dalhousie Oxfam Society

Dalhousie Model United Nations Society

Open Source Society

Students for Wishes Dalhousie University

V-Care

Dalhousie Anime Club

Public Administration Students

Dalhousie Young Liberals

Dalhousie Science Society(not ratified)

Dalhousie Bitcoin Club

Dal Sense

Golden Key International Honour Society

Dalhousie Sri Chinmoy Meditation Society

Students With a Testimony (Associated with HOPE World Wide)

Dalhousie Christian Students on Campus

Dalhousie Graduate Physics Society

Dalhousie University Computer Science Society

Dalhousie ALS Awareness Society

Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team

Dalhousie African Student Association

Biology Organization of Graduate Students

Dalhousie Curling Society

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Dalhousie Cricket Society

Black and Gold Dance Team

DalDance Society

Dalhousie Gujarati Students Association

Dalhousie Cancer Awareness and Research Society

Dalhousie Women's Field Hockey Club (Competitive Sports Club)

Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA)

Amnesty International: Dalhousie Chapter

Best Buddies Dalhousie Chapter

Catholic Christian Outreach Halifax

Clinical Vision Science Society

Dalhousie Architecture Students Association

Dalhousie Association of Biology Students \*

Dalhousie Association of Marine Biology Students

Dalhousie Breaking Society

Dalhousie Brigadoon Camp Society

Dalhousie Chinese Society \*

Dalhousie Commerce Society \*

Dalhousie Concrete Toboggan Team

Dalhousie Cult Classics Club

Dalhousie Health Initiatives Society

Dalhousie Hockey Society

Dalhousie International Students Association \*

Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management

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Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management

Dalhousie Judo Society

Dalhousie Kings Fencing Society

Dalhousie Native Students Association

Dalhousie Occupational Therapy Student Society \*

Dalhousie Physiotherapy Students' Society \*

Dalhousie Polish Society

Dalhousie Salsa Society

Dalhousie Science Society

Dalhousie Special Tigers Society

Dalhousie Swing Dance Society

Dalhousie Undergraduate Economics Society

Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society \*

Dalhousie University Cheerleading

Dalhousie University Fashion Design Show

Dalhousie University Rowing Club

Dalhousie University Russian Society

Dalhousie Varsity Council Society

Dalhousie's Tamil Student Association

Dalhousie's Women Rugby Football Club

Dawson Geology Society \*

Development and Peace Youth Society

Entrepreneur and Law Association of Dalhousie

Environmental Engineering Society

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Environmental Programs Student Society \*

European Martial Arts Society

Food Friend of Dalhousie University

Freecreation

Graduate Planning Society

Health Association of African Canadian Students Society

Marine Affairs Society

Heart4Heart

Howe Hall Residents' Society \*

Indian Sub-Continent Students Association

One Small Group

Pakistani Students Association

Kayaking Society

Repair Our World

Rotaract Club of Dalhousie University

Rowe Marketing Association

Salsa Society (Not ratified only for training inclusion)

South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre

Student Athlete Mental Health Initiative Dal Chapter

Dalhousie Equestrian Society

Dalhousie Men's Rugby Society

The Platypus Affiliated Society of Dalhousie

Undergraduate NeuroScience Society (UNS)

Women's Lacrosse

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World University Services of Canada`

Dalhousie Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

Aboriginal Health Interest Group

Dalhousie Football Club

Theatre Society

Water Polo Society

Dalhousie Tae Kwon Do Society

Dalhousie Tango

DalJam

Your Environmental Sustainability Society

Weldon Gaming Society

Dal Action

Dalhousie Outdoors Society

Dalhousie Mathematics and Statistics Graduate Association

Dalhousie Canadian Studies Society

The Dalhousie Gazette

Public Administration Student Society

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Society Audit:**

Deadlines for Fall Audit:

September 25 (First Round Deadline)

October 30 (Final Deadline)

##### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Societies. In the last month, I met with Dalhousie Pharmacy Student Society (DDSS), Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team (DMCRT), Dalhousie Outdoor Society, Mini Res, School of Social work, School of Human Communication and Disorder, Dalhousie Dental Hygiene student Society, Loaded ladle.

I have approved advanced payment for Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team (DMCRT) and Dalhousie Outdoor Society.

##### **Treasurer Training:**

Treasure training for society treasurers will be arranged in on 21st September 130pm. Moreover special training sessions will be arranged for type 2 societies of DASSS and DSS.

##### **Finance Commissioner:**

Received 7 applications for Finance commissioner. They will be interviewed on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September and will be appointed.

##### **Nominating Committee:**

Nominating Committee have completed the interview for the following posts and will present recommendations on September 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting for the following positions:

Judicial Board Chair (1 position)

Judicial Board Member (1 position)

BOPS Chair (1 position)

BOPS Member (3 positions)

Chief returning Officer (CRO) (1 position)

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We are looking for applications for the following positions

Name of Position	No. of post	Job Posting	Application Deadline	Interview period	Council approval
<b>Judicial Board Member</b>	1	September 14	September 25	September 28-September 30	September 30

## **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meeting on July 29 and August 5 to discuss and approve society ratification

## **OPERATIONS**

### **SUB Renovations:**

Reno Project Meeting is happening weekly. Work is going on as per changed schedule. Presentation about Renovation by Architect on Council meeting on 16 September

### **SUB Renovation Finance:**

First invoice was paid

### **Grawood:**

Grawood is back to regular operating hours.

### **Campus Copy:**

Campus copy is under full operation in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

### **Reservations:**

McInnes Room is ready to book for events. Other rooms will be back within October.

## **SERVICES**

### **Health plan Opt Out:**

Health plan opt out Deadline this year is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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#### **O Week Registration and Bursary:**

Registration for O week was done smoothly approx. 1700 students registered for O week. O week Bursary was awarded to 82 students (63 full & 19 half) worth of \$6525. Out of 82, 21 was International students

#### **International Student Bursary:**

Had International Student Bursary meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August. It will be available to students soon.

#### **Tiger Patrol:**

Tiger patrol Van is back on operations on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Report to DSU Council for Wednesday September 16th

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

Registration for the Student Union Skills Conference on Sept. 17-18 is live! Visit <http://dsu.ca/skills> to register.

Skills is a great way to boost your organizational and leadership skills, as well as train your society's board. Registration is free, so don't miss it!

### GENERAL

- Orientation week's taken a lot of time in the best way possible. It's been hectic and very fun meeting so many students and going to so many events! I've been handing out buttons and candy as often as possible. Events attended include: International Students welcome BBQ, DAGS welcome BBQ, DSUSO garden party, Engineering field party, Law school society fair, South House welcome BBQ, DalOUT welcome BBQ, Internetworking welcome lunch. Unfortunately Dan and I missed the Architecture and planning BBQ as it was at the same time as engineering's.
- Attended induction ceremonies for Halifax and Truro campuses (sept. 8 and 9).
- Presented "DSU 101" to first years during o-week as well as the masters of internetworking lunch.

### INTERNAL

- Hired a new street team. Two team members are funded through the advocacy budget so will do a bit more campaign work while still being flexible.
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### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

#### Senate

##### Meetings

- Senate Values and Principles Working Group (August 27th)
- Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (Sept. 2). Discussed classroom scheduling policy draft and Student Ratings of Instruction.
- Submitted motion for academic amnesty on October 19th Election Day
- Submitted proposal for constitutional reform of senate to expand student representation on Senate. We're asking for one representative per faculty and representatives from marginalized communities.
- Met for the first of three meetings of a "rapid taskforce" on syllabus policy reform. I am advocating for increased accessibility information on syllabi, inclusion of references to counselling and psychological support, and posting past syllabi online for students picking courses on this committee.
- First senate meeting of the school year (sept. 14th)
- Ratification of 5 plagiarism cases since last council meeting resolved through AIOs.

### Other

- Meeting for registrar search committee (sept 15)

## Campaigns

### Equity Campaigns

- Planning a forum similar to last years Forum on Misogyny, called Beyond Backhouse. In collaboration with faculty members from a grouping called the Equity Caucus. It will take place on September 22nd from 1-4pm in the McInnis room.
- Promoted student support for Bill 114 during the O-Week Sex Talk event, with hundreds and hundreds of students signing postcards. It was overwhelming.



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### Students Unite Campaign

#### News / Information

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#### Actions

- Met with Dave Wilson and Marian Mancini, provincial MLAs from the NDP (Sept. 1). Discussed regulation 67 (income assistance for students), Bill 114 (safe universities act), the tuition reset, outcome measures, and a \$15 minimum wage.
- Attended the Labour Day march with other students.

- At law school society fair, made connections with students interested in organizing "know your rights" workshops, so I will be following up on that to get tenants and workers rights workshops organized.

### Federal Election Campaign

- Promoted the federal election at the field party during O-Week with "The Game is Rigged," two games called the Budget Toss and Tuition FeeHigh Jump that couldn't actually be won, as a fun way to show the importance of voting. The table was very successful, with 100 students signed up to vote (roughly a student every 2 minutes).



- Met with Dalhousie communications team to discuss ways to inform students of voting. There will be several Dal News pieces and hopefully an email to all students.
- Meeting with the Halifax returning office Sept. 16th to discuss details of the campus poll.
- All-Candidates Debate on Youth and Student Issues is confirmed for Sept. 28th in the McInnis room. All parties have indicated that they want to attend. Students are encouraged to ask questions of the candidates! We'd like to record a few student's questions on video and screen them at the debate so let me know if you have a question - [vpae@dsu.ca](mailto:vpae@dsu.ca)

### UPCOMING

- Skills Conference! Sept 18-19th
- CUQSC Meeting, posting for a CUQSC coordinator position upcoming
- DSU submission to ad hoc committee on fossil fuel divestment
- Senate Planning and Governance Committee
- DAGS boat cruise
- Academic committee meeting with Mairead Barry, Dal Registrar, as guest
- Society expo
- Travelling to Cape Breton University on Sept 25th to speak to the Royal Society of Canada Conference, "Who or What does Higher Education Serve?"
- All candidates debate Sept. 28th
- Get Science Right panel organized by DFA, sept. 29th at Halifax Central Library 7-9pm

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 6:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:34 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Laura MacEachern	DUES President
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Yazan Matarieh	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Marissa Multari / Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Druv Bhatia (Proxy:Pravin)	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Jamil Sinno	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Sep: Grad)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sep Appointment)
Tori Kort	Residence Representative
Laci Phina	Residence Representative
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Callahan Murphy	Management Representative
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

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Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)

## VACANCIES

Vacant	Aboriginal Students' Community
Vacant	Agricultural Representative

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-09-30: A01

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

**Moved:** Larsen                      **Seconded:** Reid

### MOTION 2015-09-30: A01 CARRIED

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2015-09-30: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Sakaili                      **Seconded:** Matarieh

### MOTION 2015-09-30: M01 CARRIED/FAILED

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Chair Johannson received a communication of regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Sam Dixon, Liam Hunt, Sarah Dobson, Jeremy Banks, Michael Davies-Cole, Kris Pervin, Moe Kabara and Sara Jaber.

Chair Johannson received communication from the Station Director of CKDU who is ill today and will not be able to present.

Chair Johannson received a report from the following executives Rahman and Reid which will be circulated electronically.

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Chair Johannson received a report from Liam Hunt.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Outstanding Committee Appointments

#### i. Executive Review Committee (1 council member)

**Nominee:** Ivit Yakub

**Nominated by:** Yakub

**Candidates Elected:** Ivit Yakub

### B. New Council Appointments

#### i. Member at Large (September)

**Nominees:** Dylan Ryan

**Nominated by:** Sakaili

**Candidates Elected:** Dylan Ryan

#### ii. Member at Large (Graduate)

**Nominee:** Saki Sultana

**Nominator by:** Matarieh

**Nominee:** Javid Gasume

**Nominated by:** Nicholson

**Nominee:** Maliki Ali

**Nominated by:** Matarieh

**Meeting went in camera at 6:51pm**

**Meeting went ex-camera at 6:54 pm**

**Ballot Vote Conducted**

**Vote conducted began at 6:54 pm**

**Vote completed at 6:57 pm**

**Candidates Elected:** Saki Sultana

#### iii. Residence Community Representatives (2)

**MOTION 2015-09-30: C04**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Laci Phina and Tori Kort be appointed as Residence Community Representatives for 2015-16.

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**Moved:** Rhaman

**Seconded:** Nicholson

## **MOTION 2015-09-30: C04 CARRIED**

### **iv. Health Professions Faculty Representatives (2)**

**Nominee:** Katelyn Martell

**Nominator by:** Reid

**Nominee:** Allyson Falconer

**Nominated by:** Reid

**Nominee:** April McQueen

**Nominated by:** Lowe

**Nominee:** Maliki Ali

**Nominated by:** Hutton

**Meeting went in camera at 7:11 pm**

**Meeting went ex-camera at 7:14pm**

**Ballot Vote Conducted**

**Vote conducted began at 7:17pm**

**Vote completed at 7:21pm**

**CANDIDATES ELECTED:** Katelyn Martell and Allyson Falconer.

### **v. Black Students Representatives**

**Nominees:** Michael Davies-Cole **Nominated by:** Nicholson

**Candidates Elected:** Michael Davies-Cole

## **MOTION 2015-09-30: C06**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Michael Davies-Cole be appointed as Black Students Representatives for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Ryan

**Seconded:** Larsen

## **MOTION 2015-09-30: C06 CARRIED**

### **C. Appointments from the Nominating Committee**

#### **i. Board of Operations Member (1)**

**Nominees:** None

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**Candidates Elected:** None

**Appointment tabled to October 14th meeting.**

**MOTION 2015-09-30: C07 CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. CKDU

**MOTION 2015-09-30: C01**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the CKDU presentation is tabled to October 14th meeting

**Moved:** Soroka                      **Seconded:** Lowe

**MOTION 2015-09-30: C01 CARRIED**

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Sakaili gave an overview of the Caucus written report.

### B. Senate Caucus

Johannson gave an overview of the Caucus written report as received by Hunt.

### C. Sexton Advisory Committee

Yazan gave an overview of the Caucus written report.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Motion to Adopt Equity Policy

**MOTION 2015-09-30: O01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the document be adopted as circulated:

EQUITY POLICY

Note: All terms will hold the same definition as outlined in the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution.

1. Preamble



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The Dalhousie Student Union is committed in all its operations to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination. Creating inclusive and positive environments is a collective responsibility of all members of the Dalhousie Student Union, but in order to promote these aims, the following policy outlines actions that will be undertaken by the Dalhousie Student Union to actively challenge discrimination, harassment, and oppression.

## 2. Definitions.

- a. Privilege is the unearned advantages extended to a dominant group in the form of cultural, economic, political, social and institutional rights—at the expense of marginalized groups. These advantages are actively reproduced through the normalization of the dominant group.
- b. Power is the ability to exercise control and/or having access to systems and resources considered legitimate by individuals and institutions.
- c. Oppression is the exercising of power over a marginalized group by a dominant group. Oppression is a systemic phenomenon that can manifest in individual or institutional actions.
- d. Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual attention or solicitation which has the effect of interfering with an individual's participation, or which creates a negative emotional or psychological environment. This definition is not intended, nor should be understood to contradict, expand, or limit the definition of sexual harassment under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act.

## 3. Harassment and Discrimination

- a. Pursuant to the Objectives of the Union, discrimination and harassment based on any and all grounds protected under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act will not be tolerated at any events sponsored by the Union or in any space operated by the Union.
- b. Discrimination and harassment may take the form of:
  - Barriers that prevent the members of the Union living with disabilities from participating in student union programming and activities;
  - Remarks, including jokes or innuendos that are based on racist, sexist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic sentiments;

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- Promotional materials, events, or performances that use stereotypes based on any and all grounds protected under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act;
- Offensive comments and/or actions which demean, humiliate or threaten an individual or group;
- Printed or digital material, displays, and graffiti which demean, humiliate or threaten an individual or group; and
- Sexual harassment, including remarks, jokes or innuendoes about a person's body, attire, age, marital status, gender, sexuality, sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation or perceived gender identity.

c. The Executive, Council and Board, in consultation with the Equity and Accessibility Office, are responsible for ensuring that the services, events, advocacy, campaigns and other programs of the Union represent the diversity of the Union's membership, including but not limited to, creating bylaws, policies, programmes, activities and groups that aim to ameliorate the conditions of marginalized communities including Indigenous students; racialized students; students with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer students; and women students.

## 4. Accommodations for Union Events and Activities

The Union shall include contact information on all promotional material for students wishing to seek accommodations for events and activities undertaken by the Union. The Union will undertake all reasonable efforts to meet accommodation needs within its control.

## 5. Equity Statement

In accordance with the aims of this policy, the following statement will be posted and/or read aloud to participants at all events of the Union:

Student union solidarity is based on the principle that all members should be able to participate equally in their union, recognizing that students have diverse experiences of privilege and marginalization. As members of the students' union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

It is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive space for discussion and dialogue. Any form or forms of discrimination and/or harassment will not be

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tolerated, nor will hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. If you violate this understanding, you will be asked to leave.

## 6. Complaints

a. Members of the Union who believe the Union has in some way violated this policy can make a complaint to the Vice-President (Internal).

b. If the complaint concerns the Vice-President (Internal), a complaint may be made to another member of the Executive.

c. If the complaint concerns all members of the Executive, a complaint may be made to the Chair of Council or the Chair of the Executive Review Committee.

d. The Vice-President (Internal) or appropriate recipient of the complaint shall convene a meeting with the complainant within fourteen (14) days. The Union will respond in writing to the complainant within fourteen (14) days of the meeting, including if the Union will take any further action.

e. Actions the Union may take could include:

- a public statement on behalf of the Union;
- a change in policy or procedure;
- a meeting with concerned parties; or
- any other remedy that may from time to time be determined.

e. Complaints will remain confidential unless complainant permits disclosure.

**Moved:** Lowe

**Seconded:** Matarieh

**MOTION 2015-09-30: O01 CARRIED**

## **B. Motion to Adopt Equity Hiring Policy**

**MOTION 2015-09-30: O02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the document be adopted as circulated:

EQUITY HIRING POLICY

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1. In the hiring of full- and part-time staff, the Union shall employ an equity hiring approach.

a. The Union shall include the following equity hiring statement in all postings for full- and part-time staff within the Union:

*The Dalhousie Student Union welcomes the contributions that individuals from traditionally marginalized communities, as outlined under the prohibited grounds for discrimination in the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act, bring to our organization. These include racialized people; Indigenous people; women; lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and queer people; and people with disabilities. We encourage applicants to self-identify in their cover letter or application if they are a member of a marginalized community.*

b. The Union will circulate job postings in a manner that aims to reach the broadest number of candidates. To achieve this, the Union will make reasonable attempts to circulate job postings to communities and organizations that represent and/or service marginalized populations. These may include, for example: the Black Student Advising Centre, South House, Transition Year Program, DalOut, Native Counselling Unit, and the International Centre.

c. As per the Human Rights Act, the Union has a duty to provide reasonable accommodation to employees who may face discrimination based on a protected characteristics as outlined in the Human Rights Act. The Union is committed to striving to review employment systems, policies, and practices to provide accommodations, as necessary.

**Moved:** Lowe

**Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2015-09-30: O02 CARRIED**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**A. In Camera Discussion: Request for Proposals (Nicholson)**

**MOTION 2015-09-30: N01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Kaley Kennedy be present in the in camera portion of the meeting.

**Moved:** Nicholson

**Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2015-09-30: N01: CARRIED**

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**Meeting went ex-camera at 8:11 PM**

## **B. Investment Review Committee**

### **MOTION 2015-09-30: N02**

**Whereas** the DSU Council voted in March 27<sup>th</sup> to create an ad hoc committee – hereon referred to as the Investment Review Committee (or IRC for short) – to investigate the DSU’s investments for possible financial relationships with companies profiting from human rights abuses, focusing primarily on Palestine/Israel; and

**Whereas** the IRC was expected to submit a report highlighting its findings this September; and

**Whereas** the IRC has requested an extension to the aforementioned submission date; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the submission date of the IRC’s report be extended from September to the date of the first Council meeting this November.

**Moved:** Matarieh

**Seconded:** Nichcolson

### **MOTION 2015-09-30: N02 CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

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## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY POSITION OF THE STUDENT UNION

**Moved:** Hutton

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVIEW THE AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTION POLICY IN THE NEXT MEETING.

**Moved:** Nicholson

### C. NOTICE OF MOTION TO REVIEW THE MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN IN COUNCIL MEETING TABLED TO FURTHER NOTICE.

**Moved:** Soroka

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board of governors is being reviewed by a governance consultant in Ontario and the result will be announced at the next Board of Governors meeting.
- The DSU intramural teams are still open for sign-up.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2015-09-30: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Smith

**Seconded:** Matarieh

**MOTION 2015-09-30: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM**

## Sexton Campus Director's Summer Report (May 1 – August 31, 2015)

During the summer term, the Sexton Advisory Committee (SAC) had two meetings. The first of those happened on June 15. The second occurred on July 13.

Items discussed included:

- **Students and the federal election:** SAC discussed how we can go about relating the federal elections to Sexton students and how we can increase student turnout. We discussed methods of eliminating confusion regarding voting procedure, as well as possible venues we could use to maximize awareness about voting.
- **Academic issues on Sexton:** Some SAC members voiced concern around increased vacant positions in the Faculty of Architecture, as well as limited space issues in many classrooms in Sexton. Work is still happening on this front.
- **Increasing DSU executive's visibility on Sexton Campus:** SAC members recommended frequent tabling in the Alumni Lounge, using food as a conversation starter, and scheduling office hours in the DSU's Sexton Office.
- **Levied Society Outreach:** DSU executives received input around how the presence of levied societies on Sexton can be increased. Work is still happening on this front. Kaitlynn Lowe, the DSU's VPI, mentioned that there may be amendments introduced to the DSU's society policy to promote greater levied society presence on Sexton. Other SAC members shared their plans of handing out pamphlets during their faculty orientations so that incoming students may know what services these levied societies offer.
- **Beer from Grawood:** Some SAC members expressed frustration with the fact that beverages used in some of Sexton's events must be brought in through the Grawood instead of the T-Room, creating a situation where students must leave their campus both for requests and pick up.
- **Tiger Patrol in the fall term:** Several SAC members suggested improvements in the Tiger Patrol service at Sexton, like it becoming more regular and better scheduled so that Sexton students can plan their day knowing when the service will be available. Some also expressed frustration regarding several instances wherein Sexton students' requests were dismissed.
- **Dalhousie Gazette distribution issues:** The Sextant expressed concern over the Gazette's inability to distribute its publications (which the Sextant contributes to) on Sexton campus.

In light of the discussions that occurred on June 15 and July 13, I did the following:

1. Attended meetings by the DSU committee that is working to increase student turnout this federal election.
2. Notified the DSU's Senate reps of the concern surrounding vacant positions in the Faculty of Architecture.
3. Worked with John Hutton, the DSU's VP AE, to create a survey that students may fill out to let us know what their experiences were with limited spaces in classes, and what classes in particular suffered from this issue. Since then, 250 students have answered the survey, mostly from Sexton. John Hutton and I will be working in light of the survey results.
4. Worked with Kaitlynne Lowe, the DSU's VPI, to understand the reasons behind the relatively low presence of levied societies on Sexton campus as well as how it can be addressed. She has informed me since that she will be working to create another society expo at Sexton.
5. Talked to Greg Wright, the DSU's Director Licensed Operation, to understand the reasons limiting the T-Room offering the same licensing services as the Grawood. He informed me that licensing must go through the SUB because that's where all of the individuals whose signatures are needed can be found, and that the T-Room has no storage facility that may be used to store orders for pickup.
6. Contacted the Dalhousie Gazette to understand the reasons that made copies of the Gazette inaccessible to Sexton students. The Gazette informed me they have noted the issue and have already dealt with it by hiring a new distribution manager. The problem has since been resolved.
7. *I am currently working to establish regular hours for the DSU executives at Sexton.*
8. *I am currently organizing Tiger Patrol shuttles that will operate on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, that will provide transportation to Sexton students who wish to vote in the Student Union Building. (Volunteers are still needed if anyone is interested!)*

## **Other**

- **O-Week:** Went to one of the retreats attended by O-Week organizers to represent Sexton students' interests in the planning process.
- **Bookstore:** Worked with the Dalhousie Bookstore to notify Sexton students that they can now buy and order their textbooks from Sexton's bookstore.
- **Communication:** Met with Anne Forrestal, Dalhousie's vice-provost (student affairs), to discuss methods by which the administration can maximize the exposure of their messages while communicating with students.
- **WeekEng:** Met with the organizer of WeekEng to understand what his plans were and whether or not he needs assistance or resources for his project.



# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

### AC Campus

- Setting up meeting to finalize MOU

### Executive Team

- DALfest was incredible
- Various executive meetings
- Working to support pink day and respect week
  - Kathleen working to organize variety show
  - Emily created great respect buttons
  - **I was around campus distributing these buttons Wed/Fri**
- **John and I had a great time networking and serving up food at the DalOUT BBQ**
- **All the executives were working hard getting folks out to the Gazette AGM – everything went well**
- **Society HUB visioning sessions**
  - Working out logistics like organization of storage lockers and printing
- BOPs meeting with our new chair and two new members
- Attended a sexton advisory committee meeting
- Met with the academic committee
  - Presentation from the registrar
- **The society expo was a massive success**
  - **Had a great time chatting with students, handing out snow cones and tabling**
- **The panel discussion: Backhouse and Beyond was a resounding success**
  - **Thank you to the folks who were involved with the planning and Kathleen who crushed it as a panel speaker**
- **The skills conference was another wicked success.**
  - **John and Jad did an excellent job with the planning and execution of the event**
  - **Thank you as well to those who helped**

## **OPERATIONS**

### SUB Renovations

- Took a tour of the mid-renovation space

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

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- **Came together with members of the society/faculty events review committee (alcohol advisory review committee)**
  - o Reviewed the rules put forward by the folks of the DDSS
- **Attended a meeting re: LGBTQ specific health services**
  - o In the process of reaching out to various societies looking for opinions on the matter
- **Opened up discussion with security re: how can we reduce the amount of unauthorized drinking on campus**
- There was something wrong with the prayer space on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the dentistry building – operations have been restored.
- **took part in a sub working group on the refugee response**
  - o will be raising funds and working with ISANS to identify all the offerings Dal has
    - example: residence rooms, dental care, health care, student support – etc.
- Attended Senate and a planning and governance committee meeting
  - o Happy to see the academic amnesty motion put forth by John was passed at the planning and governance committee level
- Tested out a beta version of a Dal created photo booth on sexton campus
- **Met to discuss the opening of the Wallace McCain Learning Commons**
  - o **Grand opening on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>!**

## **ADVOCACY**

- **Worked with the Equity Employment Committee to produce and publish a call out for a new committee member**
- **Assembled with the other members of the president's advisory committee on Sexual Assault**
- Will be working with DAGS to produce a 4 year plan for the Grad House
- Worked with Andrew from EnA to host the first Town Hall of the year which was September 29<sup>th</sup> – update after event
- Met with members of the working group of the ombudsperson
  - o Will have updates soon
- **Met with folks from counselling services to showcase their new online/app program "WellTRACK"**
  - o [http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/student\\_services/health-and-wellness/counselling/personal-counselling/other-resources/feeling-better-program.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/health-and-wellness/counselling/personal-counselling/other-resources/feeling-better-program.html)

## **MISC**

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- Intramurals are going well – plenty of room to join of interested
- Helped to relocate DISA office
- RFP closes September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Received applications for the Carleton Campus Director
  - Hiring will take place soon
- Helped some students with a space problem/interaction with a Dal staff member
- Showed basement space to some interested folks
- took a trip to Costco to buy food for the Society Expo
- **Did an interview with the Gazette**
- **Did an interview with 95.7 to talk about the all candidates debate but also to talk about student issues and the federal election**
- **Respect week! – Variety show is this Friday**
- **Had my first couple of office days at Sexton – things went really well**
  - **Starting Carleton this week**

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

## **CONTACT:**

Office: SUB 307

[vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)

902-494-1276

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- All Candidates Debate
- Town Hall on Accessibility: September 29<sup>th</sup>

## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in November
  - Delay with renovations, but a lot of progress is still being made
- Society and Volunteer Expo (Society Carnival) – Happened on September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Thank you to everyone who participated in the first Society and Volunteer Expo
    - Pleased with the result
    - Looking forward to planning the second event in October
    - Also looking to organize a similar event on Sexton
- Communications
  - Social media presence continues to increase
  - Media around the Phone Line
  - Office hours on Sexton: Fridays from 11am-3pm (starting October 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Tabling each Wednesday from 11am – 3pm with the Street team

### **Ratification**

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### **Grants**

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Apply for events occurring in the Fall semester
  - Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives

### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - If you have events for September/ October please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
- Setting up a schedule including office hours/ tabling hours on Carleton campus

### **Societies**

- Presented at the Skills Conference on September 18<sup>th</sup> about event planning
- Society training has been successful so far
  - Your society must have a Primary Event Organizer (PEO) that has completed society training: <http://www.dsu.ca/societytraining>

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

- Organizing society training to take place on Sexton

## **OPERATIONS**

### **DSU Office integration Process**

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created
- Outlining financing and governance process
- Timeline: to have this process brought to council in November
  - Looking at an end date of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
  - Group discussions - Feedback and information

### **Phone Line**

- Have 35 volunteers currently
  - Very engaged- both on the Line and for promotion
- Additional training has been organized
- Phone line has been doing well so far!
- Working on advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19

### **Society and Volunteer Expo – September 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date of the 24<sup>th</sup>)**

- Gathering feedback about the event to know what went well and what we can make better!

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Hiring a commissioner to evaluate Tiger Society and research other platforms

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING WITH ANNE FORESTALL ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing the hiring practice for this position and the job description

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

- Setting goals for the report that is to be created
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Many hard working volunteers, and more and more people are interested in volunteering
- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer's Market**

- Brand new Farmers Market display is coming!

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, September 14, 2015 to Sunday, September 27, 2015

### **INTERNAL**

#### **Society Audit:**

The Following 15 Societies Has Submitted documents for Fall Audit

Loaded Ladle  
School of Social Work Student Group(MSSW)  
Yarmouth Nursing Society  
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society  
Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)  
WUSC  
Society of John Risley Hall  
Dalhousie Campus Medical Response Team  
Dalhousie Dental Student Society  
Student Association of Health Sciences  
Le Marchant Hall Residence Council  
Dalhousie Nursing Society  
Dalhousie Arts & Social Sciences Society(DASSS)  
Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Students Society  
Dalhousie Outdoor Society

Audit is ongoing. Finance Commissioners are helping me on that.

Those who did not submit documents in this round, the final audit deadline for Fall is October 30

#### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Societies. In the last month, I met with Le Marchant Res Council, Mini Residence Council, Howe Hall Residence Council. Shirreff Hall Residence Council, Dalhousie MBA Society, Student Asso. of Health and Human Perform, Dalhousie Graduate Nursing Society, Sextant.

Helping societies to prepare their documents for Audit

#### **Treasurer Training:**

Treasure training for society treasurers was arranged in on 21<sup>st</sup> September . 15 type I & II societies showed up.

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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#### **Finance Commissioner:**

Maggie Hua and Rosalyn Huynh are appointed as DSU Finance Commissioner

#### **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meetings to discuss and approve society ratification

#### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings to discuss and approve grants

#### **Sexton Advisory Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings to discuss sexton issues

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **SUB Renovations:**

Reno Project Meeting is happening weekly. Work is going on as per changed schedule. DSU Offices and Society Hub will not be completed until mid November.

### **SERVICES**

#### **DSU Emergency Bursary:**

Had a meeting on DSU emergency Bursary program.

#### **Sponsorship:**

Board of Operation approved the following sponsorship application on September 25<sup>th</sup>

Super Nova \$1000

Navaratri -\$1000

IGEM Conference \$500



## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday September 30th**

**John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca**

### **GENERAL**

- Skills Conference (Sept. 18-19) was a huge success! Over 50 participants, 11 workshops hosted plus two keynote speakers. Further, the written content from each workshop has been compiled into one document, creating a "student organizers training guide" of sorts. Video from our main keynote, "Student Action Works! Lessons from Newfoundland's Student Movement" will be posted shortly.
- Met with SMUSA and SUNSCAD executives to discuss a coordinated strategy for students needing to use campus food banks. We want to make it so students can use any food bank.
- Society Expo went very well! Lots of students signed up to volunteer with DSU initiatives, as well as registering to vote. Lots of students took photos to show what issues they cared about when casting their vote.
- Attended DASSS annual general meeting.
- Attended Sexton Advisory Committee. Discussed, among other things, federal election outreach and classroom space issues.

### **INTERNAL**

- Academic Committee met Monday 21st - presentation from Mairead Barry, Dalhousie's Acting VP Enrollment Management and Registrar, solicited feedback on academic scheduling policy. Also discussed Senate Reform and how it might affect societies and elections.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Senate Planning and Governance Committee - Sept. 16th. First presentation of Senate Reform Proposal to the committee. There were some questions and comments, as well as legal advice, but the meeting seemed to be mostly positive.

### **Campaigns**

#### **Equity Campaigns**

- Backhouse and Beyond forum (Sept. 22), planned with the Equity Caucus, went very well with the MacInnes room nearly filled. Lots of great discussion on how to take the recommendations of the Backhouse Report and make them a reality.

- Had a meeting of the Canadian University Queer Services Conference (Sept. 21st).
- Hiring a commissioner position to help plan CUQSC 2016! Check [dsu.ca/jobs](http://dsu.ca/jobs) for the description.
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### **Students Unite Campaign**

#### News / Information

- The Freedom of Information Request I made in July to see Dalhousie's submissions regarding tuition resets was denied. It's pretty insulting that they would delay the process for 60 days only to deny the request. In any case, the effects of tuition resets are becoming more and more clear, with a proposed \$1000 tuition hike being proposed at King's for the Foundation Year Programme.

#### Actions

- Silent March Against the (Un)fair Elections Act on Sept. 24th, organized alongside the Council of Canadians, CFS-NS and ACORN was a success with several media hits in the Herald and CTV.
- I spoke at the Royal Society Atlantic's Symposium at Cape Breton University on Sept. 25th. The conference was titled "Who or What Does Higher Education Serve" and I spoke on a panel with the President of St.F.X Kent MacDonald, Dr. Laura Penny and Dr. Dan McInnis. My speech was titled "Restoring the Social Contract: Student Debt, the Corporate University and the Need for Generational Affinity" and went well. The RSC will have a recording posted of the whole day's events soon. Also of interest was a keynote by Dr. Stephen Augustine titled Accommodation as Reconciliation: Serving Canada's First Peoples in Higher Education.
- Along with DISA president Amr ElKhashab, spoke to media about exploitation of international student workers in Halifax. Some cases of students being paid less than minimum wage and denied tips in some restaurants have emerged and we fear that this is not isolated, but just the first case of students being brave enough to speak out.
- Along with Post-Secondary Education Coalition (DSU plus CUPE, NSGEU, DFA, ANSUT, CFS-NS), presenting to the NS Legislature's Human Resources Committee on Sept. 29th.

### **Federal Election Campaign**

- Good engagement with students at the Society Expo on the 23rd
- All Candidates Debate on Youth And Student Issues on Sept. 28th. Have received lots of great questions from students and societies! Some will be asked at the debate but all will be sent to candidates. Following the debate is a party at the King's Wardroom with our friends at the Kings Student Union.
- Coordinating with Sexton Campus Director Yazan Matarieh to arrange tiger patrol on campus polling days to help Sexton students vote at the SUB. Want to volunteer? Email me! [vpae@dsu.ca](mailto:vpae@dsu.ca)
- Getting good coverage of our campaign in Dal News.



### **UPCOMING**

- Senate Meeting - Monday 28th
- All Candidates Debate - Monday 28th, 6:30-8:30
- Get Science Right event hosted by Dal Faculty Association - Sept. 29th at Halifax Central Library
- Campus Polling days - Oct. 5-8.

Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

Report to Council

September 16th, 2015 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Contact at: vpstudentlife@dsu.ca

## **INTERNAL**

Communications

- First episode of the official DSU radio show is live on CKDU this Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am!

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Orientation

- Attended a debrief of orientation with the University Orientation Committee.  
Take away's:
  - Record number of participants and engagement
  - University very happy with risk management during the week
  - Decreased amount of alcohol related infraction tickets issued compared to previous years
  - For future: more collaboration and communication between the DSU and the University regarding orientation to better streamline information to new students. (Specifically international students)

Residence

- New student module on consent, respect, and harm reduction completed in collaboration with Dal Student Life and The Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office.
  - Over 500 students completed the module as of September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Note that any students are able to have access to the module. If you are interested in using it for your society, group, or just interested in trying it out yourself, email me.
- Working with DSU Policy and Research Coordinator and VP Internal to create a grand residence council committee.

Society Carnival

- Very successful in feeding many students free BBQ! #freefood

## **OPERATIONS**

Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on fall programming, with focus on special events, and regular programming.
- Working with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada to start monthly programming at the Grawood to host Lip Sync Battle events that will raise

money for their charity. The first was on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>, it was very entertaining!

#### T-Room

- Creating programming for Thursday nights in the T-Room.

#### **ADVOCACY**

##### Alcohol Harm Reduction

- Working with Dal Security and the Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office to create a plan for alcohol harm reduction for the upcoming year.

##### Tabling

- Did tabling for the federal election on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Starting to allocate regular times to join the street team in tabling to spend more time on the ground talking to students. (Will allocate times for Studley and Sexton)

#### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

##### Orientation Week 2015

- Closing the books from O-Week and Dalfest

##### Student Life Committee

- Hired 2 student life commissioners
  - Mackenzie Arnold: [mackenzie.arnold@dal.ca](mailto:mackenzie.arnold@dal.ca)
  - George Shannon: [georghannon3@gmail.com](mailto:georghannon3@gmail.com)
- Issued recruitment for the Student Life Committee: a newly formed committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- The committee will meet bi-weekly starting next Wednesday.
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

##### TEDxDalhousieU

- Hired a TEDxDalhousieU event coordinator
  - Christina Joynt: [christina.joynt@dal.ca](mailto:christina.joynt@dal.ca)
- Started contacting TED to get licencing for this years event, as well as allocating a theme and location

#### **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Hired an Athletics & Recreation commissioner
  - Mackenzie Goodwin: [goodwin.mac@dal.ca](mailto:goodwin.mac@dal.ca)
- Working with Dal Alumni Association and Clubs on Homecoming and homecoming weekend.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Yazan Matarieh	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Laura MacEachern	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Laci Phina	Residence Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)

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Rebecca Haworth  
Kris Pervin  
Naznin Sultana  
Moe Kabara

BOG Representative  
Computer Science Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative

## **COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

Tori Kort  
Sara Jaber  
Callahan Murphy  
Alexandra Hudson

Residence Representative  
Engineering Representative (Studley)  
Management Representative  
Medicine Representative

## **VACANCIES**

Vacant  
Vacant

Agricultural Representative  
Aboriginal Students' Community  
Representative

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **MOTION 2015-10-14: A01**

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

**Moved:** Matarieh      **Seconded:** Sakaili

### **MOTION 2015-10-14: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to attach the KSU Solidarity Motion under New Business

**Moved:** Smith                      **Seconded:** Matarieh

**MOTION 2015-10-14: A02: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-10-14: A01 CARRIED**

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **MOTION 2015-10-14: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the September 30, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Larsen                      **Seconded:** Turner

**MOTION 2015-10-14: M01 CARRIED**

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## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Chair Johannson received a communication of regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Kathleen Reid, Dylan Ryan, Sam Dixon, Jeremy Banks, Druv Bhatia, Rebecca Haworth, Kris Pervin, Naznin Sultana and Moe Kabara.

Chair Johannson received a report from the President Dan Nicholson which will be circulated electronically.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Committee Appointments

#### i. External Committee (1 council member)

**Nominees:** Holly Lobsinger      **Nominated by:** Lobsinger

**Candidates Elected:** Holly Lobsinger

#### **MOTION 2015-10-14: C01**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Holly Lobsinger be appointed as a member of the External Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Lowe      **Seconded:** Hou

#### **MOTION 2015-10-14: C01 CARRIED**

#### ii. Nominating Committee (1 non-council meeting)

**Nominees:** Rebekah McNeil      **Nominated by:** Soroka

**Nominees:** Chris Abraham      **Nominated by:** Hou

**Meeting went in camera at** 6:31PM

**Meeting went ex-camera at** 6:43PM

#### **Ballot Vote Conducted**

**Vote conducted began at** 6:44PM

**Vote completed at** 6:47PM

**Candidate Elected:** Chris Abraham



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## **MOTION 2015-10-14: C02**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Chris Abraham be appointed as a member of the Nominating Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Matarieh

**Seconded:** Larsen

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: C02 CARRIED**

### **iii. Student Accessibility Fund Committee (1 non-council meeting)**

**Nominees:** Rebekah McNeil

**Nominated by:** Larsen

**Candidates Elected:** Rebekah McNeil

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: C03**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Rebekah McNeil be appointed as a member of the Student Accessibility Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Turner

**Seconded:** Sinno

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: C03 CARRIED/FAILED**

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Governance Review**

Kennedy gave an overview of the Governance review process,

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Sakaili gave an overview of the Caucus activities.

### **B. Senate Caucus**

Hutton and Hunt gave an overview of the Caucus activities.

### **C. Executive Review Committee**

Prado provided an overview of the Review Committee's activities.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Motions to Ratify Council Appointments**

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## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Dylan Ryan to the position of DSU Councillor (Member at Large – September Appointment) on September 30 be ratified by Council.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Lowe

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O01 CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Saki Sultana to the position of DSU Councillor (Member at Large – Graduate Student) on September 30 be ratified by Council.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Lowe

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O02 CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Katelyn Martell and Allyson Falconer to the positions of DSU Councillor (Health Professions) on September 30 be ratified by Council.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Lowe

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O03 CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Ivit Yakub to the position of Member (Executive Review Committee) on September 30 be ratified by Council.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Lowe

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: O04 CARRIED**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Motion to Amend Election Policy**

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: N01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Elections Policy be amended as circulated.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Sakaili

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: N01 CARRIED**

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## B. Motion to Support the King's Student Union

### MOTION 2015-10-14: N02

WHEREAS in April 2015, Nova Scotia's Liberal government deregulated tuition fees for out-of- province and graduate students, while also allowing a one-time "market adjustment" for all tuition fees; and

WHEREAS all universities have made submissions to the government outlining their intentions to implement "market adjustments," such as Dalhousie's intention to do so in the programs of engineering, pharmacy and agriculture; and

WHEREAS the University of King's College has gone public with its intention to raise tuition fees by \$1000 in the Foundation Year Programme; and

WHEREAS the tuition fee increases have been condemned by King's students, faculty, and staff,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union Council approve the following statement in solidarity with the King's Student Union:

*Dalhousie students share a bond with King's students. Dalhousie and King's students often attend the same classes together, form societies with members from both universities, and socialize together. As well, Dalhousie and King's students are both negatively affected by cuts to university funding, high tuition fees and student debt. Dalhousie and King's both already pay some of the highest tuition fees in the country for arts and humanities programs. However, a misguided Liberal government and administration wants students to pay even more with so- called "market adjustments," a coded political term for massive tuition fee increases. The King's Board of Governors will soon be voting on whether or not to increase tuition fees in the Foundation Year Programme by \$1000. This is no "market adjustment," as King's already charges among the highest tuition fees in the country for comparable "great books" programs. This is a blatant cash grab, placing the responsibility for balancing the university's and provinces' finances on the backs of first-year university students.*

*Students at Dalhousie want to see education become more accessible, not less. Raising tuition fees by any amount makes it harder for the most marginalized students to access post-secondary education, but the situation now faced, where the tuition fee increases proposed are above \$1000, is extreme. The average student debt in Nova Scotia at \$37,000. These increases will not help our universities attract the best and the brightest students - only the richest. This is unacceptable.*

*King's is not the only school which will face substantial fee increases this year: it is simply the first. It will take hard and persistent student action to stop the \$1000 tuition hike to the Foundation Year Programme, but it can be done. King's students do not stand alone in their fight and the Dalhousie Student Union is ready to provide support however we are able. On behalf of the 18,500*

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*undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at Dalhousie, we stand in solidarity with King's students and the King's Student Union as they do whatever it takes to stop tuition hikes at their institution and everywhere.*

**Moved:** Hutton

**Seconded:** Hou

## **MOTION 2015-10-14: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended King's Student Union to read as King's Students' Union

**Moved:** Hou

**Seconded:** Smith

**MOTION 2015-10-14: N03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-10-14: N02: CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlyne Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **E. Vice-President (Student Life)**

Reid was not in attendance.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2016 ELECTION DATES**

**Moved:** Nicholson

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMMEND FINANCIAL POLICY**

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**Moved:** Nicholson

## **C. NOTICE OF MOTION TO PRESENT THE 2014-15 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Moved:** Rahman

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Trivia at the Grawood tonight
- Sex toy bingo at the Grawood Oct 15
- Settlers of Catan tournament at the T-Room Oct 15
- DAL's Got Talent at the Grawood on Oct 16
- DASSS Fall Ball at the University Club, 6pm on Oct 23
- Froyo with DASSS at Cherry Berry on Oct 16
- Arabic Culture Night Oct 16 at the International Centre and other Cultural nights every Friday.
- Volunteer training with South House on the Oct 20 at 4pm
- For the Health of It at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium Nov 28
- Nocturne this weekend Oct 17 -18: Sexton Campus is hosting an event this week in the Architecture Exhibition room and in front of the Architecture Building.
- Pumpkin Smash at Gerrard Hall on Oct 17
- Music Society is hosting an event at the Central Library.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2015-10-14: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Lowe

**Seconded:** ElKhashab

**MOTION 2015-10-14: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM**



Subject:	Elections Policy of the Dalhousie Student Union
Date Passed by Council:	
Last Date Revised:	November 5, 2014
Expiration Date:	
Committee:	

**Note - All terms will hold the same definition as outlined in the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution**

1) PURPOSE:

- a) To ensure that the electoral process of the Dalhousie Student Union functions fairly and democratically.

2) JURISDICTION:

- a) The jurisdiction of this resolution shall extend to include all ~~students, full-time and part-time, registered at Dalhousie University.~~ Members of the Union.
- b) The provisions of this resolution shall apply to Dalhousie Student Union elections, by-elections, plebiscites and referenda.
- c) The provisions shall apply to every ~~student of Dalhousie University, part-time and full-time, provided they are in good standing with the University~~ Member of the Union.

3) DEFINITIONS

- a) For the purposes of this Section,
- b) Spokesperson – means the Member of the Union chosen by a referendum or plebiscite campaign team to act as the official spokesperson for the team’s campaign and as the team’s liaison with the Elections Committee.
- c) Volunteer – means an individual, other than the spokesperson, registered with a particular campaign team in a referendum or plebiscite campaign.
- d) Candidate –any individual who declares themselves to be running for any of the positions listed in Section\_4 and has successfully completed all necessary documentation and submitted it by the deadline set by the ~~CRO~~ Chief Returning Officer in each academic year.

- e) Campaign – refers to a coordinated effort to elect any candidate or to pass or defeat any referenda or plebiscite during the DSU-Union's elections.
- f) Campaigning: advertising by any campus medium or the distribution and/or posting of any material including but not limited to social media platforms designed to influence voters.
- g) Campaign worker – a person who has been asked by a candidate and has agreed to assist that candidate with campaigning in any capacity
- h) Official polling station –any polling station, whether stationary or mobile that is operated by the Elections Committee or Elections Committee volunteers.
- i) Resource –any material or asset which provides a benefit to a person or organization.
- j) Business Hours – shall refer to the hours between 8:00am- 8:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

#### 4) POSITIONS:

- a) General elections shall be held for the positions of:
- b) The President ~~of the Student Union~~;
- c) The Vice-President (Internal);
- d) The Vice-President (Academic & External);
- e) The Vice-President (Student Life);
- f) The Vice-President (Finance and Operations);
- g) Two (2) student representatives whom shall sit on the Board of Governors;
- h) Three (3) student representatives whom shall sit on the Senate;
- i) Each position shall be for a term of one year with the exception of the Board of Governors representatives, who shall ordinarily serve two year terms.

#### 5) UNION MEMBERS' ELIGIBILITY:

- a) Any ~~student of Dalhousie University – full and part time –~~Union member may run for office or serve as a ~~Union member volunteer~~Spokesperson, subject to as per s. 3(a). It is the responsibility of the Chief Returning Officer to authenticate student status and candidate eligibility with the Registrar's Office or Student Accounts. Candidates running for office may not sit on the elections committee.

#### 6) ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTION

- a) The Elections Committee

- i) Elections sponsored by the Dalhousie Student Union shall be conducted and supervised by an Elections Committee as provided for in By law VIII the By-laws and polices of the Union.~~of the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution.~~

~~The Chief Returning Officer shall appoint a Committee no later than one~~

~~month after their election, which shall consist of at least three other students who shall not be Councillors of the Union, subject to ratification by Council. The Committee shall:~~

~~be responsible to the Chief Returning Officer;~~

~~organize an elections promotion campaign beginning in the fall semester;~~

~~be authorized by the Chief Returning Officer to oversee the administration of any aspect of elections that the Chief Returning Officer deems necessary;~~

~~be responsible for duties, as assigned by the Chief Returning Officer;~~

~~Investigate campaigning violations and inform the Chief Returning Officer.~~

~~All Elections Committee members shall be required to sign a confidentiality contract.~~

- b) The Chief Returning Officer ~~(CRO)~~

- i) ~~The CRO shall~~Shall be selected by the Nominating Committee no later than September 1 of each year, subject to ratification by Council.

- ii) ~~The CRO may~~Shall not be a Councillor of the Union.

- iii) ~~The CRO s~~Shall serve a one-year term of office.

- iv) ~~The CRO s~~Shall not be permitted to vote in the DSU elections.

- v) The CRO h~~H~~as the authority to interpret election policies and/or rules where necessary.

~~a. In addition, the CRO shall:~~

- (a)v~~i) Nominate the Elections Committee and appoint~~Appoint a Deputy Returning Officer from among the Committee members who shall assume the responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer in their absence;

- v)vii ~~Authorize all official notices and elections publicity;~~

- vi)viii ~~Set up the elections schedule, subject to the provisions of Section 7 of this regulation~~in this policy;



~~vii)~~x) Compose the ballot (~~subject to Section 10 of this regulation~~) subject to this policy and supervise the voting process;

~~viii)~~x) Receive and analyze the official election results from the official voting software;

~~ix)~~xi) Issue official election results to candidates and spokespersons, Council and the media for the ~~Dalhousie Student Union~~ Union election only;

i. ~~Submit an electronic copy of a post-election report to the Dalhousie Student Union. The CRO Chief Returning Officer shall not be paid until this report has been submitted to the Policy and Communications Coordinator.~~

ii. ~~Set any additional election rules or guidelines in consultation with the Elections Committee.~~

~~x)~~xii)

~~xi)~~xiii) Set and administer a public meeting for all candidates and referenda or plebiscite campaigns on the school day following the close of the Nominations and Campaign Registration period, and monitor the conduct of participants at such forums;

~~xii)~~xiv) Set and administer any all-candidate forums and monitor the conduct of the candidates at such forums;

~~xiii)~~xv) Give a mandatory pre-election briefing for polling clerks and/or any other elections staff;

~~xiv)~~xvi) Reserve rooms for the election;

~~xv)~~xvii) Authenticate Union member eligibility before the campaign period.

~~xvi)~~xviii) ~~Shall with the assistance of the CRO send~~ Send out one campus wide email on the first day of elections that highlights all candidates, referenda and plebiscites and contains links to their websites, and social media platforms.

~~xvii)~~xix) ~~Shall with the assistance of the Communications Manager, send~~ Send out one campus wide email on the last day of campaign period notifying members ~~that when the~~ voting period will open ~~on the following day~~ and how they can vote.

c) Polling Clerks

i) The Committee shall have the authority to set up stationary and mobile polling stations.

ii) There shall be two (2) polling clerks at each station, whose duties shall include:

- (1) Supervising all voting station materials;
  - (2) If applicable, setting up and tearing down the station;
  - (3) Assisting potential voters;
  - (4) Refusing a ballot to any student if there is reason to believe there is fraudulent activity;
  - (5) ~~The referral~~Referring of any problems to the Chief Returning Officer or to the Deputy Returning Officer, in their absence;
- iii) Polling clerks must attend a pre-election training seminar given by the Chief Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer
  - iv) Polling clerks shall complete all forms as issued by the Chief Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer failure to do so may result in suspension of applicable remuneration.
- d) Elections Promotion
- i) The following items will be publicized using all reasonable means by the Chief Returning Officer, on behalf of the Dalhousie Student Union, during each election period:
  - ii) The call for nominations for the Dalhousie Student Union elections only, no less than five school days before the commencement of the nominations period;
  - iii) The wording of any referenda and plebiscite questions to appear on the ballot-~~and the dates of public campaign team meetings,~~ no less than five ~~school~~ days before the commencement of the nominations and campaign registration period;
  - iv) The names of candidates for elections for the Dalhousie Student Union elections only and contact information for each registered referendum or plebiscite campaign, no less than 24 hours before the start of campaigning;
  - v) The URL of the voting website and the time and date that voting will open;
  - vi) If applicable, the time, date, and location of the polling stations, no less than 48 hours before the start of voting;
  - vii) Official results for Dalhousie Student Union elections only, no more than 48 hours following the close of voting.
- e) Referenda and Plebiscites:
- i) Referenda and plebiscites will, whenever possible, run concurrently with the election period. Both referenda and plebiscites are subject to By-law XIV.

## 7) THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS TIMETABLE

a) The Chief Returning Officer shall determine and present to Council for consideration and approval the date of the annual general elections no later than November 1. Any referendum or plebiscite questions to appear on the ballot must be approved in accordance with By-Law XIV prior to the opening of Nominations and Campaign Registration. Subject to necessary changes by Council, the annual election timetable shall be as follows:

b) NOMINATIONS AND CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION:

- i) Open no earlier than the first week of school in January; and close, in any event, not less than two school days prior to the commencement of the campaign period.
- ii) The school day following the close of Nominations and Campaign Registration, the Elections Committee shall facilitate a meeting of each candidate and referenda/plebiscite campaign team.

c) CAMPAIGNING:

- i) The campaign period shall begin no less than ~~five calendar days~~ two school days and no more than five school days after nominations close each year and close at 8:00 p.m. the school day preceding the official voting days.

~~iii.—All campaign periods shall be no longer than twelve (12) school days and no shorter than five (5) school days. NO campaign may be undertaken prior to the designated "Campaign Period."~~

ii)

- iii) No campaign may be undertaken prior to the designated "Campaign Period." ~~as established by the CRO.~~

8) CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

- a) Nominations for each position shall be made by the completion of ~~the standard~~ Union the nominations forms as developed by the Elections Committee each year and in accordance with Union policy.
- b) Nominations of all candidates shall be effective only if the required nomination forms haves been submitted completely and accurately and haves been verified by the Chief Returning Officer.
- c) All candidates must attend the public meeting for all campaigns (as established in Section 7(b)(b)). Any candidate who does not attend without making prior arrangements will have their nomination revoked.
- d) Appeals regarding the validity of a nomination shall be made in writing to the elections committee no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the close of

nominations. The committee will render a decision before the beginning of the campaign period.

- e) The nomination process for the Vice-President Finance and Operations shall also have the following requirements:
  - i) The ~~CRO~~Chief Returning Officer shall post a questionnaire on the DSU elections website no later than two weeks before the beginning of the nomination period containing questions relating to the technical requirements of the position which shall be approved by the Board of Operations.
  - ii) Candidates must submit a completed questionnaire to the ~~CRO~~Chief Returning Officer no later than the close of nominations.
  - iii) The ~~CRO~~Chief Returning Officer shall post the completed questionnaires on the elections website ~~no later than six hours after~~before the start of campaigning.

#### 9) REFERENDUM AND PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION

- a) Members wishing to register themselves as part of a referendum or plebiscite campaign team, whether or the affirmative or oppositional campaign team, shall do so by filling out the standard nomination forms and by attending the public meeting for all campaign teams as set out in ~~Section 7(b)-~~this policy.
- b) A member's registration for a team shall be accepted when the spokesperson completes the standard Union registration forms and the Chief Returning Officer is satisfied that the team members do not aim to falsely represent that team by registering for it.
- c) Non-Union members may participate with a registered campaign team. A non-Union member's registration for a team shall be accepted when the non-Union member completes the standard Union registration forms and the Chief Returning Officer and team spokesperson are satisfied that the non-Union member does not aim to falsely represent that team by registering for it.
- d) ~~Notwithstanding Section 9(b) no~~ member or non-Union member shall register for more than one (1) team for any referendum or plebiscite.
- e) Each registered campaign team shall select at the time of registration one (1) member to act as the campaign's spokesperson.
- f) A spokesperson shall
  - i) ensure that each volunteer engaged in campaign activities with their team is made aware of all by-laws, rules and regulations;
  - ii) ensure that non-Union member volunteers are in compliance with all by-laws, rules and Union Policy.

- g) A campaign team must apply in writing to the Chief Returning Officer in order to declare a new spokesperson.

