

Report of the President

Name: Mariam Knakriah

Reporting Period: November 20 – December 4, 2023

Council Date: December 7, 2023

Internal Affairs

- ECMs – Ongoing
 - We discussed the upcoming late-night breakfast scheduled for December 8, where students will have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast at night in the SUB while studying for their finals. The executives and Councillors are expected to be present to enhance the student experience during this event.
- One-onOne with the General Manager – Ongoing
 - I maintain a regular practice of conducting one-on-one meetings with the General Manager to address staff concerns and ensure a comfortable living environment for everyone. Additionally, we discuss a wide range of other topics pertinent to the DSU's well-being and efficiency.
- DSU x DalOut x Loaded Ladle – November 29, 2023
 - In my recent meeting with DalOut and the LL, we addressed concerns, particularly focusing on the space allocation issue and establishing more effective communication strategies. The society members expressed great satisfaction with the meeting, feeling genuinely heard, and noted that it was the first time they were invited to discuss such matters with the President.
- Board of Operations Meeting – December 5, 2023
 - I presented and gained approval for the funding of my project to name the exterior of the building.

University Affairs

- DSU Exec/VPEI Meeting – November 22, 2023
 - We had a meeting with the Dalhousie Equity and Inclusion Office to discuss various matters, during which my focus was on the Palestine and Israel concerning events. Our objective was to explore ways to provide optimal support for our students navigating these sensitive issues.
- DSU Exec/SA Meeting – November 23, 2023
 - We had our meeting with Dalhousie Student Affairs covering a range of topics crucial to the student experience.
- Meeting with Leslie Phillmore – November 27, 2023
 - Met with the Associate Vice-President Academics, Lislie, to further discuss my COOP efforts, seeking her insights and expertise to enhance our initiatives.
- Dalhousie Senate Meeting – November 27, 2023
 - I participated in the regular Senate meetings with the university, where discussions revolved around key academic and administrative matters.
- DSU x ISC – November 28, 2023
 - Our recent meeting with the Indigenous Office centred on our commitment to integrating Indigenous culture into the DSU and our operational practices. Discussions included planning upcoming semester events and exploring the possibility of providing annual Indigenous knowledge training for our Executives to foster a more inclusive environment.
- Dalhousie Board of Governors Meeting – November 28, 2023
 - I attended the Dalhousie Board of Governors meeting, presenting my regular report to provide the university with updates on our DSU.
- Dalhousie Board of Governors Annual Dinner – November 28, 2023
 - I was invited to the Dalhousie Board of Governors' annual dinner, where our Student Union received significant praise for our exemplary work thus far. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments and strengthen connections within the university community.
- Code of Conduct Task Force – Ongoing
 - I continue to collaborate with DAL as a member of the Code of Student Conduct Task Force. We are currently visiting the guiding principles set forth by the

Integrated Policy Framework Advisory Group. Our focus is on the development and review of policies that govern community behavior.

- Dalhousie Alcohol Advisory Committee Meeting – December 4, 2023
 - Participated in a meeting with the Alcohol Advisory Committee to engage in discussions regarding the new alcohol policy and approve proposed amendments, including the incorporation of guidelines related to cannabis.
- By-Weekly Meetings with Vice-Provost of Student Affairs – December 4, 2023
 - I had the usual bi-weekly meeting with Rick to discuss ongoing matters and collaborate on initiatives aimed at enhancing the student experience.

External and Broader Community

- Giving Tuesday – Ongoing
 - In just one year, visits to the DSU food bank by international students have surged from 282 to 839 per month, with an increase in visits from Master's level students, with an additional 200 students seeking support monthly over the past year.
 - In line with our commitment to community welfare, I am excited to share news about our fourth annual Giving Tuesday campaign for the DSU Food Bank that happened on November 28th, 2023. This initiative is crucial for supporting food banks in Halifax and Truro. Our title sponsor, the J & W Murphy Foundation, generously matches up to \$20,000 of funds raised at Dalhousie.
 - This year, our collective efforts have already amassed over \$67,000. And notably, this campaign extends beyond Dalhousie, benefiting post-secondary universities across Nova Scotia.
 - The General Manager and I had a debrief session with Clare from the Advancement Office to evaluate the project's progress and explore avenues for improvement in the upcoming year, possibly extending our collaboration to include governmental figures. The aim is to enhance the project's effectiveness and broaden its impact through strategic refinements and expanded partnerships.
- The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Advocacy Week – November 20- November 24, 2023

