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Report of the President

Name: Mariam Knakriah

Reporting Period: February 7 – February 20, 2024

Council Date: February 23, 2024

** These Council reports focus on important meetings and key actions we've taken, leaving out everyday things like emails and Teams chats, and confidential details, sticking to highlighting what's significant.*

Internal Affairs

- ECMs – February 9, 14 & 16, 2024
 - Agreed to and signed a letter of support for the Bike Centre's new Sexton project.
 - Approved sponsorship budget proposals.
 - Discussed potential sexual harassment training as well as leadership training for incoming Executive Officers.
 - We were informed of the necessity to raise the international students' health plan fee by 5% for the upcoming year. Opting to seek further insights on plan usage from Student VIP, I intend to explore potential cuts to underutilized benefits instead of resorting to a blanket increase, especially given the lack of recent benefit reviews. Another fee increase is the last thing international students wish to encounter.
 - And more...
- One-on-One with the General Manager – February 9 & 16, 2024
 - Operations conversations.
- Student Hours – Ongoing

- As per routine, I convened with students to deliberate on various topics, fostering an open dialogue and exchange of ideas.
- Student Issues Discussions – February 9, 2024
 - The VPAAE and I discussed various matters concerning the grading regulation project I am working on and many more.
- Council Prep – February 8, 2024
 - I attended the standard Council prep meeting to ensure readiness and coordination for upcoming council sessions.
- Board of Operation – February 8, 2024
 - We finalized the VPFO's hiring process.
 - I ensured alignment between the job description and our bylaws and policies. It's important to note that this position should not be perceived differently from other Executive roles within the DSU.
 - Additionally, we welcomed a new general member to the board.
- Signage Discussion – February 7, 2024
 - Met with our Director of Facility Operations, Pat, to finalize things around the external signage for our building. We intend to send the signage design to the company we collaborate with soon.
- CSS Snowball Gala – February 9, 2024
 - The Executives and I attended the CSS Son Ball, where we had a great time listening to the remarkable accomplishments of students in the Computer Science Faculty.
- Special Council Meeting – February 13, 2024
 - Met with Council to discuss and approve the amendments to the Performance Support Policy.
- Special Council Meeting – February 19, 2024
 - Met with Council to appoint the General Member of the Board of Operations.
- DSU x Loaded Ladle Capstone team – February 4, 2024

- Had a meeting with the Loaded Ladle capstone student group, the Loaded Ladle society, our General Manager, and the VPI to solidify our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the community fridge/pantry planned for our basement. The final draft has been forwarded to the capstone group, and we await their signatures to formalize the agreement.
- SEIU Collective Agreement – February 15, 2024
 - I met with our lawyer and the General Manager to discuss and ultimately finalize the Collective Agreement with SEIU, the part-time staff's union.
- DSU x Dalhousie MOU Discussion – February 5, 2024
 - The executives and I collaborated to draft and initiate the process of solidifying our MOU with the university.
- Campus Engagement Discussion – February 15, 2024
 - The VPSL and I met with an undergraduate student from Memorial University who sought information about campus engagement opportunities at Dalhousie.

University Affairs

- By-Weekly Meetings with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs – February 12, 2024
 - I was updated on some projects Dalhousie is working on.
- High-Performance Leadership Workshop 2: Thinking – February 10, 2024
 - I attended the second workshop of the High-Performance Leadership Academy which focused on “thinking”.
 - We learned how to articulate project outcomes for our capstone project, completed the Project Logic Model template, and reviewed the Design Project Scoping Guide.
- DalLeads 2024 Panel – February 10, 2024
 - The VP AE and I, alongside three other campus leaders, engaged in a panel discussion where I moderated an insightful conversation. Together, we shared our diverse experiences and insights to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow.

- Dalhousie Senate Meeting – February 12, 2024
 - Confidential.
- Code of Student Conduct Task Force Meeting – February 16, 2024
 - I attended the Code of Student Conduct Task Force Meeting, where we collectively reviewed the progress and enhancements made to the code of conduct thus far this year. It was an insightful session dedicated to refining our approach and ensuring the effectiveness of the student conduct policies.
- DSU x Dalhousie Student Affairs By-Weekly Meeting – February 13, 2024
 - We engaged in discussions on general student affairs matters during a meeting with the Student Affairs Office.
- President's Advisory Committee on Sexualized Violence – February 20, 2024
 - I attended the PACSV meeting where we received a presentation from the Advancement Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Working Group. Additionally, we deliberated on the Can't Buy My Silence Campaign and University Pledge, debating whether the university would commit to signing the pledge or not.

External and Broader Community

- Nothing to report.

Upcoming Important Dates

- High-Performance Leadership Workshop 3: Relating – February 24, 2024
- Executive Progress Chalkboard Painting – February 26, 2024
- Senate Honorary Degree Meeting – February 27, 2024
- Meeting with Dalhousie VP People and Culture, Grace Jefferies-Aldridge – February 27, 2024



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Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Annual Survey intro meeting, February 7, 10 am:

- a. Met with the Advocacy and Research Coordinator.
- b. Discussed potential shifts in the Annual Survey's focus, release, and use of resulting data.