#### 10) ELECTION PROCESS

- a) Voting shall be done using a secret, online ballot.
- b) Senate and Board of Governors Representatives shall be elected by a simple plurality.
- c) Candidates running for executive positions shall be elected using a preferential ballot.
- d) Candidates' names on the ballots shall be their surname and one or all of their given or chosen names or a generally recognized abbreviated version thereof.
- e) The methods of voting for all executive positions and for referenda and plebiscites shall be as follows:
  - i) The names of all candidates and all possible referenda/plebiscite responses shall be placed on each ballot in random order. For an online ballot the names shall be in a different random order at each page view.
  - ii) Each voter shall indicate their first choice upon the ballot opposite the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote, and consecutively rank the remaining candidates as they so choose;
  - iii) Each candidate shall be credited with the number of first choices marked opposite their name;
  - iv) Where no candidate receives more than fifty percent of the total number of first choices then the candidate with the least number of first choices shall be struck off the list and the second choices marked on that candidate's ballots shall be credited to the candidates for whom they were cast;
  - v) This process will continue until one candidate has a majority of the votes cast, or until only two candidates remain, in which case the one with the greater number of votes is elected;
  - vi) Where a candidate whose name has been struck off the list is the next choice on the ballot, then that ballot shall be counted in favour of the candidate subsequent in choice to the candidate whose name has been struck off;
- f) Where two or more candidates are tied with the lowest number of votes, both or all shall be dropped from the remaining ballots;
- g) If the procedure in subsection (h) above results in only one candidate remaining on the ballot, then that candidate shall be declared elected.

h) In the event of a tie for any positions the Chief Returning Officer shall facilitate a coin toss to decide the winner., a run-off election will be held between the tied candidates. The timeline for the run-off will be as follows:

i) Nominations will not be reopened.

ii) The campaign period shall begin no less than two school days following the announcement of the election at 8 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. the day preceding voting.

iii) The campaign period shall be no longer than five (5) school days.

iv) The voting period shall be at least two (2) school days.

i) Persons elected to the Senate or Board of Governors are subject to approval and appointment by those bodies.

j) Each candidate and registered campaign is entitled to see a print-out of the official results from the voting software.

k) There shall be no voting by proxy.

l) In the event that a candidate is unopposed for any of the positions elected via any form of balloting there shall be a yes/no option after the candidate's name on the ballot.

b. Ballots will include an option to spoil the ballot.

c. A ballot is spoiled if, for online voting the voter chooses to spoil the ballot and for paper ballots if the voter:

+)m) Selects the option to spoil the ballot;

## 11) REFERENDUM AND PLEBISCITE PROCESS

i) In addition to the process outlined above,

b) There shall be no more than one (1) registered campaign for each possible answer to a referendum or plebiscite question, excluding the 'spoil' option;

c) Referendum and plebiscite questions may be accompanied by a brief preamble approved in accordance with By-Law XIV.

## 12) BY-ELECTIONS, AND REFERENDA AND PLEBISCITES WHICH RUN NON-CONCURRENTLY

2. If any executive position remains unfilled following the Union's annual general election or becomes vacant before October 15, There shall be a by-election held by October 31, of any academic year if the position of President, is not filled during the Union's annual elections. This shall also apply in the event that a vacancy should arise for the position of President, prior to October 31, in any academic year. If necessary, Council shall

appoint an interim Executive until the time where ~~a President~~  
by-election can be held. ~~can be elected.~~

a)

~~a. If any executive position other than the position of President remains unfilled following the Union's annual general election or becomes vacant after the Union's annual election, that position shall be recommended to Council by the Recruitment Committee and Council shall make the appointment.~~

~~a)~~b) Should any executive position remain unfilled following a by-election, the Council shall make an appointment.

c) Should a vacancy arise in any executive position after October ~~31-15~~ the Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to Council regarding filling the vacant positions, and Council shall make the appointments.

~~b)~~d) Should any non-executive position remain unfilled after the Union's annual elections or become vacant at any point after the Union's annual elections the Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to Council regarding filling vacant positions, and Council shall make the appointments.

~~e)~~e) By-Election Timetable

- i) Nominations shall open at 10:00 a.m. one week prior to the commencement of the campaign period and shall close at 10:00 am the day prior to the commencement of the campaign period.
- ii) The campaign period shall begin the school day following the close of nominations at 8:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. the ~~school~~ day preceding voting.
- iii) The campaign period shall be no longer than ten (10) school days and no shorter than five (5) school days. ~~No campaigning shall be undertaken prior to the start of this period.~~
- iv) The voting period shall be at least two (2) school days.

~~e)~~f) Where a referendum or plebiscite is not run concurrently with the election period,

- i) The wording of the question shall be announced and campaign registration shall open at 10:00a.m. one (1) week prior to the commencement of the campaign period.
- ii) Referenda and plebiscites shall register and appoint their spokesperson in the same manner as per the methods found in Article 9. referenda or plebiscites during the Union's annual elections.

- iii) The school day following the close of Campaign Registration, the Elections Committee shall facilitate a meeting of each campaign team.
- iv) The campaign period shall begin no less than three calendar days and no more than three school days after Campaign Registration closes, and close at 8:00p.m. the school day preceding the official voting days.
- v) The campaign period shall be no longer than ten (10) school days and no shorter than five (5) school days. No campaigning shall be undertaken prior to the start of this period.
- vi) The voting period shall be at least two (2) school days.

### 13) CAMPAIGN RULES

#### a) Campaigning

- i) No campaigning shall take place prior to the campaign period as established by the Chief Returning Officer.
- ii) The foregoing shall not impede any officer or member of the Dalhousie Student Union from carrying out all duties reasonably incident to their portfolio.
- iii) Incumbent candidates running for executive positions shall take vacation time for the duration of the campaigning period.
- iv) Incumbents shall be permitted to carry out job duties internal to the Union with the permission of the Chief Returning Officer.
- v) The facilities of the offices of the [DSU-Union](#) or any society under its jurisdiction and any resources or promotional materials owned by the [DSU-Union](#) and its societies are NOT to be made available to candidates for campaign purposes unless those resources are made available to all candidates as deemed by the [CROChief Returning Officer](#).
- vi) For the purpose of running a referendum or plebiscite the [DSU-Union](#) shall be permitted to use its official multimedia platforms and website to promote their referendum or plebiscite during campaign period. Any oppositional campaign to the [DSU-Union](#) referendum and plebiscite must also be granted to the [UnionDSU's](#) multimedia platform.
- vii) The Chief Returning Officer shall set the date and time that campaigning is to cease and set the yearly parameters regulating post-campaigning.
- viii) Candidates shall be responsible for the actions of their campaign workers and candidates shall be strictly liable for campaign violations.



- ix) Candidates must submit the names of all campaign workers to the [CRØChief Returning Officer](#) no later than 12 pm on the day prior to the commencement of campaign period.
  - x) Under extenuating circumstances, if a person becomes or ceases to be a campaign worker after the deadline mentioned above, the Elections Committee must be notified immediately via e-mail and a reasonable explanation, as determined by the Elections Committee, must be provided.
  - xi) There shall be no campaigning of any kind at any of the University Libraries, on-campus bars or residences except where the Elections Committee is hosting an official elections event.
  - xii) Campaigning shall be restricted to Dalhousie University campuses, only.
- b) Poster Regulations
- i) It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Returning Officer and the Elections Committee to secure poster display space in as many university buildings as possible.
  - ii) Poster display spaces secured by the Chief Returning Officer and Elections Committee shall house one poster per candidate and one poster for each registered campaign. These posters shall be grouped, when possible, by position.
  - iii) Posters in the poster display areas shall be the only legal candidate posters.
  - iv) It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Returning Officer and the Elections Committee to obtain and print candidate and campaign posters, display them in regulated poster display spaces and monitor them.
  - v) Candidates and campaigns shall provide the Elections Committee with a maximum of three different posters, of a maximum size determined by the Elections Committee, either by acceptable electronic means or in hard copy. These shall be the posters used by the Elections Committee.
  - vi) All posters shall be taken down by the Elections Committee no earlier than the end of the voting period.
- c) Other Forms of Campaigning
- i) All forms of media may be used during the campaign period except where explicitly prohibited by the Elections Committee. Advertisements placed in The Gazette and The Sextant, however, are subject to limitations by The Gazette and The Sextant to be made clear to candidates and campaign participants by the [CRØChief Returning Officer](#) at their respective forums.
  - ii) Campaign displays and the distribution of literature on campus are subject to the approval of the Elections Committee. All candidates and campaigns shall

inform and have the approval of the Chief Returning Officer for any such activity that they plan to undertake.

iii) Media restrictions on campaigning shall include:

- (1) All emails and candidate campaign materials must include a link to the official DSU elections website as stated by the Elections Committee
- (2) The Elections Committee shall, on a yearly basis set the guidelines for online campaigning that will be available to candidates and registered campaign teams before the beginning of the campaign period.

iv) The use of posters or campaign materials within the classroom is forbidden

v) Verbal campaigning within the classroom requires the express permission of the presiding faculty member, permission must be given in advance of the in-class campaign and presented to the [CRO Chief Returning Officer](#).

vi) The use of Union or University facilities not available to all candidates and campaigns is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) The Student Union Building's front marquee.
- (2) The University's 'tiger mascot' costume.

vii) The use of Society resources by candidates and campaigns is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to society funds, websites, e-mail accounts and distribution lists.

viii) The use of stickers is forbidden.

ix) Handbills shall be no larger than 4.25 inches by 5.5 inches in size.

x) All candidates are obligated to follow University policy as well as municipal, provincial, and federal laws in the course of campaigning.

xi) No candidate shall engage in libel, nor distribute material which could be construed as slanderous towards an opponent.

xii) Any new interpretation or clarification of election rules or policies by either the [CRO Chief Returning Officer](#) or Committee shall be noticed to all candidates and the entirety of the Committee within 24 hours of being made. The decision will come into effect once all candidates have been notified.

d) Campaign Materials

i) The total cost of a candidate's campaign shall have a value of no greater than two hundred dollars (\$200), excluding the cost of printing official posters. The [VPFO Vice President \(Finance and Operations\)](#) can provide each candidate and campaign an advance equal to the amount specified in that candidate's or

campaign's application projecting their campaign expenses, in any case not to exceed \$200.00, for the purpose of facilitating their campaign. Candidates and campaigns will be required to return unused funds to the VPFO Vice President (Finance and Operations) within one week of the close of the elections period.

- ii) No candidate or campaign shall receive discounts that are not available to all students.
  - iii) Any in-kind good or service given to a campaign will be assigned a 'market-value' price as determined by the Elections Committee and included as part of the total campaign spending limit.
  - iv) Goods or professional skills belonging to the candidate are exempt from this regulation.
  - v) An itemized account of all expenditures must be submitted to the Chief Returning Officer or their appointed agent within twenty-four (24) hours after the closing of the polls, and these accounts must include a written receipt or bill for each separate item of campaign material;
  - vi) All candidates who ~~have not received~~receive more than twenty percent (20%) of the vote in an election race with two or less candidates in which a candidate competes, or if they do not receive more than or more than ten percent (10%) of the vote in an election ~~in which~~ with three or more candidates will be reimbursed for campaign expenses up to \$200. compete must reimburse the DSU their \$200.00 campaign advancement. For election races with five or more candidates, the Elections Committee may set an alternate threshold, which shall be announced prior to the start of the campaign period. -
  - vii) Any fines incurred by the candidate will be collected by the VPFO upon the recommendation of the CR Chief Returning Officer within one (1) week following the close of campaign period.
  - viii) Receipts and bills shall be submitted to the Vice President (Finance and Operations) for all expenditures for which candidates seek reimbursement under Section 13 (d)(e) above.
  - ix) Any infractions of this Regulation by a candidate shall be investigated by the Chief Returning Officer, and candidates and/or their agents in violation of this regulation may be penalized according to the seriousness of the breach, which may result in the candidate owing the DSU funds equivalent to the amount fined by the CR Chief Returning Officer under section 13 (e)(g).
- e) Violation of Campaign Rules
- i) Only the Elections Committee shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Code

- ii) Charges of violation shall be submitted in writing to the Elections Committee who shall rule on the charge.
- iii) The Elections Committee may also lay charges of violations of campaign rules on its own initiative.
- iv) Charges of violation must be laid in writing within five (5) school days of the close of voting to the Chief Returning Officer.
- v) The Elections Committee shall meet according to its pre-publicized meeting schedule as publicized at the candidates' meeting to discuss any charges of violations, and to decide on the appropriate actions to be taken.
- vi) For a decision of the Elections Committee to be valid, three (3) of the Committee members and the Chief Returning Officer must be present at a meeting and the decision must have ~~2/3rd~~two thirds majority.
- vii) A written report of any Elections Committee minutes will be made available to the public on written request within a forty-eight (48) hour period. Any discussion that may lead to a candidate being disqualified from the election shall be done in camera.
- viii) Decisions to disqualify any candidate or cancel any referendum or plebiscite made during the campaign period shall not be made known to any party until the end of voting.
- ix) The Chief Returning Officer must inform a candidate of any fines received via email within 24 hours of the Committee's decision. The candidate will be considered to have been informed, 6 business hours after the email is sent. The email must inform the candidate of their right to appeal. The Committee will also publish a list on the outside of the Dalhousie Student Union Election Office doors, concerning the decisions of the Elections Committee with regards to violations committed by candidates, spokespeople, or volunteers, except those that will result in disqualification.
- x) Fines shall be assessed on the following basis:
  - (1) poster outside the regulated Elections Committee display area: \$5.00 per poster.
  - (2) illegal displays: \$20.00 per display.
  - (3) pre/post campaigning: \$20.00 per incident
  - (4) e-mail violations: \$20.00 per incident ("incident" shall be defined as one e-mail "sent", regardless of number of recipients).
  - (5) the Elections Committee shall reserve the right to levy a fine up to \$50 for any violation not described in section 13(e) (i), (ii), (iii), or above or for any gross violations of the aforementioned subsections.

- xi) Fines are not refundable.
- xii) Violations of the following nature will result in AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION of the candidate, referenda or plebiscite:
  - (1) Non-attendance by the candidate or pre-designated representative (by prior arrangement of the candidate with the Chief Returning Officer) at the mandatory public meeting for candidates and campaigns prior to the campaign period;
  - (2) Tampering with the Elections Committee poster display;
  - (3) ~~Any candidate spending~~ Spending over the maximum spending limit as outlined in ~~13 (d)a;~~ this policy;
  - (4) ~~a candidate a~~ Accruing greater than \$100 in fines;
    - ~~1. candidates violating any part of Section 13 (c)(iii)(b) for campaigning purposes; with the exception of the DSU Elections Homepage;~~
    - ~~2. —~~
  - (5) Any attempted interference in the process of voting in an election carried out under this resolution;
  - (6) Any slanderous statements towards another candidate;
  - (7) The failure of Vice-President Finance and Operations candidates to comply with the ~~requirements of section 8(e)~~ questionnaire component of this policy.
- xiii) ~~Over and above the fines outlined in section 13 (e)g. the Elections Committee,~~ Where ~~it~~ the Elections Committee finds there has been an egregious violation, it may:
  - (1) declare that an election in its entirety or a particular DSU constituency of the election of a specific candidate be ruled void;
  - (2) declare a referendum or plebiscite to be void.
    - ~~ii. levy a fine against a candidate;~~
    - ~~iii. disqualify a candidate from the election.~~
- xiv) Where a violation is committed by a non-Union member registered with a referendum or plebiscite campaign, the spokesperson for that campaign shall be responsible for incurring any penalties;
- xv) Violations of the following nature committed by a spokesperson will result in automatic disqualification of the spokesperson:
  - (1) tampering with the Election Committee poster display;

(2) ~~any team s~~pending over the maximum spending limit as outlined in ~~section. 12(d)~~at this policy;

(3) ~~a team a~~ccruing over \$100 in fines;

xvi) Where a spokesperson is disqualified, that campaign team shall select a new spokesperson;

xvii) Where the advantage gained by a particular team in a referendum or plebiscite due to a contravention of these rules cannot be fully counterbalanced by the penalties available to the Chief Returning Officer, the Chief Returning Officer shall cancel the referendum or plebiscite;

xviii) Where the Chief Returning Officer is of the opinion that an egregious violation has been committed with the intention of causing a referendum or plebiscite to be cancelled, the Chief Returning Officer may call for a re-vote;

xix) In the event any candidate in the election is disqualified, the runner-up will take the place of the disqualified candidate. If the disqualified candidate(s) are elected using the preferential balloting system, they shall be the first candidate(s) to be removed during the preferential balloting tabulation.

f) Appeals of Elections Committee Decisions

i) A candidate, spokesperson, or volunteer is deemed to be informed of an Elections Committee decision six (6) business hours after the decision is emailed.

ii) Appeals regarding decisions made and/or sanctions levied by the Elections Committee shall be made in writing to the Chief Returning Officer within seventy-two (72) hours of the candidate, spokesperson, or volunteer being informed of the decision.

iii) Appeals from an Election Committee decision shall be made in writing to the Judicial Board only after an appeal to the Elections Committee has been made. Appeals to the Judicial Board shall be made in writing within five (5) days of being informed of the results of their appeal to the Elections Committee. The Judicial Board shall then investigate as per By-law V of the Constitution.

14) APPEALS OF ELECTION OR REFERENDUM RESULTS

a) Any student may challenge the validity of an election, referendum, or plebiscite result in a written submission to the Elections Committee within two (2) school days after the close of voting.

b) Written submissions appealing election, referendum, plebiscite, or recount results shall contain the appellant's name, student number, telephone number and address, as well as a detailed explanation of the reason(s) for challenging the results.

- c) The Elections Committee shall investigate the appeal and decide on the appropriate action.
- d) No record of vote shall be destroyed until thirty (30) days after the close of voting.

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## **INTERNAL**

### AC Campus

- Meeting to finalize MOU organized for October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Executive Team

- Met with the BOPs council to discuss RFP proposals
- Various executive meetings
- Elections were intense – JD will speak to it
  - I had a blast outreaching and connecting with students
  - We are seeing a real excitement in the student body regarding federal politics

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- **Met with the 1.1 university project team**
  - Discussion around the various recommendations from such bodies/strategic areas as:
    - SEM Works
    - International Students Support Strategy
    - Student Services Internal Priorities
    - Aboriginal and Black-African Canadian Access and Retention Report
  - I NEED YOU – have you had experience with any advising services through the University? – let's talk!
- **Pink Day/RESPECT week went off without a hitch**
  - I had the honour of speaking at the pink day BBQ
- Met with Nathan Rogers on Friday to discuss the outcomes of the Town Hall
  - Updating the facebook page currently
- Prepping for the BoG
- **Senior Admin Breakfast**
- **Attended the Mawio'mi**
- **Refugee working group update**
  - **Decisions to:**
    - **Double student refugee sponsorship through WUSC (world university service of Canada)**
    - **The university has chosen to double any funds raised to support services for refugee students**
    - **Officially endorsing Immigrant Services Association of NS (ISANS)**
      - **Encouraging donations of funds, materials and services to this group**



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- **Have begun to identify internal groups that have ongoing supports for refugees such as Faculty of Dentistry and Medicine**
- **Determined areas where Dal could support folks such as: providing ESL training, legal advice, reaccreditation supports and temporary housing.**
- **Questions for you folks:**
  - **What programs or initiatives aimed at supporting refugees in the community are members of your faculty/community group involved with?**
  - **Are there supports or programs (long and short term) that your faculty/community group could offer to assist incoming refugees during their settlement?**
- **Will be speaking at the Wallace McCain Learning Commons grand opening tomorrow**
  - Hours of operation will be that of the building's
- Met with the VP Student Affairs hiring committee
- Attended a dinner at Florizone's house to network and meet with a few honorary degree members

## **ADVOCACY**

- **Equity and Employment Committee found a new member**
  - **Barbara-Ann Hamilton**
- Will be working with DAGS to produce a 4 year plan for the Grad House
- Town Hall took place and we received meaningful contributions and suggestions as well as comments and concerns about the bike lane project
- Met again with members of the working group on the ombudsperson
  - Updates will come... I promise
- Have set up a meeting to discuss the details of the Staying Connected Peer Support program with counselling services
- Met to discuss the Student Advocacy Service
- Working with the phone line coordinator and others to prep for the submission of a proposal for further funding
- Meeting to discuss the emergency bursary program
  - Are the criteria and terms of reference all good to go
- Starting to look into the women's only swim
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## **MISC**

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- Had a couple interviews for Gazette Pieces
- Held my first round of Carleton office hours
  - I need suggestions for times and spaces to host
- Did a news piece on the WellTrack available here:
  - <http://signalhfx.ca/new-apps-make-counselling-portable/>
- Had a wicked time hosting the DalGETREAL charity athlete auction
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# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>

## CONTACT:

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## Announcements

- \*\*\*I will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday (October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) to meet on the Provincial Sexual Violence Strategy
  - o This includes my Sexton Office Hours
    - Plan to table on Wednesday with Street Team on Sexton
- Settlers of Catan Tournament on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Troom

## INTERNAL

### **Day to Day**

- o Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in mid November
  - Organizing society and staff offices
  - Setting up phone lines
  - If you have space in the HUB expect a space contract soon!
- o Society and Volunteer Expo (Society Carnival) – Sexton
  - Working with Sexton volunteers to organize a society expo on Sexton
    - Planning to align with Fall Fest
- o Communications
  - Social media presence continues to increase
  - Office hours in Sexton office: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am-3pm\*  
Excluding this Friday due to a meeting on the province's Sexual Violence Strategy\*\*
    - Will be setting up evening hours
  - Office hours on Carleton: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am – 3pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
  - Tabling each Wednesday from 11am – 3pm with the Street team

### **Ratification**

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### **Grants**

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Apply for events occurring in the Fall semester
  - o Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives

### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - o If you have events for September/ October please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) so we can promote your events!

### **Societies**

- CHANGES TO ROOM BOOKING PROCESS COMING IN THE NEXT WEEK

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- Societies will need to fill out risk management section through Tiger Society
- There will be an email sent to all societies with the new instructions
- The current booking forms will re-direct you
- Society training has been successful so far
  - Your society must have a Primary Event Organizer (PEO) that has completed society training: <http://www.dsu.ca/societytraining>
  - Organizing society training to take place on Sexton

## **OPERATIONS**

### **DSU Office integration Process**

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created
- Outlining financing and governance process
  - Outlining committee terms of reference
- Timeline: to have this process brought to council in November
  - Looking at a wrap up date of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
  - Group discussions - Feedback and information
  - Organize Town halls with part-time staff to encourage engagement

### **Phone Line**

- Project will be extending into November!!
- Have 35 volunteers currently
  - Very engaged- both on the Line and for promotion
- Additional training has been organized
- Phone line has been doing well so far!
  - Organizing meetings to ask for funding
- Working on advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19
- Preparing for the two-day meeting on the Province's Sexual Violence Strategy
  - Thursday and Friday – I will be out of the office

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Hiring a commissioner to evaluate Tiger Society and research other platforms

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING WITH ANNE FORESTALL ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing how the university and the DSU will collaborate on the project

### **Working to establish a student advocacy society that focuses on Student Code of Conduct Violations**

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students
- Setting goals for the report that is to be created
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Many hard working volunteers, and more and more people are interested in volunteering
- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding

#### Tasks:

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer's Market – Every Wednesday**

- Farmers Market is hiring a finance director
- Brand new Farmers Market display!

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, September 28, 2015 to Sunday, October 11, 2015

### **INTERNAL**

#### **Society Audit:**

Out of the 15 Societies who Submitted documents for Fall Audit, the following 9 have passed in the first round

School of Social Work Student Group(MSSW)  
Yarmouth Nursing Society  
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society  
Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)  
Student Association of Health Sciences  
Le Marchant Hall Residence Council  
Dalhousie Arts & Social Sciences Society(DASSS)  
Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Students Society  
Dalhousie Outdoor Society

I have been meeting all societies who submit and providing recommendations

Those who did not submit documents in this round, the final audit deadline for Fall is October 30

#### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Societies. In the last month, I met Society of John Risley Hall, Howe Hall Residence Council, Shirreff Hall Residence Council, Le Marchant Hall Residence Council, Gerard Hall Residence Council, Mini Residence Council, Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society(DUES), Dalhousie Science Society (DSS), Dalhousie Outdoor Society, Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Students Society, School of Social Work Student Group(MSSW), Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society, Dalhousie Dental Student Society, WUSC, Dalhousie Campus Medical Response Team, Dalhousie Nursing Society Loaded Ladle, Student Asso. of Health and Human Perform,

#### **Providing Support to DAGS audit:**

I am providing support and recommendations to DAGS auditing their type II societies. I have met with Dalhousie Graduate Physics and Atmospheric Science Society, Physiology and Biophysics Graduate Students Society Dawson Geology Graduate Society and Graduate Planning Society

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, September 28, 2015 to Sunday, October 11, 2015

#### **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meetings on Thursday to discuss and approve society ratification

#### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings on Tuesday to discuss and approve grants

#### **Gazette Board Meeting:**

Attended Gazette publishing Board Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **SUB Renovations:**

Reno Project Meeting is happening weekly. Work is going on as per changed schedule. DSU Offices and Society Hub will not be completed until mid November.

#### **Office Space:**

Final stage of discussion is happening around office and society space in renovated SUB.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS:**

#### **Fall Convocation:**

Attended Fall Convocation representing DSU on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Budget Advisory Committee:**

I expressed interest to sit on University Budget Advisory Committee on one of the two student positions. But that was turned down by the University without a proper explanation which was frustrating.

### **SERVICES**

#### **Health Plan Appeal:**

There were 16 health plan appeal on the first week. 7 of them are accepted.



## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday October 14th**

**John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca**

The majority of my time has been spent on getting students out to vote since the last council meeting so while I've been working very hard, my actual report will be short- most of my days were spent doing class talks and leafleting. I spoke to thousands of students over the course of last week, and along with other volunteers we handed out over 5000 pamphlets about the election.

### **GENERAL**

- Helped a student plan an action for an assignment in an engineering economics class about payday loans.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Classroom planning committee - Oct 2nd
- Senate learning and teaching committee - Oct 7th

##### Other

- University Registrar search committee meeting - Oct 1

### **Campaigns**

#### **Equity Campaigns**

- Hiring a commissioner position to help plan CUQSC 2016! Check [dsu.ca/jobs](http://dsu.ca/jobs) for the description.

#### **Students Unite Campaign**

##### News / Information

- Met with Department of Labour and Advanced Education along with Canadian Federation of Students-NS and StudentsNS to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding. Discussions and information is confidential at this point in time.

#### **Federal Election Campaign**

- Meet with Residence Life officials about election outreach with some but not complete success - student union access to residences is limited.
- Campus polls opened and voter turnout was very high! Roughly 3500 students voted at the SUB and Le Marchant Place, putting turnout in the range of 28% of eligible Dalhousie students. For comparison, the voter turnout for 18-25 year olds in the 2012 municipal election was 22% overall. According to Elections Canada, 42,000 students voted in the 39 campus polls across the country.



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**VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL**

- The campus poll will be back on October 19th, however voting will be limited to the Halifax riding.
- Outreach work was done on all campuses. A special thanks to the volunteers that helped to drive tiger patrol to get Sexton students to the polls more easily!
- I am working with the Political Science Society (DUPSS) to organize an Election Results Party in the Grawood on election night. Don't miss it!
- John Dunsworth, who plays Mr. Lahey from the Trailer Park Boys, helped out with the #itsnosecret campaign and visited Dalhousie twice. Once he came to produce a video calling on students to vote, and a second time on Thursday the 8th to promote the poll itself. It was a lot of fun going into 500+ student classes at Ondaatje with him!
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**UPCOMING**

- Senate Planning and Governance committee - round two of discussion of Senate Reform
- Student-Government Roundtable
- Interviews for CUQSC coordinator position
- Election day Oct 19th



## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

September 30th, 2015 to October 12th, 2015

Contact at: [vpstudentlife@dsu.ca](mailto:vpstudentlife@dsu.ca)

#### **INTERNAL**

##### Communications

- Working with other exec to check in on start of term goals and progress with rest of full time staff.

##### Intramurals

- We have several DSU intramural teams going this term, if you are interested in being on one, or dropping into play a game we have Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and Floor Hockey. We always need players. If you are interested in playing contact Dylan Ryan at: [d.ryan@dal.ca](mailto:d.ryan@dal.ca)

#### **EXTERNAL**

##### Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett.
- In the process of putting commissioners positions and contact up on the DSU website, in the mean time, you can contact mine at:
  - Athletics & Recreation commissioner, Mackenzie Goodwin: [goodwin.mac@dal.ca](mailto:goodwin.mac@dal.ca)
  - TEDxDalhousieU Commissioner, Christina Joynt: [christina.joynt@dal.ca](mailto:christina.joynt@dal.ca)
  - Student Life Programming Commissioner, Mackenzie Arnold: [mackenzie.arnold@dal.ca](mailto:mackenzie.arnold@dal.ca)
  - Student Life Programming Commissioner, George Shannon: [georghannon3@gmail.com](mailto:georghannon3@gmail.com)
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#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### Respect Week (Pink Week)

- Resepct week ran from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> with several events all displaying respect and equality on our campus.
- Our contribution to pink week was a variety show in the Grawood on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, a chance for performing societies to display their talent and dedication to respect on campus.

##### New Student Module

- New student module on consent, respect, and harm reduction completed in collaboration with Dal Student Life and The Human Rights, Equity, and Harassment Prevention Office.
  - Over 500 students completed the module as of September 20<sup>th</sup>

- Note that any students are able to have access to the module. If you are interested in using it for your society, group, or just interested in trying it out yourself, email me.

#### Orientation

- Working with the University to create a year round Orientation Committee

### **OPERATIONS**

#### Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on fall programming, with focus on special events, and regular programming.
- Working with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada to start monthly programming at the Grawood to host Lip Sync Battle events that will raise money for their charity. The first was on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>, it was very entertaining!
- Upcoming Events @ the Grawood:
  - Dal's Got Talent: Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Lyp Sync Battle Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Halloween: All ages Halloween party in the on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Halloween Bash: 19+ Halloween bash in the on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

#### T-Room

- Upcoming Events @ the TRoom
  - Settlers of Catan Tournament Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Indie Night: W/ Museum Pieces (Band) Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **ADVOCACY**

#### Tabling

- Did tabling for the Federal Election during Advance Polling: Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
- Starting to allocate regular times to join the street team in tabling to spend more time on the ground talking to students. (Will allocate times for Studley, Carleton and Sexton)

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

#### Orientation Week 2015

- Closing the books from O-Week and Dalfest

#### Student Life Committee

- Issued recruitment for the Student Life Committee: a newly formed committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- The committee will meet bi-weekly starting next Wednesday.
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

#### TEDxDalhousieU

- Hired a TEDxDalhousieU event coordinator
  - Christina Joynt: [christina.joynt@dal.ca](mailto:christina.joynt@dal.ca)
- Started contacting TED to get licencing for this years event, as well as allocating a theme and location
- Issued Recruitment for the executive team for the Event: You can apply at dsu.ca under get involved: TEDx

#### **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Working with Dal Alumni Association and Clubs on Homecoming and homecoming weekend
- Working with Athletics and Rec commissioner to start rec events: le. Bubble Soccer, Hikes, and bi-weekly ski trips

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 6:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:31 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Laura MacEachern (proxy: Derek Moreau)	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Dylan Latendre	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Laci Phina	Residence Representative
Tori Kort	Residence Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRET

Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)

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Jad Sinno  
Rebecca Haworth  
Angela Hou  
Yazan Matarieh  
Katelyn Martell  
Alexandra Hudson  
Callahan Murphy  
Druv Bhatia

Member at Large (May Appointment)  
BOG Representative  
Arts and Social Science Representative  
Sexton Campus Director  
Health Professions Representative  
Medicine Representative  
Management Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
(Senator)

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Kris Pervin

Computer Science Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant

Agricultural Representative

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A01

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

**Moved:** Soroka

**Seconded:** Latendre

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to add a discussion item on the Native Education Counselling Space to New Business.

**Moved:** Latendre

**Seconded:** Makohoniuk

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A02: CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move the Loaded Ladle presentation to before Communication Received.

**Moved:** Lobsinger

**Seconded:** Nicholson

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A03: CARRIED

### MOTION 2015-10-28: A04

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dalhousie Agricultural Student Association.

**Moved:** Nicholson                      **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2015-10-28: A04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-10-28: A01 CARRIED**

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2015-10-28: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the October 14, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Ryan                      **Seconded:** ElKhashab

**MOTION 2015-10-28: M01 CARRIED**

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Loaded Ladle

Loaded Ladle Board members Charvel Rappos and Allison Lord gave an overview of the operations and activities of the Loaded Ladle.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Chair Johannson received a communication of regrets prior the meeting from the following council representatives Kaitlyne Lowe, Jad Sinno, Rebecca Haworth, Yazan Materieh, Angela Hou, Katelyn Martell, Alexandra Hudson, Callahan Murphy and Micheal Davies-cole.

### B. Reports

Chair Johannson received a report from Kaitlyne Lowe and Liam Hunt which will be distributed via email.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Committee Appointments

#### i. Elections Committee (at least 4 non-council members)



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**Candidates Elected:** Katie Douglas, Robyn Macallan, Adam Cheyne, Mohammed Elgayar, Lauren Amyotte.

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: C01**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** Katie Douglas, Robyn Macallan, Adam Cheyne, Mohammed Elgayar, Lauren Amyotte. be appointed as members of the Elections Committee for 2015-16.

**Moved:** Ryan

**Seconded:** Larsen

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: C01 CARRIED**

## **8. PRESENTATION**

### **B. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Johannson gave a clarification of Robert's Rules on using names during debate and on how to raise Points of Privilege, Points of Order, and Requests for Information.

## **9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Sakaili gave an overview of the Board of Governors Caucus report.

### **B. Senate Caucus**

Hunt and Banks gave an overview of the Senate Caucus report.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Memorandum of Understanding with the Dalhousie Agricultural Student Association**

#### **MOTION 2015-10-28: O01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dalhousie Agricultural Student Association be approved as circulated.

**Moved:** Nicholson

**Seconded:** Ryan

#### **MOTION 2015-10-28: O01 CARRIED**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Audited Financial Statements 2014-15**

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## **MOTION 2015-10-28: N01**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements be approved as circulated.

**Moved:** Rahman

**Seconded:** Nicholson

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: N01 CARRIED**

### **B. Motion to Approve Election Dates**

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: N02**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2016 DSU Elections Timeline be as follows:

Nominations Open: 8 AM on Monday, February 22, 2016

Nominations Close: 8 PM on Friday, February 26, 2016

Campaigning Opens: 8 AM on Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Campaigning Closes: 8 PM on Sunday, March 13, 2016

Voting Opens: Monday, March 14, 2016

Voting Closes: Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Voting Results Released: Friday, March 18, 2016

**Moved:** Nicholson

**Seconded:** Ryan

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to change the timeline to:  
**Voting Opens: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 8AM, Voting Closes: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4PM and Voting Results Released: Wednesday, March 16 2016.**

**Moved:** Nicholson

**Seconded:** Ryan

## **MOTION 2015-10-28: N04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the amendment should be amended to read: **Voting Opens: Monday, March 14, 2016 8am, Voting Closes: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4pm and Voting Results Released: Wednesday, March 16 2016** to be read as **Voting Closes: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 and Voting Results Released: Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**Moved:** Soroka

**Seconded:** Banks

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**MOTION 2015-10-28: N04: FAILED**

**MOTION 2015-10-28: N03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-10-28: N02: CARRIED**

## **C. Motion to Amend Financial Policy**

**MOTION 2015-10-28: N03**

Whereas the DSU Executives share equally in the work of the Union; and

Whereas the current two-tiered pay scale for executives is arbitrary; and

Whereas the DSU values work on Academic and External Issues and Student Life just as much as other aspects of the union; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT s. 13(a) of Financial Policy be amended to read:

*a. Executives of the Union shall each receive \$31,754.04 per annum as honoraria, paid out in twelve (12) equal monthly installments unless the term is not completed.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT s. 13(b) of Financial Policy be deleted and the remaining clauses of s.13 of Financial Policy be renumbered accordingly.

**Moved:** Nicholson      **Seconded:** Ryan

Tabled to the Next Council Meeting.

## **D. DISCUSSION NATIVE EDUCATION COUNSELLING SPACE**

Letendre provided an overview of concerns about the current temporary space for the Native Counselling Unit and the planned relocation of the office.

Council discussed the overall issues with how the relocation of the office has been dealt with.

## **12. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

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## **C. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **D. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **E. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe**

Chair Johannson gave an overview of Lowe's written report.

## **13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMMEND FINANCIAL POLICY SUBSECTION 15**

**Moved:** Soroka

## **14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2015-10-28: A05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk      **Seconded:** Jaber

**MOTION 2015-10-28: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM**

## Memorandum of Understanding

*between*

### **Dalhousie Student Union And Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association**

On September 1, 2012, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) merged with Dalhousie University. As a result of this merger, the NSAC Students' Union became the Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA), a student society ratified by the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU). All Agricultural Campus students are now Dalhousie students, and as such are members of the DSU. As per the Dalhousie Student Union Act, the DSU has the authority to act as the voice and representative for all Dalhousie students. Given the distance between the Halifax and Truro campuses, and the historical role of the former NSAC Students' Union, DASA will have responsibility and authority as outlined below:

1. DASA is registered as a non-profit society with the Registry of Joint Stocks and agrees to maintain that status in good standing. DASA will provide copies of all society documents to the DSU.
2. DASA will make decisions and operate on a day-to-day basis with the best intentions in mind for Agricultural Campus students. DASA will be financially responsible and accountable for all events, the campus pub and publications. DASA has authority to hire, as necessary to implement programs and services, and it is recognized that any DASA employees are not employees of the DSU.
3. The NSAC Association of Graduate Students (NAGS) has become the Dalhousie Agricultural Association of Graduate Students (DAAGS) and will continue as a student society affiliated with both DASA and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS). DAAGS will receive funding through DASA, as described below, and will not receive funding through DAGS.
4. DASA student fees will be collected by Dalhousie University and transferred to the DSU. The DASA student fees will include a DSU distance fee. DSU will transmit all these funds directly to DASA, including the distance fee. DASA will transmit the graduate student fees to DAAGS and will maintain the Residence House Fees for the Residence House Councils for each Agricultural Campus residence. These societies would not be eligible for other society funding from the DSU. DSU is responsible for submitting a report to DASA outlining the reconciliation of fees collected versus the fees transferred at the end of each semester.
5. Deadline for DASA receiving fees from DSU will be as follows:
  - Fall Residence House Fees: October 15
  - Fall Semester Student Fees Advanced: October 31

- Remainder of Fall Semester Student Fees: December 31
- Winter House Fees: February 28
- Winter Semester Student Fees Advanced: February 28
- Remainder of Winter Semester Student Fees: April 15

This payment schedule is contingent on the DSU receiving the funds from the University prior to the dates listed. If there is any delay in receiving the funds, the DSU will notify DASA immediately.

6. Dalhousie Agricultural Campus student fees will be proposed annually by DASA, and will be approved by DASA members in accordance with DSU Bylaws.
7. DASA will be responsible for financing and maintaining programming and services for students enrolled on the Agricultural Campus, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Coordinating campus activities and events,
  - b. Organizing the new student orientation in collaboration with Student Services,
  - c. Operating the campus pub ("The Barn"),
  - d. Publishing the campus newspaper,
  - e. Ratifying and providing funding to student clubs and organizations within the Faculty of Agriculture, and
  - f. Hiring and supervising support staff for the DASA office.

The DSU is not financially responsible for supporting DASA programming and services on the Agricultural Campus.

8. DASA will continue to maintain liability insurance coverage that meets the standards of the DSU. The DSU and Dalhousie University will be listed as "additional insureds" on all DASA insurance policies.
9. Where possible, and particularly where cost-effective, DSU and DASA may collaborate to provide services and programs to students, such as student health insurance.
10. DASA will appoint a member of its Executive to be responsible for risk management, including ensuring that student clubs receive the appropriate training and that all DSU risk management policies and procedures are followed for DASA and student club events.
11. The Executive group from both the DSU and DASA shall meet once each academic semester to discuss any joint projects, fees, events, or other issues that may arise.

12. Agricultural Campus students will be eligible to run and vote in DSU elections. The DSU will provide Agricultural Campus students with an opportunity to vote through an online platform, mail-in ballot, or polling station in all DSU elections and relevant referenda. Where possible, the DSU may undertake other means to facilitate Agricultural Campus students' involvement in DSU Elections. As members of the DSU, Agricultural Campus students have the right to receive notice of and attend the Annual General Meeting and any other special meeting of the DSU membership and to vote on any motions or referenda presented at t meetings.
  
13. If either party breaches any provision of this agreement, such breach must be cured within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the other party. Written notice must specify the breach in reasonable detail. If the breach is not cured, the non-breaching party shall have the right to terminate this agreement by giving written notice thereof to the party in breach. Termination shall go into effect immediately upon receipt of that notice.
  
14. In the event that DASA files for bankruptcy or insolvency, or that the association is dissolved pursuant to the provisions of the Nova Scotia Society Act, this agreement becomes null and void.
  
15. This document shall be reviewed every three years and upon no revisions, the document will be automatically renewed. Any proposed amendments must be referred to DASA at least 90 days before they are presented to DSU Council.

President, DSU	Date
Vice president, Internal, DSU	Date
Vice president, Finance & Operations, DSU	Date
President, DASA	Date

# **Dalhousie Student Union Inc.**

Financial Statements

**March 31, 2015**





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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

### **To the Members of Dalhousie Student Union Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Dalhousie Student Union Inc.** (the "Student Union"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of revenues and expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### **Management's responsibility for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

#### **Basis for qualified opinion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Student Union derives some of its revenues from ticket sales, food and bar services and advertising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Student Union. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses and cash flows from operations for the year ended March 31, 2015, current assets as at March 31, 2015 and net assets at both the beginning and end of the year ended March 31, 2015.

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**Qualified opinion**

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Student Union as at March 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

**Chartered Accountants**

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	165,801	210,201
Amounts receivable		
Dalhousie University	959,681	1,040,388
Other	477,384	418,087
Inventories	50,809	41,204
Prepays	34,699	33,036
	<u>1,688,374</u>	<u>1,742,916</u>
Restricted cash	2,026,027	2,160,267
Investments, at market value (note 3)	3,292,158	3,074,716
Capital assets and intangibles (note 4)	1,477,139	867,263
	<u>8,483,698</u>	<u>7,845,162</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,052,588	1,313,163
Other liabilities	41,738	100,802
	<u>1,094,326</u>	<u>1,413,965</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	2,329,568	2,311,993
Internally restricted net assets (note 5)	5,059,804	4,119,204
	<u>7,389,372</u>	<u>6,431,197</u>
	<u>8,483,698</u>	<u>7,845,162</u>
<b>Commitment (note 8)</b>		

### Approved by the Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	Operating fund budget 2015 \$	Operating fund actual 2015 \$	Internally restricted fund actual 2015 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Revenues</b>					
Bar services	585,889	574,587	–	574,587	546,799
Contracts	103,308	100,137	–	100,137	117,160
Council administration	–	–	–	–	1,101
Food service	58,800	68,427	–	68,427	51,217
Health plan	–	–	2,586,099	2,586,099	2,427,572
International Health Plan	–	–	1,038,690	1,038,690	1,011,287
Investment income	15,267	24,519	202,274	226,793	195,373
Programming and initiatives	384,538	357,596	–	357,596	322,852
Retail services	139,507	146,076	–	146,076	122,307
S.U.B. operations	71,517	85,047	–	85,047	88,189
S.U.B. reservations	123,185	129,195	–	129,195	120,838
Shuttle bus	–	14,471	–	14,471	–
Student Union fees, net	1,276,724	1,237,544	556,133	1,793,677	1,753,522
	2,758,735	2,737,599	4,383,196	7,120,795	6,758,217
<b>Expenses</b>					
Amortization	–	22,361	82,066	104,427	106,400
Bar services	673,294	677,724	–	677,724	678,282
Council administration	428,444	415,556	–	415,556	455,141
External affairs	29,064	31,394	–	31,394	22,167
Food service	27,746	30,335	–	30,335	58,947
Furniture and fixtures	20,000	5,486	–	5,486	8,199
Grants	65,000	58,762	–	58,762	60,838
Health plan	–	–	2,659,214	2,659,214	2,448,107
International Health Plan	–	–	658,197	658,197	968,825
Orientation surplus	–	58,363	–	58,363	–
Programming and initiatives	409,909	397,176	–	397,176	424,465
Retail services	129,960	136,688	–	136,688	121,514
S.U.B. operations	783,505	772,089	–	772,089	698,841
S.U.B. reservations	80,100	72,461	–	72,461	73,212
Shuttle bus	23,948	41,629	–	41,629	28,186
Student Union fees, net	–	–	43,119	43,119	126,040
	2,670,970	2,720,024	3,442,596	6,162,620	6,279,164
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	87,765	17,575	940,600	958,175	479,053

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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	<b>Unrestricted net assets \$</b>	<b>Internally restricted net assets \$</b>	<b>2015 \$</b>	<b>2014 \$</b>
<b>Net assets - Beginning of year</b>	2,311,993	4,119,204	6,431,197	5,952,144
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	17,575	940,600	958,175	479,053
<b>Net assets - End of year</b>	<u>2,329,568</u>	<u>5,059,804</u>	<u>7,389,372</u>	<u>6,431,197</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net excess of revenue over expenses for the year	958,175	479,053
Amortization	104,427	106,400
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	15,420	–
Unrealized gain on investments	(84,062)	(104,710)
Gain on disposal of investments	(78,466)	(25,514)
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	915,494	455,229
Change in non-cash working capital (note 7)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(309,497)	762,475
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	605,997	1,217,704
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Change in restricted cash	(134,240)	(1,277,147)
Repayment of capital lease obligations	–	–
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	(134,240)	(1,277,147)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Investment proceeds and purchases, net	224,063	(59,656)
Purchase of capital assets	(740,220)	(162,152)
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	(516,157)	(221,808)
<b>Net change in cash during the year</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(44,400)	(281,251)
<b>Cash – Beginning of year</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	210,201	491,452
<b>Cash – End of year</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	165,801	210,201

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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### 1 Nature of operations

The Dalhousie Student Union Inc. (the "Student Union" or "DSU") is a not-for-profit Student Union providing employment, advocacy and general support for the students of Dalhousie University. The Student Union is funded through Dalhousie University student fees and from net income generated from various businesses operated by the Student Union.

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO").

#### **Revenue recognition**

##### *Contributions*

Contributions are recognized using the deferral method. Externally restricted contributions relating to expenses of the current period are recognized as received. Externally restricted contributions for expenses relating to future periods are deferred and recognized in the same period as the expenses. Contributions for the purchase of capital assets are deferred and recognized on the same basis as the amortization expense of the asset over its useful life. Internally restricted contributions are recognized as received.

##### *Student Union fee revenue*

Student Union fee revenues are recognized as received from Dalhousie University, in accordance with the CPA Canada Handbook, Section 3400 — Revenue. Student fee revenue is allocated to specific programs of the Student Union based on full-time and part-time staff working in each department. Revenues allocated to the Student Union have been recorded on a net basis as the Student Union acts as an agent in the transaction on behalf of Dalhousie University. Gross revenues as a result of these transactions have been disclosed in schedule 9 to the financial statements.

##### *Contracts*

Contracts revenue is recognized when earned based on the terms of the contract.

##### *Investment income*

Investment income is recognized as earned.

##### *Health plan*

Fees received from Dalhousie University for insurance premiums are shown gross of the related insurance premium expense.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Management estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates, assumptions and allocations that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those reported.

#### Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis.

The cost of inventories recognized as an expense during the year was \$307,058 (2014 —\$314,818).

#### Investments

Investments are carried at quoted market value. All investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income in the period they arise.

Realized income is income earned from dividends and interest that has been collected or accrued in the current fiscal period along with gains or losses from the disposal of investments.

Unrealized income is income that is recorded reflecting the change in market value over the book value of the investments currently being held by the Student Union at year-end. The unrealized change in market value is the result of both change in the value of the investment, as well as the change in foreign currency where applicable and is included in income for the current period.

#### Capital assets

All capital expenditures in excess of \$3,000 are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	6-10 years
Intangibles	3 years
Leasehold improvements	15 years
Leasehold improvements - renovations	10 years
Vehicle	5 years
Computer equipment	3 years

Intangible assets include website development costs.



# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Cash

Cash includes cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term investments. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities. Restricted cash relates to cash that is internally restricted to cover specific expenses of future periods.

#### Financial instruments

##### *Initial measurement*

Financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

##### *Subsequent measurement*

At each reporting date, the Student Union measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments, which must be measured at fair value. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other liabilities.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Student Union regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment and the Student Union determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of revenues and expenses. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in the statement of revenue and expenses in the year the reversal occurs.

The Student Union's financial instruments consist of cash, restricted cash, amounts receivable, long-term investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Student Union is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

### 3 Investments

	<b>Market value 2015</b>	<b>Market value 2014</b>
	\$	\$
Cash	190,719	83,875
Marketable securities	3,101,439	2,990,841
	<u>3,292,158</u>	<u>3,074,716</u>

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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### 4 Capital assets and intangibles

	<b>2015</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated</b>	<b>Net</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>depreciation</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>\$</b>	
Vehicle	35,592	28,473	7,119
Renovations in progress	931,272	–	931,272
Equipment	434,269	378,618	55,651
Computer equipment	56,655	54,552	2,103
Intangibles	33,319	29,848	3,471
Leasehold improvements	901,426	857,048	44,378
Leasehold improvements - renovations	3,474,853	3,041,708	433,145
	<b>5,867,386</b>	<b>4,390,247</b>	<b>1,477,139</b>

	<b>2014</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated</b>	<b>Net</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>depreciation</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>\$</b>	
Vehicle	61,292	31,635	29,657
Equipment	406,431	363,794	42,637
Computer equipment	56,665	52,458	4,207
Intangibles	33,319	26,377	6,942
Leasehold improvements	901,426	842,018	59,408
Leasehold improvements - renovations	3,704,242	2,979,830	724,412
	<b>5,163,375</b>	<b>4,296,112</b>	<b>867,263</b>

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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### 5 Internally restricted net assets

The Student Union has set up internally restricted net assets to support the following activities:

#### **Capital campaign**

Contributions to the Dalhousie University Capital Campaign of \$25 per full-time student and \$20 per part-time student were received annually during the five years ended March 31, 2001. Of the total monies received over the five years, \$1 million went towards construction of the new Arts and Social Science Building. The balance remaining in the fund has been committed to the ongoing liability for the Blue Light Safety system.

#### **Facility improvement fees**

Students voted in 1995/96 to contribute \$10 per full-time student and \$5 per part-time student to develop a football team program. Dalhousie University subsequently decided not to proceed with this project and the students agreed in a follow up referendum in 1996/97 to use the funds collected in 1997/98 and beyond for the improvement of the Student Union facilities. Council voted in June 1998 to use the fees collected during 1996/97 to equally fund three different initiatives: programming, investing and Student Union improvements. In the 2003 fiscal year, it was agreed that a portion of this fee would be reallocated to DSU renovation fund such that \$4.25 per full-time student and \$1.00 per part-time student is allocated for overall improvements to the Student Union managed properties, equipment, computers and furniture.

#### **DSU renovation fund**

This fund has been set up to accumulate funds for the renovation of the Student Union building which began in the spring of 2002. The Student Union voted to continue the special capital campaign levy and to use these funds to renovate the Student Union building. In the past these funds were used to pay back the loan received to finance the renovations from Dalhousie University.

#### **Student accessibility fund**

This portion of student fees is collected for the purpose of improving accessibility of the Student Union facilities for individuals with disabilities.

#### **Health plan fund**

This fund has been set up to accumulate funds to use to decrease premiums, enhance benefits or maintain the solvency of the health plan. The accumulated funds have been set aside as investments on which the income is added to the internally restricted balance.

#### **International health plan fund**

The international health plan represents monies collected from international students who are required to have medical insurance coverage during their tenure in Canada. Funds collected are used to pay insurance premiums incurred by international students and to establish an emergency reserve.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

### 5 Internally restricted net assets (continued)

						2015
	Opening balance \$	Contributions received during the year \$	Expenditures during the year \$	Amortization \$	Investment income \$	Net unexpended monies \$
Capital campaign	15,129	–	2,091	–	–	13,038
Facility improvement fees	54,972	71,356	17,526	20,188	–	88,614
DSU renovations fund	935,874	453,955	–	61,878	–	1,327,951
Student accessibility fund	155,237	30,822	23,502	–	–	162,557
Health plan fund	2,915,530	2,586,099	2,659,214	–	202,274	3,044,689
International health plan	42,462	1,038,690	658,197	–	–	422,955
	<u>4,119,204</u>	<u>4,180,922</u>	<u>3,360,530</u>	<u>82,066</u>	<u>202,274</u>	<u>5,059,804</u>

						2014
	Opening balance \$	Contributions received during the year \$	Expenditures during the year \$	Amortization \$	Investment income \$	Net unexpended monies \$
Capital campaign	16,460	–	1,331	–	–	15,129
Facility improvement fees	43,419	70,202	58,649	–	–	54,972
DSU renovations fund	580,920	446,663	15,472	76,237	–	935,874
Student accessibility fund	175,498	30,327	50,588	–	–	155,237
Health plan fund	2,781,695	2,427,572	2,448,107	–	154,370	2,915,530
International health plan	–	1,011,287	968,825	–	–	42,462
	<u>3,597,992</u>	<u>3,986,051</u>	<u>3,542,972</u>	<u>76,237</u>	<u>154,370</u>	<u>4,119,204</u>

### 6 Investment income

	Operating fund 2015 \$	Internally restricted fund 2015 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
Interest and dividends	24,038	81,940	105,978	101,767
Gain (loss) on disposal of investments	(4,360)	82,826	78,466	25,514
Unrealized gain on investments	10,160	73,902	84,062	104,710
Management fees	(5,319)	(36,394)	(41,713)	(36,618)
	<u>24,519</u>	<u>202,274</u>	<u>226,793</u>	<u>195,373</u>

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 7 Change in non-cash working capital

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Decrease (increase) in amounts receivable	21,410	(27,086)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(9,605)	12,850
Decrease (increase) in prepaids	(1,663)	17,366
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(260,575)	761,065
Decrease in other liabilities	(59,064)	(1,720)
	<u>(309,497)</u>	<u>762,475</u>

### 8 Commitment

Under an agreement with Dalhousie University, the Student Union has made a commitment to expend in future years a minimum of \$10,000 per year on furniture, alterations and renovations for the Student Union Building.

### 9 Related party transactions

During the year, the Student Union had the following transactions with Dalhousie University, all of which were recorded at their exchange amount.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Student Union revenue	1,793,677	1,753,522
Salaries and benefits expense	(1,294,246)	(1,222,466)

### 10 Income taxes

The Student Union is a not-for-profit organization and as such is exempt from income tax.

### 11 Health plan

In October 1998, students voted to implement a health plan beginning in September 1999. The premium was approved by a student referendum in conjunction with the student elections in April 2002. The referendum also permits increases in premiums to cover future increases in the inflation rate or claims experience. Students may increase the coverage to include their families by paying an additional premium.