- During the recent CASA advocacy week in Ottawa, the VPSL and I actively engaged with MPs, ministers, and other governmental figures throughout the week, advocating for various student issues on a federal level. The enthusiasm displayed by these individuals was promising, and we are eagerly anticipating the follow-ups. My particular focus during these discussions centred on addressing pressing concerns related to housing, and tuition and health insurance for international students, which are significant issues on our campus.
- Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee – November 27, 2023
 - I attended the PSVPC meeting, where discussions centered on developing strategies and initiatives to address and prevent sexual violence. The committee's collaborative efforts aim to contribute to broader efforts in fostering a safer environment for all. My lens focused on the unique challenges and opportunities present within our campus community.
- Meeting with the Ombudsperson – November 29, 2023
 - I convened with Ombudsperson Carla to discuss her annual evaluation report on the DSU and address specific concerns raised within the document. The meeting provided an opportunity to engage in a constructive dialogue, seeking clarity on the report and working collaboratively to address any identified issues.
- Government-Student Roundtable – December 4, 2023
 - During the student-government roundtable, I delivered a brief presentation providing updates on various campus matters, with a particular focus on addressing the pressing food security issue. I sought the attention of the government to address and prioritize this critical concern impacting our student community.

Upcoming Important Dates

- DSU/SA End of Term Breakfast – December 7, 2023
- Board of Academics and Student Affairs Meeting – December 7, 2023
- Executives and staff Holiday Celebrations – December 8, 2023



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Report of the Vice President, Internal

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

Comms meeting, November 20, 11 am:

- a. Discussed updates about the DSU Food Drive.
- b. Discussed progress with DSU Holiday Cards and tabling and promo materials.
- c. Discussed changes in Annual Survey dates.

Society talk, November 20, 1:30 pm:

- a. Met with the Societies and Programming Coordinator, Financial Controller, and General Manager.
- b. Discussed issue with a former sports Society and the information (or lack thereof) within the office, and subsequent steps.

Council prep, November 23, 10 am:

- a. Went through the Council meeting agenda with the Policy and Governance Coordinator and the rest of the executive, asked questions.

Council meeting, November 23, 6:30 pm:

- a. Presented report, appointed members to Committees, received feedback on Society Policy piece.

Executive Committee meeting, November 24, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Discussed movie licence updates and upcoming programming and events.

Comms meeting, November 27, 11 am:

- a. Discussed updates on holiday cards, Grawood sign, and brochure graphics.

Internal Commissioner weekly check-in, November 27, 3 pm:

- a. Was updated on the Commissioner's capacity for the rest of the term.
- b. Discussed tasks to be prioritized this week.

Society Policy Working Group meeting, November 29, 1 pm:

- a. Discussed new recommendations on Society Policy amendments from the Conference Services and Accounting departments, as well as updates from the meeting with Dal Athletics about sports clubs.
- b. Discussed timeline for Society Policy revisions:
 - a. New proposals/ideas accepted until end of Fall term.
 - b. Draft for BPRC should be done by end of January.

Executive Committee meeting, November 30, 10 am:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Discussed confidential HR matter.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee meeting, November 30, 2 pm:

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

Executive Committee meeting, December 1, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Discussed SUB hours of operation for late night programming, SUB signage options, and Offices Steering Committee situation.

Society Review Committee Updates

The Committee has had two new appointments, Kriti Maini and Rowan Menezes. There was no need to meet over the past few weeks, however we have received two complaints we need to investigate. Between the new people on the Committee and the exam season, I anticipate that this conversation will bleed into the new year.

NSPIRG was ratified via e-vote on November 23.

Offices Steering Committee Updates

After conversations with the General Manager and the Policy and Governance Coordinator, we realized that the Committee is not listed in any of our governing documents. After investigating the matter, I discovered that the Committee Policy, the only place where the Offices Steering Committee was outlined, was revoked on May 22, 2019. The PGC found the temporary bylaw amendments from 2019 passed at Council that added the OSC to the list of standing DSU Committees for one year (due to lack of AGM quorum), but after 2020, no attempt to legitimize

the Committee was made. After conversations between the General Manager, PGC, and the Executive Committee, the executive passed a motion on December 1st stating that the work of the OSC can be done more efficiently and with better supervision and accountability if the steering was conducted by the newly hired Advocacy and Research Coordinator, and budget approvals by the approval bodies outlined in the Financial Policy.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Meeting, November 24, 10:30 am:

- a. Chaired the meeting.
- b. Processed applications with the rest of the Committee.