Commissioner check-in, February 7, 1 pm:

- a. Discussed updates on committee work and admin tasks.

Council prep meeting, February 8, 10 am:

- a. Met with the PGC and exec team.
- b. Received updates on agenda items, asked questions.

Executive Committee meeting, February 9, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Brought up the Bike Centre's proposal to the Committee, and we agreed to write a letter of endorsement for their funding proposal to the province.

Computer Science Society Gala, February 9, 6 pm:

- a. Attended the event with the President, VP AE, and VPSL, on invitation from the Society.

Council meeting, February 9, 7 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Provided feedback with other Councillors for the search of a new Provost.

Comms meeting, February 12, 1 pm:

- a. Met with the General Manager, Marketing and Design Manager, and VPSL.

- b. Discussed ideas for fun social media campaigns/giveaways for St Patrick's Day and Easter.

Special Council meeting, February 13, 7:30 pm:

- a. Voted on a motion to amend the Performance Support Policy.

DSU x Loaded Ladle Capstone team meeting, February 14, 12 pm:

- a. Was updated on the project and reviewed the newest version of the MOU with the Ladle.

Executive Committee meeting, February 14, 2 pm:

- a. Discussed Society sponsorships and Bike Centre letter content.

MOU meeting, February 15, 11 am:

- a. Discussed Student Affairs MOU outline and urgent deliverables.

Commissioner check-in, February 16, 11 am:

- a. Discussed progress on tasks and SAF report.

Executive Committee meeting, February 16, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Discussed bonding and training opportunities for exec and staff.
- c. Approved Bike Centre letter.

Society Review Committee Updates

Meeting with complainants, February 8, 11 am:

- a. Met with complainants to receive more information on a complaint submitted recently to the Committee.

Committee meeting, February 13, 11:30 am:

- a. Discussed complaints received and ratifications. Ratified the following Societies:
 - a. Yarmouth Nursing Society
 - b. Get REAL Dalhousie

Note: SRC is also discussing the possibility of recommending the suspension of non-active Residence Council fees.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, February 12, 12 pm:

- a. No business conducted due to lack of quorum.

Meeting, February 19, 1 pm:

- a. Approved applications with the rest of the Committee.

Special Council meeting, February 19, 6 pm:

- a. Appointed a General Member to the Board of Operations.

University Affairs and Committees

Dal Reads author reading event, February 8, 6 pm:

- a. Attended the event at the Wallace McCain Commons, representing the DSU.

DalLEADS panel, February 10, 3 pm:

- a. Attended the event in support of DSU colleagues!

DSU x VPEI meeting, February 14, 11 am:

- a. Met with the VPEI and AVPEI, discussed work on African Heritage Month and updates on Pride Week.

DSU x Student Affairs meeting, February 16, 10 am:

- a. Both teams exchanged portfolio updates, with a focus on breastfeeding and prayer room work.

External and Broader Community

Nothing to report.

Goal Progress

Fall: AGM guide is complete, have begun working on Elections guide.

Upcoming Dates

Nothing to report.



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Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Ana Patton

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

ECM – Ongoing

- We discussed some more sponsorship opportunities and more operations-related matters!

Gala Meeting – Feb 9

- Jose and I met to discuss the finalization of the Gala! We're set for March 2nd, and I will be sending out invites to councillors and part-time staff!

Comms Meeting – Feb 12

- Tammy invited me to come to the weekly comms meeting with Kelsey and Meghan to discuss some ideas they had that they'd like to facilitate with me, specifically ways to increase student engagement online through our social media channels.
- More to come soon!

Pride Week Events –

- All events had a sizeable turnout, I got a lot of great feedback and got to hear from fellow students individually about their experiences as a Dal student and DSU member!

MOU Meeting w/Execs –

- We met and discussed the scope, and individual items on the agreement! We're hoping to present it to SA soon.

University Affairs and Committees

Bi-Weekly Student Affairs Meeting– Ongoing

- We discussed many ongoing projects such as the allocation of the Wellness room, some events that happened in the past weeks, and how SA is looking to support us on those items!

- We also brought up the MOU and informed them that we'd like to present it to them in the coming weeks.

Bi-Weekly Equity and Inclusion Meeting– Ongoing

- Discussed some ongoing affairs, events and programs relevant to their office! Short and sweet due to the snow day.

Impact Awards – Ongoing

- Nominations were released to the relevant parties!
- We discussed and solved some more logistical hiccups we've encountered and finalized some ticketing logistics!

External and Broader Community

- Nothing to report as of now!

Goal Progress

- Met with all execs and presented my work so far! We all made some edits and are going to set a meeting with SA in the next week or so!

Upcoming Dates

Society Appreciation Gala – March 2nd

Tax Clinic – TBA

Saint Patrick's Day – Friday March 16th & Saturday March 17th