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Unaudited Schedule of Bar Services

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 1

	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Beer	128,289	134,566	125,203
Draft	130,956	123,911	120,656
Food	133,203	130,861	111,652
Games	1,052	1,720	2,025
Liquor	101,919	91,818	97,188
Miscellaneous	10,559	10,833	14,326
Pop/mix	15,532	14,684	11,343
Wages charge back	24,980	26,316	23,235
Wine	39,399	39,878	41,171
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	585,889	574,587	546,799
<b>Cost of goods sold</b>			
Beer	73,471	76,275	77,141
Draft	72,985	70,233	73,639
Food purchases	75,325	75,147	65,876
Liquor	51,972	47,258	55,392
Pop/mix	14,007	15,396	16,982
Wine	23,007	22,749	25,788
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	310,767	307,058	314,818
<b>Gross margin</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	275,122	267,529	231,981
<b>Expenses</b>			
Business tax	175	176	171
Communications	3,427	3,297	3,393
Equipment	9,899	8,935	7,868
Insurance	22,975	22,975	23,528
Miscellaneous	45,304	45,395	50,299
Office expense	5,773	6,451	7,418
Repairs and maintenance	7,139	8,612	6,393
Salaries	267,835	274,825	264,394
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	362,527	370,666	363,464
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	(87,405)	(103,137)	(131,483)

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

Unaudited Schedule of Council Administration

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 2

	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Miscellaneous	—	—	1,101
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising/marketing	2,500	3,914	608
Advocacy	—	—	18,262
CASA/ANSSA membership	92,248	92,937	116,803
Communications	24,731	24,401	21,624
Conference	14,294	11,986	11,739
Council	10,703	8,683	14,852
Elections strategy	9,960	10,312	17,467
Gifts and awards	1,863	1,563	1,139
Insurance	14,356	11,356	11,451
Legal fees	11,532	15,875	10,240
Miscellaneous	18,667	17,484	17,459
Office supplies	6,439	4,495	8,084
Programming planning board	3,276	3,868	440
Salaries	217,875	208,682	204,973
	428,444	415,556	455,141
	(428,444)	(415,556)	(454,040)

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Unaudited Schedule of Programming and Initiatives

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 3

	<b>Budget 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2014 \$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Advertising revenue	–	–	14,766
Sponsorship	116,146	114,969	87,203
Ticket sales and event income	261,307	238,175	208,270
Food bank	–	335	–
Farmers market	7,085	4,117	12,613
	<u>384,538</u>	<u>357,596</u>	<u>322,852</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising	6,995	6,479	8,591
Communications	1,166	1,015	881
Events/programming	236,190	227,796	272,462
Farmers market	7,232	8,116	13,133
Food bank	589	428	–
Miscellaneous	10,579	13,753	19,221
Programming/initiative materials	63,155	63,249	62,253
Salaries	24,298	20,602	16,960
Strategic initiatives	10,990	6,275	14,643
Technical	48,715	49,463	16,321
	<u>409,909</u>	<u>397,176</u>	<u>424,465</u>
	<u>(25,371)</u>	<u>(39,580)</u>	<u>(101,613)</u>



# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Unaudited Schedule of Food Service

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 4

	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Food services revenues	58,800	68,427	51,217
<b>Expenses</b>			
Food services expense	16,212	16,211	13,241
Licensing fees	–	–	11,667
Repairs and maintenance	11,534	14,124	34,039
	<u>27,746</u>	<u>30,335</u>	<u>58,947</u>
	<u>31,054</u>	<u>38,092</u>	<u>(7,730)</u>

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Unaudited Schedule of Retail Services

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 5

	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Binding and design revenue	10,454	11,042	8,217
Copyright	14,323	15,800	9,625
Fax and postage revenue	3,772	4,458	5,228
Computer lab/printing revenue	48,230	53,059	42,534
Color printing	41,763	41,233	39,276
Copy revenue	10,908	11,335	8,698
Retail revenue	10,057	9,149	8,729
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	139,507	146,076	122,307
<b>Expenses</b>			
Bad debts	60	—	280
Communication	3,847	4,182	4,531
Copyright	13,496	17,943	10,288
DalCard	588	657	536
Miscellaneous	4,405	4,428	3,944
Office	516	430	327
Paper supplies	7,478	8,412	6,226
Photocopy leases and contracts	18,826	18,655	17,372
Salary	80,744	81,981	78,010
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	129,960	136,688	121,514
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	9,547	9,388	793

**Dalhousie Student Union Inc.**  
 Unaudited Schedule of S.U.B. Operations  
 For the year ended March 31, 2015

**Schedule 6**

	<b>Budget 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2014 \$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Miscellaneous	-	-	8,740
Rental	71,517	85,047	79,449
	<hr/> 71,517	<hr/> 85,047	<hr/> 88,189
<b>Expenses</b>			
Communications	10,423	7,937	9,706
Computer services/support	17,999	12,433	13,287
Conference/AMICUS	30,217	26,103	22,560
Equipment and rental	64,353	52,667	52,792
Insurance	14,753	14,753	13,257
Miscellaneous	15,566	17,129	13,530
Office supplies	9,711	8,807	9,675
Salaries	587,207	599,059	534,064
Staff training/events	33,276	33,201	29,970
	<hr/> 783,505	<hr/> 772,089	<hr/> 698,841
	<hr/> (711,988)	<hr/> (687,042)	<hr/> (610,652)

**Dalhousie Student Union Inc.**  
 Unaudited Schedule of S.U.B. Reservations  
 For the year ended March 31, 2015

**Schedule 7**

	<b>Budget 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2015 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2014 \$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Meeting rooms	97,122	102,158	93,532
Miscellaneous	23,232	23,733	24,072
Copyright fees	2,831	3,304	3,234
	<hr/> 123,185	<hr/> 129,195	<hr/> 120,838
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising	598	-	-
Copyright fees	3,489	3,291	3,234
Meeting rooms	532	819	855
Miscellaneous	3,371	2,209	1,664
Office expenses	538	660	721
Salaries	71,103	65,041	66,282
Telephone	469	441	456
	<hr/> 80,100	<hr/> 72,461	<hr/> 73,212
	<hr/> 43,085	<hr/> 56,734	<hr/> 47,626

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

Unaudited Schedule of Shuttle Bus

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 8

	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Insurance revenue	–	14,471	–
<b>Expenses</b>			
Gas	15,910	18,237	19,121
Insurance	7,356	7,356	8,656
Loss on disposal of vehicle	–	15,419	–
Transportation	682	617	409
	23,948	41,629	28,186
	(23,948)	(27,158)	(28,186)

# Dalhousie Student Union Inc.

## Unaudited Schedule of Student Union Fees Income and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

Schedule 9

	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
<b>Student Union fees income before allocations</b>	2,672,177	2,466,469
<b>Allocations</b>		
CKDU	150,819	148,384
Dal Out	8,110	7,978
Agricultural Campus fees	122,824	128,104
Loaded Ladle	109,447	107,721
NSPIRG	99,743	98,146
South African Trust fund	16,219	15,956
WUSC	24,329	23,936
South House	98,049	53,499
Gazette	111,972	88,138
Sextant	9,322	9,172
DSUSO	32,438	31,913
Equity and accessibility	34,885	-
Bike Centre	16,225	-
Campus Medical Response	29,412	-
Dal Urban Garden Soc.	14,706	-
	878,500	712,947
<b>Student Union fees income after allocations</b>	1,793,677	1,753,522
DSU renovation fund	453,955	446,662
DSU operations	1,237,544	1,206,330
Facility improvement	71,356	70,203
Student accessibility FD	30,822	30,327
	1,793,677	1,753,522
<b>Expenses</b>		
Capital campaign	2,091	54,285
DSU renovation fund	-	15,471
Facility improvement fees	17,526	5,696
Student accessibility	23,502	50,588
	43,119	126,040
<b>Net Student Union fees</b>	1,750,558	1,627,482



Senate Report: Oct 28, 2015.

Corporate Donors Presentation by Peter Fardy, VP Advancement:

Fardy went over the gift “commitment process”. This involves a few steps. First the donation is assessed to make sure it’s align with Dalhousie’s Strategic Direction and priorities.

Once approved, it’s moved to Deans, department heads, and senior faculty for consultation. During the consultation period, it is assessed again to make sure it’s consistent with the University’s strategy.

If the donation advances beyond this stage, the terms are then negotiated between the donor party and University administration. After the terms have been approved, it is determined whether the donation is **contractual agreement** or a **gift**. For contractual agreements, the terms are re-evaluated by legal counsel.

Donation commitments (2006-2015) were then broken down:

TOTAL: \$295 Million

Sources:	Designations:
Individuals (67%)	Academic Programming (36%)
Corporations (13%)	Student Financial Assistance (31%)
Other (13%)	Infrastructure (16%)
Foundations (7%)	Research (10%)
	Student Services and other (7%)

On a related note,

The Ad Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment is composing a draft report for Senate, yet additional submissions from academic units and student societies may still be considered for the final report coming up in the new year. If interested, get in touch with Andrea Power at [andrea.power@dal.ca](mailto:andrea.power@dal.ca)

In other news,

The adoption of an Agriculture Honours Program was approved unanimously, as well as a modified Master of Science in Nursing program. Both of which are similar to their non-Honours progenitors, except they require a thesis/honours project as an exit requirement.



# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday October 12th, 2015 to Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

### AC Campus

- MOU finalized! (Only 3 years in the making...)
  - Travelled to Truro to discuss the finalized details

### Executive Team

- Various executive meetings
- Officers meetings
- Attended the CCPA-NS fundraising Gala
- Attended the DASSS Fall Ball
- BOPs Meeting

## **OPERATIONS**

### SUB Renovations

- Doors beside Pete's should be opening up soon
- Progress coming along nicely!

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- **Alcohol Advisory Committee**
  - Approved new set of society rules for sanctioned alcoholic events
- Attended:
  - Senate
  - SPGC
  - Senate Appeals Committee training
  - Board of Governors
  - Board of Operations
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- Met with the President to discuss the SAHPL
- Breakfast meeting with the Director of Student Services to discuss overall Mental Health strategy
- Attended and spoke at the Wallace McCain Learning Commons Grand Opening
- Attended the pre-BoG bonding dinner
- Met with the Director of Counseling services to discuss the Staying Connected
- Attended and spoke at the Dal Open House
- Met with the SAC and Heather Sutherland to discuss food options on Sexton Campus

## **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday October 12th, 2015 to Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Attended the President's Fun Run
- Lunch with Student Services admin
- Met with the Office of Sust. to discuss the Bike Centre MOU
- Met with the VP – student Affairs search committee
  - o Full day interviews to begin shortly
- Consultation session with the hiring committee for the Executive Director of Student Services
- Prepping for the provincial strategy meeting re: sexual assault

## **ADVOCACY**

- Got a new suite of Text the President materials
- Had a booth at the Open House and promoted some of our services such as the SAHPL
- met with the #My Definition/Break the Silence campaign team
  - o determined timeline and minor project details
- Looking to finalize the remaining society space agreements
- Met with Jennifer Hand – President of the LSS
- Facilitated communications between a student and the relevant party to resolve a space issue
- Met with Anthony DMCRT – to discuss current progress on Mental Health initiatives - environmental scan
- Met again with members of the working group of the ombudsperson
- Progress being made re: office re-structure
  - o Job postings for EnA position
  - o Composition of staff responsibilities
- Met with a VP from DUES to discuss various issues and possibilities
- Met with representative of the Mining society to discuss issues and possibilities
- Met with representative from the Phi Delta Theta
- Begun collection of LGBTQ specific health services feedback from various groups
- Women's only swim discussions
- **THERE WILL BE FLU SHOT CLINICS SET UP:**
  - o Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm Sherriff
  - o Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm SUB
  - o Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm Gerard
  - o Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1-430pm Kings
  - o Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm Sexton
  - o Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm Dentistry
  - o Nov 19<sup>th</sup>: 10am-2pm Tupper Bldg.

## **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday October 12th, 2015 to Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Students who do not have a valid MSI, provincial health, DSU Health Plan, or private insurance card will have to pay the \$20 injection fee before receiving their flu shot.
- In addition, all Quebec students are required to pay the \$20 injection fee.

### **MISC**

- Attended the Navratri
- Attended the Settlers of Catan Tournament at the T-room
- Attended the DUPSS elections results party at the Grawood
- Attended the Kings Wardroom election results event
- Lending support to Kaitlynne re: Tiger Society Commissioners
- Attended the DSU Bowling tournament
- Thank you to the folks who emailed in about the refugee response questions
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# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

## **CONTACT:**

Office: SUB 307

[vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)

902-494-1276

## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in mid November
  - Organizing society and staff offices
  - Setting up phone lines
  - If you have space in the HUB expect a space contract soon!
- Phone Line
  - Continuing Promotion
  - Waiting on decision by the university for full year funding (October 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Extended to November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Communications
  - Social media presence continues to increase
  - Office hours in Sexton office: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am-3pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - Office hours on Carleton: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am – 3pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - Tabling Wednesdays from 11am – 3pm with the Street team

### **Ratification**

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### **Grants**

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Apply for events occurring in the Fall semester
  - Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives

### **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - If you have events for September/ October please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) so we can promote your events!

### **Societies**

## **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

- New Member Services Coordinator
  - o Isaac's last week
  - o Sep will be taking over until Holly returns in January
- New Booking Process
  - o Continuously providing feedback – still sorting out and responding to glitches
  - o More user friendly than previous process
- Society training has been successful so far
  - o Your society must have a Primary Event Organizer (PEO) that has completed society training: <http://www.dsu.ca/societytraining>
  - o Organizing society training to take place on Sexton

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **DSU Office integration Process**

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created
- Outlining financing and governance process
  - o Outlining committee terms of reference
- Timeline: to have this process brought to council in November
  - o Looking at a wrap up date of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - o Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
  - o Group discussions - Feedback and information
  - o Organize Town halls with part-time staff to encourage engagement

#### **Phone Line**

- Project will be extending into November!!
- Have 35 volunteers currently
  - o Very engaged- both on the Line and for promotion
  - o Pending funding answer will be scheduling a second round of training
- Phone line has been doing well so far!
  - o Organizing meetings to ask for funding
- Successful in advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19
  - o Third Parties will not have duty to report for those over 16
- Preparing for the two-day meeting on the Province's Sexual Violence Strategy
  - o Third day meeting organized for October 27<sup>th</sup>- Dan will be attending
  - o Very productive meetings- DSU is viewed as a leader in these issues
    - many people are impressed by the work we have been doing and are looking for more opportunities to collaborate

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Commissioner hired
- Society consultations will take place in November

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING WITH ANNE FORESTALL ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing how the university and the DSU will collaborate on the project
- Meetings have been going well and parties seem to be on the same page
- Working on terms of reference and job description

### **Working to establish a student advocacy society that focuses on Student Code of Conduct Violations**

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students
- Setting goals for the report that is to be created
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Many hard working volunteers, and more and more people are interested in volunteering
- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship

Tasks:

## **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer's Market – Every Wednesday**

- Brand new Farmers Market display!
- Get your produce packs! – Pick them up in the SUB from the market or sign up for delivery

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, October 12, 2015 to Sunday, October 25, 2015

#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Audited Financial Statement:**

DSU Audited Financial statements of 2015-15 is available. I will present that on October 28 Council meeting.

##### **Budget Revisions:**

DSU Revised Budget 2015-16 will be presented at DSU Council meeting on November 18,2015 and will be voted on December 2,2015.

Budget Revisions is ongoing.

##### **Society Audit:**

Final Deadline for Fall Society Audit is October 30

##### **Society Training:**

Organizing society Training session at Sexton for DUES Type II on October 30

##### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Societies. In the last two weeks, I met

Society of John Risley Hall, Shirreff Hall Residence Council , Gerard Hall Residence Council ,Mini Residence Council ,Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society(DUES), Dalhousie Science Society (DSS), Dalhousie Outdoor Society, Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Students Society ,School of Social Work Student Group(MSSW), Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society, Dalhousie Dental Student Society ,WUSC, Loaded Ladle, Student Asso. of Health and Human Perform, Sextant, Architecture Student Association, Mini Res Council

##### **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meetings on Thursday to discuss and approve society ratification

##### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings on Tuesday to discuss and approve grants



## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, October 12, 2015 to Sunday, October 25, 2015

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### **SUB Renovations:**

Renovation is going on as per schedule.

#### **SERVICES**

##### **Health Plan Appeal:**

There were 24 health plan appeal on the scond week .4 of them are accepted.

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday October 28th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **GENERAL**

- Hosted How to lobby workshop with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Engineering Economics class along with a talk about issues with payday loan lenders by NS ACORN.
- Attended Sexton Advisory Committee
- DSU sponsored and attended Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives gala. The CCPA produces a lot of research that the DSU uses in its campaigns and lobbying, so we felt it was a good idea to offer our support back.

### **INTERNAL**

- Held interviews for Canadian University Queer Services Coordinator position, which will act as one of my commissioners for two semesters. Tameera Mohamed, an MA student in sociology, was hired.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- BIG WIN: Senate Planning and Governance Committee unanimously approved a motion to increase student representation in the senate from 7 to 20! The representation will be a mix of faculty representation, equity reps.
- Senate Reform will require amendments to the DSU constitution, as well as society constitutions. The Academic Committee will be the first place to have these discussions
- Meeting with Rapid Taskforce on Syllabus Policy Review
- Ratification meeting – 5 cases of plagiarism and/or cheating completed through AIOs

#### **Other**

- Trying to support a student-run business based out of the Rowe, Atlantic Business Consultants, which is facing eviction.

### **CAMPAIGNS**

#### **Federal Election Campaign**

- Election day went smoothly with good student turnout. Voter turnout across Canada was up by 10%, many of them young people! The final numbers are not yet in so I can't report on how things were locally for the youth/student vote.
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#### **Equity Campaigns**

- Did some tabling and class talks in support of Bill 114, signing postcards

# ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Working with GWST Prof. Margaret Denike on United Nations call for “16 days of activism” against gender-based violence in November.
- CUQSC organizing committee met.

### **Education Shouldn't be A Debt Sentence Campaign**

#### News / Information

- The negative impacts of so-called “market adjustments” continue: Saint Mary's has proposed a \$1620 increase in tuition fees.
- The NS legislature opens on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Actions

- Hosted Nora Loreto, former student union activist, current labour union activist and Author of From Demonized to Organized: Building the New Union Movement in an event called “Beyond The Ballot Box” to talk about some next steps after the election.

### **UPCOMING**

- University Registrar Search committee – interviews of shortlist candidates
- Student government roundtable



# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 6:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:34 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks (Proxy: Christopher Markides)	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Yazan Khader	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub (Proxy: Angelica Czart)	Dentistry Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Laura MacEachern	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Laci Phina	Residence Representative
Tori Kort	Residence Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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Dylan Letendre  
Kasey Moss

Aboriginal Students' Community  
Science Representative  
Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Michael Davies-Cole

Black Students' Community  
Representative

Amr ElKhashab

International Students' Community  
Representative

Callahan Murphy

Management Representative

Naznin Sultana

Graduate Studies Representative

Moe Kabara

Graduate Studies Representative

## VACANCY POSITIONS

Vacant

Agricultural Representative

## OTHERS PRESENT

Kaley Kennedy

Policy & Research Coordinator

### **MOTION 2015-11-18: R01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Kaley Kennedy be appointed as Secretary for this meeting.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Larsen

### **MOTION 2015-11-18: R01 CARRIED**

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### **MOTION 2015-11-18: A01**

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

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2015-11-18: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### **MOTION 2015-11-18: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the October 28, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2015-11-18: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Johannson explained he received regrets from Sam Dixon, Liam Hunt, Anthony Sakaili, Holly Lobsinger, Dylan Letendre, and Kasey Moss

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Dalhousie Gazette

Editor-in-Chief Jesse Ward gave an overview of the objectives and activities of the Dalhousie Gazette.

### B. Investment Review

Khader gave an overview of the work of the adhoc Investment Review Committee.

### C. Budget Revisions

Rahman gave an overview of the revised budget.

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Haworth gave an overview of the activities of the Caucus. There was and Academic Affairs and Research Committee since the last Council meeting.

Next meeting of the full Board of Governors will be on November 24.

The Caucus is scheduling meetings with the Budget Advisory Committee and the Provost Carolyn Watters to talk about student concerns about the budget.

### B. Senate Caucus

Dobson is on the Senate Discipline Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee.

The Senate is striking a committee on online exam procedures.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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Hutton reported that the Caucus presented a slightly amended proposal regarding expanding student representation. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Hutton also reported that the Senate has been discussing gender and racial equity in the faculty complement.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Amendment to Financial Policy

#### MOTION 2015-11-18: N01

Whereas Type I Student Societies are an integral part of the DSU's ability to engage students

And Whereas Type I Student Societies assist in funding Type II and occasionally Type III societies

And Whereas Students pay fees every year to fund their Type I Student Societies

And Whereas Students expect their money to be available throughout both semesters

And Whereas Auditing Student Societies before they receive their funding unnecessarily delays funding

And Whereas Auditing Student Societies before they receive their funding may unfairly punish current Type I Student Societies for mistakes made by previous executive.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Policy 15 (a) be amended to read:

*The Union shall issue society membership fees in two (2) instalments of approximately equal value. The first instalment will be issued before September 30, and the second instalment before January 30, of each year.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Financial Policy 15 (b) be amended to read:

*Each year, the Vice President (Finance and Operations) must audit the accounts of every society receiving a direct levy.*

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**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Dobson

**MOTION 2015-11-18: N02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read:

*The Union shall issue society membership fees in two (2) instalments of approximately equal value. The first instalment will be issued before October 31, and the second instalment before January 30, of each year.*

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Smith

**MOTION 2015-11-18: N02: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2015-11-18: N03**

Be it resolved that the motion be referred to the Board of Operations.

**Moved:** Smith **Seconder:** Turner

Smith asked that the Board of Operations invite Soroka to discuss the motion at the meeting.

**MOTION 2015-11-18: N03 CARRIED**

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid



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Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED BUDGET

**Moved:** Rahman

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO IMPLEMENT FINDINGS OF THE INVESTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Moved:** Khader

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2015-11-18: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2015-11-18: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM**

# President REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## INTERNAL

- Sat on interview team for the Tiger society commissioner position
- Executive meetings
- Hiring platform revamping (Kaley)
- **The governance review committee has been meeting weekly**
- Executive retreat
  - o Advocacy plan
  - o Goals recap and plan for second half of term
- Will be sitting on the hiring board for the new EnA project coordinator
- DSU Team in the DUES dodge ball tournament
  - o Almost too much fun
- Academic Committee meeting
  - o Speaking about the policies in the course syllabi

## OPERATIONS

- Post-reno offices finalized

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- Attended Senate where we talked about employment equity
- Senior Admin breakfast x2
  - o Student business start-ups
  - o Tuition resets
  - o Mental health initiatives
  - o Federal Government relations
- Board of Governors Operations committee meeting
- IDEA building project development meeting
- Employment Equity meeting
- **Continued role on VP Student Affairs search committee (2 days of interviews)**
  - o Almost completed
  - o Second interviews coming up
- **Met to discuss the HREHP office**
  - o Challenges
  - o Collaborations
  - o Room for improvements
- Met with the Budget Advisory Committee
  - o Discussion of assumptions

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- Tuition hikes
- Past contracts
- Consultation processes
- Various student groups that should be contacted
- MOU for bike centre is in final stages

## **ADVOCACY**

- **Attended a full day session to contribute to the provincial strategy on sexual violence** (Kaitlynne)
- Met with the group of SAS executives
- Discussion of next steps in terms of Food Advocacy
- Met with Engineering Students Council
- **Attended a government/student roundtable with Min. Kelly Regan**
  - **Gave a presentation on the Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone line**
- Organized a meeting between many of the labour unions around campus to discuss common goals (Kaley/John)
- **Attended a few meeting on the creation of the census + the communications plan around the release of the census**
- Met to discuss the University's campus wide Mental Health strategy
- Phone line visioning session
- Office of the Ombudsperson progress
- Working with the Department of Gender and Health Promotions to provide support in an application for a CIHR/SSHRC grant focused on accommodation policies for students with disabilities
- Attended a chamber of commerce dinner focusing on the public sector, specifically charities/NFPs
- Prepping for a meeting between all Atlantic SU presidents and university presidents

## **Coast Awards**

Campus Eats:

Gold: Pete's ToGoGo

Silver: Loaded Ladle

Trivia:

Silver: Stan Selig and Ben Schulman, T-Room

Best Radio Station:

Silver: CKDU 88.1 FM

Best Activist Organization

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Bronze: South House

BONUS: Joal Plaskett's Down at the Khyber merch designed by the DSU's own Emily Davidson also won gold for Best Merch by an Artist/Band:

**Questions**

**- Do we want a presentation on the new LMS?**

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>

## CONTACT:

Office: SUB 307

[vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)

902-494-1276

## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in December
  - Laying out practice principles for use of the HUB
    - how to book space
    - Storage
  - Crafting space contracts for societies with office space
- Phone Line
  - Project has been extended
  - Working with the university to outline how they can support the project
- Communications
  - Office hours in Sexton office: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am-1pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - Office hours on Carleton: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am – 1pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - New street team members are hired and have received training

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Apply for events occurring in the Fall semester
  - Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
- Apply for funding for winter events starting January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - All applications will be deferred until January 1<sup>st</sup>
- working on creating some new types of grants
- Trying web formss for member grants!

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## Improving communication with all campuses

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - o If you have events for December/ the new year please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) so we can promote your events!

## Societies

- New Member Services Coordinator
  - o Sep will be taking over until Holly returns in January
- New Booking Process – Campus Bookings
  - o Continuously providing feedback – still sorting out and responding to glitches
  - o More user friendly than previous process
- Society training has been successful so far
  - o Looking into a new platform for society training
- Invitation to Society Wine and Cheese
  - o For society executives and members
  - o Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm in the Foyer in the Charles Tupper Building
- Super SUB Wednesdays (soon to change to Tuesdays with new Farmers Market day)
  - o November 18<sup>th</sup> in the SUB
  - o visit [dsu.ca/market](http://dsu.ca/market) to book a table
- Sexton Society Fair
  - o November 18<sup>th</sup>, 11-2 in the Alumni Lounge
  - o email [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to book a space

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created
- Outlining financing and governance process
  - o Outlining committee terms of reference
- Nesting offices with appropriate Full-time staff

### Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - o Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
  - o Group discussions - Feedback and information
  - o Organize Town halls with part-time staff to encourage engagement
- Updates for societies
  - o Build stronger connections with faculty societies
- Event on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> on Wing Night in the Grawood
  - o Part time staff to come together and see what we have accomplished so far this year and gain feedback on what we can do better for our amazing DSU staff

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- Staff Party- December 5<sup>th</sup>

## **Phone Line**

- Project will be extending into November!!
- Have 35 volunteers currently
  - o Very engaged- both on the Line and for promotion
  - o Pending funding answer will be scheduling a second round of training
- Phone line has been doing well
- Successful in advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19
  - o Third Parties will not have duty to report for those over 16
- Working with the university to continue the project

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Commissioner hired
- Society consultation process is being outlined

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing how the university and the DSU will collaborate on the project
- Meetings have been going well and parties seem to be on the same page
- Working on terms of reference and job description and funding proposal
  - o In the drafting/ edit stage

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students to be launched in coming weeks
- Report complete for January
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank
- Working on statistics collection and reporting
- Working on getting an industrial freezer

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer’s Market – Now on Tuesdays!**

- Get your produce packs! – Pick them up in the SUB from the market or sign up for delivery
- Organize the Super SUB events
  - Next one on November 18<sup>th</sup>

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
  - o Society Wine and Cheese on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge



## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Budget Revisions:**

DSU Revised Budget 2015-16 was presented to Board of Operations on 10 November. BOPS recommended to forward the budget to DSU Council. It will be presented at DSU Council meeting on November 18, 2015 and will be voted on December 2, 2015.

##### **Society Audit:**

Fall Society Audit is completed. Out of the 39 societies, 34 submitted their audit. CKDU, Gazette, Dalhousie Medical Students Society (DMSS), Dalhousie Computer Science Society and Architecture Students Association (ASA) did not submit their audit.

##### **Society Training:**

Organized society Training session at Sexton for DUES Type II on October 30. 6 societies attended the session.

##### **Meeting with Society Treasurers:**

I am continuing my meeting with the VP Finance/Treasurers of Societies. In the last two weeks, I met Society of John Risley Hall, Shirreff Hall Residence Council, Gerard Hall Residence Council, Mini Residence Council, Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society (DUES), WUSC, Loaded Ladle, Sextant, Architecture Student Association, Dalhousie Law Student Society (LSS), Dalhousie Bike center, Dalhousie Commerce Society (DCS), Dalhousie Urban Garden Society, Dalhousie MBA Society, Dalhousie Management Society (DMS), Dalhousie International Student Association.

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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#### **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meetings on November 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday ) to discuss and approve society ratification

#### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) to discuss and approve grants

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **SUB Renovations:**

Renovation is going on as per schedule. Second and third floor offices are expected to be ready on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Basement space is expected to be ready this week.

### **SERVICES**

#### **Health Plan Appeal:**

There were 82 health plan appeal until last week. on the second week .26 of them are accepted.

#### **University Relation:**

#### **Budget Advisory Committee meeting:**

Went to Budget Advisory Committee meeting on 6th November.

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday November 18th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

Note: Senate Reform is very likely moving forward! If you have not yet met with the Academic Committee or myself to discuss the implications of this on your society, please do so right ASAP!

### **GENERAL**

- Academic committee met Nov 10th - discussed senate reform and had a presentation from the Rapid Taskforce on Course Syllabi
- DSU Executive Retreat held Nov 11th - checking in at roughly our halfway point for our terms and planning for the next steps.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Ratification meetings Friday Oct 30th and Friday Nov. 13th
- Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (Nov 2)
- Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (Nov 4)
- Senate Meeting Nov. 9th - very interesting presentations on diversity in faculty at Dal. While there is overall gender balance, there is a large disparity in gender parity when you break down faculty numbers by rank. For example, in engineering only 5% of full-time faculty are women. There is also an enormous under-representation of visibly racialized faculty members. Dalhousie would need to hire 152 new faculty of colour in order to be representative of the population.

#### **Other**

- Presented student priorities to Budget Advisory Committee, expressing the need to find alternatives to tuition fee hikes, such as using surplus funds and limiting senior administration salaries. Additionally discussed ways to make the BAC consultations more transparent and effective, such as presenting to the Sexton Advisory Committee, Carleton campus students and the Agriculture Students Association.
- DSU executive - Senior Administration meeting Nov. 9th. Discussed fee hikes, student advocacy service and opportunities under new federal government.
- Met with a consultant tasked with reforming the Human Rights, Equity and Harassment Prevention Office and offered some ideas and opinions, such as working closely with student groups in order to prevent duplication of services.
- Held a meeting of a Campus United Coalition, consisting of all labour and student unions at Dalhousie. We hope to make this a regular thing.

## **Campaigns**

### **Equity Campaigns**

- Canadian University Queer Services Conference organizing committee met. Currently working on a logo, fundraising plan, and planning social events for the conference.
- DSU Communications coordinator Sarah Trower helped produce a video in support of Bill 114, the Safe Campuses Act. Bill 114 may be brought forward for a vote during the fall legislative session.
- At a Government-Student Roundtable, the department of Labour and Advanced Education requested a presentation from the DSU on our work promoting consent culture on campus. They seem genuinely interested in supporting our work and learning from it as much as possible.

### **Education Shouldn't Be a Debt Sentence Campaign**

#### News / Information

- The NS Legislature opened on Nov 12th.

#### Actions/Events

- Met with executives from Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society, then presented to Engineering Students Council about the coming tuition hikes.
- Planning a lunch and learn on Thursday Nov. 19th in the T-Room on fee hikes in engineering.
- Met with the president of the Pharmacy Students Society. Following the meeting he spoke with senior faculty members and they seem to be opposed to tuition increases in pharmacy, which is encouraging to hear.
- Attended a government-student roundtable Nov 3rd. Discussed tuition increases, graduate student fee deregulation, support for students on income assistance, and getting the new federal government to keep its promises with Kelly Regan, the minister for Labour and Advanced Education. Discussed university transparency and Bill 114 with other department officials.

### **UPCOMING**

- Along with DSU President Dan Nicholson and staff Kaley Kennedy and Sarah Trower, attending the Canadian Federation of Student National General Meeting in Ottawa.
- Senate Planning and Governance Committee Nov 18th
- University registrar finalist interviews
- Hiring commissioners at recommendation of Student Advocacy Service Society to implement expansion of student advocacy to include Sexual Harassment Policy and Student Code of Conduct cases.

## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Contact at: vpstudentlife@dsu.ca

#### **INTERNAL**

##### Exec Retreat

- Went on a retreat with the rest of executive to reflect on our progress so far as a team and individually. It was a good way to have a removed view from our every day work atmosphere.

##### 2016/2017 Handbooks

- Started working on the handbooks for next year with the Graphic Designer
- Gaining sponsors for advertisement sales to ensure that the handbooks remain free for students

#### **EXTERNAL**

##### Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes! <https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>

#### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

##### Orientation

- Working with the University to create a year round Orientation Committee
- Currently assessing dates for next year as the changes made for fall reading week will affect the normal dates for O-Week and move in.

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on winter programming, with focus on special events, and regular programming.
- Upcoming Events @ the Grawood:
  - Dal's Got Talent: Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Autoerotique w. Dylan Miller: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

##### T-Room

- Upcoming Events @ the TRoom
  - Mario Kart Tournament: Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **ADVOCACY**

##### Bill 114

- Working with staff members to raise awareness for the passing of Bill 114

## Tabling

- Starting to allocate regular times to join the street team in tabling to spend more time on the ground talking to students. (Will allocate times for Studley, Carleton and Sexton)

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

### Dalloween

- Did pumpkin carving on Studley and Sexton, over 50 pumpkins carved!
- All ages event in the Grawood on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, was not as well attended as we had hoped. We gained a take away that dry programming needs more activities, and less focus on programming that would normally have alcohol, like a dance party.
- Halloween party on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at the Grawood went well!

### Sexton Programming

- Have been working to make sure there are more events on Sexton campus. Let us know how we are doing!

### Orientation Week 2015

- Closing the books from O-Week and Dalfest

### Dal's Got Talent

- Working with Rebecca and Live 105 to prepare for the first Dal's got talent round! If you are interested in signing up email Becca at [becs.eldridge@gmail.com](mailto:becs.eldridge@gmail.com)

### Student Life Committee

- Been having regular meetings with the committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- Frost Fest! Started planning for winter welcome back programming for next year! More to come here.
- Came up with the idea to do tabling's better daily student life on campus! Find us Mondays and Fridays at different places all of the university! (locations TBD)
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

### TEDxDalhousieU

- Started contacting TED to get licencing for this years event, as well as allocating a theme and location
- Executive planning team formed!
- You can apply at [dsu.ca](http://dsu.ca) under get involved: TEDx

## **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

- Working with Athletics and Rec commissioner to start rec events: ie. Bubble Soccer, Hikes, and bi-weekly ski trips
- Planning a Mini Stick Tournament for Movember!

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:32 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Yazan Matarieh	Sexton Campus Director
Daniel Smith	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Laura MacEachern	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Callahan Murphy	Management Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Vacant	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Harry Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Agricultural Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Sam Dixon	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative

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Sarah Dobson  
Jeremy Banks  
Corlyn Turner

(Senator)  
Senate Representative  
Senate Representative  
Commerce Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Amr ElKhashab

International Students' Community  
Representative

Moe Kabara  
Katelyn Martell  
Laci Phina  
Tori Kort  
Jad Sinno

Graduate Studies Representative  
Health Professions Representative  
Residence Representative  
Residence Representative  
Member at Large (May Appointment)

## OTHERS PRESENT

Kaley Kennedy

Policy & Research Coordinator

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2015-12-02: A01

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

**Moved:** Moss **Seconded:** Ryan

### MOTION 2015-12-02: A01 CARRIED

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2015-12-02: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Sakaili

### MOTION 2015-12-02: M01 CARRIED

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Regina Taiwo, Saki Sultana, Sam Dixon, Holly Lobsinger, Druv Bhatia, Sarah Dobson, Jeremy Banks

Corlyn Turner

### B. Reports



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## **MOTION 2015-12-02: C01**

Be it resolved that the reports of the Vice-President of Academic and External and the Board of Governors Representative be circulated.

**Moved:** Davies-Cole **Seconded:** Nicholson

## **MOTION 2015-12-02: C01 CARRIED**

## **6. APPOINTMENTS**

### **A. New Committee Appointments**

i. One councillor to be member of the ad-hoc Governance Review Committee (effective January 1, 2016).

#### **Nominees:**

Dylan Ryan (Makohoniuk  
Bart Soroka (Soroka)

**A ballot vote was conducted.**

## **MOTION 2015-12-02: C02**

Be it resolved that Dylan Ryan be appointed to the adhoc Governance Review Committee.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Soroka

## **MOTION 2015-12-02: C02 CARRIED**

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Governance Review**

Policy and Research Coordinator Kaley Kennedy gave a status update on the Governance Review process.

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

Sakaili gave an overview of the written report of the Board of Governors Caucus.

### **B. Senate Caucus**

Hunt gave an overview of the activities of Senate.

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Letendre discussed a presentation given to the Senate about support for Black and Indigenous student at Dalhousie.

## **B. Executive Review Committee**

Committee Chair Prado presented on the work of the Executive Review Committee in reviewing the performance of the Executive over the summer and fall terms.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Budget Revisions**

#### **MOTION 2015-12-02: N01**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget be approved as circulated.

**Moved:** Rahman **Seconded:** Ryan

#### **MOTION 2015-12-02: N01 CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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## **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE AN EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Moved:** Lowe

## **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO TO AMEND GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**Moved:** Lowe

## **C. NOTICE OF MOTION TO REFER PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF OPERATIONS**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2015-12-02: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** EIKhasab

**MOTION 2015-12-02: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM**

## **Dalhousie Board of Governors Caucus Report**

December 2, 2015

Rebecca Haworth and Anthony Saikali attended the Board of Governors meeting on November 24, 2015. As per request of the DSU President, Anthony Saikali presented the DSU report on behalf of the union.

### **DSU Report to the BOG**

- Student Engagement Report
- Sexual Assault Phone line funding
- SUB Renovations
- Anticipated Tuition Resets
- Anti-discrimination efforts in light of global events
- DSU Investment review committee

### **Anticipated Tuition Resets**

DSU President has had an opportunity to discuss primary concerns with the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). The Vice Provost has agreed to meet with the BOG Representatives, and we are looking to meet with VP&E John Hutton in advanced. Drawing evidence from the 2013 NCHA Student Survey, it was requested that the board be cognizant of the impact that tuition and finances has on student depression and anxiety, and noted that we should begin to view elements of tuition, mental health, and retention as interrelated.

### **DIVEST Dal**

Prior to the meeting, a meeting was held with DIVEST Dal in order to develop a statement to be delivered to the Board of Governors on the one year anniversary of a vote against divestment. The statement acknowledged the global climate change negotiations at COP 21 in Paris, and the \$2.6 trillion that has collectively been divested from fossil fuels worldwide. In addition, it addressed the board as choosing to be left out of an important movement, and missing an opportunity to become a respected sustainable leader.

The DSU Board caucus wishes to dually note that the BOG has progressed in the two recommendations provided in the report last year, being (1) Creating opportunities for donors to direct endowments to environmentally sustainable investments and (2) Committing greater transparency with regards to our investments. The DSU board caucus commends the efforts of DIVEST Dal, and would like to work with them through conversations at DSU Council meetings in the future.

### **Capital Facilities and Projects Committee: Student Representation**

The DSU Board caucus will be looking to refill the student representation position on the BOG Capital Facilities and Projects committee by January. As per recommendation of the board, this student will be an engineering student and be responsible for representing students and communicating relevant information with the Board caucus and DSU Council. DSU President will be leading the appointment process.

### **President Florizone's Report**

- *Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusiveness*: will be hired early December, and lead prioritization and implementation of the recommendations from the Taskforce on Misogyny, Sexism and Homophobia.
- *IDEA Building*: process of designing a larger facility than expected, funding assisted by external partner.
- *Government Relations*: 16 Dal Alumni elected to the new government, and highlights of federal support include advancing research, infrastructure ocean science programs, and student learning incubators.
- *Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq Reception*: President hosted students, alumni and staff for a historic event welcoming a number of chiefs from Nova Scotia to engage with university administration and local government.

### **Mental Health**

Discussion of mental health resonated throughout several agenda items throughout the meeting, specifically regarding student services and in light of the data retrieved from the university's Workplace Survey. BOG Representatives will be meeting with the Mental Health Foundation of NS to discuss potential partnerships.

		Budget 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
<b>Revenue</b>			
Students Fee Revenue	\$	1,196,985.15	\$ 1,196,985.15
Contract revenue	\$	103,444.64	\$ 93,040.48
Food Services Revenue	\$	59,000.00	\$ 72,548.11
Investment Income	\$	15,830.00	\$ 11,609.85
Services Revenue	\$	328,610.00	\$ 297,477.96
Bar services (less COGS)	\$	452,683.00	\$ 483,657.53
Sexton operating and programming	\$	72,924.00	\$ 55,466.53
DSU Programming revenue	\$	83,850.00	\$ 68,688.25
Orientation	\$	213,000.00	\$ 236,445.60
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 2,526,326.79	\$ 2,515,919.46
<b>Expense</b>			
Full Time wages	\$	562,507.88	\$ 556,715.87
Executive wages	\$	185,791.53	\$ 186,766.00
Part Time wages	\$	427,592.00	\$ 431,651.94
Honoraria	\$	49,480.00	\$ 44,071.92
General DSU operations	\$	369,628.35	\$ 371,977.15
Food Services	\$	15,425.00	\$ 28,577.63
Bar Services	\$	305,352.68	\$ 332,475.58
Services	\$	188,623.85	\$ 173,189.68
Grants/Sponsorship	\$	61,500.00	\$ 56,480.54
Sexton operating and programming	\$	35,307.00	\$ 32,312.42
DSU Programming	\$	139,557.00	\$ 121,093.97
Orientation	\$	181,300.00	\$ 177,510.80
Amortization	\$	22,968.76	\$ 23,833.27
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,545,034.05	\$ 2,536,656.77
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>-\$ 18,707.26</b>	<b>-\$ 20,737.31</b>

Percentage Change    Notes

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**Fall**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.51%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	47.01%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.32%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.36%
Facility Improvement	2.95%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.32%
CKDU	6.23%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.64%
NSPIRG	4.16%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.32%
Gazette	4.29%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.20%
South House	4.16%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.95%
Student Accessibility	1.22%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.32%
DalOut	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.66%
Sustainability Office	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.04%	\$ 0.75	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.35%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.66%
Loaded Ladle	4.16%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.59%
Equity & accessibility	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.32%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.66%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.18</b>	<b>37.93</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Winter**

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Sustainability Office	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.04%	\$ 0.75	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.35%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.66%
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**Summer**

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DalOut	0.35%	\$ 0.25	\$ -	0.00%
Sustainability Office	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.04%	\$ 0.75	\$ -	0.00%
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Equity & accessibility	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.32%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.39%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.96%</b>	<b>71.43</b>	<b>37.43</b>	<b>98.68%</b>

***Distance Students***

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	100.00%	5.00	-	-



Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	15,080	1,049	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	506,235.60	\$ 18,703.67	\$ 524,939.27
\$	188,500.00	\$ 10,490.00	\$ 198,990.00
\$	32,120.40	\$ 524.50	\$ 32,644.90
\$	67,860.00	\$ 1,049.00	\$ 68,909.00
\$	45,240.00	\$ 524.50	\$ 45,764.50
\$	46,748.00	\$ 2,465.15	\$ 49,213.15
\$	45,240.00	\$ 1,573.50	\$ 46,813.50
\$	13,270.40	\$ 524.50	\$ 13,794.90
\$	7,540.00	\$ 262.25	\$ 7,802.25
\$	15,080.00	\$ -	\$ 15,080.00
\$	7,540.00	\$ -	\$ 7,540.00
\$	11,310.00	\$ -	\$ 11,310.00
\$	3,770.00	\$ 262.25	\$ 4,032.25
\$	45,240.00	\$ 2,622.50	\$ 47,862.50
\$	15,080.00	\$ 524.50	\$ 15,604.50
\$	7,540.00	\$ -	\$ 7,540.00
\$	15,080.00	\$ -	\$ 15,080.00
\$	7,540.00	\$ -	\$ 7,540.00
\$	7,540.00	\$ 262.25	\$ 7,802.25
\$	1,088,474.40	\$ 39,788.57	\$ 1,128,262.97

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	14,341	1,138	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	481,427.37	\$ 20,290.54	\$ 501,717.91
\$	179,262.50	\$ 11,380.00	\$ 190,642.50
\$	30,546.33	\$ 569.00	\$ 31,115.33
\$	64,534.50	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 65,672.50
\$	43,023.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 43,592.00
\$	44,457.10	\$ 2,674.30	\$ 47,131.40
\$	43,023.00	\$ 1,707.00	\$ 44,730.00
\$	12,620.08	\$ 569.00	\$ 13,189.08
\$	7,170.50	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,455.00
\$	14,341.00	\$ -	\$ 14,341.00
\$	7,170.50	\$ -	\$ 7,170.50
\$	10,755.75	\$ -	\$ 10,755.75
\$	3,585.25	\$ 284.50	\$ 3,869.75
\$	43,023.00	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 45,868.00
\$	14,341.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 14,910.00
\$	7,170.50	\$ -	\$ 7,170.50
\$	14,341.00	\$ -	\$ 14,341.00
\$	7,170.50	\$ -	\$ 7,170.50
\$	7,170.50	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,455.00
\$	1,035,133.38	\$ 43,164.34	\$ 1,078,297.72

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	3,040	2,701	
			5,741

	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	102,052.80	\$ 48,158.83	\$ 150,211.63
\$	38,000.00	\$ 27,010.00	\$ 65,010.00
\$	6,475.20	\$ 1,350.50	\$ 7,825.70
\$	13,680.00	\$ 2,701.00	\$ 16,381.00
\$	9,120.00	\$ 1,350.50	\$ 10,470.50
\$	9,424.00	\$ 6,347.35	\$ 15,771.35
\$	9,120.00	\$ 4,051.50	\$ 13,171.50
\$	2,675.20	\$ 1,350.50	\$ 4,025.70
\$	760.00	\$ -	\$ 760.00
\$	3,040.00	\$ -	\$ 3,040.00
\$	1,520.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00
\$	2,280.00	\$ -	\$ 2,280.00
\$	760.00	\$ 675.25	\$ 1,435.25
\$	9,120.00	\$ 6,752.50	\$ 15,872.50
\$	3,040.00	\$ 1,350.50	\$ 4,390.50
\$	1,520.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00
\$	3,040.00	\$ -	\$ 3,040.00
\$	1,520.00	\$ -	\$ 1,520.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
\$	217,147.20	\$ 101,098.43	\$ 318,245.63

1653		Full-Time	Part-Time	Total Received
		-	-	\$ 8,265.00
				\$ 2,533,071.32
	Operations			\$ 1,185,133.81
				\$ 1,196,985.15

	Account #	Actuals 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Revenues</b>			
Student Fee Revenue	Dept 100	895,318.93	956,623.22
Contract Income	Dept 190	118,727.02	105,605.50
Investment Income	Dept 200	205,809.18	74,291.71
Food Services	Dept 220	168,473.89	160,505.42
Grawood Lounge	Dept 250	40,127.41	52,055.03
Grawood Food	Dept 260	-	-
Bar Services Functions	Dept 270	-	-
Bar Services Invoices	Dept 280	-	-
Reservations	Dept 330	37,477.35	47,519.72
Orientation	Dept 395	14,678.73	13,478.94
Campus Copy	Dept 430	(-732.22)	(3,044.73)
T Room	Dept 440	10,598.24	3,535.46
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,400,357.69</b>	<b>1,302,924.75</b>

		ACTUALS 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Expenses</b>			
(Governance & External Lobbying) Administration	Dept 110	205,612.08	166,932.88
Advocacy Service	Dept 111		
Communication	Dept 112		
Sexton Campus Office	Dept 113		
President's Office	Dept 115	3,846.48	4,090.78
Leadership	Dept 120	39,338.25	46,697.94
Vice President (Internal)	Dept 125	-	-
Vice President (Finance&Ops)	Dept 130	42,669.85	52,741.30
Vice President (Academic&External)	Dept 140	37,286.16	38,401.43
Policy	Dept 150	51,774.33	47,952.78
Vice President (Student Life)	Dept 155		
Student Life Programming	Dept 160	91,288.50	88,147.40
Elections	Dept 161		
Student Advocacy	Dept 170	10,184.20	11,791.29
Communications & Outreach	Dept 180	23,774.77	26,275.82
Marketing	Dept 185	40,894.34	43,032.80
Operations	Dept 195	-	-
Accounts	Dept 230	122,377.48	134,741.96
Technical	Dept 240	139,471.19	123,938.09
Computer Support	Dept 300	65,074.55	70,187.00
SUB Security	Dept 310	30,536.08	28,282.97
Society Administrator	Dept 320	110,381.47	116,279.05
F, A, & R	Dept 325	-	41,488.76
Programming and Promotions	Dept 340	17,193.90	10,734.59
	Dept 350		

Handbook	Dept 390	(3,911.92)	(541.96)
Tiger Patrol	Dept 410	29,268.50	31,444.87
Sexton Campus Programming	Dept 450	11,002.95	9,681.88
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>1,091,882.65</b>	<b>1,101,008.02</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>		<b>308,475.04</b>	<b>201,916.73</b>

Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Current 2015-16
991,354.67	1,057,325.80	1,206,329.85	1,237,544.12	1,196,985.15
132,002.67	123,696.39	117,160.39	100,137.14	103,444.64
100,916.60	215,854.82	41,003.03	24,518.94	15,830.00
179,251.13	23,913.30	(7,729.24)	38,091.64	43,575.00
65,468.25	(84,615.83)	(92,078.29)	(68,187.70)	(42,933.93)
-	(49,818.96)	(47,032.37)	(46,633.43)	(34,202.98)
-	5,858.43	4,893.76	6,377.10	8,209.75
-	(7,874.94)	5,005.43	1,345.52	264.75
44,485.72	39,688.43	47,625.83	56,734.19	32,830.00
6,012.98	(1,261.76)	7,871.49	-	25,100.00
1,018.21	(25,982.27)	(2,217.22)	6,378.36	12,853.48
6,593.06	2,399.70	(2,271.53)	3,960.93	5,186.32
1,389,116.56	1,29,9183.11	1,27,8561.13	1,360,266.81	1,367,142.18
Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Current 2015-16
197,009.69	264,734.86	246,976.93	198,919.94	69,470.00
				20,000.00
				101,500.00
				27,780.00
8,283.98	9,944.96	7,259.86	10,551.65	13,709.25
48,888.70	45,789.84	45,194.53	45,318.46	46,502.65
34,433.62	58,092.93	34,216.12	17,283.18	17,000.00
55,754.57	54,309.98	62,504.13	62,268.08	46,002.65
44,520.63	40,030.22	42,132.70	44,259.92	43,173.63
55,140.67	59,150.36	67,921.91	53,345.67	43,706.30
			18,284.86	52,498.52
115,130.96	89,251.90	84,078.80	97,480.90	44,206.30
				33,000.00
12,392.15	6,901.57	5,056.43	12,235.26	13,325.00
25,401.66	25,130.05	22,167.03	31,393.88	27,720.00
44,080.85	47,080.84	49,926.24	64,569.03	47,764.00
-	35,032.63	30,180.47	30,459.74	35,468.96
180,126.22	128,851.78	146,779.88	154,249.55	152,829.20
129,179.96	126,654.08	110,795.62	132,797.39	142,015.53
69,726.32	62,763.86	67,789.35	66,285.61	90,390.00
31,730.06	36,801.09	33,097.25	35,622.51	49,581.29
119,422.09	124,521.76	126,714.30	125,847.46	142,103.75
47,246.31	45,579.59	47,734.00	65,122.98	68,252.00
13,294.14	25,126.17	17,518.81	12,143.45	7,200.00
8,177.38	23,383.54	18,522.74	14,835.45	5,707.00

(4,062.33)	663.16	(2,265.35)	2,472.50	-
24,081.34	30,376.29	40,444.09	34,277.76	36,558.41
10,292.20	14,769.28	10,562.16	2,964.10	8,385.00
1,234,362.47	1,363,040.74	1,320,981.02	1,332,989.33	1,385,849.44
<b>154,754.09</b>	<b>(63,857.63)</b>	<b>(42,419.89)</b>	<b>27,277.48</b>	<b>(18,707.26)</b>

<b>REVISED 2015-16</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
1,196,985.15	0.0%
93,040.48	-10.1%
11,609.85	-26.7%
43,970.48	0.9%
(47,943.66)	11.7%
(43,027.18)	25.8%
6,173.80	-24.8%
7.36	-97.2%
23,950.77	-27.0%
55,214.96	120.0%
3,601.78	-72.0%
(5,572.77)	-207.5%
1,338,011.02	-2.1%
<b>REVISED 2015-16</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
62,544.93	-10%
19,958.26	0%
93,196.04	-8%
26,876.30	-3%
14,877.08	9%
45,774.05	-2%
13,710.00	-19%
48,719.98	6%
45,082.89	4%
43,599.77	0%
52,680.00	0%
43,160.22	-2%
33,000.00	0%
12,575.00	-6%
26,298.81	-5%
42,853.36	-10%
41,678.00	18%
154,835.85	1%
140,989.08	-1%
86,228.18	-5%
40,929.15	-17%
133,338.12	-6%
74,239.54	9%
9,718.80	35%
5,695.72	0%

2,723.05	0%
36,782.80	1%
6,683.35	-20%
1,358,748.33	-2%
<b>(20,737.31)</b>	11%



# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday November 16th, 2015 to Sunday November 29th, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

- Executive meetings
- Currently undergoing interviews for the EnA Project Coordinator
- Impact awards committee meeting
- Email catch up
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## **OPERATIONS**

- Wellness Center is complete!

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Senior Admin breakfast
- Senate planning and governance

## **ADVOCACY**

- **First official day of Break the Silence, end the stigma**
- **First official day of #MyDefinition**
- **Met with Anthony to discuss BoG and Mental Health moving forward**
- update – signage made more NCEU
- chatted with Counselling services re: their involvement with MyDefinition
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## **Notes**

Away on conference from 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Society HUB planning – HUB to be available in December
  - Laying out practice principles for use of the HUB
    - how to book space
    - Storage
  - Crafting space contracts for societies with office space
- Phone Line
  - Project has been extended
  - Working with the university to outline how they can support the project
- Communications
  - Office hours in Sexton office: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am-1pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - Office hours on Carleton: bi-weekly Fridays from 11am – 1pm
    - Will be setting up evening hours
      - It has been difficult to set aside four hours with ongoing meeting. Looking into having 2 hour sessions on different campuses a few times a week, including evening times
  - New street team members are hired and have received training

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Thursdays from 1pm-2pm

### Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Apply for events occurring in the Fall semester
  - Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
- Apply for funding for winter events starting January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - All applications will be deferred until January 1<sup>st</sup>
- working on creating some new types of grants
- Trying web formss for member grants!

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## Improving communication with all campuses

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - o If you have events for December/ the new year please email me a list to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) so we can promote your events!

## Societies

- New Member Services Coordinator
  - o Sep will be taking over until Holly returns in January
- New Booking Process – Campus Bookings
  - o Continuously providing feedback – still sorting out and responding to glitches
  - o More user friendly than previous process
- Society training has been successful so far
  - o Looking into a new platform for society training
- Invitation to Society Wine and Cheese
  - o For society executives and members
  - o Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm in the Foyer in the Charles Tupper Building
- Super SUB Wednesdays (soon to change to Tuesdays with new Farmers Market day)
  - o November 18<sup>th</sup> in the SUB
  - o visit [dsu.ca/market](http://dsu.ca/market) to book a table
- Sexton Society Fair
  - o November 18<sup>th</sup>, 11-2 in the Alumni Lounge
  - o email [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to book a space

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Outlining a streamlined process in which DSU Offices are created
- Outlining financing and governance process
  - o Outlining committee terms of reference
- Nesting offices with appropriate Full-time staff

### Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - o Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize
  - o Group discussions - Feedback and information
  - o Organize Town halls with part-time staff to encourage engagement
- Updates for societies
  - o Build stronger connections with faculty societies
- Event on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> on Wing Night in the Grawood
  - o Part time staff to come together and see what we have accomplished so far this year and gain feedback on what we can do better for our amazing DSU staff

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- Staff Party- December 5<sup>th</sup>

## **Phone Line**

- Project will be extending into November!!
- Have 35 volunteers currently
  - o Very engaged- both on the Line and for promotion
  - o Pending funding answer will be scheduling a second round of training
- Phone line has been doing well
- Successful in advocating on changes to legislation that would alter Duty to Report from being under 16 to under 19
  - o Third Parties will not have duty to report for those over 16
- Working with the university to continue the project

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Commissioner hired
- Society consultation process is being outlined

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing how the university and the DSU will collaborate on the project
- Meetings have been going well and parties seem to be on the same page
- Working on terms of reference and job description and funding proposal
  - o In the drafting/ edit stage

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Commissioner is hired
- Creating a survey for all students to be launched in coming weeks
- Report complete for January
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

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## **SERVICES**

### **Food Bank**

- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank
- Working on statistics collection and reporting
- Working on getting an industrial freezer

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

### **Farmer’s Market – Now on Tuesdays!**

- Get your produce packs! – Pick them up in the SUB from the market or sign up for delivery
- Organize the Super SUB events
  - Next one on November 18<sup>th</sup>

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
  - o Society Wine and Cheese on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, November 16, 2015 to Sunday, November 29, 2015

#### **INTERNAL**

##### **Revised Budget:**

**DSU Revised Budget is Reviewed by Board of Operations. Council will vote on the revised budget at December 2 Meeting.**

##### **Governance Review:**

**Met with governance review committee about Board of Operations.**

##### **Financial policy Review:**

**BOPS discussed on the financial policy motion amendments.**

##### **Investment Review:**

BOPS discussed on Investment committee report and Communicating with Our Investment Manager for more information.

##### **Society Review Committee:**

Attended Society Review committee Meetings on Thursday to discuss and approve society ratification

##### **Grant Committee:**

Attended Grant committee Meetings on Tuesday to discuss and approve grants

##### **Gazette Board Meeting:**

Attended Gazette publishing Board Meeting on November 26.

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, November 16, 2015 to Sunday, November 29, 2015

#### **OPERATIONS**

##### **SUB Renovations:**

Basement society spaces and wellness center is ready. DSU offices and Society Hub on 2<sup>nd</sup> and third floor are expected to be ready within a week.

#### **SERVICES**

##### **Health Plan Annual Report:**

**DSU health plan annual report 2014-15 is presented at Board of Operations meeting on November 24.**

##### **Sponsorship:**

**The following sponsorship applications were approved by Board of Operations in last month:**

**East Coast Leadership Conference Dalhousie Team- \$1500**

**Gujrati student Association-\$1000**

**INDISA-\$1000**

**Youth Project -\$500**

**Classics Conference-\$100**

Health plan appeal:

Reviewing health plan appeal weekly.



**VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL**

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday December 2nd**

**John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca**

### **GENERAL**

- Attended General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students as observers along with President Dan Nicholson and DSU staff Kaley Kennedy and Sarah Trower. The conference was very busy and intense, and a lot of important connections and lessons were had. Sessions attended include:
  - Review of current issues in post-secondary education, particularly the new federal Liberal government's post-secondary education agenda.
  - I attended the LGBTQ constituency group, where there was discussion of issues facing students on their campuses, as well as discussing ideas for the Canadian University Queer Services Conference that the DSU is hosting in May 2016.
  - I attended the National Graduate Caucus, where the discussion focused on creating new resources for graduate student associations to challenge excessive corporate influence on grad student research.
  - Regional meetings took place daily for NS, NB, and PEI students to talk about our issues, such as fighting the tuition "resets."
  - Keynote presentation panel called "Organizing around the World," where executives from the European Students Union and United States Student Association, as well as a lead organizer from the #Feesmustfall movement in South Africa, discussed their strategies to fight for, and in some cases win, free tuition.
  - Keynote panel on Solidarity with Indigenous Communities with student speakers from University of Winnipeg and the CFS National Aboriginal Caucus (NAC), and a provost from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. The NAC is almost ready to release a full-length lobby document on implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Report's calls to action on university campuses, which is both exciting and very useful.
  - Open organizing spaces created to discuss fighting Islamophobia on campus, mental health issues, raising the minimum wage, and supporting students attending the Paris Climate Summit.
  - Keynote presentation on combatting anti-black racism on campus, with special guest speaker Kim Katrin Milan.
  - Presentation followed by question and answer period with MaryAnn Mihychuk, the new federal Labour and Workforce Development Minister. I was able to chat



with her briefly afterwards.



- Resolutions were passed supporting our work fighting the tuition resets, and solidarity actions in support of keeping the tuition freeze in Newfoundland and supporting Divest Dal happened.
- Volunteered for Coffee Monday on Nov. 30th to support the Loaded Ladle launching their new service on Sexton Campus.

## **INTERNAL**

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## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **Senate**

#### Meetings

- Senate meeting took place on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, which I was unable to attend. An important report on retention and financial assistance for African Nova Scotian and indigenous students was presented.
- E-learning advisory committee met Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – discussion of the need for drastic scaling up of Dal's network capacity. The idea of introducing a technology fee was floated.
- Ratification of plagiarism cases – 18 since last DSU council meeting.

### **Other**

- Round 1 of interviews for the next University Registrar took place, in which I sit on the hiring committee. Round 2 interviews start next week.

## **CAMPAIGNS**

### **Student Issues Matter Campaign** (Referred to in previous reports as equity campaigns)

- Attended session of the NS legislature Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> to submit 1584 postcards in support of Bill 114, the Safer Universities and Colleges Act. Over 1000 came from Dal alone!



- Fundraising letters for the Canadian University Queer Services Conference were sent out to faculties at Dal.
- Discussed implementation of various equity efforts on campus with Dal President Richard Florizone during a DSU-Senior admin breakfast.
- Dal Census is ongoing. Fill it out if you haven't yet!
- Supported the Muslim Students Association in hosting "I'm a Muslim. Am I a Terrorist?" panel discussion which drew roughly 150 people.
- Met with some black students to discuss some anti-racist actions in the new year and ways the DSU can support black students.

### **Education Shouldn't be A Debt Sentence Campaign**

#### News / Information

- Some universities are reporting a December 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting tuition resets for approval, while Dalhousie denies that the government can impose these. It is unclear what the actual process is here. Dalhousie insists that they have not made submissions yet.

#### Actions

- Attended session of the NS legislature Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to submit 4000+ petition signatures in support of reducing tuition fees, increasing needs-based grants and university core funding.

# ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Held a lunch & learn on potential tuition increases in engineering in the T-Room on Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Roughly 80 in attendance, went very well.



- Attended a solidarity action with NSCAD students at their board of governors, where the students were opposing a 37% tuition fee increase. The students decided that they would not accept being barred from the meeting when tuition was being discussed and refused to leave. As a result, the meeting was shut down and the vote delayed. More updates to come as this struggle develops. The DSU strongly supports this example of peaceful and effective direct action.



- Published two articles on tuition resets in the Dalhousie Gazette and Dalhousie Sextant.

### UPCOMING

- Meeting with Department of Labour and Advanced Education to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Meeting with Labour Standards along with reps from the International Student Association to discuss international students workers rights.
- Registrar and VP Student Affairs hiring committees – lots of meetings!
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Dalhousie Senate votes on DSU Senate Reform Proposal.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6:30 PM – Room 224, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director
Dan Jolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kris Pervin	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Sara Jaber (Proxy: Mohamed Bendary)	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Derek Moreau	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Dylan Letendre	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community

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Jimena Prado	Representative International Students' Community Representative
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## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Laci Phina	Residence Representative
Tori Kort	Residence Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant	Agricultural Representative
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## OTHERS PRESENT

Kaley Kennedy, Policy and Research Coordinator  
William Coney, Dalhousie Gazette

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2016-01-13: A01

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

**Moved:** Saikali **Seconded:** Moss

### MOTION 2016-01-13: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include a presentation from the Dalhousie Outdoors Society to before Appointments.

**Moved:** Rahman **Seconded:** Reid

**MOTION 2016-01-13: A02: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-01-13: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2016-01-13: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

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**Moved:** Hou **Seconded:** Lowe

**MOTION 2016-01-13: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Michael Davies-Cole, Dhruv Bhatia, Jimena Prado, and Regina Twaio.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Council Appointments

#### i. Member at Large (January Appointment – First Year Student)

##### Nominees:

Dechen Sherpa (Hou)  
Samuel Langille (Khadr)  
Danielle Lapierre (Makohoniuk)  
Kenyan Nagy (Dobson)

##### Candidate elected:

Danielle Lapierre

**MOTION 2016-01-13: C01**

Be it resolved that Danielle Lapierre be elected to the position of Member At Large (January – First Year).

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Turner

**MOTION 2016-01-13: C01: CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Chair's Remarks

Johanson said he would save his remarks for next meeting.

### B. Dalhousie Outdoor Society

Two representatives gave an overview of the work of the Dalhousie Outdoor Society and the plans for the society for the Winter semester.

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Hou asked about individual grants. The representatives said that the grants program is for societies only.

Letendre said that there is a lack of succession planning within outdoor activity societies. It would be helpful for the Dalhousie Outdoor Society to do leadership training with societies, including networking meetings with outdoor activity societies.

S. Sultana asked about how the society reaches out to students. The representatives explained their outreach strategy including email, Facebook, and class talks.

Nicholson asked about the Society's plan for outreach to other campuses. The representatives explained they plan to do class talks and tabling on Sexton and Carleton campuses.

Sinno asked about how students are selected for events. Representatives explained that they are able to provide gear to participants and use a lottery system to ensure fairness in terms of participations in events.

Banks asked what the plan is for the society's surplus and what they plan to do to outreach to more students. The representatives explained that the society has some limits on what it can use the money on and that they are open to suggestions from others about promotion.

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Haworth explained not much has happened since the last meeting. The Board of Governors representatives will be meeting with the two student representatives on the Budget Advisory Committee.

Nicholson spoke to the Board of Governors retreat that he and Haworth attended in December. One of the key discussions at the retreat was events for Dalhousie's 200 year anniversary.

Saikali has been with a vendor about a new safety app for Dalhousie. He also said he will be meeting with the CEO of the Mental Health Foundations about potential collaborations.

### B. Senate Caucus

Hunt explained that the DSU's senate reform proposal motion was defeated at Senate. Hutton explained that he report will return to committee and should return to Senate within a month.

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Hunt and Banks discussed the report of the Senate's Adhoc Committee on Divestment. Councillors should send in their feedback.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee

#### **MOTION 2016-01-13: N01**

Whereas the Equity and Accessibility (E&A) Office is a service of the Dalhousie Student Union; and

Whereas the E&A Office would benefit from a student-driven committee to help in campaigns and initiatives;

Be it resolved that the following be added to Committee Policy:

Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee

#### 1. Mandate

a. The Dalhousie Student Union is committed in all its operations to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment, discrimination, and institutional barriers.

b. The Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee shall serve as the primary advisory body in the operations of the Dalhousie Student Union Equity & Accessibility Office, including providing guidance on the implementation of campaigns and initiatives on issues of equity and accessibility. These issues include, but are not limited to marginalization related to race; gender; sexuality; class; religion; immigration status; country of origin; age; ability; and mental health status.

#### 2. Duties, Responsibilities and Scope

The Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee will be responsible for:

*a. Assisting in the development and implementation of campaigns and initiatives within the mandate of the Equity & Accessibility Office;*



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*b. Ensuring that the campaigns and initiatives undertaken by the Equity & Accessibility Office fit with the mandate, and adequately represent the needs of Union membership;*

*c. Acting as liaisons between the Office, equity-seeking societies, and members of the Union;*

*d. Creating an annual action plan, including objectives and timelines;*

*e. Providing recommendations on the annual budget for the Equity & Accessibility Office;*

*f. Providing recommendations on policies, guidelines, and standards for the Dalhousie Student Union on issues of equity and accessibility.*

### *3. Committee Membership*

*a. The Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee members will be:*

*i. The Vice-President Internal, who will act as Chair meetings, and serve as an ex-officio member and will not hold a voting seat;*

*ii. Six members appointed by equity-seeking student societies representing the following equity groups:*

- One appointee from a sexuality-based (or LGBTQIA) student society,*
- One appointee from an indigenous-based student society,*
- One appointee from a gender-based student society,*
- One appointee from a Black student society,*
- One appointee from an Accessibility/ Disability student society, and*
- One appointee from a racialized student society.*

*iii. Three members-at-large nominated by the Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee and appointed by Council.*

*b. If no ratified or active student society exists for the designated equity-seeking group, that position will also be ratified through Council.*

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## 4. Term

*a. Each member will be appointed for a one-year term from May 1 to April 30.*

## 5. Meetings

*a. The Steering Committee must meeting at least once per semester, including the summer semester..*

*b. Quorum shall be a majority of voting members of the Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee.*

*c. Resolutions of the Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee will require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.*

*d. If a member representing an equity-seeking group is unable to attend any given meeting, they may send a proxy in their place, as long as the proxy meets the eligibility criteria for the position.*

*e. Except for in-camera sessions, meetings will be open to all Union members and staff, and staff of student organizations.*

*f. The Equity & Accessibility Steering Committee can vote to exclude individuals from meetings if they are being disruptive.*

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

Lowe gave an overview of the motion.

**MOTION 2016-01-13: N01 CARRIED**

## **B. Amendments to Grants Policy**

**MOTION 2016-01-13: N02**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union has an Accessibility Fund that students contribute to through an annual levy; and

Whereas improving accessibility of activities and events on campus includes ensuring societies can provide accommodations to members who face barriers to attending or participating in events and activities; and

Whereas the cost of some accommodations are expensive;

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Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Student Union create an Accommodations Grant for societies; and

Be it further resolved that Grants Policy be amended to read:

## *5. Accommodation Grants*

*a. Societies wishing to provide accommodations for students who may experience barriers in attending society events or participating in events or individual students who require accommodations specifically to participate in Union activities may apply for Accommodation Grants.*

*b. Accommodation Grants are intended to cover or defray the costs associated with a specific service that will improve the accessibility of an event or activity of a society for students from marginalized communities. Examples of costs that fulfill this criteria include, but are not limited to, accessible transportation for an event; American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation; child care subsidies for attendees; translation of materials into languages other than English; increased costs related to securing a physically accessible venue; and increased expenses related to meeting dietary needs.*

*c. The DSU does not give out retroactive grants for Accommodation Grants.*

*d. Each Accommodation Grant application must include a detailed budget relating to the item(s) the society or individual is requesting funding for. Societies applying for Accommodation Grants must also include:*

- A list of all other solicited sources of revenue, including pending sources of revenue with an expected date of when the society will receive a response.*
- An explanation of how the grant will improve accessibility of the event.*
- The means by which the society intends to recognize the Union.*

*e. Accommodation Grants are offered separately from Society and Individual Member Grants and will not prevent societies or members from receiving funding through other grants.*

*f. The Grants Committee shall have the discretion to limit the amount a society or individual can receive through Accommodation Grants in a given year.*

Be it further resolved that subsequent clauses in Grants Policy be renumbered accordingly.

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**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

Lowe gave an overview of the motion.

**MOTION 2016-01-13: N02 CARRIED**

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid

Reid did not have a written report. She gave an overview of work in her portfolio including:

- Snow Week is happening.
- The Student Life Committee is very active and applications are always open for people wishing to join.
- Nominations are open for Tedx Dalhousie speakers.
- New anti-racism programming is on the go.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Moved:** Khadr

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE A SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE STEERING COMMITTEE

**Moved:** Lowe

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## **C. MOTION TO REFER BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF OPERATIONS**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **D. MOTION TO CREATE A FOOD BOARD COMMITTEE**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **E. MOTION TO REFER LEVY PROPOSALS TO BOPS AND THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**Moved:** Khadr

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016-01-13: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Hunt

**MOTION 2016-01-13: A03 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM**

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday November 30th, 2015 to Sunday January 10th, 2015

## **INTERNAL**

- Executive meetings
- Officers Meetings
- Hiring of an Equity and Accessibility Officer
- Impact awards committee meeting
- Email catch up
- Wayfinding/signage discussions going on
- Phonenumber Coordinator interviews
- Progress with wage review
- Currently beginning a General Manager review
- Moved into the offices! Feels homey – come visit!

## **OPERATIONS**

- Renos Phase 1 almost complete!
  - o Tell your friends and family – society HUB is now open ☺
- Completion of the RFP process
- Working to better integrate app and TP
- Met with a web designer around a website titled Yomes

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Senior Admin breakfast
- Senate planning and governance
- Interviews for the VP Student Affairs took up a lot of my time
- Student Services Lunch
- VP Student Affairs Presentations
- VP Student Affairs Deliberations
- Board of Governors retreat
- Dalhousie 200<sup>th</sup> Planning session
- Met with University officials around Mental Health collaboration
- Various ombudsperson meetings
- Met with the potential registrar candidates (John)
- Senate meeting
- Idea building project development meetings
- Met with Anne Forrestall to discuss various current goings on (student death, programming, space needs, student food needs)

## **ADVOCACY**

# President REPORT TO COUNCIL

Monday November 30th, 2015 to Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- **#MyDefinition progress** (thanks to staff for their support thus far)
  - o faces chosen
  - o dates solidified
  - o currently working to include as many partners as possible for kick off
- **Anti-Racism programming planning s**
- **Signage is up for NCEU**
- Hosted the forum on Divestment in the SUB (Divest Dal/John)
- Working with the Farmer's market to expand services (Scott and Camille)
- Working with the food bank to improve services
- Meeting with various students to discuss building accessibility and classroom space needs
- **Working to increasing access to the DalSAFE app or safety alerts for staff members**

## Questions

- how do people feel about a 30 minute session to brainstorm big ideas for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dal?

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Society and Volunteer Expo – January 20<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm
  - Taking place in the SUB!
  - Register your society: [www.dsu.ca/expo](http://www.dsu.ca/expo)
  - There will be a Puppy Room!
  - Grand opening of the HUB
  - Song writing workshop with Craig Cardiff
- Society HUB
  - Check out the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the SUB
  - Many societies have moved in to their new offices
  - Campus Copy is running
    - Will be able to book storage lockers for your society
  - Grand opening January 20<sup>th</sup> – Part of Society Expo
- Phone Line
  - Phone Line coordinator hired
    - Rebecca
  - Training weekend: January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-5pm
    - SUB 307
    - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1504921386475821/>
    - <http://dsu.ca/phonelinevolunteer>
  - MOU signed with University
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Street team for Winter Semester being put together
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm
      - Carleton starting - January 14<sup>th</sup>
      - Sexton starting January – January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sexton Society fair: February 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Ratification



# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - o Following up on provisional ratifications
  - o Amendments to society policy

## **Grants**

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm
  - o Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
  - o Processing deferred grants from last semester
- Accommodation grants
  - o Societies and individuals can apply for funds to offset costs of accommodations
- Webforms for grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## **Accessibility Fund**

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>
- First meeting of the new semester to review applications this week

## **Equity and Accessibility Office**

- New Project Coordinator hired
  - o Janice
- Hiring an additional officer

## **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - o Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists

## **Societies**

- New Member Services Coordinator
  - o Holly will be returning later this month
- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - o Soon societies will be able to see the available spaces as they are booked
  - o Incorporating risk management processes
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space

## **OPERATIONS**

### **DSU Office integration Process**

- E & A Office Steering Committee
- Sustainability Office Steering Committee
- Phone Line Steering Committee

### **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - o Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **Phone Line**

- Coordinator hired
- Training: 9am – 5pm: January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Working with the university to on the project

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Report to come the end of January
- Society consultation process is being outlined

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **IMPACT AWARDS**

- Happening on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Nominate societies and individuals

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Overviewing how the university and the DSU will collaborate on the project
- Meetings have been going well and parties seem to be on the same page
- Job description and funding proposal in the works

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Report to come the end of the month
- Creating a survey for all students to be launched in coming weeks
- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities

## **SERVICES**

### **Farmers Market**

- looking to expand and solidify the Farmers market
  - o outreach to sexton for market and food box pick up
  - o Order your Foodbox: [www.dsu.ca/market](http://www.dsu.ca/market) - Can be delivered

### **Food Bank**

- Successfully created a network for campus food banks and have had Feed Nova Scotia agree that students can go to any food bank
- Working on statistics collection and reporting
- We have received enough donation to purchase and industrial freezer

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

Vice President (Finance & Operations) Report  
Council meeting: January 13,2016

Budget 2016-17 Consultation

I am reaching out to societies around the campus to present on DSU Budget process to collect societies feedback n DSU budget from Mid January to Mid February.

Winter Society Audit:

First deadline for Winter Society Audit is January 29,2016

Health Plan Bursary:

I am looking into possibilities of launching Health plan bursary.

Renovations:

We have moved to our offices. Societies have moved to society hub.

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Danielle LaPierre	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Dan Jolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen (Proxy: Kati George)	Arts and Social Science Representative
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub (Proxy: Angelica Czart)	Dentistry Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Derek Moreau	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka (Proxy: Jennifer Hand)	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason (Proxy: Emily Murphy)	Science Representative
Dylan Letendre	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative

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Michael Davies-Cole

Alexandra Hudson  
Yazan Khadr  
Druv Bhatia

Sara Jaber

Black Students' Community  
Representative

Medicine Representative  
Sexton Campus Director  
Graduate Studies Representative  
(Senator)

Engineering Representative (Studley)

## COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

Residence Representative  
Agricultural Representative  
Management Representative

## OTHERS PRESENT

Ali Calladine

NSPIRG Board Member

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2016-01-27: A01

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

**Moved:** Lobsinger **Seconded:** Dobson

### MOTION 2016-01-27: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move Committee Reports to after New Business.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

### MOTION 2016-01-27: A02: CARRIED

### MOTION 2016-01-27: A01 CARRIED

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MOTION 2016-01-27: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Turner

### MOTION 2016-01-27: M01 CARRIED/FAILED

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## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Councillor Changes

Johannsson reported that he received resignations from Residence Representative Tori Kort, Management Representative Oshe Orife, and Computer Science Representative Kris Pervin and that Raphael Bronfman-Nadas would now be sitting as the Computer Science Representative.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. NSPIRG

NSPIRG Board Member Ali Calladine gave an overview of the activities of NSPIRG.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Pre-Emptively Extend Speaking Time

#### MOTION 2016-01-27: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an invitation be extended for Naomi Metallic to present to Council at the February 10, 2016 DSU Council meeting for 25 minutes in lieu of the 15 minute limit prescribed by Union Rules and Procedures Policy s 8(h). Council will otherwise retain the authority to extend that time period, at its discretion, as per the same regulation.

**Moved:** Letendre **Seconded:** Nicholson

Letendre gave an overview of the motion and explained that this an important opportunity for Council to learn about the land on which Council meetings occur.

#### MOTION 2016-01-27: N01 CARRIED

### B. WUSC Levy Question

#### MOTION 2016-01-27: N02

Be it resolved that the following question be referred for review by the Board of Operation and the Elections Committee:

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*Whereas no other group currently supports refugee students to study at Dalhousie;*

*Do you support the increase of the levy for World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Dalhousie by \$0.25 per semester, from the current amount of \$0.75 per student per semester to \$1.00 per student per semester?*

*This question applies only to the Halifax campuses.*

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Moreau

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N02 CARRIED**

## **C. Get Real Levy Question**

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N03**

Be it resolved that the following levy question be referred to the Board of Operations and Election Committee:

*Whereas Get REAL Dal advocates for acceptance, diversity, and inclusivity through their volunteers by presenting to high schools/junior highs about unlearning discriminatory language; and*

*Whereas a \$0.35 levy per semester for full-time students and \$0.25 levy per semester for part-time students would allow Get REAL to hire a part-time Dalhousie student to assist with the increase of inclusivity through video campaigns with the collaboration of, but not limited to, athletics, societies, fraternities, sororities, the student union and community members and most importantly, allow Get REAL to successfully increase outreach and support to GSAs (Gender Sexuality Alliances/Gay Straight Alliances) in Nova Scotia; and*

*Whereas no other group provides the unique presentations that Get REAL Dal offers to the community, nor do groups offer the same extent of outreach to community members in regards to LGBTQ+ discrimination through media creation, nor does any group provide opportunities for Dalhousie students to support GSAs within our community.*

*Do you support the creation of a levy for Get REAL Dal of \$0.35 per semester for full-time students and \$0.25 per semester for part-time students.*

*This question only applies to the Halifax campus.*

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Moreau



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**MOTION 2016-01-27: N03 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the question be amended to read:

*Whereas no other campus group provides presentations on unlearning discriminatory language that Get REAL offers to high schools and junior highs, nor do groups offer the same extent of outreach to community members in regards to LGBTQ+ discrimination through media creation, nor does any campus group provide opportunities for Dalhousie students to support GSAs within our community.*

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Banks

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N03: CARRIED**

**D. Dal Gazette Levy Question**

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N05**

Be it resolved that the following question be referred for review by the Board of Operation and the Elections Committee:

*Whereas the Dalhousie Gazette, North America's oldest campus newspaper, provides Dalhousie and Halifax news, investigations, and opinions to the students every week with a small staff of eight; and*

*Whereas a \$0.60 levy increase per semester for full-time students and \$0.30 levy increase per semester for part-time students will allow the Dalhousie Gazette to increase its web presence with multimedia initiatives and extra staff; and*

*Whereas no other society at Dalhousie trains students in fast-paced and real-world journalism;*

*Do you support increasing the levy for the Dalhousie Gazette from \$3.10 per semester for full-time students and \$2.35 per semester for part-time students to \$3.70 per semester for full-time students and \$2.65 per semester for part-time students?*

*This question applies only to the Halifax campuses.*

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Moreau

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N05 CARRIED**

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## E. DASA Levy Question

### MOTION 2016-01-27: N06

Be it resolved that the following question be referred for review by the Board of Operation and the Elections Committee:

*Whereas the Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA) is the sole society providing programming for students on the Agricultural Campus; and*

*Whereas DASA faces decreased revenue from student fees with a decreased student enrollment on the Agricultural Campus; and*

*Whereas a 2 per cent student fee increase would keep DASA's budget on track and allow us to continue to provide vital student enhancement services on campus;*

*Do you support increasing the student fee levy for Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA) from \$74.46 per semester for full- time students and \$36.76 per semester for part- time students to \$75.95 per semester for full- time students and \$37.50 per semester for part- time students?*

*This question applies only to the Agricultural Campus in Truro.*

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Moreau

### MOTION 2016-01-27: N06 CARRIED

## F. Bylaw Amendments

### MOTION 2016-01-27: N07

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union has been engaged in a Governance Review since April 2015; and

Whereas the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee was struck by Council to draft a new set of bylaws for the Union; and

Whereas all bylaw amendments must be reviewed by the Board of Operations and by the Union's legal counsel;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following draft bylaws be referred to the Board of Operations and legal counsel for review:

- Bylaw 1: Membership
- Bylaw 2: Objectives

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- Bylaw 8: General Meetings
- Bylaw 10: Referenda
- Bylaw 11: Policy
- Bylaw 12: Amendment and Revision; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee be extended to February 29, 2016.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-01-27: N07: CARRIED**

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Nicholson reported that there have been no Board or Board committee meetings since the last meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for the Board Caucus to meet with the Budget Advisory Committee.

### B. Senate Caucus

Hutton gave an overview of Senate and Senate Committee activities.

Senate reform proposal will go back to Senate on February 22, 2016.

Banks explained that the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment has submitted its report. It will be discussed by Senate on February 22, 2016.

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

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## **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid had to leave the meeting early.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ALL DSU POLICIES**

**Moved:** Nicholson

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO REFER BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF OPERATIONS**

**Moved:** Nicholson

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016-01-27: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Moreau **Seconded:** ElKhashab

**MOTION 2016-01-27: A03 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM**

## Bylaw 1: Membership

### 1.1 Membership

- a. All registered students at the University shall be Members of the Union.
- b. For the purposes of determining the total Membership of the Union for application in these Bylaws, the figures provided by the University for total enrolment as of October 15, of each year shall be used.

### 1.2 Cessation of Membership

- a. Members shall cease to be Members when they fail to fulfill the criteria in Bylaw 1, Section 1.

### 1.3 Membership Rights

Members of the Union shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:

- a. To speak and vote at General Meetings;
- b. To speak, at the discretion of the Chair of Council, at Council Meetings;
- c. To vote in Union elections, by-elections, and referenda, for which they are eligible to vote as per these Bylaws;
- d. To run for elected office;
- e. To hold appointed office;
- f. To attend all meetings of decision-making bodies of the Union, with the exception of in-camera sessions;
- g. To access all minutes of the Council and its Committees, subject to restrictions in these Bylaws;
- h. To access the services, research, information, materials, and other resources of the Union;
- i. To access information on any organizations to which the Union is a member; and
- j. To other such benefits as may be made available from time to time.

### 1.4 Membership Responsibilities

Members of the Union shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. To pay Membership fees; and
- b. To respect the goals and objectives as they are specified in these Bylaws and Policy. and any legal agreement adopted by the Union in their name.

## 1.5 Membership Fees

- a. The Board of Governors is authorized as an agent of the Dalhousie Student Union to collect a sum from each Member each year.
- b. The Union membership fee shall be \$51.08 per semester for full-time students and \$29.33 per semester for part-time students for 2015-2016. The membership fee shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). If the CPI is negative, the fee shall remain the same.
- c. Hereinafter, increases to membership fees over and above the annual CPI adjustment shall be set by the Members through a referendum conducted as per these Bylaws.
- d. Council may waive membership fees or establish a reduced membership fee for Members studying at a campus of the University that is located outside of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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## Bylaw 2: Objectives

### 2.1 Objectives

The objectives of the Union are:

- a. To act as the official representative organization of the students of the University;
- b. To serve as the medium of communication between the students of the University and the governing bodies of the University;
- c. To encourage in the students of the University an awareness of their responsibilities in the local, provincial, national and international community;
- d. To provide services and programming that enhance student life in a financially, socially, and environmentally responsible manner; and
- e. To do this all in a manner that furthers the objects of the Union as set out in the Dalhousie Student Union Act.

### 2.2 Authority of the Union

The Dalhousie Student Union is an independent student organization that derives its authority to act as the representative organization for all students at Dalhousie University from the *Dalhousie Student Union Act (Nova Scotia)*.

### 2.3 Non-Discrimination

- a. The Union and any organization under the jurisdiction of the Union shall not discriminate based on any of the prohibited grounds as outlined in the *Human Rights Act (Nova Scotia)*.
- b. S. 2.3.a does not preclude any Bylaw, Policy, programme, activity or group that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of traditionally underrepresented individuals or groups including the participation of Aboriginal people, racialized people, people living with disabilities, women, and people who identify within the LGBTQ spectrum.

## Bylaw 8: General Meetings

### 8.1 Notice

- a. Notice of the date, time, and location of any annual or special General Meeting shall be delivered to Members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting.
- b. If an annual or special General Meeting will consider amendments or revisions to these Bylaws, the text of any amendments or revisions duly proposed as per these Bylaws shall be included in the Notice.
- c. Notice for any annual or special General meeting shall be delivered to Members via email.
- d. The agenda and other relevant materials concerning an annual or special General Meeting will be distributed by email not less than seven (7) days before such a meeting.
- e. Any error or omission in giving notice of an annual or special General Meeting shall not invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat.

### 8.2. Quorum

Quorum for an annual or special general meeting shall be one (1) per cent of the total Membership.

### 8.3 Parliamentary Procedure

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all annual and special General Meetings in all cases to which they are applicable, except where afforded for in these Bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the Union.

### 8.4 Voting

- a. Voting at an annual or special general meeting shall be by a show of hands, voice vote, or secret ballot at the discretion of the Chair.
- b. Any Member may move a motion for an alternate vote, provided the request is made before the vote is conducted.
- c. Questions considered at an annual or special General Meeting shall be decided by Ordinary Resolution, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws.
- d. There shall be no voting by proxy at any annual or special General Meeting.
- e. There shall be no electronic voting at any annual or special General Meeting.

### 8.5 Chair and Recording Secretary

- a. The Chair of Council shall preside over any annual or special General Meeting unless Council votes by Ordinary Resolution that another person shall preside over the meeting.



- b. The Recording Secretary of Council shall take minutes at any General Meeting unless Council votes by Ordinary Resolution that another person shall take minutes.

#### 8.6 Annual General Meeting

- a. An Annual General Meeting of the Union shall be held between the first day of classes at the University in September and October 15 of each year.
- b. At the Annual General Meeting, the Members shall consider the following business:
  - i. Presentation of the audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year;
  - ii. Proposals to amend these Bylaws;
  - iii. Report from the Executive Committee regarding the activities of the Union; and
  - iv. Member resolutions served with notices, as per these Bylaws.
- c. Unless otherwise outlined in these Bylaws, members who wish to make resolutions to the Annual General Meeting must submit a petition containing the names, student numbers, and signatures of at least 100 Members containing the resolution to be considered. Such a petition must be submitted at least ten (10) days in advance of the annual General Meeting.

#### 8.7 Special General Meeting

- a. A Special General Meeting is a general meeting of the members that considers business other than the business outlined in Bylaw 9, Section 6.
- b. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Council solely for the purpose of considering specific resolutions proposed by the Council, which shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
- c. A Special General Meeting shall also be called by the Chair upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least 1 per cent of the members which includes the specific resolutions to be considered at the meeting.
- d. The Chair must inform the Council about the petition within 48 hours of receipt.
- e. A Special General Meeting must be convened within 30 days of receipt of the petition.

#### 8.8 Land Recognition and Equity Statement

Following the call to order at each General Meeting, the Chair shall read:

- a. A statement to recognize that the meeting is occurring on unceded, unsurrendered, Mi'kmaq territories.
- b. A statement regarding the Union's commitment to principles of equity and accessibility.

## Bylaw 10: Referenda

### 10.1 Scope of Referenda

- a. A referendum shall only be undertaken to deal with questions regarding:
  - i. Increasing Union fees over and above the rate of increase of the Canadian Price Index (CPI);
  - ii. Creating a Society Levy; or
  - iii. Increasing an existing Society Levy or Faculty-Level Society fee.
- b. Referendum questions pertaining to student fees that are not administered by the Union are not permitted.

### 10.2 Referenda Questions

- a. Referenda questions pertaining to Union fees must be approved by Special Resolution by Council, in accordance with the Bylaws and Policy.
- b. A referendum on a new Society Levy shall be held if a petition containing the draft text of the referendum question, including the amount of the new Levy, and the names, student numbers, and signatures of not less than ten (10) per cent of the Membership to whom the fee or Levy would apply is submitted to the Chief Returning Officer. If the Chief Returning Officer position is vacant, the petition shall be submitted to the Chair of Council.
- c. A referendum on an increase to an existing Society Levy or Faculty-Level Society shall be held if the Society passes a Special Resolution at their council, board, or similar governance body and presents a petition containing the draft text of the referendum question, including the amount of the Levy or fee increase, and the names, student numbers, and signatures of not less than ten (5) per cent of the Membership to whom the fee or Levy would apply is submitted to the Chief Returning Officer. If the Chief Returning Officer position is vacant, the petition shall be submitted to the Chair of Council.
- d. Council may approve a proposed referendum question, amend a proposed referendum question, or reject a proposed referendum question, subject to these Bylaws and Policy.
- e. Referendum questions must be phrased to elicit yes/no answers.
- f. Referendum questions must be phrased in a positive way such that a vote of "yes" signifies agreement with the Levy or fee proposal and a vote of "no" signifies disagreement with the Levy or fee proposal.

### 10.3 Referenda Procedure

- a. All referenda must be conducted in accordance with elections and referenda procedures as outlined in these Bylaws and Policies.
- b. All referenda questions will be decided by a simple majority of votes.

## Bylaw 11: Policy

### 11.1 Scope of Policy

- a. Operations Policies of the Union set out rules and procedures of the Union in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the DSU Act.
- b. Issues Policies of the Union set out the Union's position or stance in any area of concern.

### 11.2 Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Policy

- a. Council may, by a two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority adopt, amend, or repeal any Operations Policy, subject to these Bylaws.
- b. Council may, by a simple majority adopt, amend, or repeal any Issues Policy, subject to these Bylaws.
- c. Notice of any motion to adopt, amend, or repeal any Policy, including full text of the motion, must be given at a meeting of Council and such motion shall not be considered until a subsequent meeting of Council.

### 11.3 Policies are Binding

- a. Policies are binding on Executive, Staff, Council, the Board, and Members.
- b. Policies remain in effect until such a time that they are amended or repealed as per these Bylaws.

### 11.4 Policy Manual

- a. The Union shall maintain a Policy manual that contains all the current Policies of the Union.
- b. The Policy manual shall be updated within two weeks of any additions, amendment, or deletion of Policy.
- c. The Policy manual will be available on the Union website, as well as by request to the Vice-President (Internal).

## Bylaw 12: Amendment and Revisions

### 12.1 Members' Authority

Members may amend or revise these Bylaws by Special Resolution at a General Meeting, as per the conditions set out in these Bylaws.

### 12.2 Proposed Amendments from Council

- a. Any Councillor wishing to propose amendments or revisions to these Bylaws must provide notice, including the text of the proposed amendments or revisions, no less than four (4) weeks in advance of the meeting that such revisions are to be debated.
- b. Council may by Special Resolution adopt such amendments or revisions which will be in force until an annual or special General Meeting is convened in order to ratify the amendments or revisions.
- c. Should the Members ratify amendments or revisions to these Bylaws as proposed by Council by Special Resolution at a General Meeting, these amendments or revisions will remain in effect. If Members fail to ratify such amendments or revisions, the amendments or revisions cease to have effect as of the date of the General Meeting.

### 12.3 Proposed Amendments by Petition

- a. Any Member wishing to propose amendments or revisions to these Bylaws must submit to the Chair of Council a petition including the text of the proposed amendments or revisions and the names, student numbers, and signatures of no less than 10 per cent (%) of the Membership.
- b. If the petition is submitted between September 1 and March 1 and a General Meeting is already scheduled to take place within 30 days, the Chair of Council will include the proposed amendments or revisions on the agenda of that General Meeting.
- c. If the petition is submitted between September 1 and March 1 and a General Meeting is not scheduled to take place within 30 days, the Chair of Council will call a Special General Meeting with the sole purpose of considering the proposed amendments or revisions.
- d. If the petition is submitted between March 2 and August 31, the Chair of Council will include the proposed amendments or revisions on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.
- e. Should the Members approve the proposed amendments or revisions, the amendments or revisions shall have effect immediately, unless otherwise resolved by the Members at the General Meeting.

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday January 11th, 2016 to Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## **INTERNAL**

- Executive meetings
- Officers Meetings
- Beginning discussion re: Community Kitchen
- Email catch up
- Met with a few councilors re: health plan concerns
- Coffee Mondays logistics
  - o Schedule being worked out
  - o Secured a mini-fridge for the DSU Sexton Office
- Request filed for updated equipment for the T-Room
- Exciting updates coming re: Bike Centre on Sexton Campus

## **OPERATIONS**

- Had the society HUB grand opening
  - o Great photos, cake and traffic!
- IRIS Booth to go in the basement as trial run
- Market has been very successful
  - o Secured expanded fridge space – looking for physical space now
  - o Steps to expanding service to multiple campuses
    - Sexton market director position posting is open
- Working towards accessible options for MSA and NSA
  - o Space for Friday prayers for the MSA
  - o Space for cultural practice of Smudging for the NSA

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Senate planning and governance
  - o Discussed senate reform
  - o Dal's 200<sup>th</sup>
  - o Adhoc committee on fossil fuels
- New VP Student Affairs
  - o Anne Forestall will be concluding her term, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, as Acting Vice-Provost
- Mental Health week planning committee
  - o Meets every Thursday at 4pm in the LMP
  - o All are welcome – the more the merrier
- Ombudsperson
  - o The University has approved a budget for the position
  - o Next steps: forming the steering committee and beginning the search for a candidate

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **ADVOCACY**

- **#MyDefinition progress**
  - o Met with the faces over 2 days
  - o We have 14 participants in the campaign
  - o Next steps: photos and bios to be finalized
- Attended the DISA/Spanish Society cultural night to discuss fee hikes (great photos)
- external committee meeting
- academic committee meeting
  - o discussed new LMS
  - o fee hikes
  - o Senate proposal
  - o General roundtable
- Food board first meeting set for Friday
- Meetings set with Pharmacy, Dentistry and Medicine
  - o More to come
- Met with department of labour and advanced ed. With John and Kaley
  - o Discussed the MOU between the province and universities
  - o Specifically around student supports

## **Other**

- Attended the DSS Charity Gala last Wednesday
- Attended the GetREAL night at the Tigers Men's Volleyball game on the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attended "The Justice System: as a weapon and a shield" Hosted by the Black Student Advising Centre (BSAC)
- Attended the "Critical Perspectives on Oral Advocacy" event hosted by Dal Feminists Legal Association (DFLA)
- Record number of booths at Winter Expo (Kaitlynne)
- Settlers of Catan tournament on Thursday!!
- Dal Lead is this weekend!
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting – there will be a Dal's 200<sup>th</sup> brainstorm session
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting – Budget Advisory Committee presentation

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Society and Volunteer Expo –
  - Went well!
  - If you have feedback on how to make the event better please email me!
- Society HUB
  - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
    - We have some temporary locks
    - Still waiting on new locks
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
- Phone Line
  - Organizing Committee has been struck
  - Call for members will go out this week
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Street team for Winter Semester being put together
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm
      - Carleton: January 28<sup>th</sup>
      - Sexton: February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Sexton Society fair: February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am-2pm in the Alumni Lounge
  - Register at: <http://dsu.ca/sexton-society-fair-0>

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - Following up on provisional ratifications
  - Amendments to society policy
  - Transition support for societies
    - Early ratifications

### Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

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- Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
- Accomodation grants
  - Setting up application forms
    - Paper and online
- Webforms for grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>

## Equity and Accessibility Office

- New Project Coordinator hired
  - Janice
- Hiring an additional officer

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Creating a social media calendar to better facilitate communication
  - Please add [vpi@ dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists
- Carleton Round Table to better support Carleton Campus
- Sexton Advisory Committee meeting next week
- Street Team interviews this week
- Expanding levied society presence on other campus
  - Monday coffee with Loaded Ladle
  - Bike Centre location on Sexton
  - Sexton society fairs

## Societies

- Member Services Coordinator
  - Holly will be returning February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Soon societies will be able to see the available spaces as they are booked
  - Incorporating risk management processes
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
  - Meeting with Facilities management to advocate for a more student oriented approach for societies booking space
    - Treatment of current society members is unacceptable
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- E & A Office Steering Committee
  - Working on getting committee appointed
  - Reaching out to various groups
- Sustainability Office Steering Committee
- Phone Line Steering Committee



# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>

## **Improving internal communication – Executive, Full-time staff, Part-time staff**

- Incorporating more staff on initiatives – better staff meeting structure
  - o Collaborative topics at the first staff meeting of each month
- More opportunities for staff to communicate and socialize

## **Phone Line**

- Working on getting newly trained operators on the line

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Report to come the end of January/ beginning of February

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE**

- Interviews early this week with candidates

### **IMPACT AWARDS**

- Happening on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Nominate societies and individuals
  - o Deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>: [www.dal.ca/impact](http://www.dal.ca/impact)

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Funding received from university to fund the office
  - o outlining DSU contribution

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

## **SERVICES**

### **Farmers Market**

- looking to expand and solidify the Farmers market
  - o outreach to sexton for market and food box pick up
  - o Order your Foodbox: [www.dsu.ca/market](http://www.dsu.ca/market) - Can be delivered
- New sexton Coordinator being hired

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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#### **Budget Consultation 2016-17:**

I am giving presentation to societies in their meetings about this year's Budget and consulting with them about their expectation about next year's budget. The following are already scheduled:

January 25- Dalhousie University Nursing Society (DUNS)

January 27- Architecture Student Association (ASA)

February 1-Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)

February 3-Society of Undergraduate Planners (SUP)

February 9- Social Work Student Group

February 10- Dalhousie MBA Society

February 11-Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society

I am in contact with other societies and trying to schedule timing with them. If you want me to present in your society, let me know.

#### **Winter Society Audit:**

First Deadline for Winter Society Audit is January 29 for Type 1 Societies if you want to receive your funding in February. You need to submit financial documents from September 15 to December 15 if Fall audit is done.

The Final deadline to submit winter audit is February 26.

#### **Staff Compensation Review:**

Grant Thornton is hired as Consultant to do Full time staff compensation (Salary) Review. They will review the compensation of our 12 Full time staff position ( General Manager, Director Facility Operations, Director Licensed Operations, Grawood Kitchen manager, Director of Meeting and Event Management, Campus Copy Manager, Controller, Accounting Assistant, Member Services Coordinator, Graphic Designer, Policy and Research Coordinator and Communication and Outreach Manager). The review is expected to be done within March, 2016

#### **Finance Commissioner:**

I have rehired **Maggie Hua** and **Rosalyn Huynh** as Finance Commissioner for Winter term as well after their excellent job in the Fall with me.

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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#### **SUB Renovations:**

Renovation is going on as per changed schedule. I am making sure that all required change orders/directives are processed as quickly as possible. We are within our plan in term of project contingency fund.

#### **Financial Policy amendment:**

BOPS discussed about the proposed amendment of financial policy about removing society audit in last two meetings and decided not to recommend the change as the problem addressed in the [proposal can be resolve without changing this policy and furthermore this amendment has potential to have other undesirable circumstances.

#### **Investment Review:**

BOPS discussed about the Investment review committee presentation. DSU executives will meet the committee to discuss about the findings .

#### **Health Pain Bursary:**

Had a meeting with DSU Health Plan office staff to review the current health plan appeal process. I am planning to introduce health plan bursary by which students who missed the deadline of optout can find a way to opt out easily.

#### **Health Plan Appeal:**

There were 126 health plan appeals so far this year .36 of them are accepted.

#### **Sponsorship:**

BOPS approved the following 5 sponsorship on last week's meeting:

1. Atlantic Conference of Public Adminstaration -\$1000
2. IDEALaw Conference-\$1000
3. Crossroad Health Conference-\$500
4. La Valeda (Spanish Cultural Night)- \$1000
5. Chinese New Year- \$1500

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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#### **Facility Improvement Committee:**

Facility Improvement Committee is meeting on Monday January 25 to make decision of some pending items and plan for the year in consistent with the Renovation.

#### **Other Committees:**

Attended Society Review committee, Grant committee Meetings on tuesdays

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday January 27th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **GENERAL**

- Academic committee met to discuss bright space implementation, faculty issues, collaborative health education building, library review.
- Dal's acting VP Student Affairs Anne Forestall will be returning to her previous position in April. Meaning: a new VP student services has been hired. Anne had a good relationship with the DSU, and was our main point of contact in establishing the ombudsperson's office.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Ratification meeting - 30ish cases of plagiarism resolved via AIOs between December and early January.
- Student Senate caucus met to discuss priorities in senate
- Academic Programs and Research Committee met - major item was whether the masters of German program should continue despite low number of faculty. The program has been temporarily saved thanks to a few professors voluntarily being cross-appointed to sit on supervisory committees.
- Academic Programs subcommittee - new major in cinema and media studies created.
- Senate Planning and governance committee - amendments to senate reform proposal discussed but not completed due to long agenda. SPGC will meet again Monday January 25th.

#### **Other**

- Attended a consultation with the library review committee. They are looking for feedback you might have. There are real concerns about the effect on the falling Canadian dollar on the library's purchasing power so expect cuts in the next year or so.

### **Campaigns**

#### **Student Issues Matter Campaign**

- In talks a with Dal native student society about holding a series of events in Feb/March to highlight the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation report.
- CUQSC organizing committee met. Workshop submission deadline is extended to February!

#### **Education Shouldn't Be a Debt Sentence Campaign**

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# ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Along with DAGS President Naznin, was invited to a government announcement about graduate student scholarships. It turned out to be a re-announcement of an existing program.

### Actions/Events

- Collected signatures for a tuition freeze petition at the tuition payment line and Killam with a few councillors
- Lots of petition collection at Society fair.
- Reaching out to societies to present on tuition resets at societies. Went to a DISA council and DASS council meeting, also attended DalOUT's special general meeting with materials. Upcoming: Science society.
- Attended DISA cultural events to reach out regarding tuition resets, big show of support from Spanish night and Arabic night.



### UPCOMING

- Senate Planning and Governance Committee - Monday
- External Committee Meeting - Tuesday 27th
- Meeting with post-secondary coalition to prepare guide for senators in challenging outcome measures (from Bill 100)
- DSU breakfast with Dal senior administration team
- BAC Report release
- Attending National Graduate Caucus in Saskatoon late February

Vice President (Student Life)  
Kathleen Reid  
Report to Council  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

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Wednesdays 11 am to 1pm

## EXTERNAL

Communications

- Doing an additional push for Student Life Committee, hoping to recruit more students for the winter semester.
- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes!  
<https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>
- New office hours.

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Orientation

- Working with the University to create a year round Orientation Committee, and a transferable handbook on transitions into University. The book should assist anyone who is doing orientation related programming.
- Proposed dates for next year's orientation in progress.

## OPERATIONS

Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on winter programming, with focus on special events, and regular programming.
- Planning a "Rock the Vote" concert at the Grawood that would encourage students to get more involved in the DSU elections

T-Room

- Upcoming Events @ the TRoom
  - Settlers of Catan tournament, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 7pm – 11pm

## ADVOCACY

Anti-Racism Programming

- Creating a network of students to meet who are interested in planning anti-racist programming, and anti-racism focused events.

## PROGRAMMING & EVENTS



## SNOWEEK 2016

- Thursday January 7th  
**9PM First Class Bash w/ Nine Mile River 19+ @ the Grawood**
- Monday January 11th  
**11AM – 3PM DAL 102 @ the LMU**
- Tuesday January 12th  
**12PM – 3PM Holidays in the SUB @ the SUB Lobby**
- Wednesday January 13th  
**7PM – 10PM Laser Tag @ the McInnes Room**
- Saturday January 16th  
**9PM Busty and the Bass 19+ @ the Grawood**
- Wednesday January 20th  
**11AM – 3PM Winter Society Expo @ the SUB**  
**2PM – 4PM Craig Cardiff Song Writing Workshop @ the SUB**  
**9PM Craig Cardiff Live @ the T-Room**
- Saturday January 23rd  
**ALL DAY Robbie Burns Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth**
- Saturday January 30th  
**10AM – 8PM Dal Lead! @ the McInnes Rm**
- Friday February 5th  
**ALL DAY Munroe Day Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth**

### Sexton Programming

- Have been working to make sure there are more events on Sexton campus. Let us know how we are doing!

### Dal's Got Talent

- Dal's got talent round 2 occurred on Friday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> !!

### Student Life Committee

- Been having regular meetings with the committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- Currently working on a charity focused event to happen in late Feb
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

### TEDxDalhousieU

- Nominations for TEDx Speakers are now open! You can nominate someone at <http://www.tedxalhousie.com/nominate-a-speaker.html>

## ATHLETICS & RECREATION

### Ski Trips:

- Robbie Burns day Ski Trip: Huge success! Had 50 students out to Ski Wentworth on Saturday Jan 23rd
- Friday February 5th  
**ALL DAY Munroe Day Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth**

## Snolympics

- Had to cancel the snolympics event because of the storm, but we are working to re-schedule the event!

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:32 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Danielle LaPierre	Member at Large (First Year Student)
DanJolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Derek Moreau	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Joey Seney	Management Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Aaron Prosper	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Regina Taiwo	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative

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Alexandra Hudson  
Amr ElKhashab

Medicine Representative  
International Students' Community  
Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Jimena Prado

International Students' Community  
Representative

Laci Phina

Residence Representative

Sara Jaber (proxy: Ahmed Ayman)

Engineering Representative (Studley)

Naznin Sultana

Graduate Studies Representative

Moe Kabara

Graduate Studies Representative

## VACANCIES

Vacant

Residence Representative

Vacant

Agricultural Representative

## OTHERS PRESENT

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: A01

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

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: A01 CARRIED

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the January 27, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Larsen

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: M01 CARRIED

### 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### 6. APPOINTMENTS

### 7. PRESENTATIONS

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## **A. HOW THE DSU CAN PLAY A PART IN RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

Mi'kmaq lawyer and legal scholar Naomi Metallic provided council with an overview of the history of colonization in Nova Scotia, the ongoing impacts of colonization on Aboriginal people, and actions that could be undertaken by the Dalhousie Student Union with regards to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

## **MOTION TO EXTEND TIME**

Be it resolved that time for this presentation be extended by 15 minutes.

**Moved:** Letendre **Seconded:** Khadr

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **B. Consultation on Dalhousie 200th Anniversary**

Catherine Bagnell Styles provided an overview of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at Dalhousie in 2018.

### **C. World University Service of Canada**

Emma Cruddas of WUSC gave an overview of the work of WUSC at Dalhousie.

### **D. Tuition Resets**

Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton gave an overview of the Budget Advisory Committee Report and the proposed tuition fee rest.

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Board of Governors Caucus**

No report.

### **B. Senate Caucus**

Liam Hunt explained that the last Senate meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Jeremy Banks explained that Ad Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment will go to Senate in early March due to the snow cancellation.

Hutton explained that there is a report coming forward on academic freedom issues in the School of Medicine.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Bylaw Amendments

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: N02

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union has been engaged in a Governance Review since April 2015; and

Whereas the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee was struck by Council to draft a new set of bylaws for the Union; and

Whereas all bylaw amendments must be reviewed by the Board of Operations and by the Union's legal counsel;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following draft bylaws be referred to the Board of Operations and legal counsel for review:

- Bylaw 3: Definitions
- Bylaw 4: Council
- Bylaw 5: Executive
- Bylaw 6: Committees
- Bylaw 7: Finances
- Bylaw 9: Elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a conflict of interest clause be drafted by legal for inclusion in the Bylaws.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Hou

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: N01 CARRIED

### B. Repeal and Enact Policies

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: N02

Whereas there could be numerous unknown policies that are in place; and

Whereas regular updating of policies is a best practice;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council repeal all existing policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT policies contained within the current DSU policy manual be adopted as the current set of binding policies.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

#### MOTION 2016-02-10: N02 CARRIED

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## C. Get Real Levy Question

### MOTION 2016-02-10: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be referred to a referendum:

*Whereas Get REAL Dal advocates for acceptance, diversity, and inclusivity through their volunteers by presenting to high schools/junior highs about unlearning discriminatory language; and*

*Whereas a \$0.35 levy per semester for full-time students and \$0.25 levy per semester for part-time students would allow Get REAL to hire a part-time Dalhousie student to assist with the increase of inclusivity through video campaigns with the collaboration of, but not limited to, athletics, societies, fraternities, sororities, the student union and community members and most importantly, allow Get REAL to successfully increase outreach and support to GSAs (Gender Sexuality Alliance/Gay Straight Alliance) in Nova Scotia;*

*Do you support the creation of a levy for Get REAL Dal of \$0.35 per semester for full-time students and \$0.25 per semester for part-time students?*

*This question only applies to the Halifax campus.*

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Turner

Rahman gave an overview of the discussion about the levy question at the Board of Operations.

### MOTION TO LIMIT SPEAKING TIME

Be it resolved that the speaking times should be limited to one minute.

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Reid

### MOTION CARRIED

### MOTION 2016-02-10: N03 CARRIED

## D. WUSC Levy Question

### MOTION 2016-02-10: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be referred to a referendum:

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*Whereas no other group currently supports refugee students to study at Dalhousie;*

*Do you support the increase of the levy for World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Dalhousie by \$0.25 per semester for full-time students, from the current amount of \$0.75 per full-time student per semester to \$1.00 per full-time student per semester?*

*This question applies only to the Halifax campuses.*

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Turner

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the question be amended to read “Whereas no other group currently financially supports refugee students to study at Dalhousie.”

**Moved:** Moreau **Seconded:** Turner

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N05: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N06**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the question be amended to read “Whereas World University Services Canada (WUSC) currently financially supports refugee students to study at Dalhousie.”

**Moved:** Letendre **Seconded:** Davies-Cole

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N06: CARRIED**

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N04 CARRIED**

## **E. DASA Levy**

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N07**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following question be put to the membership through a referendum:

Whereas the Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA) is the sole society providing programming for students on the Agricultural Campus; and

Whereas DASA faces decreased revenue from student fees with a decreased student enrollment on the Agricultural Campus; and



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Whereas a 2 per cent student fee increase would keep DASA's budget on track and allow us to continue to provide vital student enhancement services on campus;

Do you support increasing the student fee levy for Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association (DASA) from \$74.46 per semester for full- time students and \$36.72 per semester for part- time students to \$75.95 per semester for full- time students and \$37.45 per semester for part- time students?

Do you support annual increases to the DASA fee of no more than 3 per cent per year for the next 3 years, provided the increases are required to maintain current services and are approved by both the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Board of Directors?

This question applies only to the Agricultural Campus in Truro.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Turner

## **MOTION 2016-02-10: N08**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read “Do you support annual increases to the DASA fee of no more than 3 per cent per year for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-2019, provided the increases are required to maintain current services and are approved by both the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Board of Directors?”

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-02-10: N08: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-10: N07 CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlyne Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

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Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

## **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND FINANCIAL POLICY**

**Moved:** Soroka

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Moved:** Khadr

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016-02-10: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Turner **Seconded:** Jolivet

**MOTION 2016-02-10: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM**

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Residence council
  - Presenting at all Residence Councils to get feedback
- Society HUB
  - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
    - We have some temporary locks
    - Still waiting on new locks
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
  - Filing cabinets are also bookable
  - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
- Phone Line
  - Organizing Committee has been struck
  - Call for members to go out
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Street team for Winter Semester has been hired
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton\* will not be able to hold office hours Feb 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Sexton Society fair- next one will be mid March!

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - Following up on provisional ratifications
  - Amendments to society policy
    - Levied societies
      - Arranging meetings with Levied societies
    - Type I and II societies
      - removing constitution requirement for Type II societies
  - Transition support for societies
    - Early ratifications

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm
  - o Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
- Webforms for grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Please add vpi@ dsu.ca to your email lists
- Carleton Round Table to better support Carleton Campus
  - o First meeting happened January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - o Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry
- Sexton Advisory Committee met January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - o Tuition hikes –BAC Report
- Expanding levied society presence on other campus
  - o Monday coffee with Loaded Ladle
  - o Bike Centre location on Sexton
  - o Sexton society fairs

## Societies

- Member Services Coordinator
  - o Holly will be returning February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - o First tour of new ratified society booking portal on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
  - o Meeting with Facilities management to advocate for a more student oriented approach for societies booking space
    - If you have feedback you would like to provide email [Katheryn.minty@dal.ca](mailto:Katheryn.minty@dal.ca)
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - o looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Sustainability Office Steering Committee

### Phone Line

- Working on getting newly trained operators on the line

### Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms

- Meeting with Campus Vibes over reading week to go over platform

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### IMPACT AWARDS

- Happening on March 24<sup>t</sup>
- Nominate societies and individuals
  - o Deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>: [www.dal.ca/impact](http://www.dal.ca/impact)

### WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE

- Funding received from university
  - o outlining DSU contribution

## ADVOCACY

### Issues faced by student parents

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

## SERVICES

### Farmers Market

- Market is expanding
  - o outreach to sexton for market and food box pick up
  - o Order your Foodbox: [www.dsu.ca/market](http://www.dsu.ca/market) - Can be delivered
- New sexton Coordinator hired
- First Market was on Feb 3<sup>d</sup>
  - o Will continue every Tuesday
- Would you be interested in a Foodbox program to run over the summer?

### Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
  - o Picnic even on Carleton in March
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, January 25, 2016 to Sunday, February 7, 2016

### **Budget Consultation 2016-17:**

I am giving presentation to societies in their meetings about this year's Budget and consulting with them about their expectation about next year's budget. The following 11 meetings are already completed:

January 25- Dalhousie University Nursing Society (DUNS)  
January 27- Architecture Student Association (ASA)  
January 31- Gerard Hall Residence Council  
February 1- Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)  
February 2- Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS)  
February 3- Society of Undergraduate Planners (SUP)  
February 3- Dalhousie law Students Society (LLS)  
February 3- Dalhousie Arts & Social Sciences Society (DASSS)  
February 7- Dalhousie Commerce Society  
February 7- Shirref Hall Residence Council  
February 7- Mini Residence Council

The following 7 meetings are scheduled:

February 8: Le Marchant Residence Council  
February 9- Social Work Student Group  
February 9- Dalhousie Computer Science Society  
February 10- Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Society  
February 10- Dalhousie MBA Society  
February 11- Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society  
February 16: Dalhousie Medical Student Society

The following 5 meeting is trying to reschedule:

Society of John Risely Hall  
Howe Hall Residence Council  
Dalhousie International Student Society (DISA)  
Dalhousie Management Society  
Student Association of Health & Human Performance

Could not schedule meeting with the following 3 societies. But Documents are sent out and they will provide feedback via email.

Dalhousie Dental Student Society  
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society  
Dalhousie Engineering Graduate Society (DEGS)

If you want me to present in your society within February 17th, let me know.

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations) REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, January 25, 2016 to Sunday, February 7, 2016

### **DSU Budget 2016-17: Lunch & Learn**

I am planning to host a Lunch & Learn session on DSU Budget 2016-17 on the week of February 22-26. Specific date will be announced soon. Representatives from Levied Societies will be invited. It will be open to students as well. DSU councilors are welcome to join the discussion.

### **Winter Society Audit:**

In the first round of Winter Society Audit the following 26 societies out of 39 submitted their books for audit. Audit process is going on and expected to finish within this week.

Dalhousie MBA Society  
School of Social Work Student Group(MSSW)  
Student Asso. of Health and Human Performance  
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society  
Yarmouth Nursing Society  
Dalhousie Commerce Society (DCS)  
Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society(DUES)  
Society of John Risley Hall  
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS)  
Dalhousie Management Society(DMS)  
Dalhousie Arts & Social Sciences Society(DASSS)  
Dalhousie Nursing Society  
Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Students Society  
Gerard Hall Residence Council  
Mini Residence Council  
Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)  
Student Association of Health Sciences  
Le Marchant Hall Residence Council  
Dalhousie Dental Student Society  
Shirreff Hall Residence Council  
Gazette  
WUSC  
Dalhousie Campus Medical Response Team  
Sextant  
Dalhousie Urban Garden Society  
Loaded Ladle

The Final deadline to submit winter audit is February 26.



# Vice President (Finance & Operations) REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## **SUB Renovations:**

We are expecting new Council chambers to be ready soon. Renovation is going on as per changed schedule. I am making sure that all required change orders/directives are processed as quickly as possible. We are within our plan in term of project contingency fund.

## **Tiger Patrol:**

Tiger Patrol Drive numbers of month of January is 2456. Here is a comparison of numbers last five years.

Month	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
September	1827	2047	2578	2261	1048
October	2861	2941	3104	2802	2218
November	2831	3315	3239	3227	2364
December	1618	1261	1342	1534	1412
January	2456	2783	2161	2711	2681
February		1822	1683	2042	2726
March		2296	2881	3034	3032
April		2021	1956	2995	1499
Total	11593	18486	18944	20606	16980

## **Facility Improvement Committee:**

Facility Improvement Committee meets on Monday January 25 and approved the following project:

SUB Signage Project: \$17,000  
Office Window Covering & Frosting: \$5400  
SUB Mass Notification Extended: \$3840  
Grawood POS: \$3070  
T Room Projector : \$2300  
Society HUB & Office Tech Upgrade: \$2140  
Campus Copy Quick print tables: \$1975  
T Room tools : \$1170

Grawood PA Exchange of \$28,000 was approved on principle and will come out from next years Facility Improvement Fund.

## **Procurement Policy:**

We have preliminary discussion on the scope and expectations from Procurement Policy

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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#### **Other Committees:**

Attended Society Review committee, Grant committee Meetings on Tuesdays

#### **University Committee Meetings:**

February 16 : Presidents advisory Council on Sustainability

February 16 : Transportation and Security Committee

February 18: Environmental Health and Safety Committee

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Ratification meeting – 30ish cases of plagiarism since last council meeting
- Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee meeting met Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- Senate learning and teaching Committee met Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was unable to be at this meeting.
- Academic programs subcommittee met on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.
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#### **Other**

- Registrar search committee met to plan round 2 of the hiring process.
- Revised and updated the DSU senate reform proposal and sent it for distribution to Senators. The main change is a second motion to strike an ad hoc committee to determine appropriate faculty numbers following an increase in student representation. The final vote at Senate will be on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **CAMPAIGNS**

#### **Student Issues Matter Campaign**

- CUQSC Sponsorship committee met to plan fundraising

#### **Education Shouldn't be A Debt Sentence Campaign**

##### News / Information

- The budget advisory committee report was released on Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. As expected, the report recommends massive fee hikes in the faculties of agriculture, pharmacy and engineering over three years (\$1782, \$2009, and \$1906 respectively). All other faculties will see a 3% increase, plus a 3% increase in international differential fees and a 2.5% reduction in faculty budgets. Students are being asked to pay a lot more, for less.
- A new website, rejectthereset.ca, has an email tool that lets you send an email to the minister of advanced education in as little as 30 seconds.

##### Actions

- Presented to 40 students at Pharmacy Student Society meeting
- Met with Dal Agriculture Student Association to plan responses to the tuition reset on Truro campus
- Hosted material making for a rally at the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> board of governors meeting at the Sexton campus, where we made signs and 2 large banners.

# ISJ DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION

## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Attended the general meeting of the CFS-NS to discuss with other student union leaders how to fight the tuition reset together.
- Dropped a large banner from the SUB and B building at Sexton to oppose the fee hikes.



- Called a rally for the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> board of governors meeting, which we postponed due to the snow day. Regardless, 50 students showed up! Only 14 students were allowed to attend the meeting, so most of the students made their voices heard the only other way – from the outside. It was a powerful moment.



### UPCOMING

- External committee meeting tomorrow (Feb 11<sup>th</sup>) at noon in the T-Room
- Registrar search ongoing
- Senate planning and governance committee
- Senate on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> has a lot of hefty items – senate reform, academic freedom issues in faculty of medicine



## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- Final divestment report to be released soon
- Guest lecturing a 1<sup>st</sup> year political science class
- Will be away for National graduate caucus conference in Saskatoon, Feb 18-21st
- Budget advisory committee consultations happening every day starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Monday, February 22**

**Time:** 12:30-1:30pm

**Location:** Room MA 121, Industrial Engineering Building (aka Morroy Building) 5269 Morris St., Halifax  
Part 1: Sexton Campus Budget Session  
Part 2: Engineering Tuition Reset

### **Tuesday, February 23**

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm

**Location:** Truro Campus, Cox Institute, 21 Cox Road, Cox Room 257  
Part 1: General Budget Session  
Part 2: Agriculture Tuition Reset

### **Wednesday, February 24**

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Student Union Building, Room 307; live streamed [DSU YouTube Channel](#)  
General Budget Session

### **Thursday, February 25**

**Time:** 12:30-1:30 pm

**Location:** Burbridge Building, Room 109, 5968 College Street  
Pharmacy Tuition Reset

## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

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## EXTERNAL

### Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes!  
<https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>
- New office hours.
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## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### Orientation

- Creating a report to submit on first year transitions to the 1.1 Retention Stagey Committee. The report is meant to better unite the transition process between the DSU and the University.
- Attended initial meeting for International Women's Week planning.
- Proposed dates for next year's orientation official: Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sept 5<sup>th</sup> continuing into the weekend of Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

### Programming

- Attended initial meeting for International Women's Week planning. Collaborating with several groups and departments for programming on the week: March 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>
- Joined the Mental Health Week planning committee to see how the DSU can support the several groups organizing events throughout the week: Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>

## OPERATIONS

### Grawood

- Collaborating with the Grawood manager on winter programming, with focus on special events, and regular programing.
- Planning a "Rock the Vote" concert at the Grawood that would encourage students to get more involved in the DSU elections. Happening on March 19<sup>th</sup>

## ADVOCACY

- Assisting in the action to rally at the board of governors meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Did media coverage of the action as well.

## PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

### SNOWEEK 2016

#### **9PM Craig Cardiff Live @ the T-Room**

- Saturday January 23rd  
**ALL DAY Robbie Burns Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth**
- Saturday January 30th  
**10AM – 8PM Dal Lead! @ the McInnes Rm**
- Friday February 5th  
**ALL DAY Munroe Day Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth**

### Sexton Programming

- Have been working to make sure there are more events on Sexton campus. Let us know how we are doing!

### Student Life Committee

- Been having regular meetings with the committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- Currently working on a charity focused event to happen in early march
- Currently working on a Campus wide version of a scavenger hunt for late March.
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

### TEDxDalhousieU

- Nominations have now closed and were looking to open ticket sales directly after reading week.

## ATHLETICS & RECREATION

### Ski Trips:

- Friday February 5th  
**ALL DAY Munroe Day Ski Trip @ Ski Wentworth** was a huge success took over 300 students to the hill!

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:32 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Danielle LaPierre (Proxy: Zach Wilkins)	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Dan Jolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub (Proxy: Angelica Czart)	Dentistry Representative
Derek Moreau	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Joey Seney	Management Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Aaron Prosper	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS



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Liam Hunt  
Sarah Dobson  
Saki Sultana  
Laciphina Cui  
Druv Bhatia

Senate Representative  
Senate Representative  
Member at Large (Graduate Student)  
Residence Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
(Senator)

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Michael Davies-Cole

Black Students' Community  
Representative

Naznin Sultana  
Regina Taiwo  
Sara Jaber

Graduate Studies Representative  
Recording Secretary (non-voting)  
Engineering Representative (Studley)

## OTHERS PRESENT

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: A01

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

**Moved:** Moreau **Seconded:** Larsen

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to table the appointment of the Union member (alternate) on the Nominating Committee.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: A02: CARRIED

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: A01 CARRIED

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** ElKhashab **Seconded:** Sakaili

#### MOTION 2016-02-24: M01

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Council meeting be amended to say “conflict of interest” instead of “conflict resolution

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-02-24: M02 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Johannson reviewed regrets from Councillors.

### B. Ethical Investment Database Request

Khadr gave an overview of the request from the Investment Review Committee.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Committee Appointments

- i. One councillor for the position of Nominating Committee – Council Member.

#### **Nominees:**

Dylan Ryan (Ryan)

**MOTION 2016-02-24: A01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Dylan Ryan be appointed as the Councillor representative on the Nominating Committee.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Hou

**MOTION 2016-02-24: A01 CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. South House

Board members Rhiannon Makohoniuk and Laura Chan gave an overview of the operations of the South House Gender and Sexuality Resource Centre.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Budget Advisory Committee Presentation be tabled.

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**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Lowe

## MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

### 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Sakaili gave an overview of the Board of Governors work. The Board is currently drafting a breastfeeding policy for staff and students.

#### B. Senate Caucus

Hutton gave an update on the Senate

### 9. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Motion to Amend Financial Policy

##### MOTION 2016-02-24: 001

Whereas Type I Student Societies are an integral part of the DSU's ability to engage students

And Whereas Type I Student Societies assist in funding Type II and occasionally Type III societies

And Whereas Students pay fees every year to fund their Type I Student Societies

And Whereas Students expect their money to be available throughout both semesters

And Whereas Auditing Student Societies before they receive their funding unnecessarily delays funding

And Whereas Auditing Student Societies before they receive their funding may unfairly punish current Type I Student Societies for mistakes made by previous executive.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Policy 15 (a) be amended to read:

*The Union shall issue society membership fees in two (2) instalments of approximately equal value. The first instalment will be issued before September 30, and the second instalment before January 30, of each year.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Financial Policy 15 (b) be amended to read:

*Each year, the Vice President (Finance and Operations) must audit the accounts of every society receiving a direct levy.*

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

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This motion was referred to the Board of Operations, who recommended that Council not approve the motion. The following is an excerpt of their minutes:

1. Financial Policy Amendment Decision/Recommendation (old business from last meetings)

--Current processes are fine and running well. Those at council didn't seem to support this.

--Problems can likely be solved at this individual level-

--Trust to Mahbub who has worked with this

--Provisional funding is supplied for societies before they get their official funding

--It would be good to look at the process of transition

Motion to recommend to council not to approve these amendments to financial policy Further recommendation that the DSU Executive look into improving society executive transition training/process. Motion Carries.)

## MOTION TO AMMEND AGENDA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** before September 15 the transition process is reviewed as well as the Policy Amendments as per

**Moved: Bank Seconded: Makohoniuk**

## MOTION FAIL

### MOTION 2016-02-24: O02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read:

*The first instalment will be issued within a week of when the fees are received by the Union from the University for the fall term, and the second instalment within a week of when the fees are received by the Union from the University for the winter term.*

**Moved: Hou Seconded: Soroka**

### MOTION 2016-02-24: O03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read:

*The first instalment will be issued within two weeks of when the fees are received by the Union from the University for the fall term, and the second instalment within a week of when the fees are received by the Union from the University for the winter term.*

**Moved: Nicholson Seconded: Reid**

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**MOTION 2016-02-24: O03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O02: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O01 FAILED**

## **B. Motion to Improve Society Transitions**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O04**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee explore options for society transition.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read “the Executive Committee in collaboration with the Society Review Committee explore options for improved society transition.”

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O04 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: O05 CARRIED**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **MOTION TO TABLE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Motion 2016-02-24 N01 be tabled.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Turner

### **MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED**

#### **A. Sustainability Office Steering Committee**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: N01**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike a Sustainability Office Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following terms of reference are added to committee policy:

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**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Reid

## **B. Solidarity with JNU**

### **MOTION 2016-02-24: N02**

WHEREAS a call for international solidarity has been made by the student union of Jawaharlal Nehru University in India following the arrest of their president, Kanhaiya Kumar in what is a suppression of dissent and free speech;

WHEREAS the Oxford Student Union in the United Kingdom has produced a solidarity statement and is calling on other student unions to also sign it and show support,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union approve the following statement of solidarity with the JNUSU and their president, Kanhaiya Kumar.

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In solidarity with JNU: Dalhousie Student Union

*We, the undersigned members and alumni of Oxford University stand firmly in solidarity with fellow students, teachers and scholars at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). We condemn the ongoing persecution of the student community in JNU, in particular the arrest of JNU Students Union (JNUSU) president Kanhaiya Kumar under sedition charges. We protest the use of institutional and state machinery to stifle dissent on campuses, and the attempt to persecute those whose views do not conform to the narrow narratives of 'nationalism', 'nationhood' and 'Indian culture' promoted and endorsed by the ruling party. We view the crackdown in JNU in a continuum with the use of state machinery to clamp down on dissenting views and ideologies on campuses, most prominently at the FTII, Jadavpur University, IIT-Madras and the University of Hyderabad (UoH). We would like to point out that it was a similar witchhunt, backed by state authority, that led to the suicide of Dalit scholar and student leader of the Ambedkar Students' Association, Rohith Vemula. We also stand in solidarity with the ongoing rally hunger strike at UoH and the struggles of the Joint Action Committee for Social Justice, demanding justice for Rohith Vemula.*

*We are concerned that sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) have been used to criminalise dissent. University campuses are meant to provide*

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*spaces for deliberation and even disagreement; the abuse of the law in order to stifle students' voices is indicative of an authoritarian state's attempts to ideologically capture the university space. Further, we believe that Section 124-A of the IPC, which codifies the law on sedition, is fundamentally anachronistic to a democratic state. Even so, for a charge of sedition to be made out, the law requires that violence must necessarily follow subversive speech, which is conspicuously absent in this case.*

*We are distressed by reported violence targeting students, professors and journalists on the premises of the Patiala House Court, both inside and outside the courtroom, on February 15 and 17, 2016. We urge all responsible parties, including the police and court personnel, to fulfill their constitutional duty in ensuring a fair and secure trial. That this happened under the silent watch of the police and other authorities, is indicative of their complicity. We are also concerned about the profiling and vilification of certain students by sections of the media; for instance, the irresponsible media reportage on JNU student Umar Khalid is a grave point of concern.*

*We condemn the continued police presence in the JNU campus. We appeal to the government and police to understand us, first, as a broad spectrum of students, who believe in different ideologies, but come together to demand the right to hold these independent beliefs without the threat of state sanctioned violence. We believe that the idea of India, as a multifarious nation, cannot and must not be held ransom by the hyper-nationalism of a particular group. Protecting the university space, where the critical spirit of questioning is nurtured, must remain of utmost importance to any democratic state. These events have, in effect, become a vicious attack on more than just the freedom of expression, speech and ideation guaranteed to us by the Constitution of India. We admire JNU's resilience, and we stand with JNU in this moment of crisis, as a mark of our commitment to the freedom of thought and action and in support of the freedom from fear — of the state, surveillance and pernicious political control.*

**Moved:** Hutton **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-02-24: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read “sign onto this statement of solidarity drafted by the Oxford Student Union.

**Moved:** Hutton **Seconded:** Ryan

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**MOTION 2016-02-24: N03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-02-24: N02 CARRIED**

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynn Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid

Reid provided an oral report to Council:

- Working on a Rock the Vote concert to get folks excited about the election.
- Joined the team to re-brand the Student Union Building.
- Impact Awards are up and coming.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO CROSS-UNIVERSITY BUDGET REVIEW

**Moved:** Soroka

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMMEND FINANCIAL POLICY

**Moved:** Nicholson

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2016-02-24: A03**



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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Moreau

**MOTION 2016-02-24: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM**

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday February 8th, 2016 to Sunday February 21st, 2016

## **INTERNAL**

- Board of Operations meetings
  - o High-level discussion around governance review
- Email catch up
- Staff meeting
- Executive meeting
- Officers meeting
- Met with DAGS to discuss Grad House operations
- Met with the Pakistani Students Association on various occasions
  - o Discussions around logistics for upcoming Mehfil event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/949474865148096/>)
- Planning to attend a joint meeting with Dalhousie Student African Association, Saint Mary's African Student Society and Dalhousie International Student Association
- Finalized contract for Sexton Market Coordinator
- GM review questions have been formed. Beginning to book sessions with the staff this week.

## **OPERATIONS**

- Market
  - o The Market team launched their new website
    - (<http://www.dsumarket.ca/>)
  - o Here you can find the box items for the week or a fun new recipe to try out
- Conversations around how the new space has been working
  - o Locker space allocations
  - o Promotion during exam periods
  - o Cleanliness of the space

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Met with the new Social Worker hired by Dal counseling services
  - o Her name is Hazel Ling
  - o Looking to interact with as many students as possible to get a sense of what the needs are on campus
- Preparation for meeting with Dr. Florizone
- Meeting of the Mental Health Thrive team
  - o Discussion around the launch of Mental Health Awareness Week
  - o New Page – ([http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/student\\_services/health-and-](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/health-and-)

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[wellness/health-information/mental-health/mental-health-awareness-week.html](http://www.dsu.ca/wellness/health-information/mental-health/mental-health-awareness-week.html))

- Meeting Scheduled with Student Services and the Native Students Association
  - o Discussion will focus on campus options for alternative smudging rooms
- Attended Senate on February 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - o Preparation for discussion on:
    - Update on Dentistry Recommendations
    - BAC
    - Independent inquiry
- Working to schedule a meeting with Ancillary Services
  - o Discussion will be around their role during our elections and how we can better equip candidates for residence outreach
- Met with the Controller of the University + DAGS President to discuss University's role with Grad House Operations
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### ADVOCACY

- Rescheduled the Budget Advisory Committee consultation
  - o I felt as though 20 minutes was not appropriate for a consultation. Further, a dedicated event for the consultation allows for more student participation.
- Will be in attendance at the BAC consult on Truro Campus on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - o <http://www.dal.ca/dept/financial-services/budget/student-consultation.html>
- Met with the My Definition team to finalize the date of the launch and the final timeline for soft launch of the campaign

### Other

- Met with Amali, the President of SMUSA we discussed:
  - o The current partnership between the African Student Societies – the annual African night is coming up soon
  - o Bar operations and food services
  - o General year in review
- Trip to Costco to get supplies for upcoming consultation events
- **Costing out sweaters for council**
  - o **Thoughts? – Send them to me at [president@dsu.ca](mailto:president@dsu.ca)**
- **Council Event – Bowling, axe throwing? Could be anything – send me your thoughts!**

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Residence council
  - Presenting at all Residence Councils to get feedback
- Society HUB
  - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
    - Email [ccopy@dal.ca](mailto:ccopy@dal.ca)
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
  - Filing cabinets are also bookable
  - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
- Phone Line
  - Organizing Committee has been struck
  - Call for members-at-large – Nominate yourself:  
<http://www.dsu.ca/Phonelinecommittee>
    - black student
    - student of colour
    - student with disability
    - current or past phone line volunteers (2)
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Street team for Winter Semester has been hired
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Sexton Society fair- **March 16<sup>th</sup> : 11am-2pm- Alumni Lounge**
  - Register at <http://dsu.ca/sexton-society-fair>
  - Email [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) if you are interested in volunteer

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - Following up on provisional ratifications
  - Amendments to society policy
    - Levied societies

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- Arranging meetings with Levied societies
  - Type I and II societies
    - removing constitution requirement for Type II societies
- Transition support for societies
  - Early ratifications
- Working with societies on a variety of issues

## Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm
  - Also keep Sponsorship in mind for larger initiatives
- Webforms for member grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>
- Meeting on Tuesday at 4pm

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists
- Sexton Advisory Committee met January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuition hikes –BAC Report
- Expanding levied society presence on other campus
  - Monday coffee with Loaded Ladle
  - Bike Centre location on Sexton
  - Sexton society fairs

## Societies

- Member Services Coordinator
  - Holly has returned!
- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Ratified Society Booking portal being tested next week
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
  - Meeting with Facilities management to advocate for a more student oriented approach for societies booking space
    - If you have feedback you would like to provide email [Katheryn.minty@dal.ca](mailto:Katheryn.minty@dal.ca)
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Sustainability Office Steering Committee
- E&A Steering Committee Call out
  - Member at larges call out coming soon
    - 3 General Students
    - One Black Student
    - Student with a disability

### Phone Line

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- Working on getting newly trained operators on the line

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Meeting with CampusVibes went well
- Report to come end of March

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **IMPACT AWARDS**

- Happening on March 24th

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Funding received from university
  - o outlining DSU contribution
  - o Appointing advisory committee

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

## **SERVICES**

### **Farmers Market**

- Market is expanding
  - o outreach to sexton for market and food box pick up
  - o Order your Foodbox: [www.dsu.ca/market](http://www.dsu.ca/market) - Can be delivered
- New sexton Coordinator hired
- Would you be interested in a Foodbox program to run over the summer?

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship

Tasks:

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- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
- Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
  - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
- Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
  - o Picnic even on Carleton end of March
    - Celebrate year end
      - Kick off transition programming
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations) REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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### **DSU Budget 2016-17 Timeline**

- ✓ January 25-February 22,2016:Consultation with Societies
- ✓ February 23,2016: DSU Budget Lunch & Learn
- ✓ February 22- March 4,2016- Receiving draft departmental budget from Staffs and Executives
- ✓ March 7-March 18,2016- Preparation of Budget
- ✓ March 20,2016- Submitting Budget to DSU Councillors
- ✓ March 23,2016- Budget Presentation to DSU Council
- ✓ March 24-March 27,2016- Discussion with New Execs(16-17) & Student Feedback on Budget
- ✓ March 28,2016- Budget will be presented to Board of Operation for recommendation
- ✓ April 6,2016- Budget will be voted on DSU council for approval

### **Budget Consultation 2016-17:**

I am giving presentation to societies in their meetings about this year's Budget and consulting with them about their expectation about next year's budget. 17 meetings are already completed.

The following 6 meetings were done in last week or so.

February 10- Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Society  
February 10- Dalhousie MBA Society  
February 11: Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society  
February 13: Dalhousie International Student Society (DISA)  
February 16: Dalhousie Medical Student Society  
February 16- Dalhousie Computer Science Society

I am trying to reschedule some of the following meetings. If not possible documents are sent out and they will provide feedback via email.

Le Marchant Residence Council  
Social Work Student Group  
Society of John Risely Hall  
Howe Hall Residence Council  
Dalhousie Management Society  
Student Association of Health & Human Performance  
Dalhousie Dental Student Society  
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society  
Dalhousie Engineering Graduate Society (DEGS)



## **DSU Budget 2016-17: Lunch & Learn**

I am hosting a Lunch & Learn session on DSU Budget 2016-17 on the week of February 23, Room 307, SUB.. Representatives from Levied Societies are invited. It will be open to students as well. DSU councilors are welcome to join the discussion. There will be Pizza.

## **Winter Society Audit:**

In the first round of Winter Society Audit the following 26 societies out of 39 submitted their books for audit. Funding of 20 societies are ready to disburse.  
The Final deadline to submit winter audit is February 26.

## **Handbook:**

We are having conversation with multiple professional advertisement agency to find out best way to start about Handbook 2016-17

## **Bank Machine:**

We are contacting with 3 Banks to find out the best proposal to continue/replace the Scotiabank Machine

## **Nominating Committee:**

Nominating Committee will meet to determine the timeline of job posting nomination/interview schedule soon

## **SUB Renovations:**

We are hoping to have our next meeting in new Council chamber.

Renovation is going on as per changed schedule. I am making sure that all required change orders/directives are processed as quickly as possible. We are within our plan in term of project contingency fund.

## **CFS Grad Caucas:**

Along with DSU VP AE and DAGS VPE attending Grad caucus this weekend in Saskatoon (19-21 February)

## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday February 24th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

- Attended Canadian Federation of Students' National Graduate Caucus meeting in Saskatoon Feb 18-21st. It was an excellent and valuable conference with some rewarding, in-depth discussions. Main points of discussion were anti-corporatization, mental health, and grad student spaces. Keynote speakers included Prof. Alan Sears from Ryerson University and Larry Hubitch of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

- Anti-Corporatization Campaign

Aims to promote public education for the public good rather than narrowly focusing on the interests of the private sector and/or donors. The campaign is still under development but has several areas of focus: 1) Protecting academic freedom & integrity in the context of donor interests; 2) promoting and protecting student space from being reassigned for commercial purposes; 3) boards of governors being dominated by private sector figures while students and faculty are marginalized; 4) resisting the trend where class sizes are growing and being taught by contract faculty with low pay and no job security; 5) declining public funding for universities being replaced by rising tuition fees and the mindset that students are customers.

Discussion were around materials needed, actions that can be taken, sharing examples of corporatization on various campuses. For example, a new engineering building at UPEI will actually have separate entrances for students and industry.

- Not in the Syllabus - Grad Student Mental Health

The CFS-Ontario grad student caucus did a survey on mental health issues facing grad students. The very nature of graduate education is isolating and very stressful so mental health is a particularly pressing issue. Stressors such as harassment, supervisor relations & power dynamics, funding (both funding sources and student fees), pressures to overwork, feelings of exploitation, inadequacy, non-constructive criticism, discrimination among a few of the issues facing grad students.

Ways to advocate for more supports was discussed, as well as what supports might look like.

- Grad student Space

We discussed the comparative state of grad student space, strategies to make grad student cafes and/or bars profitable, or to what extent subsidizing them could be viable. Also discussed various Grad Student Association (GSA) board structures.

- Student-Worker Solidarity

Discussed strategies to build coalitions of undergrad student, grad student, faculty, TA, and staff unions on campus. Grad students are often well-placed for this sort of work because they are often both students and workers. The DSU is active in such a coalition

at the provincial level, called the Post-Secondary Education Coalition but we struggle to get all the Dalhousie-based unions in the same room. Participation in the anti-corporatization campaign may be an effective way to build trust.

As well, Larry Hubitch of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour presented on their recent legal victory in the landmark Supreme Court case SFL et al V. Saskatchewan, which ruled that the right to strike is protected in the constitution. The case has a lot of relevance for us in Nova Scotia due to clauses in Bill 100 which provide for banning strikes and suspending collective agreements on campuses.

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### Senate

Meetings

- Ratification meeting (Feb 11)

### Other

- With lots of help from Kaley (DSU Policy and Research Coordinator), producing an info sheet and strategy to uphold senate's role in determining Dal's academic mission and direction in the context of Bill 100's outcome measures requirements.
- Attended a consultation with external reviewers of the Dal libraries. I relayed to them feedback regarding the concerns students in the health professions have about the new Collaborative Health Education Building with regards to study space, ie too many desktops and not enough individual study spaces.

## Campaigns

### Student Issues Matter Campaign

- The first Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit is being organized for March 19-21. The conference will be for students of colour and indigenous students to talk about their experiences of racism and colonialism in higher education and develop strategies to support each other. The DSU is interested in sending a delegation from relevant societies, such as the DNSA, BSAC, and MSA. Any councillors that may want to attend should contact me at [vpae@dsu.ca](mailto:vpae@dsu.ca) with a short explanation of why you want to attend, and how you would use the knowledge and skills gained at the summit to build capacity for organizing at Dalhousie. Priority will be given to returning students. The conference expenses will be fully funded.

More information about the summit is available at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mni43tq0m5z7y09/AACwLLvcRvu0Fy51Oe-gpi-Pa?dl=0>

- Fundraising for CUQSC is going well.

### Education Shouldn't Be a Debt Sentence Campaign

News / Information

- Budget Advisory Consultations will be taking place this week.



- Budget cuts in the faculty of arts have meant that at least 16 summer classes will be cut.

#### Actions/Events

- Prepared new postcards and posters to put up around campus, with some focused on pharmacy, engineering, and agriculture. Sent a package of materials up to the Truro campus for them to organize with.
- Working to mobilize students for the BAC consultations, which we're calling the Kraft Dinner consultations. Students are encouraged to attend and share stories of their experiences at Dal. How do you manage to pay for school and necessities while maintaining your academics? Or do you manage? How will the tuition reset affect you?

#### UPCOMING

- Senate Reform to be approved on Monday, February 22nd.
- Lecturing a 1st year Political Science class Feb 23rd
- Senate Planning and Governance Committee - Feb 24th
- Student-Government Roundtable at St F.X on March 1.

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:31 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynn Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Banks (Proxy: Scott Rairdan)	Senate Representative
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Danielle LaPierre	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Dan Jolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub (Proxy: Angelica Czart)	Dentistry Representative
Derek Moreau (Proxy: Brian Douggy)	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Joey Seney	Management Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Aaron Prosper	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Laciphina Cui	Residence Representative
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)

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Corey Larsen  
Anthony Sakaili  
Allyson Falconer  
Alexandra Hudson  
Rebecca Haworth  
Bart Soroka

Arts and Social Science Representative  
BOG Representative  
Health Professions Representative  
Medicine Representative  
BOG Representative  
Law Representative

## **COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

Jimena Prado  
Naznin Sultana

International Students' Community  
Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A01**

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

**Moved:** Turner **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include a report from the Society Review Committee

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A02: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include a report from the Society Review Committee

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Nicholson

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A03: CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2016-03-09: A04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move presentations before Appointments.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

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**MOTION 2016-03-09: A04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-09: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2016-03-09: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Reid **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-03-09: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

### B. Resignation of the Secretary

Chair Johannsson reported that he received a resignation from Secretary Regina Twaio.

### C. Report of the Vice President (Academic and External)

**MOTION 2016-03-09: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Vice President (Academic and External) report be distributed.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Hunt

**MOTION 2016-03-09: C01 CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Sextant

Editor Garret Smith gave an overview of the work of the Sextant over the past year.

### B. Dalhousie Faculty Association

David Menzick and Darren Abramson provided an overview of research undertaken by the Dalhousie Faculty Association about the Dalhousie University budget.

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## MOTION TO APPOINT SECRETARY

Reid/Dylan

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Committee Appointments

- i. One councillor for the position of Nominating Committee – Non-Council Member.

#### Nominees:

William Coney (Ryan)

### MOTION 2016-03-09: A01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** William Coney be appointed as the alternate non-councillor representative on the Nominating Committee.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Lowe

### MOTION 2016-03-09: A01 CARRIED

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Nicholson gave an overview of the work of the Board of Governors Caucus. There have been no committee meetings since the last meeting.

The Caucus is working with the Sexton Director Khadr about a process for the Sexton Representative for the Capital Projects Committee.

### B. Senate Caucus

Dobson explained that the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee has started working on a cross-campus statement on “affirmative action” for admissions.

Hunt reported that there was an interdisciplinary minor in Film Studies that was preliminarily approved.

Hutton explained that there will be a vote on the final report of the Adhoc Committee on Divestment at Senate on Monday.

### C. Society Review Committee



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Low explained that the Society Review Committee will allow societies to ratify early for 2016-17 if they submit constitutions between March 21 and April 4. There has also been a request for societies to submit election dates

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Motion to Strike a Sustainability Office Steering Committee

#### MOTION 2016-03-09: 001

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike a Sustainability Office Steering Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following terms of reference are added to committee policy:

#### 1. Mandate

The main purposes of the Sustainability Office are:

- a) To recommend the implementation of everyday sustainable practices by minimizing the use and consumption of energy, water and material resources in recognition of the limited capacity of the biosphere to accommodate human activities;
- b) To encourage innovative student leadership that institutionalizes continual improvements in sustainable practices, operations and procedures on- and off-campus;
- c) To collaborate with other groups within the Union and with other groups on campus and in the community to:
  - i) Enhance the exchange of information about sustainable practices through initiatives, workshops, events and other ways that students can engage in learning about sustainable lifestyles;
  - ii) Give Dalhousie students support in applying their research towards positive social action;
  - iii) Promote sustainability partnerships on campus;
  - iv) Raise awareness and increase dialogue between Union members and societies; and
  - v) Promote connections related to sustainability stewardship with the larger Halifax, Nova Scotia, national and international communities;
- d) To organize around issues of human and environmental rights; and
- e) Encourage decision-making in Union operations that incorporates consideration of financial, social, and environmental sustainability.

#### 2. Duties, Responsibilities, and Scope

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- a) The Sustainability Office Steering Committee will be responsible for:
  - i) Assisting in the development and implementation of campaigns and initiatives within the mandate of the Sustainability Office;
  - ii) Ensuring that the campaigns and initiatives undertaken by the Sustainability Office fit with the mandate, and adequately represent the needs of Union membership;
  - iii) Creating an annual action plan, including objectives and timelines;
  - iv) Providing recommendations on the annual budget for the Sustainability Office;
  - v) Overseeing the dispersal of grant funding as per the Sustainability Office budget and mandate;
  - vi) Encouraging the inclusion of opinions, perspectives and experiences of groups beyond the Dalhousie campuses within the discourses that guide the Sustainability Office;
  - vii) Encouraging cooperation between Dalhousie and King's students and the community beyond the Dalhousie and King's campuses in all matters respecting to the Sustainability Office: and
  - viii) Providing recommendations on policies, guidelines, and standards for the Dalhousie Student Union on issues of Sustainability.
- b) The Steering Committee may also create working groups or sub-committees that exist for or around specific issues that fall under the Office's mandate.

### 3. Committee Composition

- a) The DSUSO Steering Committee will be:
  - i) The Vice-President (Finance and Operation), who will act as Chair meetings, and serve as an ex-officio member and will not hold a voting seat; and
  - ii) A minimum of five and a maximum of nine Members appointed by the DSU Council.
- b) Staff of the Sustainability Office will attend Steering Committee meetings and have speaking rights.
- c) The Steering Committee may invite members of the community or others to attend meetings in an advisory capacity.
- d) A Committee member may resign by submitting a resignation in writing to the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- e) A member will be considered to have resigned if they miss three consecutive meetings.
- f) The Steering Committee may remove a member of the Steering Committee by Special Resolution for just cause. Just cause for the Steering Committee is defined as:
  - i) Failure to recognize, or in any way undermine the mission, mandate or spirit of the Sustainability Office;

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- ii) Utilizing the Sustainability Office and its resources for personal gain; or
- iii) Failure to fulfill responsibilities or representing the DSUSO in a way that is inconsistent with the Sustainability Office mandate.

## 4. Term

Each member will be appointed for a one-year term from May 1 to April 30.

## 5. Meetings of the Committee

- a) The Steering Committee must meet at least once per semester, including the summer semester.
- b) Quorum shall be a majority of Steering Committee members, but never fewer than three (3) members.
- c) Except for in-camera sessions, meetings shall be open to all members; the committee shall make every effort to enable the attendance and participation of members.
- d) Funding proposals considered by the committee must contain: a complete description of the project/action, including implications and costs.
- e) Any committee member who has a perceived or real conflict of interest shall disclose such interest and shall not influence the decision, or be counted in the quorum for, a resolution concerning the proposed contract or transaction.
- f) Special meetings of the committee, to consider matters of particular concern or urgency, shall be called by the committee:
  - i) Upon majority resolution of the committee; or
  - ii) Upon receipt of a written request from any three (3) committee members.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

## MOTION TO TABLE

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Motion 2016-03-09 O01 be tabled.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

## MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Implement Findings of Investment Review Committee

#### **MOTION 2016-03-09: N01**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union struck the Investment Review Committee in March of 2015 with the mandate of reviewing its links to companies profiting from human rights abuses; and

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Whereas the Investment Review Committee presented its findings on November 18, 2015; and

Whereas the Investment Review Committee noted investments in nine unethical companies; and

Whereas investments in those companies amount to less than 1.3% of the Dalhousie Student Union's total investments, as of October 31, 2015; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union should be, and is, committed to ethical considerations when making financial decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union divest its direct investments in the companies highlighted in the Investment Review Committee's report on the basis of the behaviour noted in said report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following text be adopted as a binding policy, hereon referred to as the 'Ethical Investment Policy,' and that the Dalhousie Student Union's decisions vis-à-vis its investments be made in accordance to this policy.

## The Ethical Investment Policy

### Purpose:

1. To ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union is not directly linked to, contributing to, profiting from, or helping perpetuate acts that are socially or environmentally harmful.
2. To make sure that the Dalhousie Student Union fully and duly considers the implications of its financial decisions in a manner that is responsible, ethical, and financially prudent.

### Scope

The Ethical Investment Policy is binding upon the Dalhousie Student Union, along with any individual or entity representing it on matters of investment.

### Guidelines

1. Equity Investments: The Dalhousie Student Union shall not knowingly make any direct equity investments in any institution that acts in a socially or environmentally unethical manner. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1.1. Institutions that are known to operate at the expense of Aboriginal communities or in violation of Aboriginal sovereignty or in violation of Aboriginal Treaties, specifically in Canada
  - 1.2. Institutions that are known to create significant environmental harm
  - 1.3. Institutions that are known to profit from human rights abuses

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- 1.4. Institutions that are known to profit from contraventions of international law, in occupied territories or otherwise
- 1.5. Institutions that are known to create significant social harm, such as arms or cigarette producers
- 1.6. Institutions that are known to advocate, campaign, or lobby on behalf of the institutions outlined in criteria 1.1 to 1.5.
2. Mutual Funds: The Dalhousie Student Union shall, when financially feasible, choose mutual funds that have similar investment criteria as the ones found in Clause 1.
3. Resources: The Dalhousie Student Union shall utilize, but not limit itself to, the following databases and resources to assist itself in abiding by Clause 1:
  - 3.1. <http://www.whoprofits.org>
  - 3.2. <http://fossilfreeindexes.com/>
  - 3.3. <http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com/>
4. Enforcement and Revision: The Dalhousie Student Union's Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union abides by this policy, and that, should any of the aforementioned databases and resources cease to remain relevant, it is replaced by an appropriate, authoritative source
5. Accountability: Should any violation of the aforementioned criteria be brought to the attention of the Dalhousie Student Union's Executive, the Executive shall take the necessary steps needed to address said violations in a manner that abides by this policy.
6. Transparency: The Dalhousie Student Union Executive shall ensure that a list of all of the institutions it invests in is easily accessible to the Dalhousie Student Union membership, preferably through the Dalhousie Student Union's website.
7. Consistency: The Dalhousie Student Union's Executive and representatives shall pursue, and support student groups pursuing, similar policies to this one at the level of the University, whenever relevant discussions arise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Financial Policy be amended to include the following text, after point 7.c.:

- d. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall ensure that all investments are made in accordance with the Ethical Investment Policy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee Policy be amended to include the following text:

The Investment Review Committee

1. Mandate and responsibilities

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- 1.1. The Investment Review Committee (hereon referred to as the IRC) shall assist the Vice President (Finance and Operations) in identifying any violations of the Ethical Investment Policy.
- 1.2. The IRC shall review the Ethical Investment Policy's guidelines for any additions or improvements to the guidelines, criteria, and/or the databases and resources specified in said policy.
- 1.3. The IRC shall report its recommendations, if any are made, to Council once every term, seeking Council's input and ratification.
2. Membership
  - 2.1. The IRC shall consist of five (5) individuals:
    - 2.1.1. The Vice President (Finance and Operations), who will also act as the Chair.
    - 2.1.2. Four (4) members of the Dalhousie Student Union, to be appointed by Council
3. Terms' beginning and end
  - 3.1. Excluding the Vice President (Finance and Operations), members of the IRC shall be appointed in the first Council meeting following May 1st of each year.
  - 3.2. Should any position on the IRC remain unoccupied, a new member may be appointed by Council at a later date.
  - 3.3. Membership in the IRC shall expire on May 1st of each year.
4. Meetings
  - 4.1. The IRC shall meet as is necessary, but at least once every semester.
  - 4.2. At least half of the IRC membership must be present in a meeting to achieve quorum.

**Moved:** Khadr **Seconded:** Turner

Khadr gave an overview of the motion.

Hunt asked about what the financial implications would be.

Turner said that the Union could use some specific ethical mutual funds to mitigate the financial concerns.

Nicholson said that BOPS could review the financial implications.

Lobsinger commented that companies that engage in human rights and environmental abuses can be risky investments.

**MOTION TO REFER**

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Motion 2016-03-09 N01 be referred to the Board of Operations to be reviewed within 10 days.

**Moved:** Khadr **Seconded:** Rairdan

## **MOTION TO REFER CARRIED**

### **B. Motion to Amend Financial Policy**

#### **MOTION 2016-03-09: N02**

Whereas the DSU Executives equally share in the work of the Union; and

Whereas the DSU equally values the work of the Vice- President Academic and External and the Vice- President of Student Life as much as other DSU executives; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** s. 13a of Financial Policy be amended to read: a. Executives of the Union shall each receive \$31,754.04 per annum as honoraria, paid out in twelve (12) equal monthly installments unless the term is not completed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** s. 13b of Financial Policy be deleted and the remaining clauses of s.13 of Financial Policy be renumbered accordingly.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

Nicholson gave an overview of the motion.

#### **MOTION 2016-03-09: N02 CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President Dan Nicholson**

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe**

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman**

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton**

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

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## **E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid**

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE A FOOD BOARD**

**Moved:** Rairdan

### **B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS**

**Moved:** Nicholson

### **C. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND SOCIETY POLICY**

**Moved:** Lowe

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016-03-09: A05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Moss

**MOTION 2016-03-09: A05 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM**



# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday February 22nd, 2016 to Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## **INTERNAL**

- Board of Operations meetings
  - o Reviewed the final pieces of the governance review package
    - Submitted questions to the Governance review committee and the review firm
- Email catch up
- Staff meetings
- Met with DAGS to discuss Grad House operations
- Co-mediated three joint meetings of DSU and SMUSA African societies
  - o Africa night to take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>
  - o
- Reviewing visioning documents from DSU Market team.
- Elections support
- President's Department Budget revision

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Had the opportunity to sit at the table with members of the NSA (Dylan and Aaron Prosper) Elder Geri Musqua-LeBlanc, Norma Williams (director of Diversity and Inclusion) and Quenta Adams ( Director , Advising and Access Services)
  - o We discussed the current state of indigenous culture on campus and what changes need to be made in the immediate time frame.
  - o We also discussed what the next couple of years could look like
  - o Thank you for the opportunity
- Had a wonderful lunch meeting with Philip Shea, the new Director of the Dalhousie International Centre
- Met with Senior Administrators for breakfast
  - o Discussion around student outreach, financial priorities and retention

## **ADVOCACY**

- Attended the BAC consultation to the DSU
- Launched the #MyDefinition campaign
  - o Thank you to Emily and Sarah for the staff support on the initiative
- Met with Joanne Mills to discuss Mental health for the elections candidates
  - o Discussion was centred on current offerings and the possibility of presenting to council about the year's advancements
- Attended the provincial office action on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Was able to partake as well as shuttle students to and from the event
- Beginning to prep for the Claiming Safer Campuses event to take place next week

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- Thanks to Carmella (SoHo) for the update and enthusiasm
- Met with Anne Forestall regarding Ombuds next steps
  - Steering committee to be struck between University and DSU
    - Law Student (maybe DFLA, SALSA, OutLAW), one executive and an EnA officer?
    - Thoughts?

### **Other**

- Attended Mehfil which was hosted by the Pakistani Students Association
- Attended INDISA Bollywood Night
- Attended the Bangladeshi night – hosted by the Bangladesh students society at SMU
- Attended the DSU Staff Pool Tournament
- Attended various DSU Election events
- Speaking with SMUSA regarding some of their policy changes
- CUSC survey has been released
  - [http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/student-surveys/cusc.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student-surveys/cusc.html)

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday March 6th

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Residence council
  - Presenting at all Residence Councils to get feedback
- Society HUB
  - Creating a video to showcase the HUB
    - Looking into rebranding the Society HUB as the “Student HUB”
  - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
    - Email [ccopy@dal.ca](mailto:ccopy@dal.ca)
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
  - Filing cabinets are also bookable
  - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
- Phone Line
  - Organizing Committee has been struck
  - Call for members-at-large – Nominate yourself:  
<http://www.dsu.ca/Phonelinecommittee>
    - black student
    - student of colour
    - student with disability
    - current or past phone line volunteers (2)
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton (Not happening the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Sexton Society fair- **March 16<sup>th</sup> : 11am-2pm- Alumni Lounge**
  - Register at <http://dsu.ca/sexton-society-fair>
  - Email [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) if you are interested in volunteering

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm

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- Following up on provisional ratifications
- Amendments to society policy
  - Levied societies
    - Arranging meetings with Levied societies
  - Type I and II societies
    - removing constitution requirement for Type II societies
- Transition support for societies
  - Early ratifications
    - Submit March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> and have your constitution approved by the current SRC to have automatically approved upon submission of ratification after May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Transition support – email election dates to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
    - DSU facilitated transition for Type I's
      - Type II's offered
    - Open transition day/ week for type III societies
- Working with societies on a variety of issues

## Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm
  - Grant applications due March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Sponsorship funding has been exhausted
- Webforms for member grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists
- Sexton Advisory Committee meeting next week
  - Suggest a topic: <http://dsu.ca/sexton-advisory-committee>
- Expanding levied society presence on other campus
  - Monday coffee with Loaded Ladle
  - Bike Centre location on Sexton
  - Sexton society fairs

## Societies

- Member Services Coordinator
  - Holly has returned!
- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Ratified Society Booking portal has launched!
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Sustainability Office Steering Committee

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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- E&A Steering Committee Call society members appointed
  - o Member at larges call out coming soon
    - 3 General Students
    - One Black Student
    - Student with a disability

## **Phone Line**

- Working on getting newly trained operators on the line
- Review process
- Committee appointments

## **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Report to come end of March

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **IMPACT AWARDS**

- Happening on March 24th

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Funding received from university
  - o Appointing advisory committee

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

## **SERVICES**

### **Farmers Market**

- Market is expanding
  - o outreach to sexton for market and food box pick up
  - o Order your Foodbox: [www.dsu.ca/market](http://www.dsu.ca/market) - Can be delivered
- New sexton Coordinator hired
- Would you be interested in a Foodbox program to run over the summer?

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## **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
  - o Picnic even on Carleton end of March
    - Celebrate year end
      - part of transition programming
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

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### **Budget Consultation 2016-17:**

I have given presentation to 20 societies about DSU Budget and received feedback. Those will be incorporated in the budget.

### **DSU Budget 2016-17: Lunch & Learn**

DSU Budget 2016-17: Lunch and Learn happened on February 23.

### **Winter Society Audit:**

Out of 39 societies 35 submitted their audit. the following 4 did not submitted on time and asked for extension.

DalOUT  
Dalhousie International Student Association  
Dalhousie Computer Science Society  
Architecture Students Association (ASA)

### **SUB Renovations:**

Council chamber is ready and looking great.  
I am making sure that all required change orders/directives are processed as quickly as possible. We are within our plan in term of project contingency fund.

### **Food Service:**

Food Service working group is meeting weekly and reviewing documents

### **Sponsorship:**

The following sponsorships were approved by BOPS:

1. Dalhousie Society of Arabic Students- \$1000
2. Your Environment Sustainability and Society Student Society- \$500
3. Dalhousie Kings Student Fashion Design Show Society- \$1100
4. Dalhousie African Students Association \$1000
5. Dalhousie Iranian Student Society-\$1000
6. Dalhousie Health Science Student Association-\$1000
7. Pakistani Student Association-\$1000

### **Other Committees:**

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Attended Society Review committee, Grant committee Meetings

I am on leave from March 2 to March 13.



## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday March 9th**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

- Fair Wage coalition meeting - planning an action for April 15th in support of a \$15 minimum wage, as well as a submission to the Utilities and Review Board's minimum wage review committee
- Attended INDISA night and Bangladeshi night at SMU

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Ratification meeting Feb 26
- Received media coverage in Global News about our victory in senate reform
- Senate ad hoc committee is meeting to propose new faculty numbers/ratio.
- Academic Programs and Research Committee met
- Learning and Teaching Committee met
- Academic Programs subcommittee met

#### **Other**

- Registrar interviews continue.
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### **Campaigns**

#### **Student Issues Matter Campaign**

- Attended Mount2Mount, an action organized by the MSVU students union in support of the Mount Allison University students union against gender and women's studies cuts
- Attended rally for International Women's Day

#### **Education Shouldn't Be a Debt Sentence Campaign**

##### Actions/Events

- BAC Consultations - Pharmacy consultation happened Feb 25th. Health professions rep Katelyn Martell gave a great counter-presentation to Carolyn Watters and turnout was decent.
- Attended a public session held by Halifax Chebucto MLA Joachim Stroink's, where he was trying to get community members to propose ideas for a private members bill. I attended to advocate for making people on income assistance eligible for student loans while attending university. Joachim seems supportive and interested to work with us on the issue.

- BAC Consultation in Engineering happened Monday 29th. Strong engineering turnout, good pre-planning and use of KD props made for a very effective action that put the administration on the defensive.
- Attended student-government roundtable at St.F.X Tuesday March 1. Pressed Minister Kelly Regan on tuition fees, Bill 114, regulation 67, and narrow commercial focus of grad student scholarships.
- BAC Consultation at the SUB with Richard Florizone was also very effective, with students very prepared with questions and personal stories. The KD props again were effective, earning us the front cover of the Metro the next day.
- Sit-In at Minister Kelly Regan's Bedford constituency office Feb 3rd. A group of women took up the space inside in protest of the tuition reset and government's refusal to pass Bill 114. Other students held a picket outside, which I was involved in. The action got very heavy media coverage. Main media contacts that day were with the King's student union, although I did one live interview on News 95.7.

#### **UPCOMING**

- External Committee meeting - Tuesday March 15
- Academic Committee meeting - TBA
- International Night
- Divestment is being voted on at Senate on March 14. The motion would mandate senate to work with the Board of Governors to implement the recommendations of the final report on fossil fuel divestment.

## Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

### Report to Council

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## EXTERNAL

### Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes! <https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>
- Did some media for the DSU Food Bank and the Dalhousie Tuition Reset, featured on CBC information morning.

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### Orientation

- Creating a report to submit on first year transitions to the 1.1 Retention Stagey Committee. The report is meant to better unite the transition process between the DSU and the University.
- Proposed dates for next year's orientation official: Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sept 5<sup>th</sup> continuing into the weekend of Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Proposed Dalfest dates are: Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### Programming

- International Women's Week planning. Collaborating with several groups and departments for programming on the week: March 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mental Health Awareness Week: Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Particularly partnered with the planning committee on the Stigma Smash event, and supported the planners with; space at the DSU, sponsorship for plates, and reviewing safety regulations and policy.
- Impact Awards: Planning committee is finishing final preparations for the ceremony. My duties included: selecting performances, selecting and working with MC's, as well as sitting on the decorations committee.
- Impact Awards Selection Committee: has now finalized award recipients.

## OPERATIONS

### Grawood

- Planning a "Rock the Vote" concert at the Grawood that would encourage students to get more involved in the DSU elections. Happening on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are now on sale at the SUB info desk. If you purchase a ticket and vote in the DSU election you can get \$10 off your ticket.

- Dal's got talent: Round 3 occurring Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>! Come out and support your favorite performers!

### **ADVOCACY**

- Assisted in preparing the sit in at Minister Kelly Regan's office, the purpose of this sit in was to peacefully make a statement about the proposed tuition reset, as well as the rejection of bill 114.

### **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

#### Sexton Programming

- Have been working to make sure there are more events on Sexton campus. Let us know how we are doing!

#### Student Life Committee

- Been having regular meetings with the committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- Currently working on a Campus wide version of a scavenger hunt for late March. Now branded as the Dalhousie Amazing Race, event will be released this week! Students will get into teams and complete challenges all over Halifax to win the top prize!
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

#### TEDxDalhousieU

- Tickets are on sale at the SUB info desk and online. All speakers have been announced.

### **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

#### Programming:

- Planning a bubble soccer tournament to occur right before exams start.

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## CALL TO ORDER at 6:31PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson  
Vacant (Jennifer Hand)  
Dan Nicholson  
John Hutton  
Mahbubur Rahman  
Kathleen Reid  
Kaitlynn Lowe  
Sarah Dobson  
Jeremy Banks  
Jad Sinno (proxy: Kati George-Jim)  
Dylan Ryan

Chair  
Recording Secretary (non-voting)  
President  
Vice-President (Academic and External)  
Vice-President (Finance and Operations)  
Vice-President (Student Life)  
Vice-President (Internal)  
Senate Representative  
Senate Representative  
Member at Large (May Appointment)  
Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)

Danielle LaPierre  
Angela Hou  
Cory Larsen  
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas  
Derek Moreau  
Katelyn Martell  
Bart Soroka  
Joey Seney  
Corlyn Turner  
Alexandra Hudson  
Kasey Moss  
Allister Mason  
Amr ElKhashab

Member at Large (First Year Student)  
Arts and Social Science Representative  
Arts and Social Science Representative  
Computer Science Representative  
Engineering Representative (Sexton)  
Health Professions Representative  
Law Representative  
Management Representative  
Commerce Representative  
Medicine Representative  
Science Representative  
Science Representative  
International Students' Community  
Representative  
International Students' Community  
Representative  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and  
Queer Students' Community  
Representative

Jimena Prado

Residence Representative

Rhiannon Makohoniuk

Laciphina Ciu

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Michael Davies-Cole

Black Students' Community  
Representative

Saki Sultana  
Holly Lobsinger  
Yazan Khadr  
Dan Jolivet  
Allyson Falconer

Member at Large (Graduate Student)  
Women's Community Representative  
Sexton Campus Director  
Architecture and Planning Representative  
Health Professions Representative

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Ivit Yakub

Dentistry Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Liam Hunt  
Anthony Sakaili  
Rebecca Haworth  
Aaron Prosper

Sara Jaber  
Naznin Sultana  
Moe Kabara  
Druv Bhatia

Senate Representative  
BOG Representative  
BOG Representative  
Aboriginal Students' Community  
Representative  
Engineering Representative (Studley)  
Graduate Studies Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
(Senator)

## OTHERS PRESENT

William

## MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIR

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Jennifer Hand be appointed as temporary secretary for this DSU meeting.

**Mover:** Lowe **Seconded:** Soroka

## MOTION CARRIED

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2016-03-23: A01

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

**Moved** Ryan: **Seconded:** Lowe

### MOTION 2016-03-23: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to table the motion to implement the finding of the investment review committee indefinitely.

**Discussion:** Table these motions until councillor who moved them is here to speak. The Chair will speak with the mover and find an appropriate date to bring it back before council.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

### MOTION 2016-03-23: A02: CARRIED

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## **MOTION 2016-03-23: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include the following motion:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike a **Food Advisory Board**.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following terms of reference are added to committee policy.*

### **Dalhousie Student Union **Food Advisory Board** Terms of Reference**

#### *1. Purpose*

*1. The FAB facilitates the collaboration between key stakeholders on issue related to **food** security and **food** accessibility at Dalhousie University. The FAB strives to address systemic barriers which prevent people from accessing affordable, healthy, diverse, and culturally appropriate **food** by:*

- 1. Providing a space for campus and community advocates, students, and members of the Dalhousie Student Union Executive to provide leadership on the direction of **food**-related initiatives taken by the Dalhousie Student Union;*
- 2. Undertaking meaningful research about **food** security and **food** accessibility on campus, including collecting input from students and examining best practices in other student unions and organizations;*
- 3. Discussing current and proposed initiatives;*
- 4. Communicating its findings, recommendations, and proposals to DSU Council, Dalhousie students and the broader university community;*
- 5. Prioritizing student employment and opportunities*
- 6. Undertaking advocacy regarding **food** accessibility and security on campus and in the greater community.*

#### *2. Membership:*

*1. The FAB members must be a member of the DSU.*

*2. The size of the FAB can vary between 12-13 participants. Membership shall include representatives from the following groups:*

- 1. DSU **Food** Coordinator (Chair)*
- 2. DSU President (Deputy Chair)*
- 3. DSU Vice President (Finance and Operations)*
- 4. Residence Council Representative*
- 5. DSU Sustainability Office Representative*
- 6. Loaded Ladle Representative*

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7. **Food Bank Representative**
  8. *DSU Market Representative*
  9. *Dalhousie Urban Garden Society Representative*
  10. *Studley Campus Student Member at Large*
  11. *Carlton Campus Student Member at Large*
  12. *Sexton Campus Student Member at Large*
  13. *Agricultural Campus Student Member at Large*
3. *Members are appointed for two semesters (Fall and Winter) but may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms. Groups may name alternates who, in the absence of the appointed member, may fully participate in FAB activities. Alternates can be selected by designated individuals and/or organizations.*
3. **Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Members:**
    1. *Create and direct policy, plans, and reports.*
    2. *Communicate and gather support for sustainability goals and activities in the operations of the DSU.*
4. **Operations:**
    1. *Meetings shall be conducted by the Chair in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.*
    2. *The FAB shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as the Chair consider necessary.*
    3. *At regular meetings, a quorum shall be a majority of the appointed representatives. In the absence of a quorum, a FAB meeting may continue but no formal votes may be taken.*
    4. *The FAB shall seek to operate by consensus without the need for formal votes. When a member requests a formal vote and when sufficient numbers of members are present to establish a quorum, a **motion** will be carried when supported by one half plus one of the members present.*
5. **Reporting:**
    1. *All meetings shall be documented including attendance, agenda, decisions made, and handouts.*

**Mover:** Prosper **Second:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2016-03-23: A03 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2016-03-23: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.



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**Moved** ElKhashab: **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-03-23: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Chair Johansson went over regrets received

### B. Other Communications

Chair Johansson has received a nominee for Secretary for the remainder of the terms, but she could not attend tonight's meeting.

**MOTION 2016-03-23: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the President's Report and the Budget for public release be circulated via email by the Chair.

**Moved:** Turner **Second:** Dobson

**MOTION 2016-03-23: C01 CARRIED\**

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Council Appointments

#### i. Appointment of Secretary for remainder of 2015-2016 DSU Council term.

#### **Nominees:**

No nominations made.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### A. 2016-17 Budget

Mahbubur Rahman gave an overview of the DSU 2016-17 Budget. Rahman explained that Council won't be voting on this budget today, this is about seeking clarification. Please speak with VPFO in the next two weeks for further clarification via email or drop by their office.

#### **Discussion:**

- Fiscal year is from April to March, there is a timeline for consultation and approval in that time. There is a chance to amend budget mid-year (Nov.-Dec.) with the same process as approval in process in April.
- Next year's student fees will be up by \$.60 (Get Real levy), total paid by students will be \$72.18.

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- Hopefully will have more revenue for contracts (Travel Cuts space was empty all year), more revenue streams (Pepsi contract, bank machine).
- Grawood is getting better at not losing money; Grawood will be closed in the summer and will operate in new space in September.
- Consultation process took place with multiple Type 1 societies and was very useful
  - This process should continue every year
  - Lots of students didn't have a good idea of where their money was going
- Council members may share comprehensive budget with society executives, but they will have to sign a confidentiality agreement first.
- Suggestion that incoming VPFO should working with outgoing VPFO during April consultation and budget process.

## B. Chair's Remarks

At the request of a Council member, Chair Johansson reminded council members that a gesture of two hands in the air, open fists and rotating hands is offensive to deaf community.

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

No meeting since last council meeting. Next BOG caucus meeting will be talking about tuition fee reset; all the fee increases will be approved during that meeting. The DSU President will be speaking on levy fee increases.

### B. Senate Caucus

Final report on divestment passed at the Senate. The next step is to draft an ethical divestment policy, which the Senate cannot actually do. The Senate committee will report back to Senate by October of 2016.

Report on results from census is back from November. The census focused on self-identification data mostly of faculty and staff, but also included students. Interesting outcome was the comparison of the representation of Dalhousie University with the community at large with respect to diversity. The census found that we need to hire another 157 faculty members of colour to be proportionate with population.

Planning and Governance Committee – discussing the policy on policy. Senate reform passed followed by a second motion to look at representation of faculties on senate. Faculty should retain their 2/3 majority on senate which means we need to add about 28 more senators. It will take to finalize this agreement – it may not be approved by May 1. There may need to be an extension senators' terms or appoint interim senators.

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Syllabus and grading policy is going to Senate. Need feedback by April 15. Will distribute it to everyone via Chair.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### A. MOTION TO REFER BYLAW AMMENDMENTS TO AGM

#### MOTION 2016-03-23: 001

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be referred for consideration at the DSU Annual General Meeting on April 6, 2016:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the current Union bylaws be repealed and replaced by the draft bylaws as circulated;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** for the 2016-2017 year, the following process be used to fill Councillor positions:

- The following Councillors shall be appointed by the Faculty or Community Society representing that particular group:
- Twelve Faculty Representatives, with one representative from each of the following faculties:
  - Faculty of Agriculture
  - Faculty of Architecture and Planning
  - Faculty of Arts and Social Science
  - Faculty of Commerce
  - Faculty of Computer Science
  - Faculty of Dentistry
  - Faculty of Engineering
  - Faculty of Graduate Studies
  - Faculty of Health Sciences
  - Faculty of Law
  - Faculty of Management
  - Faculty of Science
- Seven Community Representatives, with one representative from each of the following Communities:
  - Aboriginal students;
  - Black students;
  - International students;
  - Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer students;
  - Students with disabilities;
  - Students living in residence; and
  - Women students.
- In the event that there are multiple societies representing a constituency, the societies shall jointly appoint a representative. Where agreement cannot be made, each society will be permitted to recommend a representative and Council will appoint someone from the Society nominees.

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- If there is not a society currently representing that community, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a representative to be ratified by Council.

**Moved** Nicholson: **Seconded**: Ryan

Last year, the DSU underwent a governance review process, including working with an external law firm to review the by-laws. We were looking for stress points, confusions, duplicates, etc. The hope is that everyone has had an opportunity to read through newly proposed by-laws, and that they are easier to read and are more comprehensive. There are changes around special meetings and the AGM, taking power of Board of Operations and distributes it to committees, outlines and makes clear responsibilities of execs, outlines lines of accountability, etc. There will be structures in place for the transition period; it won't be full stop, full start.

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to include Faculty of Medicine representative in new by-laws and transition element of motion.

**Moved**: Makohoniuk **Seconded**: Hudson

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O02: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read the fees for By-law 2.5 are for 2017-2018.

**Moved**: Ryan **Seconded**: Lowe

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to read that By-law 4.1 include "faculty of health professions" not health sciences.

**Moved**: Makohoniuk **Seconded**: Reid

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** by-law 2.5 (a) be amended to read "...be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) using 2016 as the base year."

**Moved**: Soroka **Seconded**: Turner

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**MOTION 2016-03-23: O05: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O06**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** by-law 4(f) be amended to read ‘Two Board of Governors Representatives, who shall sit *ex officio*.’

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** by-law 1.1 be amended to include ‘Term: *Ex Officio* Definition: Sitting on Council by virtue of their position, without voting rights.’

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Banks

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O06: FAILED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O07**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the bylaw 8.2 be amended to add “unless the number of Members in attendance drops below 0.5% of the total Membership.”

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O07: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O08**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a new by-law be added, whose numbering is left to the discretion of the policy coordinator.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this new by-law be entitled ‘External Organizations’.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this new by-law include:

1. Any group that wishes:
  - (a) to use the Union’s name; or
  - (b) to solicit funds, membership, or clientele from among the members of the Union, or any part thereof; or
  - (c) to represent the Union as an external federal advocacy group or
  - (d) to use the facilities of the Union;

shall make an application for recognition by Council as a Society and shall conform to the By-laws and to any Policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this new by-law include:

External Advocacy Groups

2. The union shall not enter into an agreement, partnership and/or membership

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with an external advocacy group where the external organization's by-laws, policy and/or constitution propose to supersede those of the Union.

3. The Union shall not renounce its full membership within an external advocacy group except through a majority vote of a general meeting..

4. Any proposal to join an external advocacy group shall first be subject to a full review of legal, operational, and financial considerations by the Board of Operations prior to coming forward to Council.

5. The Union may change its existing membership level within an external advocacy group through a vote at Council, provided Council has been provided with thirty (30) days' notice, and the information made public via the DSU website, and the Board of Operations has reviewed the proposal for operational, financial, and legal considerations.

**Moved:** Soroka **Seconded:** Moreau

## **MOTION TO AMMEND THE AMMENDMENT**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the motion to amend be amended to read this new by-law include:

External Advocacy Groups

2. The union shall not enter into an agreement, partnership and/or membership with an external advocacy group where the external organization's by-laws, policy and/or constitution propose to supersede those of the Union.

3. The Union shall be able to renounce its full membership in an external organization through a majority vote of a general meeting.

4. Any proposal to join an external advocacy group shall first be subject to a full review of legal, operational, and financial considerations prior to coming forward to Council.

5. The Union may change its existing membership level within an external advocacy group through a vote at Council, provided Council has been provided with thirty (30) days' notice, and the information made public via the DSU website.

**Moved:** Soroka **Second:** Ryan

## **MOTION TO AMMEND THE AMMEDNMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O08: FAILED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O09**

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to remove faculty of commerce representatives because commerce is not a faculty.

**Moved:** Haworth **Seconded:** Hudson

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O09 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O01 CARRIED**

## **B. MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **MOTION 2016-03-23: O10**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union struck the Investment Review Committee in March of 2015 with the mandate of reviewing its links to companies profiting from human rights abuses; and

Whereas the Investment Review Committee presented its findings on November 18, 2015; and

Whereas the Investment Review Committee noted investments in nine unethical companies; and

Whereas investments in those companies amount to less than 1.3% of the Dalhousie Student Union's total investments, as of October 31, 2015; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union should be, and is, committed to ethical considerations when making financial decisions;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union divest its direct investments in the companies highlighted in the Investment Review Committee's report on the basis of the behaviour noted in said report.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following text be adopted as a binding policy, hereon referred to as the '*Ethical Investment Policy*,' and that the Dalhousie Student Union's decisions vis-à-vis its investments be made in accordance to this policy.

### ***The Ethical Investment Policy***

#### **Purpose:**

1. *To ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union is not directly linked to, contributing to, profiting from, or helping perpetuate acts that are socially or environmentally harmful.*
2. *To make sure that the Dalhousie Student Union fully and duly considers the implications of its financial decisions in a manner that is responsible, ethical, and financially prudent.*

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## Scope

*The Ethical Investment Policy is binding upon the Dalhousie Student Union, along with any individual or entity representing it on matters of investment.*

## Guidelines

1. **Equity Investments:** *The Dalhousie Student Union shall not knowingly make any direct equity investments in any institution that acts in a socially or environmentally unethical manner. This includes, but is not limited to:*
  - 1.1. *Institutions that are known to operate at the expense of Aboriginal communities or in violation of Aboriginal sovereignty or in violation of Aboriginal Treaties, specifically in Canada*
  - 1.2. *Institutions that are known to create significant environmental harm*
  - 1.3. *Institutions that are known to profit from human rights abuses*
  - 1.4. *Institutions that are known to profit from contraventions of international law, in occupied territories or otherwise*
  - 1.5. *Institutions that are known to create significant social harm, such as arms or cigarette producers*
  - 1.6. *Institutions that are known to advocate, campaign, or lobby on behalf of the institutions outlined in criteria 1.1 to 1.5.*
2. **Mutual Funds:** *The Dalhousie Student Union shall, when financially feasible, choose mutual funds that have similar investment criteria as the ones found in Clause 1.*
3. **Resources:** *The Dalhousie Student Union shall utilize, but not limit itself to, the following databases and resources to assist itself in abiding by Clause 1:*
  - 3.1. <http://www.whoprofits.org>
  - 3.2. <http://fossilfreeindexes.com/>
  - 3.3. <http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com/>
4. **Enforcement and Revision:** *The Dalhousie Student Union's Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall ensure that the Dalhousie Student Union abides by this policy, and that, should any of the aforementioned databases and resources cease to remain relevant, it is replaced by an appropriate, authoritative source*
5. **Accountability:** *Should any violation of the aforementioned criteria be brought to the attention of the Dalhousie Student Union's Executive, the Executive shall take the necessary steps needed to address said violations in a manner that abides by this policy.*
6. **Transparency:** *The Dalhousie Student Union Executive shall ensure that a list of all of the institutions it invests in is easily accessible to the*



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*Dalhousie Student Union membership, preferably through the Dalhousie Student Union's website.*

7. **Consistency:** *The Dalhousie Student Union's Executive and representatives shall pursue, and support student groups pursuing, similar policies to this one at the level of the University, whenever relevant discussions arise.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Policy be amended to include the following text, after point 7.c.:

*d. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) shall ensure that all investments are made in accordance with the Ethical Investment Policy*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Committee Policy be amended to include the following text:

## **The Investment Review Committee**

### **1. Mandate and responsibilities**

- 1.1. *The Investment Review Committee (hereon referred to as the IRC) shall assist the Vice President (Finance and Operations) in identifying any violations of the Ethical Investment Policy.*
- 1.2. *The IRC shall review the Ethical Investment Policy's guidelines for any additions or improvements to the guidelines, criteria, and/or the databases and resources specified in said policy.*
- 1.3. *The IRC shall report its recommendations, if any are made, to Council once every term, seeking Council's input and ratification.*

### **2. Membership**

- 2.1. *The IRC shall consist of five (5) individuals:*
  - 2.1.1. *The Vice President (Finance and Operations), who will also act as the Chair.*
  - 2.1.2. *Four (4) members of the Dalhousie Student Union, to be appointed by Council*

### **3. Terms' beginning and end**

- 3.1. *Excluding the Vice President (Finance and Operations), members of the IRC shall be appointed in the first Council meeting following May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.*
- 3.2. *Should any position on the IRC remain unoccupied, a new member may be appointed by Council at a later date.*
- 3.3. *Membership in the IRC shall expire on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.*

### **4. Meetings**

- 4.1. *The IRC shall meet as is necessary, but at least once every semester.*

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4.2. *At least half of the IRC membership must be present in a meeting to achieve quorum.*

**This motion was tabled indefinitely.**

## **B. MOTION TO INTRODUCE A SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O11**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be added to Committee Policy:

### **1. Mandate**

*The main purposes of the Sustainability Office are:*

- a) *To implement everyday sustainable practices within the Union and the University community by minimizing the use and consumption of energy, water and material resources in recognition of the limited capacity of the biosphere to accommodate human activities;*
- b) *To encourage innovative student leadership that institutionalizes continual improvements in sustainable practices, operations and procedures on- and off-campus;*
- c) *To collaborate with other groups within the Union and with other groups on campus and in the community to:*
  - i) *Enhance the exchange of information about sustainable practices through initiatives, workshops, events and other ways that students can engage in learning about sustainable lifestyles;*
  - ii) *Give Dalhousie students support in applying their research towards positive social action;*
  - iii) *Promote sustainability partnerships on campus;*
  - iv) *Raise awareness and increase dialogue between Union members and societies; and*
  - v) *Promote connections related to sustainability stewardship with the larger Halifax, Nova Scotia, national and international communities;*
- d) *To organize around issues of human and environmental rights; and*
- e) *Encourage decision-making in Union operations that incorporates consideration of financial, social, and environmental sustainability.*

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## **2. Duties, Responsibilities, and Scope**

- a) *The Sustainability Office Steering Committee will be responsible for:*
  - i) *Assisting in the development and implementation of campaigns and initiatives within the mandate of the Sustainability Office;*
  - ii) *Ensuring that the campaigns and initiatives undertaken by the Sustainability Office fit with the mandate, and adequately represent the needs of Union membership;*
  - iii) *Creating an annual action plan, including objectives and timelines;*
  - iv) *Providing recommendations on the annual budget for the Sustainability Office;*
  - v) *Overseeing the dispersal of grant funding as per the Sustainability Office budget and mandate;*
  - vi) *Encouraging the inclusion of opinions, perspectives and experiences of groups beyond the Dalhousie campuses within the discourses that guide the Sustainability Office;*
  - vii) *Encouraging cooperation between Dalhousie and King's students and the community beyond the Dalhousie and King's campuses in all matters respecting to the Sustainability Office: and*
  - viii) *Providing recommendations on policies, guidelines, and standards for the Union on issues of Sustainability.*
- b) *The Steering Committee may also create working groups or sub-committees that exist for or around specific issues that fall under the Office's mandate.*

## **3. Committee Composition**

- a) *The Sustainability Office Steering Committee will be:*
  - i) *The Vice-President (Finance and Operation) or their designate, who will act as Chair meetings, and serve as an ex-officio member and will not hold a voting seat; and*
  - ii) *A minimum of seven and a maximum of nine Members appointed by the DSU Council.*
- b) *Staff of the Sustainability Office will attend Steering Committee meetings and have speaking rights.*

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- c) *The Steering Committee may invite members of the community or others to attend meetings in an advisory capacity.*
- d) *A Committee member may resign by submitting a resignation in writing to the Vice President (Finance and Operations).*
- e) *A member will be considered to have resigned if they miss three consecutive meetings.*
- f) *The Steering Committee may remove a member of the Steering Committee by Special Resolution for just cause. Just cause for the Steering Committee is defined as:*
  - i) *Failure to recognize, or in any way undermine the mission, mandate or spirit of the Sustainability Office;*
  - ii) *Utilizing the Sustainability Office and its resources for personal gain; or*
  - iii) *Failure to fulfill responsibilities or representing the Sustainability Office in a way that is inconsistent with the Sustainability Office mandate.*
- g) *In the event of a vacancy, the vacant position shall be filled by a Member nominated by the Sustainability Office Steering Committee and appointed by Council.*

## **4. Term**

*Each member will be appointed for a one-year term from May 1 to April 30.*

## **5. Meetings of the Committee**

- a) *The Steering Committee must meeting at least once per month, including the summer semester.*
- b) *Quorum shall be a majority of Steering Committee members, but never fewer than three (3) members.*
- c) *Except for in-camera sessions, meetings shall be open to all members; the committee shall make every effort to enable the attendance and participation of members.*
- d) *Funding proposals considered by the committee must contain: a complete description of the project/action, including implications and costs.*
- e) *Any committee member who has a perceived or real conflict of interest shall disclose such interest and shall not influence the decision, or be counted in the quorum for, a resolution concerning the proposed contract or transaction.*

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*f) Special meetings of the committee, to consider matters of particular concern or urgency, shall be called by the committee:*

*i) Upon majority resolution of the committee; or*

*ii) Upon receipt of a written request from any three (3) committee members.*

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-03-23: O12 CARRIED**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. GET REAL REFERENDUM RESULTS

**MOTION 2016-03-23: N01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council ratify the following results of the referendum on the Get Real Levy:

Get Real

Yes: 1890 voters, 58.86%;

No: 848 voters, 29.52%.

Referendum: PASSED.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-03-23: N01: CARRIED**

### B. WUSC REFERENDUM RESULTS

**MOTION 2016-03-23: N02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council ratify the following results of the referendum on the WUSC Levy increase:

WUSC

Yes: 1796 voters, 58.96%;

No: 870 voters, 28.56%.

Referendum: PASSED.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-03-23: N02: CARRIED**

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## C. DASA REFERENDUM RESULTS

### MOTION 2016-03-23: N03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council ratify the following results of the referenda on the DASA fees be ratified:

#### **DASA Question on 2016-17 Fee**

Yes: 103 voters, 67.32%;

No: 50 voters, 32.68%.

Referendum: PASSED

#### **DASA Question on fees for 2017-18 through 2019-20**

Yes: 84 voters, 57.53%;

No: 62 voters, 42.47%.

Referendum: PASSED

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

### MOTION 2016-03-23: N03: CARRIED

## D. FOOD ADVISORY BOARD

### MOTION 2016-03-23: N05

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council strike a Food Advisory Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the following terms of reference are added to committee policy.

### **Dalhousie Student Union Food Advisory Board Terms of Reference**

#### 1. Purpose

- a. The FAB facilitates the collaboration between key stakeholders on issue related to food security and food accessibility at Dalhousie University. The FAB strives to address systemic barriers which prevent people from accessing affordable, healthy, diverse, and culturally appropriate food by:
  - i. Providing a space for campus and community advocates, students, and members of the Dalhousie Student Union Executive to provide leadership on the direction of food-related initiatives taken by the Dalhousie Student Union;
  - ii. Undertaking meaningful research about food security and food accessibility on campus, including collecting input from students and examining best practices in other student unions and organizations;
  - iii. Discussing current and proposed initiatives;
  - iv. Communicating its findings, recommendations, and proposals to DSU Council, Dalhousie students and the

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- broader university community;
  - v. Prioritizing student employment and opportunities
  - vi. Undertaking advocacy regarding food accessibility and security on campus and in the greater community.
2. Membership:
- a. The FAB members must be a member of the DSU.
  - b. The size of the FAB can vary between 12-13 participants. Membership shall include representatives from the following groups:
    - i. DSU Food Coordinator (Chair)
    - ii. DSU President (Deputy Chair)
    - iii. DSU Vice President (Finance and Operations)
    - iv. Residence Council Representative
    - v. DSU Sustainability Office Representative
    - vi. Loaded Ladle Representative
    - vii. Food Bank Representative
    - viii. DSU Market Representative
    - ix. Dalhousie Urban Garden Society Representative
    - x. Studley Campus Student Member at Large
    - xi. Carlton Campus Student Member at Large
    - xii. Sexton Campus Student Member at Large
    - xiii. Agricultural Campus Student Member at Large
  - c. Members are appointed for two semesters (Fall and Winter) but may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms. Groups may name alternates who, in the absence of the appointed member, may fully participate in FAB activities. Alternates can be selected by designated individuals and/or organizations.
3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Members:
- a. Create and direct policy, plans, and reports
  - b. Communicate and gather support for sustainability goals and activities in the operations of the DSU.
4. Operations:
- a. Meetings shall be conducted by the Chair in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
  - b. The FAB shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as the Chair consider necessary.
  - c. At regular meetings, a quorum shall be a majority of the appointed representatives. In the absence of a quorum, a FAB meeting may continue but no formal votes may be taken.
  - d. The FAB shall seek to operate by consensus without the need for formal votes. When a member requests a formal vote and when sufficient numbers of members are present to establish a quorum, a motion will be carried when supported by one half plus one of the members present.
5. Reporting:
- a. All meetings shall be documented including attendance, agenda, decisions made, and handouts.

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**Moved:** Nicholson **Second:** Turner

**MOTION 2016-03-23: N05: CARRIED**

## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Dan Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe

Kaitlynne Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPROVE THE UNION BUDGET

### B. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE INVESTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2016-03-23: A04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Martell

**MOTION 2016-03-23: A01 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM**



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## Bylaw 1: Definitions and Interpretation

### 1.1 Definitions

In these Bylaws, the terms listed below shall have the corresponding definitions.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	Has the meaning given in section 8.6.
<u>Board of Governors</u>	The Board of Governors of Dalhousie the University.
<u>Board of Governors Caucus</u>	Has the meaning given in section 6.2.
<u>Board of Governors Representatives</u>	The members of Council elected as student representatives to the Board of Governors.
<u>Business Day</u>	A day on which the University is open and in session, not including any Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday in the province of Nova Scotia.
<u>Bylaws</u>	The Bylaws of the Dalhousie Student Union.
<u>Campaign Worker</u>	Shall have the meaning given in the Elections Policy.
<u>Chair of Council</u>	Chair of the Dalhousie Student Union Council, appointed perin accordance with these Bylaws.
<u>Chief Returning Officer</u>	The chief elections official of the Union, as described in section 9.4.
<u>Committee</u>	Any committee of the Dalhousie Student Union established in accordance with these Bylaws.
<u>Community</u>	An identifiable group of Members designated for which a representative has been designated in accordance with these Bylaws.
<u>Community Representatives</u>	Councillors elected by designated Communities in accordance with these By-laws.
<u>Council</u>	The Council of the Dalhousie Student Union established in accordance with these Bylaws.
<u>Councillor</u>	A Member who is elected as a representative on the Dalhousie Student Union Council as perin accordance with these Bylaws.
<u>DSU Act</u>	An Act to Incorporate Dalhousie Student Union (Nova Scotia, 1966).
<u>Elections Appeals Committee</u>	Has the meaning given in Section 9.5.
<u>Executive Officer</u>	A Member who is elected as an Executive Officer of the Dalhousie Student Union as per these Bylaws.

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<u>Faculty Representatives</u>	<u>Councillors elected to represent specific Faculties, in accordance with these By-laws.</u>
<u>Faculty-Level Society</u>	<u>Society of the Dalhousie Student Union that represents all the students in a particular faculty and collects a fee.</u>
<u>Full-Time Staff</u>	<u>Employees of the Union who are employed full-time.</u>
<u>Full-Time Student</u>	<u>A student who is enrolled in a course load designated as full-time by the University.</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in section 7.5.</u>
<u>General Meeting</u>	<u>An annual or special general members meeting convened as perin accordance with these Bylaws.</u>
<u>Issues Policies</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in section 10.1</u>
<u>Levy Society</u>	<u>Society of the Dalhousie Student Union that collects a fee from Members.</u>
<u>Member</u>	<u>An individual who meets the membership criteria as outlined in these Bylaws.</u>
<u>Operations Policies</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in Section 10.1</u>
<u>Ordinary Resolution</u>	<u>A resolution requiring a simple majority of more than 50 per cent of those entitled to vote to be carried.</u>
<u>Part-Time Student</u>	<u>A student who is enrolled in a course load designated as part-time by the University.</u>
<u>Policy, or Policies</u>	<u>Collectively, the policies of the Union, as adopted in accordance with these Bylaws and as listed in the policy manual.</u>
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	<u>The Recording Secretary of Council, appointed in accordance with these By-laws.</u>
<u>Senate</u>	<u>The Dalhousie University Senate.</u>
<u>Senate Caucus</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in section 6.3.</u>
<u>Society</u>	<u>A student organization that receives resources and funding from and is subject to oversight by the Dalhousie Student Union and fulfills all necessary requirements to be designated as a Dalhousie Student Union society as set out in the Society Policy.</u>
<u>Society Fees</u>	<u>Any fee collected on behalf of and administered by Societies, including fees collected by the Union and remitted to Societies to administer.</u>
<u>Special General Meeting</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in section 8.7.</u>
<u>Special Resolution</u>	<u>A resolution requiring a two thirds (2/3) majority of those entitled to vote to be carried.</u>
<u>Standing Committee</u>	<u>Has the meaning given in section 6.4.</u>
<u>Statement of</u>	<u>The statement to be signed by all Councillors and Executive</u>

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<u>Office</u>	<u>Officers in accordance with these By-Laws.</u>
<u>Union</u>	<u>The Dalhousie Student Union.</u>
<u>Union Fee</u>	<u>Any fee collected on behalf of and administered directly by the Dalhousie Student Union. For greater certainty, Union Fees do not include fees that the Dalhousie Student Union remits to Societies to administer. Society Fees.</u>
<u>Chair of Council</u>	<u>Chair of the Dalhousie Student Union Council, appointed as per these Bylaws.</u>
<u>Union</u>	<u>The Dalhousie Student Union.</u>
<u>Faculty-Level Society</u>	<u>Society of the Dalhousie Student Union that represents all the students in a particular faculty and collects a fee.</u>
<u>Levy Society</u>	<u>Society of the Dalhousie Student Union that collects a fee from Members.</u>
<u>University</u>	<u>Dalhousie University.</u>

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### 1.2 Interpretation

- a. Unless the context otherwise requires, wherever any are used in these Bylaws, the plural includes the singular, the singular includes the plural, and each of the masculine, feminine and neutral genders include all other genders.
- b. Use of the words "includes" and "including", whether or not used with the words "without limitation" or "but not limited to", shall not be deemed limited by the specific enumeration of items but shall in all cases be deemed to be without limitation and construed and interpreted to mean "includes without limitation" and "including without limitation".
- c. Unless the context otherwise requires, use of the words "section" or "bylaw" refers to the applicable section or bylaw of these Bylaws.
- d. If any time period in these Bylaws that is specified in Business Days concludes on a day that is not a Business Day, such time period shall automatically extend to the next Business Day.

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**Bylaw 2: Membership**

**2.1 Membership**

- a. All registered students at the University shall be Members of the Union.
- b. For the purposes of determining the total Membership of the Union for application in these Bylaws, the figures provided by the University for total enrolment as of October 15, of each year shall be used.

**2.2 Cessation of Membership**

- a. Members shall cease to be Members when they fail to fulfill the **membership** criteria in **Section 2.1 of these Bylaws**.

**2.3 Membership Rights**

Members of the Union shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges:

- a. To speak and vote at General Meetings;
- b. To speak, at the discretion of the Chair of Council, at Council Meetings;
- c. To vote in Union elections, by-elections, and referenda, for which they are eligible to vote as per these Bylaws;
- d. To run for elected office;
- e. To hold appointed office;
- f. To attend all meetings of Council and its Committees, with the exception of in-camera sessions;
- g. To access all minutes of the Council and its Committees, subject to restrictions in these Bylaws;
- h. To access the services, research, information, materials, and other resources **that the Union makes available to its members**;
- i. To access information on any organizations to which the Union is a member; and
- j. To other such benefits as may be made available from time to time **in the discretion of Council**.

**2.4 Membership Responsibilities**

Members of the Union shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. To pay Membership fees; and
- b. To **comply with** these Bylaws and **any Policies made in accordance with these Bylaws**.

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2.5 Membership Fees

- a. The Union membership fee shall be \$51.08 per semester for each Full-Time Student and \$29.33 per semester for each Part-Time Student for 2015-2016. The membership fee shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined by Statistics Canada for the Halifax Regional Municipality for the most recent calendar year. If the CPI is negative, the fee shall remain the same.
- b. Any increases to membership fees over and above the annual CPI adjustment shall be set by the Members through a referendum conducted as per these Bylaws.
- c. In the event of a fee increase over and above the annual CPI adjustment, the CPI adjustment shall be applied before the increase is added to determine the new base fee for the following year.
- d. The following groups of Members who do not pay fees to the University shall not be required to pay Membership fees:
  - i. Co-op students who are not currently paying any fees to the University; and
  - ii. Exchange students who are not currently paying any fees to the University.
- e. Members whose academic programs take place outside the Halifax Regional Municipality shall pay a distance membership fee of \$5 per year.

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Bylaw 3: Objectives

3.1 Objectives

The objectives of the Union are:

- a. To act as the official representative organization of the students of the University;
- b. To serve as the medium of communication between the students of the University and the governing bodies of the University;
- c. To encourage in the students of the University an awareness of their responsibilities in the local, provincial, national and international community;
- d. To provide services and programming that enhance student life in a financially, socially, and environmentally responsible manner; and
- e. To do this all in a manner that furthers the objects of the Union as set out in the DSU Act.

3.2 Authority of the Union

The Union is an independent student organization that derives its authority to act as the representative organization for all students at the University from the DSU Act.

3.3 Non-Discrimination

- a. The Union and any Society or other organization under the jurisdiction of the Union shall not discriminate based on any of the prohibited grounds as outlined in the *Human Rights Act* (Nova Scotia).
- b. This Section 3.3.a does not preclude any Bylaw, Policy, programme, activity or group that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of traditionally underrepresented individuals or groups including the participation of Aboriginal people, racialized people, people living with disabilities, women, and people who identify within the LGBTQ spectrum.

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**Bylaw 4: Council**

**4.1 Composition**

The Council shall be comprised of the following members:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President (Internal)
- c. Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
- d. Vice-President (Academic and External)
- e. Vice-President (Student Life)
- f. Two Board of Governors Representatives
- g. Twelve Faculty Representatives, with one representative from each of the following

faculties:

- i. Faculty of Agriculture
- ii. Faculty of Architecture and Planning
- iii. Faculty of Arts and Social Science
- iv. Faculty of Commerce
- v. Faculty of Computer Science
- vi. Faculty of Dentistry
- vii. Faculty of Engineering
- viii. Faculty of Graduate Studies
- ix. Faculty of Health Sciences
- x. Faculty of Law
- xi. Faculty of Management
- xii. Faculty of Science

- h. Seven Community Representatives, with one representative from each of the following

Communities:

- i. Aboriginal students;
- ii. Black students;
- iii. International students;
- iv. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer students;
- v. Students with disabilities;
- vi. Students living in residence; and
- vii. Women students.

all as elected in accordance with Bylaw 9.

**4.2 Eligibility**

- a. Each Councillor shall maintain their Membership in the Union for the duration of their term.
- b. No person shall hold more than one position on Council.

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- c. No Councillor shall be employed by the Union other than as provided for in these Bylaws and Policies.
- d. Prior to taking office, all Councillors shall sign the Statement of Office.

**4.3 Council Term**

Councillors shall hold office from May 1 of the year of their election until April 30 of the following year.

**4.4 Duties of Councillors:**

Councillors shall:

- a. Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Union in respect of matters for which the Council has the authority to act;
- b. Use reasonable efforts to advance the interests of the constituency that they represent, having regard for their duty under Section 4.4(a);
- c. Act as a liaison and in consultation between their constituency and the Council, and vice-versa;
- d. Sit on at least one Union committee;
- e. Attend all meetings of Council and any Committees to which they are elected, appointed, or sit ex-officio;
- f. Attend all General Meetings;
- g. Attend all meetings of any Society or University bodies to which they sit ex-officio; and
- h. Carry out such other duties as Council may from time to time determine.

**4.5 Meetings of Council**

- a. All meetings of Council shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.
- b. Council meetings shall be called by the President and shall be held at least once every four (4) weeks or at any time when:
  - i. the President is requested to call a meeting by a petition signed by 25 per cent of the members of Council; or
  - ii. the Executive Officers resolve by Ordinary Resolution to requisition a meeting; or
  - iii. the President deems calling a meeting to be in the best interests of the Union.
- c. If the President receives a request for a meeting, in accordance with Section 4.5(b), a meeting must be called within 7 days.
- d. Notice of Council meetings shall be provided to Councillors not less than 48 hours in advance of when the meeting is to take place. Notice shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting and the complete text of motions served with notice as per these Bylaws.
- e. Notice shall be considered given when transmitted by email to the address provided by Councillors for correspondence. The unintentional omission to give notice to any

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Councillor or any accidental irregularity in connection with the giving of notice or failure to receive notice by the Councillor will not invalidate the proceedings at a given meeting.

- f. Councillors may waive notice in writing (including email). Attendance of a Councillor at a meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting unless the Councillor attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting was not called in accordance with these Bylaws.
- g. Quorum for Council meetings shall be a majority of members of Council. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting, the meeting may proceed even if a quorum is not present throughout. If quorum is not met at a meeting of Council, the meeting shall be automatically rescheduled for one week later and at such subsequent meeting quorum shall be established by whomever attends the meeting.
- h. Meetings of Council will be held in person, provided that Councillors may attend by telephone, unless the notice indicates otherwise. The Councillor representing the Faculty of Agriculture will be permitted to participate by telephone in any meetings of Council or Committees of which they are a member.
- i. Motions will be considered carried by Ordinary Resolution, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws.
- j. In the absence of a meeting, a resolution may be passed in writing as long as the resolution is signed by 100 per cent of the Councillors then in office.

**4.6 Resignation and Vacancies**

- a. All resignations of Councillors shall be made in writing to the President (or where there is no President, to the Vice President (Internal) who shall bring the resignation before Council at the next meeting of Council. If the President wishes to resign, they shall provide their resignation in writing to the Vice-President (Internal) who shall bring the resignation before Council at the next meeting of Council.
- b. The office of a Councillor shall be automatically vacated upon any of the following events:
  - i. A Councillor is absent for a total of four Council meetings during their term without reasonable excuse as determined by Council;
  - ii. A Councillor is absent for three consecutive Council meetings in either the Fall or Winter term;
  - iii. The President, or in the case of the President's resignation the Vice President (Internal) receives, a Councillor's written notice of resignation, in which case the office is vacated based on the terms of the notice;
  - iv. An order is made by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring a Councillor not mentally competent and/or incapable of managing their own affairs;
  - v. A Councillor ceases to be a Member; or
  - vi. Death of a Councillor.
- c. Should a vacancy arise in the office of a Councillor on or before October 31 of the year in which that person was elected, a by-election shall be held to fill such vacancy. In the case of a vacancy in the office of an Executive Officer, Council will appoint a Councillor

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to fulfill the duties of the position on an interim basis until a by-election is called, provided that while the Councillor holds the office of an Executive Officer on an interim basis while still retaining their original position as Councillor, they will fulfill both the original duties of Councillor and the additional duties of Executive Officer but will only be permitted one vote at meetings of Council.

- d. Should a vacancy arise in the office of a Councillor after October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which that person was elected, Council shall appoint a Member who is not a Councillor or Executive Member who meets the eligibility criteria to fill such vacancy until the next general election.
- e. Where a position is to be appointed, notice of such a proposed appointment, including the duties and eligibility criteria of the position and the date, an invitation to apply to be considered for the position, time and location of the meeting at which the appointment will take place, will be posted through all means available to the Union no less than 10 days prior to the meeting at which the appointment will take place.
- f. In the event that all Council positions are vacated, the individuals who are in fact managing the affairs of the Union will be deemed to be Councillors until such time as an election is held to fill the vacancies which shall occur as soon as practicable.

**4.7 Recall**

- a. A Councillor will be recalled to a by-election if the Chief Returning Officer receives either of the following on or before March 1 of a given year:
  - i. A petition requesting the Councillor be recalled containing the names, student numbers, and signatures of at least 20 per cent of the Members eligible to vote for the office in question; or
  - ii. Notice from the Chair of Council that each Society representing the Members in the constituency that a Councillor represents held a general meeting in accordance with the bylaws of that society subject to meeting the eligibility criteria in these Bylaws and passed a Special Resolution to recall that Councillor.
- b. In the event of a recall by Special Resolution as outlined in section 4.7.a.ii, only Members shall be included in quorum for the general meeting(s) of the Society or Societies and only Members shall be permitted to vote on the resolution.
- c. Should the position of Chief Returning Officer be vacant, the petition shall be received by the Chair of Council, who shall bring the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer to the first subsequent Council meeting.
- d. A by-election resulting from a recall shall be called within three weeks of the receipt of a petition or notice in accordance with Section 4.7.a., unless received between May 1 and August 31, in which case the by-election shall be called within the first three weeks of the next September.
- e. A Councillor subject to recall will continue to hold office until replaced by by-election and may run in such by-election.

**4.8 Disciplining Councillors**

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- a. Councillors may be disciplined for the following reasons:
  - i. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Policies, or the Statement of Office;
  - ii. Failure to attend Council meetings;
  - iii. Failure to attend Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member;
  - iv. Failure to attend Society meetings of which the Councillor is an ex officio member;
  - v. Failure to attend meetings of University bodies or committees of which the Councillor is a member;
  - vi. Theft, fraud, or embezzlement;
  - vii. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest;
  - viii. Breach of confidentiality;
  - ix. Misuse of Union property; or
  - x. Refusal to sign the Statement of Office.
- b. Council may vote by Special Resolution to take disciplinary action against a Councillor, including a verbal warning, a letter of censure, or recall to by-election.
- c. Notice of a motion to discipline an Executive Officer must be given to the Councillor and all other members of Council at least fourteen (14) days in advance of when the motion is to be debated. Such notice shall set out the particulars of the alleged grounds for discipline.
- d. The Councillor shall be entitled to submit a written response to the notice of motion to the Chair of Council prior to the meeting where the motion will be debated. The Chair of Council will make such written response available to all other members of Council prior to the meeting. Additionally, the Councillor shall be given a reasonable opportunity at such meeting to respond to the allegations before the motion is put to a vote.
- e. All debate on a motion regarding discipline, but not including the response of the Councillor to the allegations, shall be in camera.
- f. A motion to impose disciplinary measures shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons, which shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**4.9 Chair and Recording Secretary**

- a. At the first meeting in May, Council shall appoint a Chair and Recording Secretary for the year. ~~The appointees shall not be current Councillors.~~
- b. The Chair and Recording Secretary shall not be considered Councillors and shall not hold a vote.
- c. The role of the Chair shall be to preside over Council meetings and to carry out such other duties and responsibilities as are set out in these Bylaws or in Policies.
- d. The role of the Recording Secretary shall be to maintain and make available accurate minutes of Council meetings and to maintain accurate records of Council proceedings.

**4.10 Conflicts of Interest**

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- a. A Councillor or Executive Officer who is a party to, or has a material interest in or is a director or officer of any person who is a party to, a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Union shall disclose in writing to the Chair of Council, or have recorded in the minutes of meeting, the nature and extent of their interest.
- b. The disclosure referred to in Section 4.9.a above shall be made as soon as possible upon the interest arising or the contract or transaction being considered. If the material contract or transaction does not, in the ordinary course of business of the Union require the approval of Council or the Executive Officers, the Councillor or Executive Officer shall disclose in writing or have recorded in the minutes of the meeting the nature and extent of their interest forthwith upon becoming aware of the contract or transaction or proposed contract or transaction.
- c. Any Councillor or Executive Officer referred to in section 4.9.a shall not attend any part of a meeting of Council or the Executive Officers during which the contract or transaction is discussed, and shall not vote on any resolution to approve the contract or transaction.
- d. If no quorum exists for the purposes of voting on a resolution regarding a contract or transaction because a Councillor or Executive Officer is not permitted to be present by reason of 4.9.c, the remaining Councillors and Executive Officers shall be deemed to constitute quorum for the purposes of voting on such resolution.

Bylaw 5: Executive Officers

5.1 Composition

- a. There shall be a President, Vice President (Internal), Vice President (Finance and Operations), Vice President (Academic and External), and Vice President (Student Life) who shall be the Executive Officers of the Union.
- b. The powers and responsibilities outlined for Executive Officers are in addition to their powers and responsibilities as Councillors as outlined in Section 4 of the Bylaws.

5.2 Honoraria and Benefits

- a. Executive Officers shall be paid an honorarium as determined by Policy.
- b. Executive Officers shall be enrolled in the same mandatory health, dental, and other benefits as provided by the Union to Full-Time Staff. The Executive Officers are eligible to enrol in any optional health, dental, or other benefits that are available to Full-Time Staff of the Union.
- c. Executive Officers shall be entitled to be reimbursed for the cost of a Universal Bus Pass, as long as the Universal Bus Pass program is provided by the University.

5.3 Powers of the Executive Officers

- a. For the purposes of the DSU Act:
  - i. The "President" shall refer to the President;
  - ii. The "Vice-President" shall refer to the Vice-President (Internal); and
  - iii. The "Secretary and Treasurer" shall refer to the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- b. Except where limited by these Bylaws and Policy, the Executive Officers shall collectively be empowered to authorize the Union do any of the following by passing an Ordinary Resolution of the Executive Officers:
  - i. Take and hold by purchase, grant, lease, gift, donation, devise, legacy or bequest real and personal property;
  - ii. Sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any such real or personal property as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the objects and purposes of the Union;
  - iii. Invest or otherwise use for the objects of the Union any money received;
  - iv. Enter into arrangements with any authorities, governmental, municipal, local or otherwise that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Union's objects, or any rights, privileges and concessions which the Union may have capacity to receive and may think desirable to obtain, to carry out, exercise or comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;

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- v. Erect, maintain, improve, repair and otherwise deal with any building or buildings in order to further the objects of the Union;
  - vi. Borrow money for the objects of the Union, and secure the repayment of same by any form of debenture, bond, mortgage, promissory note or other security;
  - vii. Draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue bills of exchange, promissory notes and such other instruments as may be necessary or convenient; **and**
  - viii. **Enter into contracts for the purchase and sale of goods and services.**
- c. The Executive Officers or staff person(s) they so designate shall be responsible for hiring, disciplining, and managing all Union employees.

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**5.4 Responsibilities of the President**

The President shall:

- a. Enforce the due observance of the Act, the Bylaws, and **Policies**;
- d. Act as the official spokesperson for the Union;
- e. Act as chair of all meetings of the Executive Officers;
- f. Act as a signing officer of the Union;
- g. Sit ex-officio as a representative of the Union on the Board of Governors;
- h. Sit ex-officio as a representative of the Union on the Senate;
- i. Sit ex-officio as a representative of the Union on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors;
- j. Sit on other University committees as approved by the Executive Officers;
- k. Have the right to attend and speak at all Union **committee** meetings with the exception of the Executive Review Committee and Elections Committee;
- l. Represent the Union at meetings of organizations **of** which the Union is a member;
- m. Review federal, provincial, municipal and University policies that impact the academic, financial, and social interests of the membership, and recommend appropriate action to Council;
- n. Ensure that the Vice-Presidents carry out their assigned duties in accordance with these Bylaws, Policy, and as directed by Council;
- o. Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member;
- p. Submit a written report at each meeting of Council;
- q. Create a written report at the end of their term to the incoming President;
- r. Train and advise the incoming President; and
- s. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws and Policy or that Council may from time to time determine.

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**5.5 Responsibilities of the Vice President (Internal)**

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- a. Act as a signing officers of the Union;
- b. Act as the main liaison between the Union and Societies;
- c. Assist Societies in coordinating their activities;
- d. Encourage communication between societies on campus that represent specific social, cultural, and ethnic diversities by attending regular meetings of such groups;
- e. Oversee the communication activities of the Union;
- f. Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member;
- g. Submit a written report at each meeting of Council;
- h. Create a written report at the end of their term to the incoming Vice-President (Internal);
- i. Train and advise the incoming Vice-President (Internal); and
- j. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws and Policy or that Council may from time to time determine.

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## 5.6 Responsibilities of the Vice President (Finance and Operations)

The Vice-President (Finance and Operations) shall:

- a. Act as a signing officer of the Union;
- b. Prepare the annual budgetary estimates for the Union and submit those budgetary estimates to Council;
- c. Receive and account for all monies belonging to the Union;
- d. Arrange payment of all expenses incurred by the Union or its agents, in accordance with the rights and rules outlined in the Bylaws and Policy;
- e. Ensure that budgeted allocations are reasonably adhered to;
- f. Prepare quarterly financial reports for Council on the year to date figures with regards to the budget;
- g. Perform required audits of every Levy Society as outlined in Society Policy;
- h. Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member;
- i. Submit a written report at each meeting of Council;
- j. Create a written report at the end of their term to the incoming Vice-President (Finance and Operations);
- k. Train and advise the incoming Vice-President (Finance and Operations); and
- l. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws and Policy or that Council may from time to time determine.

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## 5.7 Responsibilities of the Vice President (Academic and External)

The Vice-President (Academic and External) shall:

- a. Sit ex-officio on the Senate;
- b. Sit on any Senate committees as determined by Senate policy or by the Senate Caucus.
- c. Sit as a representative of the Union on University committees related to academic issues, as determined by the Executive Officers;

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- d. Be responsible for the Union's Student Advocacy Service;
- e. Be responsible for the development and implementation of the Union's campaigns;
- f. Where possible, represent the Union at meetings of organizations of which the Union is a member;
- g. Represent the interests and policies of the Union and its Members during policy formulation by external organizations of which the Union is a member;
- h. Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any committees of which they are a member;
- i. Submit a written report at each meeting of Council;
- j. Create a written report at the end of their term to the incoming Vice-President (Academic and External);
- k. Train and advise the incoming Vice-President (Academic and External); and
- l. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws and Policy or that Council may from time to time determine.

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**5.8 Responsibilities of the Vice President (Student Life)**

The Vice-President (Student Life) shall:

- a. Be responsible for the operation of activities aimed at the improvement of student life on campus;
- b. Act as a liaison between the Union and various community organizations and volunteer groups concerned with the development of a better community in the metropolitan area;
- c. Be responsible for regular programming and events throughout the academic year, including, but not limited to lectures, concerts and other performances;
- d. Be responsible for organizing and promoting the following activities of the Union:
  - i. Fall Orientation Week;
  - ii. Dalfest;
  - iii. Frost Week;
  - iv. Charity Ball;
  - v. Impact Awards Ceremony;
  - vi. Council events; and
  - vii. Other activities of the Union that Council or the Executive Officers may from time to time determine are within the scope of responsibility of the Vice President (Student Life);
- e. Promote recreational and varsity athletics on campus;
- f. Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member;
- g. Submit a written report at each meeting of Council;
- h. Create a written report at the end of their term to the incoming Vice-President (Student Life);
- i. Train and advise the incoming Vice-President (Student Life); and
- j. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws and Policy or that Council may from time to time determine.

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5.9 Office Hours and Absences

- a. Executive Officers are expected to devote the time and attention to their respective roles as may be required to carry out their responsibilities and meet the objectives of the Union.
- b. Executive Officers are expected to set and maintain regular office hours to be accessible to Members and Union staff.
- c. The Executive Officers shall determine these regular hours by the second week of each academic term and shall post them for Members.
- d. Executive Officers may be unavailable to work from time to time for personal reasons or travel. Executive Officers who will be away are expected to provide at least two weeks' notice to the President, except for emergency situations in which case they shall provide as much notice as possible.
- e. The Executive Officers shall coordinate absences so that sufficient Executive Officers there are always available to conduct Union business.

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Bylaw 6: Caucuses and Committees

6.1 Caucuses

There shall be the following caucuses of the Union

- a. Board of Governors Caucus; and
- b. Senate Caucus.

6.2 Board of Governors Caucus

- a. The Board of Governors Caucus shall include the President and the two Board of Governors Representatives.
- b. The President shall serve as chair of the Board of Governors Caucus.
- c. The Board of Governors Caucus shall:
  - i. Plan strategies for lobbying the Board of Governors;
  - ii. Draft presentations to the Board of Governors;
  - iii. Prepare a written report on the Board of Governors and its committees for each Council meeting; and
  - iv. Fulfill any other such duties pertaining to the Board of Governors that may arise from time to time.
- d. The Board of Governors Caucus shall meet prior to all Board of Governors meetings and at the request of any one member of the Board of Governors Caucus.
- e. Quorum for the Board of Governors Caucus shall be two members of the Caucus, provided the President is present.

6.3 Senate Caucus

- a. The Senate Caucus shall include all student representatives on the Senate.
- b. The Vice President (Academic and External) shall serve as chair of the Senate Caucus and the President shall serve as deputy chair of the Senate Caucus.
- c. The Senate Caucus shall:
  - i. Plan strategies for lobbying the Senate;
  - ii. Draft presentations to the Senate;
  - iii. Prepare a written report on the Senate and its committees for each Council meeting; and
  - iv. Fulfill any other such duties pertaining to the Senate that may arise from time to time.
- d. The Senate Caucus shall meet at the request of the Vice President (Academic and External) or any four members of the Senate Caucus.
- e. Quorum for the Senate Caucus shall be 50 per cent of members of the Senate Caucus, as long as the chair or deputy chair is present.

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6.4 Standing Committees

- a. There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Union:
  - i. Budget Committee;
  - ii. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee;
  - iii. Elections Committee;
  - iv. Elections Appeals Committee
  - v. Executive Review Committee;
  - vi. External Committee;
  - vii. Grants and Sponsorship Committee;
  - viii. Society Review Committee;
  - ix. Student Life Committee; and
  - x. Such other committees as may be identified as Standing Committees in the Policies.

b. If a Committee's members include individuals who are not members of the Committee by virtue of a specific office, then, unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, such Committee members will be appointed by Ordinary Resolution of Council from among individuals who express an interest in sitting on the Committee and who meet any requirements set out in these Bylaws for membership on such Committee.

6.5 Standing Committee Meetings

- a. Standing Committees shall meet as needed, but not less than once per semester.
- b. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair of the Standing Committee or at the request of any three voting members of the Standing Committee.
- c. Notice of Standing Committee meetings shall be distributed by email by the chair of the committee at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting. The notice should include, if possible, an agenda for the meeting.
- d. A meeting may also be held at any time and at any place without notice if all the members of the committee are present and consent thereto, or if, either before or after the meeting is held, those absent members signify in writing (including email) their consent to the meeting being held in their absence
- e. The unintentional omission to give notice to any Member or any accidental irregularity in connection with the giving of notice or failure to receive notice by a member of a committee shall not invalidate the proceedings at a meeting.
- f. The chair of each committee shall preside at meetings and in their absence, the committee shall appoint another of its voting members to act as chair.
- g. A record shall be kept of the proceedings of every meeting of each Standing Committee, and it is the responsibility of each committee to submit a report of such proceedings to the Vice President (Internal) or their designate as soon as possible following the meeting.
- h. Quorum for all Standing Committees shall be 50 per cent of voting members of that committee.

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- i. Standing Committees may from time to time invite and grant speaking rights to observers to attend meetings and participate in Committee deliberations.

**6.5 Budget and Finance Committee**

- a. The Budget Committee will be chaired by the Vice-President (Finance and Operations).
- b. The voting members of the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee shall be:
  - i. The Vice-President (Finance and Operations);
  - ii. Two members of Council who are not Executive Officers; and
  - iii. One Member who is not a Councillor.
- c. The Bylaw and Policy Review Committee shall:
  - i. Review the draft budget of the Union;
  - ii. Consult with students regarding the Union budget;
  - iii. Consult with Societies regarding the Union budget;
  - iv. Where necessary, recommend amendments to the budget to Council;
  - v. Review monthly financial statements of the Union;
  - vi. Review, as necessary budgets for Union businesses, events, and activities.

**6.6 Bylaw and Policy Review Committee**

- a. The Bylaw and Policy Review Committee shall be chaired by the President.
- b. Budget Committee – departments, events
- c. The voting members of the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee shall be:
  - i. The President;
  - ii. Two members of Council who are not Executive Officers ; and
  - iii. One Member who is not a Councillor.
- d. The Bylaw and Policy Review Committee shall:
  - i. Review the Bylaws and Policies;
  - ii. Bring to the attention of Council any inconsistencies within the Bylaws and Policies; and
  - iii. Where necessary, recommend amendments to the Bylaws and Policies to Council.

**6.7 Elections Committee and Elections Appeals Committee**

- a. Each of the Elections Committee and the Elections Appeals Committee shall be established and administered in accordance with Bylaw 9.

**6.8 Executive Review Committee**

- a. The Executive Review Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Council, who shall not have a vote.
- b. The voting members of Executive Review Committee shall be:

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- i. Two members of Council who are not Executive Officers; and
- ii. One Member who is not a Councillor,
- c. The Executive Review Committee shall:
  - i. Receive complaints and feedback regarding the Executive Officers, and, where appropriate, bring such complaints forward to Council in camera;
  - ii. Conduct performance evaluations at least once per year on or before the first Council meeting of January of each Executive Officer on the following grounds:
    - Attendance at Council and Union committees of which the Executive Officer is a Member;
    - Attendance at University committees of which the Executive Officer is a member; and
    - Fulfillment of responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws and Policies.
  - iii. Meet with each of the Executive Officers during the course of performance evaluations.
  - iv. Meet with each of the Executive Officers prior to the end of their term regarding Executive Officer roles and responsibilities, challenges within their portfolio, and recommendations for changes.
  - v. Provide recommendations to Council regarding Executive Officer roles and responsibilities, including proposals for Bylaw and Policy changes.

**6.9 External Committee**

- a. The External Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President (Academic and External).
- b. The voting members of the External Committee shall be:
  - i. The Vice President (Academic and External); and
  - ii. At least three Councillors who are not Executive Officers elected by Council.
- c. Meetings of the External Committee shall be open to all interested Members of the Union and any other such people as determined by the Vice-President (Academic and External).
- d. The External Committee shall:
  - i. Assist in developing and implementing campaigns of the Union;
  - ii. Provide information to students regarding:
    - Municipal, provincial, and national student issues, and
    - External affairs issues as may be determined from time to time; and
  - iii. Assist Council and the Executive Officers in formulating positions on issues relating to the external affairs of the Union

**6.10 Grants and Sponsorship Committee**

- a. The Grants and Sponsorship Committee is chaired by the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- b. The voting members of the Grants and Sponsorship Committee shall be:

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- i. The Vice President (Finance and Operations);
- ii. The Vice President (Internal);
- iii. Two Councillors who are not Executive Officers; and
- iv. One Member who is not a Councillor.
- c. The Grants and Sponsorship Committee shall:
  - i. Review and evaluate grant and sponsorship applications;
  - ii. Approve or decline grant and sponsorship requests by Ordinary Resolution of the Committee as per Policy;
  - iii. Report all grants and sponsorship gifts awarded to Council; and
  - iv. Make recommendations to Council regarding Bylaw and Policy amendments related to grants and sponsorships.

**6.11 Society Review Committee**

- a. The Society Review Committee is chaired by the Vice-President (Internal).
- b. The voting members shall be:
  - i. the Vice President (Internal);
  - ii. the Vice President (Finance and Operations);
  - iii. two members of Council who are not Executive Officers; and
  - iv. one Member who is not Councillor.
- c. The Society Review Committee shall:
  - i. Evaluate Societies, as per Policy;
  - ii. Ratify Societies by Ordinary Resolution;
  - iii. Offer assistance to Societies where needed;
  - iv. Report at each Council meeting newly ratified Societies; and
  - v. Make recommendations to Council regarding Bylaw and Policy amendments related to Societies.

**6.12 Student Life Committee**

- a. The Student Life Committee is chaired by the Vice-President (Student Life).
- b. The voting members of the Student Life Committee shall be:
  - i. The Vice-President (Student Life);
  - ii. At least two members of Council who are not Executive Officers ;
  - iii. At least three Members who are not Councillors; and
  - iv. A Member appointed by the Equity and Accessibility office.
- c. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to all interested Members and any other such people as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life).
- d. The Student Life Committee shall:
  - i. Assist Council and the Executive Officers in the development and implementation of diverse, accessible, and inclusive events and programming for students;

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- ii. Create and implement all student life activities and annual events of the Union subject to direction from the Executive Officers and Council that may be provided from time to time;
- iii. Promote, encourage, and foster student society activities and participation in events; and
- iv. Make recommendations to Council regarding development of Policy regarding student life.

**6.13 Ad Hoc Committees**

- a. Council or the Executive Officers may, by Ordinary Resolution, establish Ad Hoc committees as necessary to facilitate the activities and goals of the Union.
- b. Motions to establish Ad Hoc committees shall include:
  - i. The purpose of the committee;
  - ii. The term of the committee which will not exceed one year;
  - iii. Who shall sit as the committee and how they will be selected;
  - iv. What the committee is to report on; and
  - v. The mechanism(s) by which the committee is to provide a report.

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### Bylaw 7: Finances

#### 7.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Union shall be from April 1 to March 31.

#### 7.2 Budget

- a. A budget for each fiscal year shall be approved by Ordinary Resolution by Council before April 15.
- b. A revised budget for each fiscal year shall be approved by Ordinary Resolution by Council before December 15.
- c. The Vice-President (Finance and Operations) shall submit to Council a proposed budget not less than two weeks before the meeting where it is to be debated.
- d. The budget shall be subject to amendment from time to time by Council by Ordinary Resolution.
- e. A detailed summary of the most recent version of the Union budget shall be made available to members on the Union's website and by request in hard copy from the Vice-President (Finance and Operations).

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#### 7.3 Financial Statements and Audits

- a. Council shall, before September 30 of each year, approve and publish the audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year. The audited financial statements shall be presented to the Members at the next General Meeting.
- b. The audited financial statements shall include the income statement, the balance sheet, and any comments made by the auditors as to the Union's accounting procedures.
- c. Council shall approve the appointment of the auditor before September 30 of each year. The appointment of the auditor shall be presented to the Members at the next General Meeting for ratification.

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#### 7.4 Fees and Levies

- a. The Board of Governors is authorized to act as agent for the Union in the collection of Membership Fees and any Society Levies or Faculty-Level Society Fees.
- b. As per the Fee Agreement between the Union and the University, dated August 28, 2001 as may be amended supplemented or replaced, Member fees, Union Fees and Society Fees may only be collected if they are set and approved as per the Bylaws and Policies of the Union subject to and in accordance with these Bylaws.
- c. Council shall be responsible for the disbursement of all monies received by the Union.

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**7.5 General Fund**

- a. The Union shall maintain a general account for the operations of the Union.
- b. The Union may, by Ordinary Resolution of Council, establish special purpose accounts to be used in accordance with applicable Policies.

**7.6 Signing Authority**

- a. In accordance with the DSU Act, contracts related to the real or personal property of the Union, which require approval under these Bylaws and the Policies shall, subject to such approval by Council, only be signed by both of: (a) the President or Vice President (Internal), and (b) the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- b. Any contract other than those described in section 7.5.a may be signed by any two of: the President, Vice President (Finance and Operations), Vice President (Internal), and any Full-Time Staff of the Union designated by Council as a signing officer.
- c. All liabilities incurred by the Union duly approved as per these Bylaws and Policies shall be paid by cheque on the General Fund of the Union, signed by any two of the President, Vice President (Finance and Operations), Vice President (Internal), and any Full-Time Staff of the Union designated by Council as a signing officer.
- d. No cheque shall be signed by the individual to whom the cheque is made out to.

**7.7 Financial Reporting**

- a. At the request of Council, the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) shall provide a report in the manner requested on the financial state of the Union, any Union-run business, or any Union-organized event or activity, within two weeks of such a request.

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Bylaw 8: General Meetings

8.1 Notice

- a. Notice of the date, time, and location of any General Meeting shall be delivered to Members not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- b. If a General Meeting will consider amendments or revisions to these Bylaws, the text of any amendments or revisions duly proposed as per these Bylaws shall be included in the notice.
- c. Notice for any General Meeting shall be delivered to Members via email, provided that where email is not available, sufficient notice may be given by publicizing notice of the General Meeting at least 21 days before the date of the meeting through at least two of the following media: posted notices, campus radio, the Union's web page and/or the Union's social media account(s).
- d. The agenda and other relevant materials (including resolutions proposed under Sections 8.6.c or 12.3) concerning a General Meeting will be distributed by email and on the Union's website, and available upon request to the Chair of Council, not less than seven days before such a meeting.
- e. The unintentional omission to give notice of a General Meeting to any Member or any accidental irregularity in connection with the giving of notice or failure to receive notice by the Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at the General Meeting.

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8.2. Quorum

Quorum for a General Meeting shall be one (1) per cent of the total Membership. If a quorum is present at the opening of a General Meeting, the meeting may proceed even if a quorum is not present throughout.

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8.3 Robert's Rules

The rules contained in the then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all General Meetings in all cases to which they are applicable, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the Union.

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8.4 Voting

- a. In order to be eligible to vote at any General Meeting, a Member shall produce a valid University student identification card and must register by recording their name, student identification number, and signature. In the event that a Member does not have a University student identification card, they may produce proof of enrollment and a piece of government-issued photo identification.

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- b. Voting at a General Meeting shall be by a show of hands or secret ballot at the discretion of the Chair.
- c. Any Member may move a motion for an alternate vote, provided the request is made before the vote is conducted.
- d. Questions considered at a General Meeting shall be decided by Ordinary Resolution, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws.
- e. There shall be no voting by proxy at any General Meeting.
- f. There shall be no electronic voting at any General Meeting.

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**8.5 Chair and Recording Secretary**

- a. The Chair of Council shall preside over any General Meeting unless Council votes by Ordinary Resolution that another person shall preside over the meeting.
- b. The Recording Secretary of Council shall take minutes at any General Meeting unless Council votes by Ordinary Resolution that another person shall take minutes.

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**8.6 Annual General Meeting**

- a. An Annual General Meeting of the Union shall be held between the first day of classes at the University in September and September 30 of each year.
- b. At the Annual General Meeting, the Members shall consider the following business:
  - i. Presentation of the audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year;
  - ii. Ratification of the appointment of the auditor;
  - iii. Proposals to amend these Bylaws;
  - iv. Report from the Executive Officers regarding the activities of the Union; and
  - v. Member resolutions served with notice, as per these Bylaws.
- c. Unless otherwise outlined in these Bylaws, and specifically subject to section 11.3, Members who wish to make resolutions to the Annual General Meeting must submit a petition containing the names, student numbers, and signatures of at least 100 Members containing the resolution to be considered. Such a petition must be submitted to the Chair at least 10 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, and the Chair shall include the draft resolutions as part of the agenda circulated in accordance with Section 8.1(d).

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**8.7 Special General Meeting**

- a. A special General Meeting is a general meeting of the Members that considers business other than the business outlined in Section 8.6 (provided that such business may be included on the agenda of an Annual General Meeting).
- b. A special General Meeting may be called by Council solely for the purpose of considering specific resolutions proposed by Council, which shall be included in the notice of the meeting.

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- c. A special General Meeting shall be called by the Chair upon the receipt of a petition signed by at least 1 per cent of the Members which calls for such Special General Meeting and includes the specific resolutions to be considered at the meeting.
- d. The Chair must inform Council about the petition within 48 hours of receipt.
- e. A special General Meeting must be convened within 30 days of receipt of the petition.
- f. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall include the text of the resolutions to be considered.

**8.8 Land Recognition and Equity Statement**

Following the call to order at each General Meeting, the Chair shall read:

- a. A statement to recognize that the meeting is occurring on unceded, unsurrendered, Mi'kmaq territories.
- b. A statement regarding the Union's commitment to principles of equity and accessibility.

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Bylaw 9: Elections & Referenda

9.1 Scope

- a. This Bylaw shall govern elections for all Executive Officer and Councillor positions.
- b. This Bylaw shall govern all referenda pertaining to Union Fees and Society Fees.

9.2 Eligibility

- a. All Members shall be eligible to vote in any referendum regarding any fee that applies to them.
- b. All Members shall be eligible to vote for the following positions:
  - i. Executive Officers; and
  - ii. Board of Governors Representatives.
- c. Voting for Faculty Representatives will be limited to students enrolled in programs in that particular Faculty, as determined in accordance with applicable Policies.
- d. Voting for Community Representatives will be limited to students who are members of that particular Community, as determined in accordance with applicable Policies.

9.3 Administration of Elections

- a. The Elections Committee shall administer all elections and referenda undertaken pursuant to this Bylaw 9.
- b. In accordance with these Bylaws and Policies, Council shall create Policy regarding the administration of such elections and referenda.

9.4 Chief Returning Officer

- a. The Council shall, by Ordinary Resolution, appoint a Chief Returning Officer no later than September 30 to assist in administering all Union elections and referenda on behalf of the Elections Committee.
- b. The Chief Returning Officer shall not be an Executive Officer, Councillor, Committee member, or employee of the Union for the duration of their term.
- c. The Chief Returning Officer shall be paid an honorarium as outlined in Policy.
- d. The Chief Returning Officer shall receive, investigate and render decisions regarding complaints during elections and referenda, all in accordance with Bylaws and Policy.

9.5 Elections Committee

- a. The Elections Committee shall include five Members.
- b. Members of the Elections Committee shall not be Executive Officers, Councillors, or a member of any other Standing Committee of the Union.

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- c. The members of the Elections Committee shall by Ordinary Resolution choose one amongst themselves to chair the committee.
- d. No member of the Elections Committee may contest an election under the jurisdiction of Council.
- e. No member of the Elections Committee may be a Campaign Worker for a candidate or referendum campaign in an election under the jurisdiction of Council.
- f. No member of the Elections Committee shall display any public interest in the campaign of any candidate or referendum campaign team.
- g. The Elections Committee shall:
  - i. Recommend election dates to the Council;
  - ii. Publicize important information regarding elections and referenda;
  - iii. Oversee all Union elections and referenda;
  - iv. Establish a code of conduct for candidates or other such guidelines pursuant to these Bylaws and Policies for a given election or referenda;
  - v. Decide on any appeals made regarding decisions made by the Chief Returning Officer;
  - vi. Have the power to declare the results of any election or referenda to be void in the event of an egregious breach of the Bylaws or Policies.
  - vii. Assist in the development of Policies related to elections and referenda; and
  - viii. Make recommendations to Council regarding Bylaw and Policy amendments related to elections and referenda.

**9.6 Elections Appeals Committee**

- a. There shall be an Elections Appeals Committee, which shall include three Members who are not Councillors or Executive Officers, including at least one Member who is in their third year of law school or holds a law degree.
- b. The members of the Election Appeals Committee, shall, by Ordinary Resolution, select one from among themselves to chair the committee.
- c. Members of the Elections Appeals Committee shall be appointed by Council no later than September 30.
- d. No member of the Elections Appeals Committee shall be an Executive Officer, Councillor, member of any Union Committee, or employee of the Union.
- e. No member of the Elections Appeals Committee may contest an election under the jurisdiction of Council.
- f. No member of the Elections Appeals Committee may be a Campaign Worker for a candidate or referendum campaign in an election under the jurisdiction of Council.
- g. No member of the Elections Appeals Committee shall display any public interest in the campaign of any candidate or referendum campaign team.
- h. The Elections Appeals Committee shall at the request of any candidate in an election or campaign team in an election, review a decision of the Elections Committee to determine if it is in line with the DSU Act, Bylaws, and Policies.
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- i. Decisions of the Elections Appeals Committee shall include reasons for any decision rendered.
- j. Decisions of the Elections Appeals Committee shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

**9.7 Scope of Referenda**

- a. A referendum shall only be undertaken to deal with questions regarding:
  - i. Increasing Union Fees over and above the rate of increase of the Canadian Price Index (CPI);
  - ii. Creating a Society Levy; or
  - iii. Increasing an existing Society Levy or Faculty-Level Society fee.
- b. Referendum questions pertaining to student fees that are not administered by the Union are not permitted.

**9.8 Referenda Questions**

- a. Referenda questions pertaining to Union Fees must be approved by Special Resolution by Council, in accordance with the Bylaws and Policy.
- b. A referendum on a new Society Levy shall be held if a petition containing the draft text of a referendum question that meets the requirements of these Bylaws, including the amount of the new Society Levy, and the names, student numbers, and signatures of not less than 10 per cent of all Members to whom the Society Levy would apply is submitted to the Chief Returning Officer. If the Chief Returning Officer position is vacant, the petition shall be submitted to the Chair of Council.
- c. A referendum on an increase to an existing Society Levy shall be held if the Society passes a Special Resolution at their council, board, or similar governance body and presents a petition containing the draft text of the referendum question that meets the requirement of these Bylaws, including the amount of the Society Levy increase, and the names, student numbers, and signatures of not less than five per cent of Members to whom the increase would apply is submitted to the Chief Returning Officer. If the Chief Returning Officer position is vacant, the petition shall be submitted to the Chair of Council.
- d. A referendum held in accordance with sections 9.7.a or b shall be held during the next general election.
- e. Council may: approve a proposed referendum question that meets the requirements of the Bylaws, propose amendments to a proposed referendum question that does not meet the requirement of, or is contrary to, the Bylaws (such amendments to be subject to acceptance by the person that proposed the question), or reject a proposed referendum question that does not meet the requirement of, or is contrary to, the Bylaws; all subject to these Bylaws and Policy.
- f. Referendum questions must be phrased to elicit yes/no answers.

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- g. Referendum questions must be phrased in a positive way such that a vote of “yes” signifies agreement with the Levy or fee proposal and a vote of “no” signifies disagreement with the Levy or fee proposal.

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**9.9 Referenda Procedure**

- a. All referenda must be conducted in accordance with elections and referenda procedures as outlined in these Bylaws and Policies.
- b. All referenda questions will be decided by a simple majority of votes.

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**9.10 Quorum**

Quorum for all elections and referenda shall be 10 per cent of Members.

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Bylaw 10: Policy

10.1 Scope of Policy

- a. Operations Policies of the Union set out rules and procedures of the Union in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the DSU Act.
- b. Issues Policies of the Union set out the Union's position or stance in any area of concern and in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the DSU Act.

10.2 Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Policy

- a. Council may, by Special Resolution adopt, amend, or repeal any Operations Policy, subject to these Bylaws.
- b. Council may, by Ordinary Resolution adopt, amend, or repeal any Issues Policy, subject to these Bylaws.
- c. Notice of any motion to adopt, amend, or repeal any Policy, including full text of the motion, must be given at a meeting of Council and such motion shall not be considered until a subsequent meeting of Council.

10.3 Policies are Binding

- a. Policies are binding on Executive Officers, Union staff, Council, and Members.
- b. Policies remain in effect until such a time that they are amended or repealed as per these Bylaws.

10.4 Policy Manual

- a. The Union shall maintain a Policy manual that contains all the current Policies of the Union.
- b. The Policy manual shall be updated within two weeks of any additions, amendment, or deletion of Policy.
- c. The Policy manual will be available on the Union website, as well as by request to the Vice-President (Internal).

10.5 Mandatory Policies

The Union shall maintain all of the following Operations Policies at all times:

- a. Elections Policy, provided that the Elections Policy shall not be amended in any material respect during the three months prior to a general election or during the period beginning when a by-election is called and ending on the date of the by-election;

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- b. Referenda Policy, provided that the Referenda Policy shall not be amended in any material respect during the period beginning when a referendum is requested and ending on the date of the referendum;
- c. Societies Policy;
- d. Grant and Sponsorship Policy;
- e. Faculty Member Identification Policy;
- f. Community Member Identification Policy;
- g. Financial Policy
- h. Privacy Policy; and
- i. Anti-discrimination Policy

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Bylaw **11**: Amendment and Revisions

**11.1** Members' Authority

Members may amend or revise these Bylaws by Special Resolution at a General Meeting, as per the conditions set out in these Bylaws.

**11.2** Proposed Amendments from Council

- a. Any Councillor wishing to propose amendments or revisions to these Bylaws must provide notice, including the text of the proposed amendments or revisions, no less than four weeks in advance of the meeting that such revisions are to be debated.
- b. Council may by Special Resolution adopt such amendments or revisions which will be in force until a General Meeting is convened in order to ratify the amendments or revisions. Despite the preceding sentence, any amendment or revision to these Bylaws which has the effect of disenfranchising Members with respect to their rights to elect or remove Councillors and Executive Members, approve amendments to Bylaws, initiate referenda, or petition to add items to the agenda of a General Meeting shall be of no force or effect until ratified by Members at a General Meeting.
- c. Should the Members ratify amendments or revisions to these Bylaws as proposed by Council by Special Resolution at a General Meeting, these amendments or revisions will remain in effect.
- d. If Members fail to ratify such amendments or revisions, the amendments or revisions cease to have effect as of the date of the General Meeting.
- e. If an annual or special General Meeting is not convened within a year of Council adopting amendments or revisions, the amendments or revisions cease to have effect on the anniversary date of their passing.

**11.3** Proposed Amendments by Petition

- a. Any Member wishing to propose amendments or revisions to these Bylaws must submit to the Chair of Council a petition including the text of the proposed amendments or revisions and the names, student numbers, and signatures of no less than 10 per cent of the Membership.
- b. If the petition is submitted between September 1 and March 1 and a General Meeting is already scheduled to take place within 45 but not less than 21 days, the Chair of Council will include the proposed amendments or revisions on the agenda of that General Meeting.
- c. If the petition is submitted between September 1 and March 1 and a General Meeting is not scheduled to take place within 30 days, the Chair of Council will call a Special General Meeting with the sole purpose of considering the proposed amendments or revisions.

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- d. If the petition is submitted between March 2 and August 31, the Chair of Council will include the proposed amendments or revisions on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.
- e. Should the Members approve the proposed amendments or revisions, the amendments or revisions shall have effect immediately, unless otherwise resolved by the Members at the General Meeting.

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# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

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## **INTERNAL**

### **Day to Day**

- Residence council
  - Presenting at all Residence Councils to get feedback
    - Two more to meet with
- Society HUB
  - Creating a video to showcase the HUB – filming next week
    - Looking into rebranding the Society HUB as the “Student HUB”
  - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
    - Email [ccopy@dal.ca](mailto:ccopy@dal.ca)
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
  - Filing cabinets are also bookable
  - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
- Phone Line
  - Waiting to hear back about Prevention Innovation grant
  - Selecting external reviewer
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm

### **Ratification**

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - Following up on provisional ratifications
  - Amendments to society policy
    - Levied societies
      - Arranging meetings with Levied societies
    - Type I and II societies – meeting with faculty societies
      - removing constitution requirement for Type II societies
  - Transition support for societies

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

- Early ratifications
  - Submit March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> and have your constitution approved by the current SRC to have automatically approved upon submission of ratification after May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Transition support – email election dates to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
  - DSU facilitated transition for Type I's & Type II's
    - Transition package
  - Open transition day/ week for type III societies
- Working with societies on a variety of issues

## Grants

- Grants committee meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:00pm
  - Grant applications due March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Sponsorship funding has been exhausted
- Webforms for member grants: <http://www.dsu.ca/member-grant>

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists
- Expanding levied society presence on other campus
  - Monday coffee with Loaded Ladle
  - Bike Centre location on Sexton
  - Sexton society fairs

## Societies

- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Ratified Society Booking portal has launched!
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members
    - Survey event happened March 11<sup>th</sup>
      - gathering feedback

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- Sustainability Office Steering Committee
- E&A Steering Committee Call society members appointed
  - Member at larges call out coming soon
    - 3 General Students
    - One Black Student
    - Student with a disability

### Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms

- Report to come end of March

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **IMPACT AWARDS**

- Happening on March 24th

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- Funding received from university
  - o Appointing advisory committee

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

## **SERVICES**

### **Creating a new all-inclusive “Event Booking” form/ Package**

- The new form will provide information about avenues for university funding for certain events such as Dal After Dark funding, and DSU grants and sponsorship
- Tasks:
- Creating a survey form for societies (mostly Type 1s) to list the resources they are able to provide to societies including funding opportunities and promotion resources
  - Creating an inventory of the promotional resources the DSU is able to offer
    - o Full list of all the social media platforms used by societies
  - Society questionnaire to find out what types of events societies will promote

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

- Working on creating more regular opportunities for society executives and members to network and connect- share resources and expertise
- Creating a process where the experiences of society executives are not lost in transition
  - o Creating a bank of society operations and events knowledge

## **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, March 7, 2016 to Sunday, March 20, 2016

#### **Budget 2016-17:**

DSU Budget for 2016-17 is prepared. It will be presented to council on March 23, and will be voted on April 6, 2016

#### **Budget Feedback:**

Summary of Budget will be posted online and open for student feedback for one week. Meeting with DSU incoming Execs to get their feedback on Budget.

#### **Year End 2015-16**

Working on year end for 2015-16. Will report to council on April 20 meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Nominating committee will start interview for Council chair, Secretary and others on 1<sup>st</sup> week of April.

#### **Society Audit:**

Society audit is completed.



## **Report to DSU Council for Wednesday March 23rd**

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

- Attended International Night, hosted by DISA.

### **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

#### **Senate**

##### Meetings

- Senate met on March 14. The biggest agenda item was the fossil fuel divestment report, which was accepted with some minor amendments (which involved the relationship between the senate and board). The senate fossil fuel divestment report recommended that the ad hoc committee work with the board to move the recommended ethical investment policy forward, and report back to Senate in October.
- Met with the Academic Award for Innovation in Teaching committee
- Ratification meeting - 24 resolved plagiarism cases through AIOs since last council meeting

#### **Other**

- Registrar hiring process continues.

### **Campaigns**

#### **Student Issues Matter Campaign**

- CUQSC organizing meetings ongoing. Registration is live at <https://mycareer.dal.ca/dalconnects/CUQSC.htm> and the website will be public this week.
- With sponsorship from the DSU, presidents office and others, a delegation of 11 students is attending the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience Summit in Scarborough.

#### **Education Shouldn't Be a Debt Sentence Campaign**

##### Actions/Events

- External committee met to plan next steps - in the lead-up to the April 19th board of governors meeting, we will be doing petitioning, class talks, and letters to the editor. A talking points sheet for easy letters to the editor is included with my report.
- Met with Josh Leon, dean of engineering, along with a group of engineering student leaders to discuss the tuition reset and their faculty budget.



## UPCOMING

- Federal budget to be tabled very soon - Trudeau promised \$750 million in new grant funding, \$50 million for indigenous education, and \$40 million for new co-op placements. We will see if he keeps his promises.
- Provincial budget will follow soon after.
- Senate planning and governance committee
- Academic committee - Tuesday, March 22nd at 6pm. Make sure your society has a representative!
- DSU Annual general meeting April 6th

Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

Report to Council

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, to March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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## **EXTERNAL**

Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes! <https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>

Conferencing

- Went to RISE: Racialized & Indigenous Students' Experience. Myself and several other Dalhousie Delegates travelled to Toronto to hear, share and learn with students from across Canada. The purpose of the conference was to learn from each other's lessons, victories and challenges, develop intersectional and grassroots strategies to fight racism and colonialism on our campuses and focus on healing, for our communities and ourselves.
- Action items from RISE: come back to Halifax and to apply skills and learning's to everyday life, and to activate and organize within our own communities.

## **INTERNAL**

Handbook Project

- Working with the DSU Graphic Designer Emily to create the 2016/2017 Handbook. Decided to hire a student to commission advertising sales for the book so it can remain a free service for students.
- Hire to be released early April

Re-Branding the SUB

- On the consultation committee for the Student Union Building re-branding for post renovation signage and identity of the building. Presentations made of three potential brands from our design company, Burke & Burke.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Orientation

- Going to the first Diversity and Inclusion Orientation meeting to start conversations on done wells and do betters from last year's transition period, and the ongoing transition of students into our community.

## Events

- Impact Awards: Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Impact Awards Planning committee is finishing final preparations for the ceremony. My duties included: selecting performances, selecting and working with MC's, sitting on the selection committee, as well as sitting on the decorations committee.

## **OPERATIONS**

### Grawood

- Said the Whale "Rock the Vote" concert was a huge success! Great turnout and our opening band were Dal students who got a chance to perform for the crowd!
- Dal's got talent: The Final Round occurring Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> Come out and support your favorite performers as they compete for the grand prize! We have 4 finalists going into the top round, and the winner will be decided by scoring of the judges and an audience vote.

### T-Room

- Looking to plan a few more T-Room events before the end of the year: Including another tournament. (Let us know if you have other ideas!)

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

### Sexton Programming

- Have been working to make sure there are more events on Sexton campus. Let us know how we are doing!

### Student Life Committee

- Been having regular meetings with the committee dedicated to bettering student life on campus through programming and events. We are looking for creative people with fresh ideas, as we are hoping to bring some new events to campus. But more importantly anyone with a passion for improving student life is welcome!
- Dal's Amazing Race is on! A campus wide version of a scavenger hunt running from March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>! Students will get into teams and complete challenges all over Halifax to win the top prize! Over 20 teams signed up and students are still able to join the race if they wish.
- Looking to have several puppy room days throughout the exam period as well as de-stress and wellness programming at all campuses.
- You can apply to join at [dsu.ca/studentlife](http://dsu.ca/studentlife)

### TEDxDalhousieU

- Event was a huge success! We sold out and gained a lot of positive feedback. Working on getting the videos online and wrapping up logistics for turn over for next year.

## **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

### Programming:

- Planning a bubble soccer tournament to occur right before exams start.

Varsity:

- Connecting with Varsity Council on how to better create a DSU/Varsity Council connection for the incoming VPSL for next year. Want to create a better partnership of support for Varsity Athletes, and better promotion for varsity events.

# Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 6:30 PM – Council Chambers, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 7:58 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Julia Guk	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kathleen Reid	Vice-President (Student Life)
Kaitlynnne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Anthony Sakaili	BOG Representative
Liam Hunt	Senate Representative
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Danielle LaPierre	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director
Angela Hou	Arts and Social Science Representative
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas	Computer Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Moe Kabara	Graduate Studies Representative
Derek Moreau	Engineering Representative (Sexton)
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka	Law Representative
Corlyn Turner	Commerce Representative
Kasey Moss	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Aaron Prosper	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Agricultural Representative

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Druv Bhatia	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Dan Jolivet	Architecture and Planning Representative

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## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Jad Sinno	Member at Large (May Appointment)
Saki Sultana	Member at Large (Graduate Student)
Rebecca Haworth	BOG Representative
Holly Lobsinger	Women's Community Representative
Laciphina Ciu	Residence Representative
Amr ElKhashab	International Students' Community Representative
Jimena Prado	International Students' Community Representative
Cory Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Sara Jaber	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Joey Seney	Management Representative
Alexandra Hudson	Medicine Representative
Naznin Sultana	Graduate Studies Representative

## OTHERS PRESENT

Kate Hosten	Member
Mitchell Broughton	Member
Mitchell Brown	Member
Kym Sweeney	Member
Jason Smith	Member
Sep Rassi	Chief Returning Officer

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2016-04-06: A01

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

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Sakaili

### MOTION 2016-04-06: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to 10A New Business moving to above communications received.

**Moved:** Khadr **Seconded:** Prosper

### MOTION 2016-04-06: A02 CARRIED

### MOTION 2016-04-06: A03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include the closing ceremonies that had been scheduled for the end of the AGM.

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**Moved:** Prosper **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A03 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move Appointments before everything because of time.

**Moved:** Davies-Cole **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to table executive reports from agenda.

**Moved:** Hutton **Seconded:** Sakaili

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A05 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2016-04-06: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Council meeting be tabled.

**Moved:** Reid **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-04-06: M01 CARRIED**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

### A. Regrets

Greg will email these out.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### A. New Appointments

i. Appointment of Secretary for remainder of 2015-2016 DSU Council term.



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## **MOTION 2016-04-06: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Julia Guk be appointed Secretary for the remainder of the 2015-16 term.

**Moved:** Moss **Seconded:** Reid

## **MOTION 2016-04-06: C01 CARRIED**

### **ii. Appointment of 2016-17 DSAS Executive Director**

#### **Nominees:**

Mitch Brown (Rahman)

Kym Sweeny (Lowe)

Kate Hoston (member of DSAS) describes the position: Exec director is the full time position. All there for residence issues, code of conduct issues, we act as advocates for those students – accompany students to AIO meetings, prepare written materials for students. Summer – 9am to 4pm positions. In September the executive director position becomes an “on-cal” position with the 2 other directors. Exec Director runs office hours, takes on cases and deals with certain management issues. We are all law students that work in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of SUB.

Mitch Broughton explained that SAS found that there was a large gap on campus for students facing racism, discrimination, sexual assault. We did this on our own, out of necessity took on cases, run policy workshops for the students, put out pamphlets on how these things can be approved because we find them to be lacking.

**Candidate Elected:** Kim Sweeny

## **MOTION 2016-04-06: C02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Kim Sweeny be appointed the DSAS Executive Directors for the 2016-17 term.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

## **MOTION 2016-04-06: C02 CARRIED**

### **iii. Appointment of 2016-17 DSAS Summer Director**

#### **Nominees:**

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Jason Smith (Rahman)

Mitch Brown (Ryan)

## MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the rules are suspended so we can do last name first for candidate speeches.

**Moved:** Hou **Seconded:** Nicholson

## MOTION CARRIED

**Candidate Elected:** Jason Smith

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### A. Board of Governors Caucus

Sakaili: No feedback yet on the policy, have met with divest to see how we support them. We need to move forward on the engineering position, want to draft up a policy and can take this up with Dan and Derek over the next while.  
Dan: on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, Board of Governors will be voting on tuition increases. Also, I will be attending another BOG meeting and executive meeting of BOG to talk about confidential matters but nothing super interesting to students.

### B. Senate Caucus

Hutton: Not a lot on my end, last week's meeting was focused on diversity – not a lot of decisions, just a lot of presentations – the residence program, sessions at the president's residence to implement more diversity in curriculum.

Sarah: Please email me any thoughts before the 14<sup>th</sup> because that's when our next meeting is.

Hunt: I was appointed to a joint task force in order to come up with best practices as they relate in equity and diversity in hiring practices; expected to meet 2-3 times this month and hopefully have a working paper for the committee by the end of the month. I pulled up a comprehensive document from UBC on this exact topic, but it's from 2009 and not all the info is still pertinent. Asking people at the table if they have information regarding this, I would imagine some of you do, please feel free to talk to me/email/FB. Once that paper is done, you'll see it on the senate shortly.

Dobson: We had some important stuff at SDC (disciplinary committee). As it stands, the president has the power to intervene in residence issues but not in professional behaviour issues, which was what the dentistry scandal was about. There's conflicting issues with the legal side and the moral side and issues with undermining faculty process, it might be easier if I typed up a comprehensive

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overview of it because it's complex and let you respond to that. Another one coming on the code of conduct that more cases will be heard at the AIO (integrity officer) level instead of disciplinary committee level.

## C. Elections Committees

Rassi: I was a CRO, Kaley and I came up with possible election dates. I will compare this year's elections to last year's. They did a great job last year, it just makes sense to compare them to the previous elections. I tried to look for students who want to be involved with the elections committee; DSU approved everything, we had first meeting in November. We created new social media accounts for the DSU election, had new ideas for elections processes, a meet campaign, check-in with candidates, food vouchers, meals. Had idea of mental health support and DMCRT. Turnout was 18.7%.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2016-17 Budget

#### MOTION 2016-04-06: N01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016-17 DSU Budget be approved.

Banks: no mention on how grey areas of Sexton and Carleton areas of the budget have been broken down.

Rahman: we don't have the actual amount of how much is going to each campus, if we have people write down which campus they're from when applying for grants, that would give us indications.

Reid: I agree we need to have lines in the budget, will focus on this next year

Nicholson: collecting more comprehensive data was something we touched on. it's still unclear with budget representations as to where money is being used for. We brought this up with the accounting staff, want to collect more details. Accounting department said this would be time consuming, lots of energy, but grants and sponsorship and programming everyone is on board with for implementing for the future.

Lowe: There's also the budget revision process in the fall term; important for the new exec to address the amount of money being delivered to the campuses, and coming up with methods for better data collection and ways to hold accountability.

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Banks: just by having these lines in the budget is important, as of now I don't want to support the budget because it doesn't recognize that there are portions of these lines that could be better allocated. I also think there's time to address those before the next meeting.

Ryan: I will not create any new money through the revision process, I'm not sure the lines if added now would stick through in the revision process. A lot of things have to move around.

## **MOTION TO TABLE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016-2017 DSU budget be tabled to the next meeting, to take the categories and pull out the % per campus.

**Moved:** Banks **Seconded:** Soroka

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Executive reports were tabled.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A02**

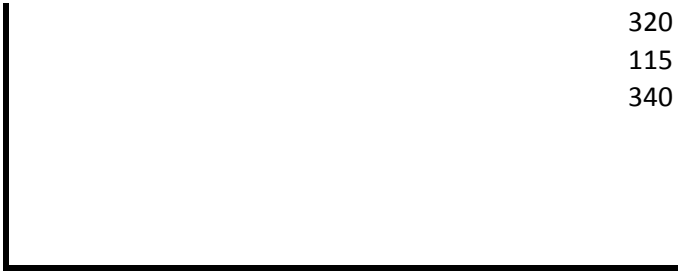
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Dobson **Seconded:** Moreau

**MOTION 2016-04-06: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM**

Sector	Dept
Revenue Dept	100
	190
	200
Adminstration	110
	120
	130
	140
	150
	160
	170
Services (Non Revenue)	112
	325
	180
	410
Services (Revenue)	330
	430
	326
	390
Food & Bar Services	220
	250
	260
	270
	280
	440
Programming	161
	350
	395
	450
Policy, Campaign, Communications	155
	185
	111
	113
	195
Operations	230
	240
	300
	310



320  
115  
340

# DSU Budget 2016-17

Description	Revenue	Expense
Student Fee	\$ 1,204,951.54	
Contarct	\$ 126,386.24	
Investment	\$ 22,262.00	\$ 10,710.00
Council Adminstration		\$ 47,550.00
President		\$ 46,662.00
Vice President Internal		\$ 45,412.00
Vice President (Finance & Operations)		\$ 45,471.00
Vice President (Academic & External)		\$ 46,050.00
Vice President Student life		\$ 45,190.00
Elections		\$ 12,775.00
Services		\$ 93,000.00
Member Services	\$ 110.00	\$ 75,141.37
Advocacy Service		\$ 26,407.00
Tiger Patrol		\$ 34,974.72
Reservations	\$ 106,915.00	\$ 61,369.00
Campus Copy	\$ 144,550.00	\$ 143,156.48
Farmers Market	\$ 86,263.00	\$ 94,760.44
Handbook	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,378.00
Food Services	\$ 79,700.00	\$ 21,000.00
Grawood Bar	\$ 181,500.00	\$ 205,251.94
Grawood Food	\$ 148,140.00	\$ 173,042.80
Bar Service Events	\$ 75,109.56	\$ 65,664.97
Bar Service Invoice	\$ 90,692.00	\$ 90,500.75
T Room	\$ 99,132.00	\$ 103,474.00
Programming	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 70,500.00
Grawood Programming	\$ 34,900.00	\$ 40,440.00
Orientation	\$ 190,500.00	\$ 193,200.00
Sexton Programming	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 18,480.00
Policy		\$ 56,884.43
Communications		\$ 45,685.00
Advocacy/Campaigns		\$ 20,000.00
Communications tool		\$ 28,380.00
Graphic Design & Campaign		\$ 45,406.00
General Operations		\$ 158,151.54
Accounts		\$ 140,361.00
Technical	\$ 55,925.00	\$ 146,964.80
Computer		\$ 56,134.50

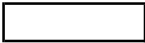
Security	\$	139,479.70
Sexton Office	\$	14,193.00
Furniture,Alteration,Renovation	\$	22,500.00

\$ 2,708,486.34 \$ 2,702,701.44

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Net (dept)		Net (sector)	
\$	1,204,951.54	\$	1,342,889.78
\$	126,386.24		
\$	11,552.00		
\$	(47,550.00)	-\$	289,110.00
\$	(46,662.00)		
\$	(45,412.00)		
\$	(45,471.00)		
\$	(46,050.00)		
\$	(45,190.00)		
\$	(12,775.00)		
\$	(93,000.00)	-\$	229,413.09
\$	(75,031.37)		
\$	(26,407.00)		
\$	(34,974.72)		
\$	45,546.00	\$	38,064.08
\$	1,393.52		
\$	(8,497.44)		
\$	(378.00)		
\$	-		
\$	58,700.00	\$	15,339.10
\$	(23,751.94)		
\$	(24,902.80)		
\$	9,444.59		
\$	191.25		
\$	(4,342.00)		
\$	(40,500.00)	-\$	53,770.00
\$	(5,540.00)		
\$	(2,700.00)		
\$	(5,030.00)		
\$	(56,884.43)	-\$	196,355.43
\$	(45,685.00)		
\$	(20,000.00)		
\$	(28,380.00)		
\$	(45,406.00)		
\$	(158,151.54)	-\$	621,859.54
\$	(140,361.00)		
\$	(91,039.80)		
\$	(56,134.50)		



\$	(139,479.70)
\$	(14,193.00)
\$	(22,500.00)
\$	5,784.90

**Fall**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.18%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.19%
Facility Improvement	2.93%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.31%
CKDU	6.18%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.62%
NSPIRG	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Gazette	4.26%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.16%
South House	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.93%
Student Accessibility	1.21%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.31%
DalOut	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Sustainability Office	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Loaded Ladle	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.55%
Equity & accessibility	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Get Real	0.48%	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Winter**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.18%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.19%
Facility Improvement	2.93%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.31%
CKDU	6.18%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.62%
NSPIRG	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Gazette	4.26%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.16%
South House	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.93%
Student Accessibility	1.21%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.31%
DalOut	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Sustainability Office	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Loaded Ladle	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.55%
Equity & accessibility	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Get Real	0.48%	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Summer**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.18%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.19%
Facility Improvement	2.93%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.31%
CKDU	6.18%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.62%
NSPIRG	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Gazette	4.26%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.16%
South House	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.93%
Student Accessibility	1.21%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.31%
DalOut	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ -	0.00%
Sustainability Office	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.03%	\$ 0.75	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Loaded Ladle	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.55%
Equity & accessibility	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.15%</b>	<b>71.43</b>	<b>37.43</b>	<b>98.04%</b>

**Distance Students**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	100.00%	5.00	-	-

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	14,985	1,071	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	503,046.45	\$ 19,095.93	\$ 522,142.38
\$	187,312.50	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 198,022.50
\$	31,918.05	\$ 535.50	\$ 32,453.55
\$	67,432.50	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 68,503.50
\$	44,955.00	\$ 535.50	\$ 45,490.50
\$	46,453.50	\$ 2,516.85	\$ 48,970.35
\$	44,955.00	\$ 1,606.50	\$ 46,561.50
\$	13,186.80	\$ 535.50	\$ 13,722.30
\$	7,492.50	\$ 267.75	\$ 7,760.25
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	3,746.25	\$ 267.75	\$ 4,014.00
\$	44,955.00	\$ 2,677.50	\$ 47,632.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ 535.50	\$ 15,520.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	5,244.75	\$ 267.75	\$ 5,512.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ 267.75	\$ 7,760.25
\$	1,090,608.30	\$ 40,890.78	\$ 1,131,499.08

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	14,292	1,138	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	479,782.44	\$ 20,290.54	\$ 500,072.98
\$	178,650.00	\$ 11,380.00	\$ 190,030.00
\$	30,441.96	\$ 569.00	\$ 31,010.96
\$	64,314.00	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 65,452.00
\$	42,876.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 43,445.00
\$	44,305.20	\$ 2,674.30	\$ 46,979.50
\$	42,876.00	\$ 1,707.00	\$ 44,583.00
\$	12,576.96	\$ 569.00	\$ 13,145.96
\$	7,146.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,430.50
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	3,573.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 3,857.50
\$	42,876.00	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 45,721.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 14,861.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	5,002.20	\$ 284.50	\$ 5,286.70
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,430.50
\$	1,040,171.76	\$ 43,448.84	\$ 1,083,620.60

Number of Students

Full-Time	3,183	Part-Time	2,790	Total Students	5,973
	<b>1,155.00</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Total Received</b>	
\$	106,853.31	\$	49,745.70	\$	156,599.01
\$	39,787.50	\$	27,900.00	\$	67,687.50
\$	6,779.79	\$	1,395.00	\$	8,174.79
\$	14,323.50	\$	2,790.00	\$	17,113.50
\$	9,549.00	\$	1,395.00	\$	10,944.00
\$	9,867.30	\$	6,556.50	\$	16,423.80
\$	9,549.00	\$	4,185.00	\$	13,734.00
\$	2,801.04	\$	1,395.00	\$	4,196.04
\$	795.75	\$	-	\$	795.75
\$	3,183.00	\$	-	\$	3,183.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	2,387.25	\$	-	\$	2,387.25
\$	795.75	\$	697.50	\$	1,493.25
\$	9,549.00	\$	6,975.00	\$	16,524.00
\$	3,183.00	\$	1,395.00	\$	4,578.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	3,183.00	\$	-	\$	3,183.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	227,361.69	\$	104,429.70	\$	331,791.39

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Full-Time	Part-Time		Total Received
-	-	\$	8,330.00
		\$	2,555,241.07
	Operations	\$	1,187,144.37
		\$	1,204,951.54

	Account #	Actuals 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Revenues</b>			
Student Fee Revenue	Dept 100	895,318.93	956,623.22
Contract Income	Dept 190	118,727.02	105,605.50
Investment Income	Dept 200	205,809.18	74,291.71
Food Services	Dept 220	168,473.89	160,505.42
Grawood Lounge	Dept 250	40,127.41	52,055.03
Grawood Food	Dept 260	-	-
Bar Services Functions	Dept 270	-	-
Bar Services Invoices	Dept 280	-	-
Reservations	Dept 330	37,477.35	47,519.72
Orientation	Dept 395	14,678.73	13,478.94
Campus Copy	Dept 430	(-732.22)	(3,044.73)
T Room	Dept 440	10,598.24	3,535.46
Farmers Market	Dept 326		
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,400,357.69</b>	<b>1,302,924.75</b>

		ACTUALS 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Expenses</b>			
(Governance & External Lobbying) Administration	Dept 110	205,612.08	166,932.88
Advocacy/Campaigns Service	Dept 111		
Communication tool	Dept 112		
Sexton Campus Office	Dept 113		
President's Office	Dept 115	3,846.48	4,090.78
Leadership	Dept 120	39,338.25	46,697.94
Vice President (Internal)	Dept 125	-	-
Vice President (Finance&Ops)	Dept 130	42,669.85	52,741.30
Vice President (Academic&External)	Dept 140	37,286.16	38,401.43
Policy	Dept 150	51,774.33	47,952.78
Vice President (Student Life)	Dept 155		
Student Life Programming	Dept 160	91,288.50	88,147.40
Elections	Dept 161		
Student Advocacy	Dept 170	10,184.20	11,791.29
Communications & Outreach	Dept 180	23,774.77	26,275.82
Graphic Design & Campaign	Dept 185	40,894.34	43,032.80
Operations	Dept 195	-	-
Accounts	Dept 230	122,377.48	134,741.96
Technical	Dept 240	139,471.19	123,938.09
Computer Support	Dept 300	65,074.55	70,187.00
SUB Security	Dept 310	30,536.08	28,282.97
Society Administrator	Dept 320	110,381.47	116,279.05
F, A, & R	Dept 325	-	41,488.76
	Dept 340	17,193.90	10,734.59

Programming and Promotions	Dept 350		
Handbook	Dept 390	(3,911.92)	(541.96)
Tiger Patrol	Dept 410	29,268.50	31,444.87
Sexton Campus Programming	Dept 450	11,002.95	9,681.88
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>1,091,882.65</b>	<b>1,101,008.02</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>		<b>308,475.04</b>	<b>201,916.73</b>



Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
991,354.67	1,057,325.80	1,206,329.85	1,237,544.12	1,196,985.15
132,002.67	123,696.39	117,160.39	100,137.14	93,040.48
100,916.60	215,854.82	41,003.03	24,518.94	11,609.85
179,251.13	23,913.30	(7,729.24)	38,091.64	43,970.48
65,468.25	(84,615.83)	(92,078.29)	(68,187.70)	(47,943.66)
-	(49,818.96)	(47,032.37)	(46,633.43)	(43,027.18)
-	5,858.43	4,893.76	6,377.10	6,173.80
-	(7,874.94)	5,005.43	1,345.52	7.36
44,485.72	39,688.43	47,625.83	56,734.19	23,950.77
6,012.98	(1,261.76)	7,871.49	-	55,214.96
1,018.21	(25,982.27)	(2,217.22)	6,378.36	3,601.78
6,593.06	2,399.70	(2,271.53)	3,960.93	(5,572.77)
1,389,116.56	1,29,9183.11	1,27,8561.13	1,360,266.81	1,338,011.02
Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
197,009.69	264,734.86	246,976.93	198,919.94	62,544.93
				19,958.26
				93,196.04
				26,876.30
8,283.98	9,944.96	7,259.86	10,551.65	14,877.08
48,888.70	45,789.84	45,194.53	45,318.46	45,774.05
34,433.62	58,092.93	34,216.12	17,283.18	13,710.00
55,754.57	54,309.98	62,504.13	62,268.08	48,719.98
44,520.63	40,030.22	42,132.70	44,259.92	45,082.89
55,140.67	59,150.36	67,921.91	53,345.67	43,599.77
			18,284.86	52,680.00
115,130.96	89,251.90	84,078.80	97,480.90	43,160.22
				33,000.00
12,392.15	6,901.57	5,056.43	12,235.26	12,575.00
25,401.66	25,130.05	22,167.03	31,393.88	26,298.81
44,080.85	47,080.84	49,926.24	64,569.03	42,853.36
-	35,032.63	30,180.47	30,459.74	41,678.00
180,126.22	128,851.78	146,779.88	154,249.55	154,835.85
129,179.96	126,654.08	110,795.62	132,797.39	140,989.08
69,726.32	62,763.86	67,789.35	66,285.61	86,228.18
31,730.06	36,801.09	33,097.25	35,622.51	40,929.15
119,422.09	124,521.76	126,714.30	125,847.46	133,338.12
47,246.31	45,579.59	47,734.00	65,122.98	74,239.54
13,294.14	25,126.17	17,518.81	12,143.45	9,718.80

8,177.38	23,383.54	18,522.74	14,835.45	5,695.72
(4,062.33)	663.16	(2,265.35)	2,472.50	2,723.05
24,081.34	30,376.29	40,444.09	34,277.76	36,782.80
10,292.20	14,769.28	10,562.16	2,964.10	6,683.35
1,234,362.47	1,363,040.74	1,320,981.02	1,332,989.33	1,358,748.33
<b>154,754.09</b>	<b>(63,857.63)</b>	<b>(42,419.89)</b>	<b>27,277.48</b>	<b>(20,737.31)</b>

<b>Budget 2016-17</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
1,204,951.54	0.7%
126,386.24	35.8%
11,552.00	-0.5%
58,700.00	33.5%
(23,751.94)	-50.5%
(24,902.80)	-42.1%
9,444.59	53.0%
191.25	2498.5%
45,546.00	90.2%
(2,700.00)	-104.9%
1,393.52	-61.3%
(4,342.00)	-22.1%
(8,497.44)	#DIV/0!
1,393,970.96	4.2%
<b>Budget 2015-16</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
47,550.00	-24%
20,000.00	0%
93,000.00	0%
28,380.00	6%
14,193.00	-5%
46,662.00	2%
-	0%
45,412.00	-7%
45,471.00	1%
46,050.00	6%
56,884.43	8%
45,190.00	5%
40,500.00	23%
12,775.00	2%
26,407.00	0%
45,685.00	7%
45,406.00	9%
158,151.54	2%
140,361.00	0%
91,039.80	6%
56,134.50	37%
139,479.70	5%
75,031.37	1%
22,500.00	132%

5,540.00	-3%
378.00	0%
34,974.72	-5%
5,030.00	-25%
1,388,186.06	2%
<b>5,784.90</b>	<b>-128%</b>

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Residence council
  - Draft Constitution being drafted
- Society HUB
  - Creating a video to showcase the HUB
    - Filmed and in editing
  - Arrange to meet your space needs for next year
    - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
      - Email [ccopy@dal.ca](mailto:ccopy@dal.ca)
      - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
  - Filing cabinets are also bookable
  - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
  
- Phone Line
  - External reviewer selected
  - Committee formation
  - Transition
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team
    - As well as the street team
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton
    - Bi-weekly Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm
  - Reviewing constitutions submitted for early ratification
  - Amendments to society policy
  - Transition support for societies
    - Transition support – email election dates to [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)
      - DSU facilitated transition for Type I's & Type II's
        - Transition package

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Open transition day/ week for type III societies
- Working with societies on a variety of issues

## Grants

- Grants for this year have closed- prepare for the new grant term starting May 1<sup>st</sup>!

## Accessibility Fund

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>

## Improving communication with all campuses

- Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists for next year!

## Societies

- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Ratified Society Booking portal has launched!
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
- Updating society training
- Updating society policy
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members
    - Survey event happened March 11<sup>th</sup>
      - gathering feedback

## OPERATIONS

### DSU Office integration Process

- E&A Steering Committee Call society members appointed
  - Member at larges call out coming soon
    - 3 General Students
    - One Black Student
    - Student with a disability

### Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms

- Report to come end of March

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### IMPACT AWARDS

- Happening on March 24th

### WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE

- University released announcement last week
- Doing some media

### Issues faced by student parents

- Evaluating the DSU's practices – along with other unions and universities
- Proposing recommendations to make union events and initiatives more accessible

**Vice President Internal  
REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Vice President (Finance & Operations)**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, March 21 2016 to Sunday, April 3,2016

**INTERNAL**

**Budget:**

**DSU Budget is presented to council on March 23. BOPS will review on April 4,Council will vote on budget at April 6 Meeting.**

**Investment Review:**

We meet with our investment manager who submitted a report on proposed divestment. BOPS will review the report on April 4<sup>th</sup> and send recommendations to council.

**Year end:**

**Working on the year end and making sure all the payments of the year is made within April**

**SERVICES**

**Health Plan Annual Report:**

**DSU health plan mid-year report 2015-16 is presented at Board of Operations meeting on March 21**



Vice President (Student Life)

Kathleen Reid

Report to Council

March 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, to April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

Contact at: [vpstudentlife@dsu.ca](mailto:vpstudentlife@dsu.ca)

W. 902 494 1281

Office Hours:

Mondays 11 am to 1pm

Wednesdays 11 am to 1pm

## **EXTERNAL**

Communications

- Student Life Live: ongoing radio show hosted by my self and 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student Jack Bennett. Check out our facebook page for updates and recorded episodes! <https://www.facebook.com/studentlifelive/?fref=ts>

Annual General Meeting

- Worked with the Policy and Research Coordinator to create the DSU Annual General report, on sections that were relevant to my position.
- Assisted in creating the executive report presentation, and carried our general prep for the meeting.

## **INTERNAL**

Handbook Project

- Working with the DSU Graphic Designer Emily to create the 2016/2017 Handbook. Decided to hire a student to commission advertising sales for the book so it can remain a free service for students.
- Currently in the process of setting up interviews.

Re-Branding the SUB

- On the consultation committee for the Student Union Building re-branding for post renovation signage and identity of the building. Presentations made of three potential brands from our design company, Burke & Burke.

Transition 2016

- Working on creating the transition program for incoming DSU executives. Our policy and research coordinator, general manager, member-services coordinator, and incoming and outgoing presidents will be the point people on this transition.
- Transition will start on April 25<sup>th</sup> and finish on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Programming a introduction retreat for the incoming executives, to happen the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Phone Line

- Joined the phone line committee: assisting in contingency plans for the phone line in the Summer

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### Orientation

- Creating a master registration program for all Orientation programming so students can better navigate all of the different orientation events, this will include but not be limited to:
  - Orientation Week (DSU)
  - Summer O (First Year Advising)
  - International Orientation (Dalhousie International Center)
  - Disability Orientation (Able at Dal)
  - Individual Faculty Orientations

## **OPERATIONS**

### Grawood

- Dal's got talent: The Final Round happened on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, after an incredible round the winners of our event were: Talea, the four piece Jazz/Rock band of Dalhousie Students! Congrats to them!
- Last Class Bash: Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> (the last official event in the current Grawood before it goes under renovation)

## **PROGRAMMING & EVENTS**

### Student Life Committee

- Had our last official meeting of the year last week. Focused on done-wells do-betters of the year. The committee will dis-band over the summer and there will not be programming throughout the summer term. The committee will start back up again in the fall 2016, so if you are interested reach out!
- Dal's Amazing Race was a success! ! A campus wide version of a scavenger hunt running from March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>! 20 teams signed up and Team Olivia came out on top.
- SLC is planning to go around handing out exam survival kits in libraries and buildings on campus! Lookout for us during exam period!

## **ATHLETICS & RECREATION**

### Varsity:

- Connecting with Varsity Council on how to better create a DSU/Varsity Council connection for the incoming VPSL for next year. Want to create a better partnership of support for Varsity Athletes, and better promotion for varsity events.

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Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:30 PM – Council Chambers, Student Union Building

## CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 PM

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Greg Johannson	Chair
Julia Guk	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Dan Nicholson	President
John Hutton	Vice-President (Academic and External)
Mahbubur Rahman	Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Kaitlynne Lowe	Vice-President (Internal)
Sarah Dobson	Senate Representative
Jeremy Banks	Senate Representative
Dylan Ryan	Member at Large (Sept. Appointment)
Danielle LaPierre	Member at Large (First Year Student)
Yazan Khadr	Sexton Campus Director
Corey Larsen	Arts and Social Science Representative
Ivit Yakub	Dentistry Representative
Katelyn Martell	Health Professions Representative
Allyson Falconer	Health Professions Representative
Bart Soroka (Proxy: Michael Coady)	Law Representative
Joey Seney	Management Representative
Kasey Moss (Proxy: Ben Fleishman)	Science Representative
Allister Mason	Science Representative
Aaron Prosper (Proxy: Valerie Armstrong)	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Michael Davies-Cole	Black Students' Community Representative
Rhiannon Makohoniuk	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Corlyn Turner (Proxy: Mackenzie Arnold)	Commerce Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Vacant	Agricultural Representative
Vacant	Graduate Studies Representative
Vacant	Graduate Studies Representative
Vacant	Graduate Studies Representative (Senator)
Vacant	Engineering Representative (Studley)
Vacant	International Students' Community Representative
Vacant	International Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Medicine Representative

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Vacant  
Vacant

Member at Large (May Appointment)  
Senate Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Kathleen Reid  
Saki Sultana  
Holly Lobsinger  
Anthony Sakaili  
Rebecca Haworth

Vice-President (Student Life)  
Member at Large (Graduate Student)  
Women's Community Representative  
BOG Representative  
BOG Representative

Angela Hou  
Raphael Bronfman-Nadas  
Derek Moreau  
Dan Jolivet

Arts and Social Science Representative  
Computer Science Representative  
Engineering Representative (Sexton)  
Architecture and Planning Representative

## COUNCILLORS ABSENT

## OTHERS PRESENT

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2016-04-20: A01

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

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Davies-Cole

### MOTION 2016-04-20: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to remarket finances, and include the nominations for the sustainability committee under appointments. The surplus from the 2015-2016 year be carried to the 2016-2017 year.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Lowe

### MOTION 2016-04-20: A02: CARRIED

### MOTION 2016-04-20: A03

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move the market motion up in the agenda above Old Business.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Khadr

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**MOTION 2016-04-20: A03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: A04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to move committee reports to the bottom.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Lowe

**MOTION 2016-04-20: A04: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: A01 CARRIED**

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Davies-Cole

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M01 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** to amend to add the presence.

**Moved:** LaPierre **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M02**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M04**

**MOTION to amend with** the attendance list.

**MOTION 2016-04-20: M04 CARRIED**

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## **MOTION 2016-04-20: M03 CARRIED**

### **5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

Johannson circulated a report from the Grants Committee, a summary of Society Policy amendments, a report from the Vice-President (Academic and External) and a report from the Commerce Representative.

### **6. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **A. Nominating Committee Appointments**

##### **i. Council Chair**

###### **Nominees:**

Mitch Brown

**Candidate Elected:** Mitch Brown

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mitch Brown be appointed Council Chair for the 2016-17 term.

**Moved:** Makohoniuk **Seconded:** Larsen

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C01 CARRIED**

##### **ii. Council Secretary**

###### **Nominees:**

Julia Guk

**Candidate Elected:** Julia Guk

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Julia Guk be appointed Council Secretary for the 2016-17 term.

**Moved:** Coady **Seconded:** Davies-Cole

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C02 CARRIED**

#### **A. New Appointments**

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## **i. Sustainability Office Steering Committee**

### **Nominees:**

Faelan Prentice  
Scott Rairdan  
Caitlin Grady  
Meredith Baldwin  
Courtney Hargray  
Gabrielle Mills  
Claire Tusz

### **Candidate Elected:**

Faelan Prentice  
Scott Rairdan  
Caitlin Grady  
Meredith Baldwin  
Courtney Hargray  
Gabrielle Mills  
Claire Tusz,

### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following people be appointed to the Sustainability Office Steering Committee for the 2016-17 term:

Faelan Prentice  
Scott Rairdan  
Caitlin Grady  
Meredith Baldwin  
Courtney Hargray  
Gabrielle Mills  
Claire Tusz,

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Larsen

### **MOTION 2016-04-20: C03 CARRIED**

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Chair's Report**

Johannson thanked everyone.

## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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## **A. Society Review Committee**

Lowe explained that the SRC was a great committee. They met in the summer all the way to last week. The Committee ratified 400 student societies, worked hard on changes to society policy, also trying to resolve issues around society transition – creating workshops with DSU staff and have gotten great response.

## **B. Grants Committee**

Lowe explained that the Grants budget had a surplus of 6373.55. The committee spent \$17642.75 on member grants, and \$30964.24 on society grants. The committee did a lot of work throughout the year and were able to give out a lot of funding while still having some left over. The committee also worked on changes to Grants policy, implemented accommodation grants, and some funding went to award sponsorships for societies through Board of operations.

## **C. Programming (Student Life) Committee**

## **D. Nominating Committee**

## **E. Academic Committee**

Hutton explained that the academic committee met monthly, and the goal was to have 3 separate things; one to give direction to the senate caucus, acting as a space for students to bring forward issues in their faculty societies, every faculty would have to say what's happening in their world. E.g. CHEB: able to remove some computers from there in response to complaints. The academic committee will be replaced by the new expanding Senate caucus and the Equity reps.

## **F. External Committee**

Hutton explained that the first big work was the federal election campaign; meeting in summer. The committee organized actions like chalking through downtown and campuses, and get out the vote, making students aware the election was happening. It went very well. The other big campaign the committee worked on was the Reject the Reset campaign, picked up in January, regular meetings, alternated space between Sexton and Studley, did activities to do banner drops, media stunts, rallies, BOG meetings, making student voices heard and petitioning. The committee got 1 in 10 Dal students to sign the petition!

## **G. Facilities Improvement Committee**

Nicholson explained that Rahman chaired that committee and it wasn't active except for one meeting to approve expenditures for blinds in the Student Union Building, and an expense for the Sexton campus to replace barstools in the T-



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room. The Med student society underwent a renovation of their student space and asked for some money; will be dealt with by the committee soon.

## **H. Impact Awards Committee**

Lowe explained that she sat on this committee with Reid. It was a good year, a lot more nominations for the awards. This year's ceremony looked like it went well and we had a strong committee of university folks and really put in efforts about getting the word out. The event also hit its sponsorship goal really early so that was good.

## **I. Student Accessibility Fund Committee**

Lowe: Had a great committee, we awarded 10 bursaries. Each bursary awarded was between 600-1000, paying for assessment costs and laptops for students that needed that resource. We're also working on how to better promote these bursaries by connecting with the Uni.

Davies-Cole: for John on academic committee; I received invites for those meetings but for the others, where can I see minutes?

Hutton: Equity reps weren't invited for some of those, I can definitely get the minutes for you.

## **J. Board of Governors Caucus**

Nicholson explained that the biggest focus of the caucus for the 2 weeks was the most recent BOG meeting, where it voted to increase tuition fees as recommended by the budget advisory committee. The meeting started at the university hall in the Macdonald building and went on for half an hour until a group of students expressed their dissatisfaction with the way the board was moving forward and drown out the meeting at the time. At that time, the board was moved to another meeting not accessible to the public, where the board decided to vote in favour of tuition hikes. Nicholson explained that he expressed our views of the DSU and talked about the values that were formed over the consultations over a period of a few months, and tried to talk for as long as I could, and tried to shame other board members but also highlight the negative effects of increasing tuition without any plan moving forward. The majority of the board members agreed with the need to make a future plan and although it's not any real consolation, Florizone did want to produce a multiyear budget.

Davies-Cole noted that it should be kept in mind that professional fee increases are higher than undergraduate fee increases.

Nicholson said that our primary concern is that there's no cap in prof school programs, grad programs, out of province students and that is pushed on a

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regular basis – maybe it's not pushed in the media and we have to try to do better in that.

Hutton agreed, and explained that sometimes you need to focus on where the big hikes happen – in 2013 it was around med and dentistry. Now, everyone's getting a big hike.

## **K. Senate Caucus**

Hutton explained that recently most of the agenda items have been focused on diversity issues. There was a session at the President's house where we had a consulting company that broke us into groups to talk about diversity in the classroom. Discussion at academic programs & research committee; report where a year ago there was a motion for faculty to submit reports to Senate on the importance of tenure track faculty to deliver education.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Market Budget Motion**

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: 001**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union Market (DSU Market) is a service of the Union that makes fresh, local food accessible to all Dalhousie students;

Whereas the market advertises that all profits are reinvested into making food more accessible;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the surplus of \$4625.32 from the 2015-2016 fiscal year be carried over to the 2016-2017 fiscal year for program costs of the market

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Ryan

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: 001 CARRIED**

### **B. Investment Review Committee**

#### **MOTION 2016-04-20: 002**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union struck the Investment Review Committee in March of 2015 with the mandate of reviewing its links to companies profiting from human rights abuses; and

Whereas the Investment Review Committee presented its findings on November 18, 2015; and

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Whereas the Investment Review Committee noted investments in nine unethical companies; and

Whereas disassociating the Dalhousie Student Union from those nine companies poses no financial risk to the Union; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union should be, and is, committed to ethical considerations when making financial decisions; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union divest its direct investments in the companies highlighted in the Investment Review Committee's report on the basis of the behavior noted in said report.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee, in cooperation with the Vice President Finance and Operations, be tasked with the creation of a binding Ethical Investment Policy;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** said policy, once completed would (1) prevent the Union from directly investing in companies that profit from human rights abuses or environmentally-harmful behavior, examples of which exist in the Investment Review Committee's report; (2) encourage investment in socially responsible companies; and (3) ensure that the Union's fiduciary responsibilities are met and not jeopardized;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** said committee would bring forward their proposed policy for ratification no later than September 30th, 2016, continuously updating and consulting Council in the meantime.

**Moved:** Khadr **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-04-20: 002 CARRIED**

## **B. 2016-17 Budget**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: 003**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016-17 DSU Budget be approved.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-04-20: 004**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended to say that the VPFO present a draft budget that includes expenses and revenues for 2016-2017 by campus to council by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for discussion.

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**Moved:** Banks **Seconded:** Nicholson

Banks explained that it is important to understand past expenses, by campus these differences require consultation, want to include that it's important to consider where and how we spent our money. As brought up in that conversation, not all faculties/departments are spent on equally. He doesn't have a recommendation on how to fix things, but it includes a start to understanding things.

**MOTION 2016-04-20: 004: CARRIED**

## **MOTION TO TABLE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016-17 DSU Budget be moved to when the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) is here, the leader of the organization, to move it to after Reports before Executive Reports.

**Moved:** Nicholson **Seconded:** Lowe

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Solidarity with Chronicle Herald Workers**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: N01**

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union stands in solidarity with workers;

Whereas the Chronicle Herald newspaper staff union went on strike January 2016;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union call on Dalhousie University to cease advertising in the Chronicle Herald for the duration of the workers' strike.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** LaPierre

**MOTION 2016-04-20: N01: CARRIED**

Davies-Cole abstained.

### **B. Amendments to Society Policy**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: N02**

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union adopt amendments to Society Policy as distributed.

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Makohoniuk

## **MOTION 2016-04-20: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motion be amended as follows:

- Amend 5c. to read:

"Any society that plans to hold an event must submit a request for approval as per the requirements set out in society training.

- Amend 5e. to read:

Any society that wishes to obtain a single liquor event license must submit a request as per the requirements set out in society training.

- Add the following to 6.f.ii. and 6.g.ii.:

"employs staff, it has submitted proof of registration with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies and proof of a General Liability insurance policy of no less than \$5 Million with both the Union and the University as additional insureds."

- Amend 9f. as such:

The election must be overseen by a person who is not running for any of the position being elected;

**Moved:** Lowe **Seconded:** Ryan

**MOTION 2016-04-20: N03: CARRIED**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: N02 CARRIED**

## **B. 2016-17 Budget**

**MOTION 2016-04-20: O03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016-17 DSU Budget be approved.

**Moved:** Ryan **Seconded:** Nicholson

**MOTION 2016-04-20: O03 CARRIED**

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## 11. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### A. President Dan Nicholson

Nicholson gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### B. Vice-President (Internal) Kaitlynne Lowe

Lowe gave an overview of her written report to Council.

### C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations) Mahbubur Rahman

Rahman gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### D. Vice-President (Academic and External) John Hutton

Hutton gave an overview of his written report to Council.

### E. Vice-President (Student Life) Kathleen Reid

Reid was not present.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

### A. NOTICE OF MOTION TO for the next council meeting around the Covered-Bridge chips.

**Moved:** Nicholson

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION 2016-04-20: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council be adjourned.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Davies-Cole

**MOTION 2016-04-20: A02 CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM**

## **Grants Committee Report – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Term: May 1, 2015 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Chair: Kaitlynne Lowe, Vice President Internal

### **Total Spent:**

#### Member grants

Total: \$23, 249.94

Spent: \$17, 642.75

Remaining: \$5,607.19

#### Society Grants

Total: \$31, 730.60

Spent: \$30, 964.24

Remaining: \$766.36

#### Overall

Total: \$54, 980.54

Spent: \$48, 606.99

Remaining: \$6,373.55

### Notes on the year

- Met consistently each week throughout the year
  - o Very efficient committee and engaged members
- Changes to Grants policy
  - o Implementation of Accommodation grants
- Some grant funding went to award Sponsorship for societies
- Funded over 60 student societies
- Funded member grants (up to \$100 total) for the below initiatives and more
  - o Canadian Ophthalmology Conference
  - o Canadian Domestic Violence Conference
  - o Waterlution Conference
  - o Waterworks Association Conference
  - o International Society of Biomechanics
  - o International Congress on Engineering and Food
  - o North Sec Conference
  - o CORS/ INFORMS
  - o Hazard 25 Conference
  - o Ultimate Canadian Canada Observer Clinic
  - o National Sonography Conference
  - o Health Achieve East
  - o Canadian Sex Research Forum Conference
  - o International Conference on Indigenous Resources in Greenland
  - o IMBIZO Conference in Italy
  - o ISLW Conference
  - o CPR First Aid Training

- Atlantic Paediatric Society Conference
- APAC Conference
- International Law Weekend Conference
- Indigenous Bar Association Conference
- Nova Scotia Bike Summit
- Atlantic Planner Institute Conference
- Health and Law Issues Conference
- Science Atlantic Mathematics and Statistics Conference
- Legal Conference in Calgary
- Sustainability Leadership Certificate
- Samson's Award Lecture Series
- Undergraduate Physics Conference
- Global Fishing Watch Meeting
- Diversity in Engineering Conference
- Eastern Energy Conference
- "We Are Tourism" Conference
- WUSC/CECL International Forum
- Volunteering in Cambodia
- Canadian Nursing Students' Association Conference
- Transportation Research Board Conference
- RBC Sustainability Leadership Conference
- Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation
- Presidential Leadership Conference
- Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research
- Youth Assembly at UN
- McMUN
- Atlantic Engineering Competition
- Queens Sports Industry Conference
- McGill Winter Debate Tournament
- Atlantic Conference on Public Administration
- Ringette Competition
- Federation of Engineering Students Conference
- Canadian Fair Trade Network Conference
- Undergraduate English Conference
- Black Law Student's Association of Canada
- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference
- Orthopaedic Association Conference



**Note - All terms will hold the same definition as outlined in the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution.**

1. Purpose

- a. Any student organization wishing to use the Dalhousie name must be approved as per this policy and abide by the regulations laid out here.
- b. No Society may have a purpose that conflicts with the Union's objectives as outlined in the Bylaws.
- c. No Society may have the same purpose as any Society that has already been ratified by the Union.

2. Society Types

- a. There shall be the following types of societies:
  - i. Faculty Level Societies, which shall have the definition outlined in the Bylaws.
  - ii. Levy Societies, which shall have the definition outlined in the Bylaws.
  - iii. Constituent Societies, which shall be any society that receives disbursements from a Faculty Level Society or a Levy Society.
  - iv. General Interest Societies, which shall be any society that does not directly receive a fee or levy or any disbursements from a fee or levy.
- b. All societies must fulfill one of these categories.

3. Society Privileges

The Union will provide the following privileges to ratified societies:

- a. The ability to use the "Dalhousie" name;
- b. A Dalhousie email account, which must be renewed by October 15th of each year with the Vice President (Internal);
- c. A Dalhousie website hosting account, which must be renewed by October 15th of each year with the Vice President (Internal);
- d. A mailbox at the Student Union Building, upon request;
- e. Option to book a table at Union society fairs;
- f. The ability to apply for grants in accordance with Grants Policy.

- g. The ability to book meeting rooms in the Student Union Building free of charge not exceeding once per week depending on availability.
- h. The ability to book the T-Room or Grawood for special events for a fee.
- i. Societies who receive a direct levy from the Union may open a direct billing account with the following Union services: Campus Copy, bar services and reservations.
- j. The ability to use the McInnis Room for free once per year, based on availability. The Union reserves the right to charge ancillary fees to societies holding events including fees for security staff, technical staff, technical and audio-visual equipment, cleaning fees, coat check, custodial staff, set-up fees, extra furniture, extended building hours, SOCAN, conference materials and bar services.
- k. The ability to book a table in the lobby of the Student Union Building free of charge not more than four times per semester.
- l. The Union reserves the right to withhold the above privileges from a society based on availability.

#### 4. Society Membership Requirements

- a. All societies must have at least three student executive members. Multiple members may hold a single position (e.g. Co-Presidents).
- b. Each society must have at least one executive member who is a Member.
- c. Only Members who are also an Executive Member may apply for society ratification and will be responsible for all communication with the Union.
- d. Society executive members are required to acknowledge in writing that they have read this policy and the University's Alcohol Policy, understood the material, agree to abide by the policies, and to educate the members of the society about the policies.

#### 5. Risk Management

- a. Societies have the responsibility to take all necessary precautions to keep their members safe while hosting or participating in events and activities.
- b. Societies are required to attend any mandatory training offered by the Union, as determined by the Society Review Committee.
- c. Any society that plans to hold an event must submit a request for approval of the event to the Vice President (Internal) at least 10 days prior to the event.

- d. Any society that plans to hold an alcohol-related event outside of university licensed areas that are on campus will be required to obtain a single liquor event license for an additional charge facilitated by the Union.
- e. Any society that wishes to obtain a single liquor event license must submit a request to the Vice President (Internal) at least 21 days prior to the event.
- f. Societies are not permitted to organize or partake in pub-crawls or any activity of a similar nature.

#### 6. Society Ratification Process

- a. Societies must apply each year to be a registered society. The term for society ratifications will be May 1 to April 30 of each year.
- b. The Union shall supply an application for approval each year. Applications for ratification will be open from April 15 to March 15 of each year.
- c. The Society Review Committee may permit societies to apply for ratification in a given year ahead of April 15 provided that the society completes certain training or tasks related to society transition as may be determined by the Society Review Committee.
- d. A Member of the Union who is an executive member of the Society must submit applications for approval and be the primary contact for the Society.
- e. Applications for approval will be reviewed within 14 days of receipt. Societies will be notified by email within 7 days of a decision regarding their application. In the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the Society Review Committee from meeting within the 14 day window, the Vice President (Internal) will inform the society of the delay.
- f. Faculty Level Societies shall be approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Society Review Committee as long as the following criteria are met:
  - i. The Faculty Level Society has submitted a constitution that adheres to the requirements outlined in this policy;
  - ii. If the Faculty Level Society employs staff, it has submitted proof of registration with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies
  - iii. There are least three student executive officers of the Faculty Level Society, including at least one Member; and
  - iv. The Faculty Level Society does not have any outstanding accounts with the Union or any Union-owned business.
- g. Levy Societies shall be approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Society Review Committee as long as the following criteria are met:

- i. The Levy Society has submitted a constitution that adheres to the requirements outlined in this policy;
  - ii. If the Levy Society employs staff, it has submitted proof of registration with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies
  - iii. There are at least three student executive officers of the Levy Society, including at least one Member; and
  - iv. The Levy Society does not have any outstanding accounts with the Union or any Union-owned business.
- h. Constituent Societies shall be approved by the Vice-President (Internal) as long as the following criteria are met:
  - i. The Constituent Society has agreed to abide by the requirements as outlined in this policy and as set out by the Faculty or Levy Society to which they report;
  - ii. There are least three student executive officers of the Constituent Society, including at least one Member;
  - iii. If the Constituent Society has a bank account, it has provided its most recent bank statement; and
  - iv. The Constituent Society does not have any outstanding accounts with the Union or any Union-owned business.
- i. General Interest Societies shall be approved by the Vice-President (Internal) as long as the following criteria are met:
  - i. The General Interest Society has agreed to abide by the requirements as outlined in this policy;
  - ii. There are least three student executive officers of the General Interest Society, including at least one Member;
  - iii. If the General Interest Society has a bank account, it has provided its most recent bank statement; and
  - iv. The General Interest Society does not have any outstanding accounts with the Union or any Union-owned business.
- j. Any Union society that is associated with or has the same name as a third party organization must provide written permission from that organization to use their name before being approved.
- k. The Vice President (Internal) shall report any Constituent Societies or General Interest Societies that they have approved to the Society Review Committee.

- l. In the event that the Vice President (Internal) does not approve a Constituent or General Interest society, the application will be reviewed by the Society Review Committee, who will decide by Ordinary Resolution about whether to approve the society.
- m. The Society Review Committee has the right to examine all society records, reports and minutes under the jurisdiction of the Union and report any significant results to Council.
- n. In the event that any Faculty Level Society or Levy Society has not applied for ratification for one year, the Society Review Committee shall call an open meeting for Members interested in ratifying the society. Such a meeting shall be advertised through all available means including the Union website and social media accounts.
- o. In the event that any Faculty Level Society or Levy Society has not applied for ratification for three years and the Society Review Committee has called at least two open meetings as described in Section 6.n., the Society Review Committee shall recommend that the fee collected on behalf of the society be suspended indefinitely.

## 7. Appeals

- a. In the event that a society's application is not approved by the Vice-President Internal or the Society Review Committee, the society may appeal and request the committee reconsider the decision within seven days of being notified of the committee's original decision.
- b. The society must provide reasons for reconsideration to the Society Review Committee through a written statement or an oral presentation.
- c. In the event that the Society Review Committee does not reverse the original decision, the society may request that the Council review the committee's decisions within seven days of being notified of the Society Review Committee decision on the appeal.

## 8. Finances and Audit

- a. All societies must develop a comprehensive budget that includes an estimation of revenues and expenditures of the society for the coming year.
- b. Faculty-Level Societies and Levy Societies budgets shall be approved as per their constitutions and submitted to the Vice President (Finance and Operations).
- c. Faculty Level and Levy Societies must submit their financial records to be reviewed by the Vice-President Finance and Operations before their funds will be released.

- d. Any Society with accounts payable to the Union of greater than 60 days will not be entitled to any society privileges as outlined in this policy.
  - e. For Faculty-Level and Levy Societies, any outstanding accounts payable will be removed from subsequent society levy cheque.
  - f. Societies must carry over any surplus to the incoming society members of the following year.
  - g. In the event that a society dissolves, all debts that the society has incurred must be paid off with society funds, and any remaining monies of the society shall be assumed by the Union or, in the case of a Constituent Society to the society from which the Constituent Society received disbursements.
9. Constitution Requirements

Societies that require constitutions must include the following:

- a. Purpose or Objectives
- b. Membership
  - i. Who is considered a member of the society.
  - ii. At least three executive members must be students.
  - iii. At least one executive member must be a Dal student and a signing authority.
  - iv. Any society with Constituent Societies must clearly outline the process by which societies can become Constituent Societies.
  - v. Any society mandated by a referendum to include an option to opt-out of membership must clearly outline the process by which members will opt-out.
- c. Executive Roles
  - i. Duties of each executive officer must be described in detail.
  - ii. If the society will be offering honoraria to executives, the amount of the honoraria and the requirements that must be met in order for the honoraria to be disbursed must be outlined.
  - iii. Societies with Constituent Societies must outline if and how their Constituent Societies can offer and disburse honoraria to executive members.
- d. Meetings:
  - i. Types and frequency of meetings;
  - ii. The rules and procedures used by the society to govern meetings including notice requirements, standard agenda items, quorum, and voting procedures for all meeting types;

- iii. Provisions for emergency meetings.
- iv. The agenda for a general meeting, must include an opportunity for the general membership to approve the financial statements or the budget of the society and a list of goals or objectives for the coming year.

e. Finances

- i. Procedure for drafting and approving the society's budget.
- ii. Identify the 3 executive positions who will have signing authority.
- iii. Identify that at least 2 signing officers must sign each cheque.
- iv. State that no executive can sign on a cheque made out to themselves.
- v. Provisions for the use of any debit cards or credit cards. Any society using a debit or credit card will have to produce documentation for all transactions.
- vi. Any society with Constituent Societies must clearly outline, the process by which it provides funding for Constituent Societies.

f. Elections:

All societies must conduct elections in a fair and equitable manner. Societies may conduct elections in a manner of their choosing, but the procedure must adhere to the following principles:

- i. Notice of elections, including how to be nominated for an executive position, must be provided to members at least two weeks prior to the date of the society's elections;
- ii. The election must be overseen by a member who is not running for any of the position being elected;
- iii. Any member must be able submit their name for nomination;
- iv. Elections must be on an annual basis;
- v. Each member may only hold at most one (1) Executive Position;
- vi. All members of the society, including if applicable all Members who pay a levy, shall be given a vote.

g. Impeachment of Executives

Impeachment processes must include the following:

- i. Reasons why an executive member can be impeached.
- ii. A process to initiate an impeachment process.
- iii. The reason(s) for impeachment must be communicated to the executive facing impeachment at least one week before a motion to impeach is discussed.

- iv. The member up for impeachment must have an opportunity to speak for themselves.
- v. Impeachment votes must be held at a general meeting open to all society members.
- h. Constitutional Amendments
  - i. Procedure for members to propose an amendment.
  - ii. Procedure to approve provisional changes as may be required from time to time.
  - iii. All amendments must be approved or ratified at a general meeting.
  - iv. Percentage required to pass constitutional amendments at a general meeting.
- i. Adherence to External Laws, Regulations and Policies

The following statements shall be including in the constitution:

- i. The society's activities must not infringe upon federal, provincial, municipal laws or University regulations.
- ii. The society's activities must not infringe upon the Bylaws and Policies of the Union.

#### 10. Societies without Constitutions

- a. The Constituent Society will be subject to the provisions in the constitution of the society from which they receive their disbursements. If there are no provisions in the constitution of the society from which they receive their disbursements, shall abide by Section 11.
- b. General Interest Societies shall abide by Section 11.

#### 11. Operating Policy for Societies without Constitutions

- a. Membership
  - i. Any student enrolled at Dalhousie University is eligible to be a member of the Society. Only members of the society may vote in elections and hold executive positions.
  - ii. The society does not place any limits on members based on age, gender, race, religion, language, or disability.
- b. Executive Officers
  - i. The executive will be made up of at least 3 officers.
  - ii. At least one executive must be a Member.
  - iii. Additional officer positions may be created by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the society.
  - iv. At least one executive shall be responsible for the following:
    - 1. Ensuring the smooth operation of the society.
    - 2. Setting the agendas for meetings.
    - 3. Chairing meetings.
    - 4. Reapplying every year for ratification.



5. Collecting and disseminate information pertinent to members of the Society.
  6. Take minutes at all meetings.
  7. Provide notice to all member regarding upcoming events, meetings, and motions.
  8. Act as chair of all meetings in the absence of the President.
  9. Keep records of all spending within the Society in accordance with DSU regulations.
  10. Create and maintain the annual budget.
  11. Act as a signing officer of the Society.
  12. Be responsible for creating and/or managing the Society bank account.
  13. Manage applications for Society Grants to the DSU, and aid members in applying for individual Member Grants through the DSU.
  14. Read and understand DSU Grants Policy.
  15. Act of chair of meetings in the absence of both the President and the Vice-President.
- v. At least one executive must attend all mandatory society trainings are required by the Union.
  - vi. Three executive members must be signing authorities for the society.
  - vii. Executives shall not receive honoraria, unless approved by the Vice President (Internal).
- c. Meetings
- i. There will be three types of meetings: general meetings, executive meetings, and annual general meetings (AGMs).
  - ii. General meetings
    1. Quorum for general meetings shall be 2/3 of the executive and 5 (non-executive) members.
    2. A majority vote is needed to pass a motion (a majority signifying more than 50% of all members in attendance).
    3. An executive of the Society will be responsible for giving advance notice of all motions to be voted on at any meeting not less than 48 hours before the meeting. Notice must be sent to the society email list and posted on any society social media accounts or website.
  - iii. Executive meetings
    1. Quorum for executive meetings shall be 50 per cent of the executive members.
    2. Executive meetings shall be used at the discretion of the executive to ensure the smooth operation of the Society.

3. All members of the Society are permitted to join in Executive meetings, though notice of the meeting need not be given and general members will not have a vote.
- iv. Annual General Meetings (AGM)
    1. Quorum for an AGM shall be two thirds of executive members along with at least five Members not on the executive.
    2. The business conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
      - a. Presentation on society activities for the year;
      - b. Presentation on society financial position; and
      - c. Election of society executives.
    3. Voting will be conducted via a show of hands, though the society may decide by a simple majority to vote by secret ballot on a motion.
    4. A majority vote is needed to pass a motion.
    5. Notice of an AGM must be given to all members not less than one week before the AGM, and the Vice-President is responsible for delivering this notice.
- d. Elections
    - i. Elections shall be held at an AGM no later than March 31 of each year.
    - ii. An executive who is not running for a position up for election will be responsible for overseeing elections.
    - iii. In the event that all executives wish to run for any position, the members present at the AGM shall nominate and vote on a chair from the general membership.
    - iv. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the AGM at which the elections are taking place.
    - v. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot.
    - vi. A majority vote is required to elect each position.
    - vii. In the event that only one person runs for a position, that person will be considered elected, unless a society member calls for a yes/no vote.
    - viii. Each member can hold at most one executive position at a time.
  - e. Impeachment
    - i. No member of the executive may be impeached without just cause, or in any manner not specified in this policy.
    - ii. Just cause is defined by this constitution as:
      1. Failing to attend 4 consecutive executive or general meetings.
      2. Failing to fulfill their duties without reasonable excuse, as determined by the membership.
      3. Conduct likely to result de-ratification of the Society, or conduct likely to bring the Society into disrepute.
      4. Other gross misconduct.
    - iii. A vote to impeach an executive member can only be brought forth at a general meeting.

- iv. Advance notice of a motion to impeach must be given to the member up for impeachment, and that member must have the ability to speak in their defence before the vote is taken.
  - v. A two thirds majority vote is required to impeach an executive member.
  - vi. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot.
- f. Finances
- i. At least two signing officers must sign every cheque from the bank account of the Society.
  - ii. If a society uses a debit or credit card, they must retain all documentation related to the purchases. All receipts for purchases made with a debit or credit card, must be signed by two signing authorities and affixed to the appropriate bank or credit card statement.
  - iii. No one can sign a cheque made out to themselves.
  - iv. The budget will be drafted each year by an executive member, and will be passed by the executive at an Executive meeting.

## 12. Causes for Disciplinary Measures

- a. The Society Review Committee will investigate complaints lodged against any society.
- b. In the course of investigating complaints, the Society Review Committee shall have the right to examine the records, reports, and the minutes of any society.
- c. The Society Review Committee holds the right to discipline societies, based on the following criteria:
  - i. The society violates Society Policy;
  - ii. The society violates the Constitution of the Society as approved through ratification;
  - iii. The society fails to notify the Vice President (Internal) that it will be holding an alcohol related event occurring outside of the Union's licensed premises or an event involving high-risk activities.
  - iv. Discipline based on any other criteria will be the purview of Council.
- d. Depending on the severity of the problem and the number of instances, the Society Review Committee may take the following disciplinary actions:
  - i. Verbal warning;
  - ii. Written warning;
  - iii. A probationary period of no more than one semester; or
  - iv. Suspension of society privileges for a period of no more than one semester.
- e. The Vice President (Internal) must report any disciplinary action taken by the Society Review Committee to Council.
- f. Council holds the right to discipline societies, based on the following criteria:
  - i. The society violates the Bylaws or Policy of the Union;
  - ii. The society abuses any services or privileges of the Union;

- iii. The society commits an offence that breaks federal, provincial, municipal laws or University Regulations;
  - iv. The society violates Dalhousie University's Alcohol Policy.
- g. Depending on the severity of the problem and the number of occurrences, Council may take the following disciplinary actions::
- i. Verbal warning;
  - ii. Written warning;
  - iii. A probationary period at a length determined by Council;
  - iv. Suspension of society privileges as determined by Council; or
  - v. De-ratification of the society which entails a loss of society status and privileges.

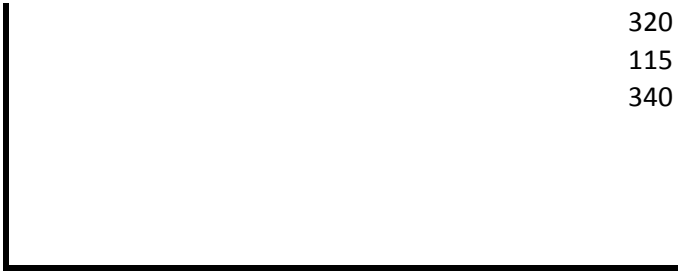
### 13. Society De-Ratification

- a. Council can de-ratify a society by Special Resolution should a society violate this Policy.
- b. In the case that the Society Review Committee believes that there is cause for de-ratification, the Society Review Committee shall give a notice of motion to de-ratify the society to the Council at least two weeks in advance of when the motion is to be debated. The Vice President (Internal) shall inform the society of the motion to de-ratify at least two weeks in advance of when the motion is to be debated.
- c. Any application from a society that has been de-ratified to to ratify again shall be reviewed by the Society Review Committee and forwarded to Council with a recommendation that Council either approve or deny the application.
- d. In the event of the de-ratification of a society that receives a fee or levy, its monies will be held in trust for a maximum of three years.

### 14. Enactment of this Policy

Societies are expected to be in compliance with this policy no later than May 1, 2017.

Sector	Dept
Revenue Dept	100
	190
	200
Adminstration	110
	120
	130
	140
	150
	160
	170
Services (Non Revenue)	112
	325
	180
	410
Services (Revenue)	330
	430
	326
	390
Food & Bar Services	220
	250
	260
	270
	280
	440
Programming	161
	350
	395
	450
Policy, Campaign, Communications	155
	185
	111
	113
	195
Operations	230
	240
	300
	310



320  
115  
340

# DSU Budget 2016-17

Description	Revenue	Expense
Student Fee	\$ 1,204,951.54	
Contarct	\$ 126,386.24	
Investment	\$ 22,262.00	\$ 10,710.00
Council Adminstration		\$ 47,550.00
President		\$ 46,662.00
Vice President Internal		\$ 45,412.00
Vice President (Finance & Operations)		\$ 45,471.00
Vice President (Academic & External)		\$ 46,050.00
Vice President Student life		\$ 45,190.00
Elections		\$ 12,775.00
Services		\$ 93,000.00
Member Services	\$ 110.00	\$ 75,141.37
Advocacy Service		\$ 26,407.00
Tiger Patrol		\$ 34,974.72
Reservations	\$ 106,915.00	\$ 61,369.00
Campus Copy	\$ 144,550.00	\$ 143,156.48
Farmers Market	\$ 86,263.00	\$ 94,760.44
Handbook	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,378.00
Food Services	\$ 79,700.00	\$ 21,000.00
Grawood Bar	\$ 181,500.00	\$ 205,251.94
Grawood Food	\$ 148,140.00	\$ 173,042.80
Bar Service Events	\$ 75,109.56	\$ 65,664.97
Bar Service Invoice	\$ 90,692.00	\$ 90,500.75
T Room	\$ 99,132.00	\$ 103,474.00
Programming	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 70,500.00
Grawood Programming	\$ 34,900.00	\$ 40,440.00
Orientation	\$ 190,500.00	\$ 193,200.00
Sexton Programming	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 18,480.00
Policy		\$ 56,884.43
Communications		\$ 45,685.00
Advocacy/Campaigns		\$ 20,000.00
Communications tool		\$ 28,380.00
Graphic Design & Campaign		\$ 45,406.00
General Operations		\$ 158,151.54
Accounts		\$ 140,361.00
Technical	\$ 55,925.00	\$ 146,964.80
Computer		\$ 56,134.50

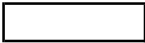
Security	\$	139,479.70
Sexton Office	\$	14,193.00
Furniture,Alteration,Renovation	\$	22,500.00

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Net (dept)		Net (sector)	
\$	1,204,951.54	\$	1,342,889.78
\$	126,386.24		
\$	11,552.00		
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\$	(46,662.00)		
\$	(45,412.00)		
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\$	(45,190.00)		
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\$	(75,031.37)		
\$	(26,407.00)		
\$	(34,974.72)		
\$	45,546.00	\$	38,064.08
\$	1,393.52		
\$	(8,497.44)		
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\$	58,700.00	\$	15,339.10
\$	(23,751.94)		
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**Fall**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.18%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.19%
Facility Improvement	2.93%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.31%
CKDU	6.18%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.62%
NSPIRG	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Gazette	4.26%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.16%
South House	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.93%
Student Accessibility	1.21%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.31%
DalOut	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Sustainability Office	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Loaded Ladle	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.55%
Equity & accessibility	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Get Real	0.48%	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Winter**

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General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
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South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
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Get Real	0.48%	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	0.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Summer**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	46.13%	\$ 33.57	\$ 17.83	46.70%
DSU Renovations Fund	17.18%	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	26.19%
Facility Improvement	2.93%	\$ 2.13	\$ 0.50	1.31%
CKDU	6.18%	\$ 4.50	\$ 1.00	2.62%
NSPIRG	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Gazette	4.26%	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.35	6.16%
South House	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	3.93%
Student Accessibility	1.21%	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.50	1.31%
DalOut	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ -	0.00%
Sustainability Office	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
South African Trust	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
W.U.S.C.	1.03%	\$ 0.75	\$ -	0.00%
Sextant	0.34%	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	0.65%
Loaded Ladle	4.12%	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	6.55%
Equity & accessibility	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	1.31%
Bike Centre	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Campus Medical Response Team	1.37%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Urban Garden	0.69%	\$ 0.50	\$ -	0.00%
Dal Outdoor Society	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.15%</b>	<b>71.43</b>	<b>37.43</b>	<b>98.04%</b>

**Distance Students**

	%	FT	PT	%
General DSU Operations	100.00%	5.00	-	-

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	14,985	1,071	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	503,046.45	\$ 19,095.93	\$ 522,142.38
\$	187,312.50	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 198,022.50
\$	31,918.05	\$ 535.50	\$ 32,453.55
\$	67,432.50	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 68,503.50
\$	44,955.00	\$ 535.50	\$ 45,490.50
\$	46,453.50	\$ 2,516.85	\$ 48,970.35
\$	44,955.00	\$ 1,606.50	\$ 46,561.50
\$	13,186.80	\$ 535.50	\$ 13,722.30
\$	7,492.50	\$ 267.75	\$ 7,760.25
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	3,746.25	\$ 267.75	\$ 4,014.00
\$	44,955.00	\$ 2,677.50	\$ 47,632.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ 535.50	\$ 15,520.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	14,985.00	\$ -	\$ 14,985.00
\$	5,244.75	\$ 267.75	\$ 5,512.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ -	\$ 7,492.50
\$	7,492.50	\$ 267.75	\$ 7,760.25
\$	1,090,608.30	\$ 40,890.78	\$ 1,131,499.08

Full-Time	Number of Students		Total Students
	14,292	1,138	
\$	1,155.00	Part-Time	Total Received
\$	479,782.44	\$ 20,290.54	\$ 500,072.98
\$	178,650.00	\$ 11,380.00	\$ 190,030.00
\$	30,441.96	\$ 569.00	\$ 31,010.96
\$	64,314.00	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 65,452.00
\$	42,876.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 43,445.00
\$	44,305.20	\$ 2,674.30	\$ 46,979.50
\$	42,876.00	\$ 1,707.00	\$ 44,583.00
\$	12,576.96	\$ 569.00	\$ 13,145.96
\$	7,146.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,430.50
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	3,573.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 3,857.50
\$	42,876.00	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 45,721.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ 569.00	\$ 14,861.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	14,292.00	\$ -	\$ 14,292.00
\$	5,002.20	\$ 284.50	\$ 5,286.70
\$	7,146.00	\$ -	\$ 7,146.00
\$	7,146.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 7,430.50
\$	1,040,171.76	\$ 43,448.84	\$ 1,083,620.60

Number of Students

Full-Time	3,183	Part-Time	2,790	Total Students	5,973
	<b>1,155.00</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>		<b>Total Received</b>	
\$	106,853.31	\$	49,745.70	\$	156,599.01
\$	39,787.50	\$	27,900.00	\$	67,687.50
\$	6,779.79	\$	1,395.00	\$	8,174.79
\$	14,323.50	\$	2,790.00	\$	17,113.50
\$	9,549.00	\$	1,395.00	\$	10,944.00
\$	9,867.30	\$	6,556.50	\$	16,423.80
\$	9,549.00	\$	4,185.00	\$	13,734.00
\$	2,801.04	\$	1,395.00	\$	4,196.04
\$	795.75	\$	-	\$	795.75
\$	3,183.00	\$	-	\$	3,183.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	2,387.25	\$	-	\$	2,387.25
\$	795.75	\$	697.50	\$	1,493.25
\$	9,549.00	\$	6,975.00	\$	16,524.00
\$	3,183.00	\$	1,395.00	\$	4,578.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	3,183.00	\$	-	\$	3,183.00
\$	1,591.50	\$	-	\$	1,591.50
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	227,361.69	\$	104,429.70	\$	331,791.39

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Full-Time	Part-Time		Total Received
-	-	\$	8,330.00
		\$	2,555,241.07
	Operations	\$	1,187,144.37
		\$	1,204,951.54

	Account #	Actuals 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Revenues</b>			
Student Fee Revenue	Dept 100	895,318.93	956,623.22
Contract Income	Dept 190	118,727.02	105,605.50
Investment Income	Dept 200	205,809.18	74,291.71
Food Services	Dept 220	168,473.89	160,505.42
Grawood Lounge	Dept 250	40,127.41	52,055.03
Grawood Food	Dept 260	-	-
Bar Services Functions	Dept 270	-	-
Bar Services Invoices	Dept 280	-	-
Reservations	Dept 330	37,477.35	47,519.72
Orientation	Dept 395	14,678.73	13,478.94
Campus Copy	Dept 430	(-732.22)	(3,044.73)
T Room	Dept 440	10,598.24	3,535.46
Farmers Market	Dept 326		
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,400,357.69</b>	<b>1,302,924.75</b>

		ACTUALS 2009-2010	Actuals 2010-2011
<b>Expenses</b>			
(Governance & External Lobbying) Administration	Dept 110	205,612.08	166,932.88
Advocacy/Campaigns Service	Dept 111		
Communication tool	Dept 112		
Sexton Campus Office	Dept 113		
President's Office	Dept 115	3,846.48	4,090.78
Leadership	Dept 120	39,338.25	46,697.94
Vice President (Internal)	Dept 125	-	-
Vice President (Finance&Ops)	Dept 130	42,669.85	52,741.30
Vice President (Academic&External)	Dept 140	37,286.16	38,401.43
Policy	Dept 150	51,774.33	47,952.78
Vice President (Student Life)	Dept 155		
Student Life Programming	Dept 160	91,288.50	88,147.40
Elections	Dept 161		
Student Advocacy	Dept 170	10,184.20	11,791.29
Communications & Outreach	Dept 180	23,774.77	26,275.82
Graphic Design & Campaign	Dept 185	40,894.34	43,032.80
Operations	Dept 195	-	-
Accounts	Dept 230	122,377.48	134,741.96
Technical	Dept 240	139,471.19	123,938.09
Computer Support	Dept 300	65,074.55	70,187.00
SUB Security	Dept 310	30,536.08	28,282.97
Society Administrator	Dept 320	110,381.47	116,279.05
F, A, & R	Dept 325	-	41,488.76
	Dept 340	17,193.90	10,734.59

Programming and Promotions	Dept 350		
Handbook	Dept 390	(3,911.92)	(541.96)
Tiger Patrol	Dept 410	29,268.50	31,444.87
Sexton Campus Programming	Dept 450	11,002.95	9,681.88
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>1,091,882.65</b>	<b>1,101,008.02</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>		<b>308,475.04</b>	<b>201,916.73</b>



Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
991,354.67	1,057,325.80	1,206,329.85	1,237,544.12	1,196,985.15
132,002.67	123,696.39	117,160.39	100,137.14	93,040.48
100,916.60	215,854.82	41,003.03	24,518.94	11,609.85
179,251.13	23,913.30	(7,729.24)	38,091.64	43,970.48
65,468.25	(84,615.83)	(92,078.29)	(68,187.70)	(47,943.66)
-	(49,818.96)	(47,032.37)	(46,633.43)	(43,027.18)
-	5,858.43	4,893.76	6,377.10	6,173.80
-	(7,874.94)	5,005.43	1,345.52	7.36
44,485.72	39,688.43	47,625.83	56,734.19	23,950.77
6,012.98	(1,261.76)	7,871.49	-	55,214.96
1,018.21	(25,982.27)	(2,217.22)	6,378.36	3,601.78
6,593.06	2,399.70	(2,271.53)	3,960.93	(5,572.77)
1,389,116.56	1,29,9183.11	1,27,8561.13	1,360,266.81	1,338,011.02
Actuals 2011-2012	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Actuals 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
197,009.69	264,734.86	246,976.93	198,919.94	62,544.93
				19,958.26
				93,196.04
				26,876.30
8,283.98	9,944.96	7,259.86	10,551.65	14,877.08
48,888.70	45,789.84	45,194.53	45,318.46	45,774.05
34,433.62	58,092.93	34,216.12	17,283.18	13,710.00
55,754.57	54,309.98	62,504.13	62,268.08	48,719.98
44,520.63	40,030.22	42,132.70	44,259.92	45,082.89
55,140.67	59,150.36	67,921.91	53,345.67	43,599.77
			18,284.86	52,680.00
115,130.96	89,251.90	84,078.80	97,480.90	43,160.22
				33,000.00
12,392.15	6,901.57	5,056.43	12,235.26	12,575.00
25,401.66	25,130.05	22,167.03	31,393.88	26,298.81
44,080.85	47,080.84	49,926.24	64,569.03	42,853.36
-	35,032.63	30,180.47	30,459.74	41,678.00
180,126.22	128,851.78	146,779.88	154,249.55	154,835.85
129,179.96	126,654.08	110,795.62	132,797.39	140,989.08
69,726.32	62,763.86	67,789.35	66,285.61	86,228.18
31,730.06	36,801.09	33,097.25	35,622.51	40,929.15
119,422.09	124,521.76	126,714.30	125,847.46	133,338.12
47,246.31	45,579.59	47,734.00	65,122.98	74,239.54
13,294.14	25,126.17	17,518.81	12,143.45	9,718.80

8,177.38	23,383.54	18,522.74	14,835.45	5,695.72
(4,062.33)	663.16	(2,265.35)	2,472.50	2,723.05
24,081.34	30,376.29	40,444.09	34,277.76	36,782.80
10,292.20	14,769.28	10,562.16	2,964.10	6,683.35
1,234,362.47	1,363,040.74	1,320,981.02	1,332,989.33	1,358,748.33
<b>154,754.09</b>	<b>(63,857.63)</b>	<b>(42,419.89)</b>	<b>27,277.48</b>	<b>(20,737.31)</b>

<b>Budget 2016-17</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
1,204,951.54	0.7%
126,386.24	35.8%
11,552.00	-0.5%
58,700.00	33.5%
(23,751.94)	-50.5%
(24,902.80)	-42.1%
9,444.59	53.0%
191.25	2498.5%
45,546.00	90.2%
(2,700.00)	-104.9%
1,393.52	-61.3%
(4,342.00)	-22.1%
(8,497.44)	#DIV/0!
1,393,970.96	4.2%
<b>Budget 2015-16</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
47,550.00	-24%
20,000.00	0%
93,000.00	0%
28,380.00	6%
14,193.00	-5%
46,662.00	2%
-	0%
45,412.00	-7%
45,471.00	1%
46,050.00	6%
56,884.43	8%
45,190.00	5%
40,500.00	23%
12,775.00	2%
26,407.00	0%
45,685.00	7%
45,406.00	9%
158,151.54	2%
140,361.00	0%
91,039.80	6%
56,134.50	37%
139,479.70	5%
75,031.37	1%
22,500.00	132%

5,540.00	-3%
378.00	0%
34,974.72	-5%
5,030.00	-25%
1,388,186.06	2%
<b>5,784.90</b>	<b>-128%</b>

# **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday April 4th, 2016 to Sunday April 17th, 2016

## **INTERNAL**

- GM review is in final stages
  - o I've collected input from all staff
  - o Identified key themes
  - o Outlined method/process/reasoning
- Transition schedule has been built – thank you Kaley and Kathleen
- Council chambers booking issue
  - o For now – looking at leaving the space empty and bringing in tables on request
- Brief conversation regarding logistics of internal structural changes as a result of the new bylaws
  - o I.e. Tasks for minute template creation for committees
- Met with the phone line committee
  - o Discussion around external review
- Transition begins!!!

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

- Senate
  - o Senate Ad Hoc committee on composition report
    - Need more time
  - o Policy on scholarly misconduct
  - o Creating inclusive campuses summary
- Met with Arig (VP Student Affairs)
  - o Discussion around new executive team
  - o Phone line
  - o Ombuds
- Met with faculty and admin
  - o Ombuds moving forward
  - o Reporting structure
- Board of Operations committee meeting
- Alcohol Advisory Committee meeting
  - o Discussion around new alcohol policy
- Prep for BoG
- SPGC
- Student Services Lunch
- Discussions around Renovation insurance pieces

## **ADVOCACY**

## **President REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday April 4th, 2016 to Sunday April 17th, 2016

- Working with a couple students from MyDefinition
  - o #instafame
- Ladle kitchen meeting
  - o Trying to ensure that the ladle has everything they need to continue to serve students post-renovation
- THRIVE – strategy development meeting
- International student health plan finalization

### **Other**

- Served with the Ladle on Wednesday
- Attended the ACORN charity trivia night
- Trip to COSTCO for 24h study space snacks!
- Attended the UNICEF water for life Gala as a volunteer with a group of fine Dal students! Raised tons of money ☺

# Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL

Sunday, April 3rd – Sunday, April 17th

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## INTERNAL

### Day to Day

- Residence council
  - Constitution being drafted
  - Implementation over 2016-17 year
- Society HUB
  - Video soon to be released to showcase the HUB
  - Arrange to meet your space needs for next year
    - Lockers for the HUB can be booked through Campus Copy
      - Email [ccopy@dal.ca](mailto:ccopy@dal.ca)
      - Contents for lockers not being used next year need to be removed by April 30th
    - The Boardroom can be booked through Member Services
      - Email [dsumemberservices@dal.ca](mailto:dsumemberservices@dal.ca)
        - After hours it can be booked through the Info Desk
    - Filing cabinets are also bookable
    - Feel free to use the couch space and table spaces as needed
- Phone Line
  - External review in process
  - Committee formation
    - Transition
  - Sexual assault awareness month – Dal News story
  - Going on a hiatus starting April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Communications
  - Collaborating with the Student Life communications team in transition
  - Continuously updating the website
    - check it out: [www.dsu.ca](http://www.dsu.ca)
  - Office hours on Sexton and Carleton - ending

### Ratification

- Weekly meetings for the SRC have been established for Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm- ending
  - Reviewing constitutions submitted for early ratification
  - Amendments to society policy
  - Transition support for societies: <http://www.dsu.ca/societytransition>
    - Transition support – email election dates/ resultsto [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca)

# **Vice President Internal REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Sunday, April 3rd – Sunday, April 17th

- DSU facilitated transition for Type I's & Type II's
  - Transition package
- Open transition day/ week for type III societies

## **Grants**

- Grants for this year have closed- prepare for the new grant term starting May 1<sup>st</sup>!

## **Accessibility Fund**

- New web form available online: <http://www.dsu.ca/bursaries>
- Applications closed

## **Improving communication with all campuses**

- Please add [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca) to your email lists for next year!

## **Societies**

- Meeting with the university to set up the final booking process
  - Ratified Society Booking portal has launched!
  - Working out bugs to make Tiger Society process more smooth on our end
- Updating society training
- Creating process for societies to have more access to kitchen space
  - looking to establish an Access Kitchen for societies and members
  - Transition

## **OPERATIONS**

### **DSU Office integration Process**

- E&A Steering Committee Call society members appointed
  - Member at larges call out – for May 1<sup>st</sup> terms
    - 3 General Students
    - One Black Student
    - Student with a disability

### **Investigating Tiger Society and other Community networking platforms**

- Report to come end of March

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **WORKING ON THE OMBUDSPERSON OFFICE**

- University released announcement last week
- Doing some media

### **Issues faced by student parents**

- Report composition



# **Vice President (Finance & Operations)**

## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Monday, April 4, 2016 to Sunday, April 17, 2016

### **Transition:**

Preparing for transition with the new Execs.

### **Budget:**

BOPS reviewed DSU Budget on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It was tabled at council on April 6. Budget will be voted on at April 20.

### **Investment Review:**

BOPS reviewed the report of investment manager and other documents regarding ethical investment on April 4<sup>th</sup> and send recommendations to council. Council will decide on April 20 about IRC findings

### **Renovation:**

Renovation is entering the third phase which includes Grawood, Kitchen. Food service area and Completion of Ongoing SUB Atrium.

### **Accounting Assistant Staff hiring:**

Six candidates for Accounting Assistant (Full time temporary position) was interviewed on April 6<sup>th</sup> and Mandy was hired who started on April 11

### **Nominating Committee:**

Nominating Committee interviewed DSAS Executive Director, Summer Director and Council Secretary candidates.



## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

# Report to DSU Council for Wednesday April 20th, 2016

John Hutton – vpae@dsu.ca

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### Senate

#### Meetings

- Senate – April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ad hoc committee on faculty representation – April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Ratification Meeting – April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Academic Programs and Research Committee – April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Planning and Governance Committee – April 20<sup>th</sup> (no quorum)

### Other

- DSAS transition is beginning. Reports with recommendations from the internal and external directors have been received and are being reviewed. I've been working with Kym to discuss the options for DSAS, as she's had a number of ideas. Much of this will be an issue for the next executive to discuss, but the process is beginning. Contracts will be signed shortly. Issues of discussion which may require additional budgetary allocation are volunteer training and increased promotion. Also of discussion has been directing part of the executive director honorarium to hire an assistant summer director as a commissioner.

## CAMPAIGNS

### Student Issues Matter Campaign

- CUQSC organizing continues and as the date approaches, this is taking up more and more of my time. Delegates are registering bit by bit, and many logistical tasks are being undertaken. The keynote presenter for CUQSC will be Darkmatter, a duo of poets from the United States that do incredible work on gender, transgender, and race-related issues. Roughly 40 workshops will be presented during the conference, and many socials are being planned, both wet and dry. Community members are able to attend social events and the keynote for a fee, and anybody can register for CUQSC at <http://cuqsc.ca/registration>. If your society has any remaining funds, consider sponsoring a delegate!

### Education Shouldn't be A Debt Sentence Campaign

#### News / Information

- Good news out of New Brunswick, which recently created an expanded grants program for students from families earning under \$60,000. While there are many limitations to the program, most students from low-income backgrounds will have most to all of their tuition costs covered. Headlines aside, there are limitations, such as cost-of-living allowances not being covered by this new student aid money, ongoing tuition increases, and the threat that limited, targeted aid programs can be used to justify fee deregulation in the future.



## VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

- On April 1<sup>st</sup>, NS raised minimum wage by all of \$0.10. It currently takes 606 hours working at minimum wage to earn enough for a year's tuition fees.
- The provincial budget was released on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The budget contains no new measures for students, by and large. In a way this is a relief, as the last two budgets were quite hostile towards us. Nonetheless, seeing no measures to increase needs-based grants or reduce tuition fees is very disappointing, especially given the direction of similar Liberal governments in Ontario, New Brunswick, and federally. There is a 1% increase in funding for universities (less than the 3% needed to hold the line), and a \$1 million increase for the grad student scholarship program, presumably targeted for commercial research as most of that funding is already.

### Actions

- In coalition with NS ACORN, NS Federation of Labour, Canadian Federation of Students-NS and Solidarity Halifax, held an action at the Spring Garden Road McDonalds in support of a \$15 Minimum Wage. The action received good media coverage and received lots of support from pedestrians.
- An action was held on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> to get a quick media hit, which was successful. Using a convocation robe, a student debt ball-and-chain and a banner, myself and a few students were able to promote the rally at the board of governors meeting on CTV and Global news.
- Students held a rally to reject the tuition reset at the board of governors on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Despite continuous and widespread opposition from students to the fee hikes, research from the DSU, DASA, and DSPS, hundreds of students attending budget consultations, media hits, letters to the editor, and 1800 physical petition signatures, the board chose to implement the fee hikes with the smallest of modifications. Student action was able to push the budget advisory committee to reduce the proposed resets by 1% each in pharmacy and agriculture, and 1.6% in engineering – but even after that it amounts to the largest fee hike in our memory. The vote was scheduled in the middle of exams, but students turned up in strong enough numbers to make a strong, and loud protest at the board. The meeting was briefly shut down by students, but the motion ultimately passed. As a final symbolic measure, students laid down outside the exits, forcing board members to literally walk over the students in front of the media. While I'm very disappointed by the board's decision, I'm very proud of the way that students didn't go down without a fight. The board members were clearly shaken and uncomfortable by how upset students are at tuition increases. More students than I expected showed up to protest during exams, and went well beyond their normal comfort zones to make the action a success. Our work is far from over – if anything, it's just beginning. But I have confidence in the students that will carry the campaign forward.

### UPCOMING

- Executive transition!
- Senator transition!

## Sexton Campus Director's Fall Report (September 1 – December 31, 2015)

Yazan Khader, Sexton Campus Director

During the fall term, the Sexton Advisory Committee (SAC) had three meetings: one in September, one in October, and one in November. Items discussed and addressed include:

- **Federal Elections:** SAC discussed how it may work with the Dalhousie Student Union on increasing student turnout in the federal elections. We discussed methods to inform students of the issues relevant to them, and tried to eliminate sources or areas of confusion. SAC found it regrettable that, while there were two voting stations on Studley campus, there were none on Sexton. In light of that, we organized Tiger Patrol drives to the Studley voting stations.
- **Society Outreach:** VP Internal Kaitlyne Lowe and I organized two Society Fairs on Sexton in the fall term. These fairs, to my knowledge, are the first of their kind to happen on Sexton. As a result, the first attempt at organizing one of these fair was not met with huge success. I began promoting this fair quite late and we had a low turnout as a result. We channeled that experience into a successful second fair. Almost all levied societies established a presence, along with most of the Sexton societies.
- **Food on Sexton:** SAC, particularly Derek Moreau of DUES and I, communicated with the administration over food issues on Sexton. We highlighted student frustrations over the lack of food services, as well as the inadequacy of the food providers already there. Moreau and I suggested an expansion in the number of downtown food businesses that DalCard holders can get discounts at. This, we are told, is currently in the works. Moreau and I also suggested improvements in the food services already present, and were able to secure better hours for the Alumni Lounge's Tim's, and better promotion of Sexton's O'Brien Meal Hall.

## Sexton Campus Director's Winter Report (January 1 – April 30, 2015)

Yazan Khader, Sexton Campus Director

During the winter term, the Sexton Advisory Committee (SAC) had two meetings: one in January and one in March. Items discussed and addressed include:

- **Reject the Reset:** SAC, with leadership from the DSU's John Hutton and help from DUES's Derek Moreau and myself, helped organize and promote multiple actions and events about the proposed tuition hikes, which disproportionately affect engineering students (among others). We made a huge presence in the first Board of Governors' meeting wherein the hikes were presented and in the Sexton tuition hike consultations that happened a few weeks later. DUES representatives and I met with the Dean of Engineering to have him explain to us where the hikes are going to go. As I write this, SAC is helping promote and organize a rally for the April Board of Governors' meeting where the proposed hikes are going to be vote on.
- **Bike Center:** Derek Moreau and I (mostly Derek) communicated with the student leaders who operate the Dal Bike Center to discuss their plans around expanding to Sexton. They are currently making a bid for some space in the new IDEAS building being designed for Sexton. We are offering them assistance in that regard.
- **Society Outreach:** VP Internal Kaitlynn Lowe and I organized two Society Fairs on Sexton in the winter term. Along the two fairs organized in the fall, these fairs, to my knowledge, are the first of their kind to happen on Sexton. As a result of these fairs, almost all levied societies had some sort of presence on Sexton.



# COUNCIL TERM END REPORT

COMMERCE SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE 2015-16

## Abstract

A summary of the lessons learned throughout my term on the DSU Council.

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*“The biggest concern for any organization should be when their most passionate people become quiet.” – Anonymous*