Meeting, December 1, 10:30 am:

- a. Chaired the meeting.
- b. Processed applications with the rest of the Committee.

University Affairs and Committees

FASS meeting, November 21, 1 pm:

- a. Provided updates on by-elections, DSU Gender and Sexuality Support Centre, and DASSS mixer event.
- b. Was updated on changes with grants in the Faculty.

DSU x VPEI office meeting, November 22, 11 am:

- a. Discussed current campus climate and provided updates on GSSC.

DSU x VPSA office meeting, November 23, 9 am:

- a. Was updated on Student Leadership Academy and Accessibility Week events.

Accessibility Week launch event and flag raising, November 27, 11:45 am:

- a. Attended the event, posted highlights on socials.

Introductory meeting with Dal Athletics, November 28, 1 pm:

- a. Met with DSU Societies and Programming Coordinator, and representatives from Campus and Community Recreation.
- b. Discussed supports and regulations for sports clubs from the DSU and Dal Athletics.

Classroom Planning Committee meeting, November 29, 2 pm:

- a. Discussed issues with event and classroom booking clashes during the Summer term.

A Lunch and Learn with Microsoft Canada, November 30, 11:30 am:

- a. Attended the event as part of the Accessibility Week series.

External and Broader Community

Nothing to report.

Goal Progress

Began working on outline for AGM guide. Sections include what standing agenda items are needed for an AGM and basic governance tips, especially for Societies without constitutions.

Upcoming Dates

DSU x Student Affairs end-of-term breakfast, December 7

SAFC meeting, December 8

Office holiday extravaganza, December 8

FASS meeting, December 12



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Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Name: Omotayo Bankole

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

ECM Meetings: November 24th and 30th

External Committee Updates

November 27th: Dalhousie Senate Meeting held at CHEB building.

University Affairs and Committees

November 24th: SDC hearing date. A senate disciplinary committee confidential hearing.

November 24th: SDC cases ratification

November 21st: Meeting with students from ENV5/BIOL4001: Environmental Impact course. This meeting was to relay information to me concerning the course mentioned, the concerns came from 2 students in the Environmental Science program.

November 23rd: Meeting with Bob Mann regarding inquiries and updates on SDC and SAC.

November 27th: The President and I attended a meeting with Dalhousie Vice-President Academic Leslie Philmore. The meeting discussion centred around plans and updates for the upcoming semester.

External and Broader Community

December 4th: Government-student roundtable discussion. This discussion centred around housing affordability, especially to provide updates on a house sharing program called Happipad.

Upcoming Dates

DSU | Student Affairs Breakfast Meeting.



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Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Name: Ana Patton

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Internal Affairs & DSU Committees

- Continued hiring an Event Commissioner, starting interviews in the next few weeks, looking to find a candidate before the Winter Break!
- Continued work on Winter Orientation, including presentation for day-of, and finalizing scheduled events! More to come soon!
- Exam Wellness, series of events, promotion began this week, and events are set to happen! (More info on how to get involved below!)
- Started working on agenda for Student Life Committee! I'm looking forward to our first meeting!
- ECM, weekly

University Affairs & Committees

- Winter Orientation Working Group - DSU events will be posted on the New to DAL website, many different players across DAL faculties working together!
 - Attended the by-weekly meeting with Student Affairs – SLEQ updates, new mentorship program from faculty members to students, dealing with student wellness on campus during times of conflict.
 - Continued research on MOU with Dalhousie, started compiling all information relating to each department of the DSU, and what should be asked and offered to the university.
 - Continued planning of a Winter semester Pride Week, looking to have a mentorship program, 1:1 activities and community-lead programming! I want to empower everyone to pull off their event ideas, if you have any, let me know!
 - Attended a meeting with the ISC (Indigenous Student Center) and learned about more programming we can include at the DSU for Indigenous students, and for the education of the broader community! I will be meeting with some workshop

facilitators in the next month or so to find out their ideas, and bring more inclusion to the DSU!

External & Broader Community

- Continued planning IMPACT Awards, nominations set to go out in December, work will start to pick up in January!

- HealthyMindsNS meeting, learned about resources provided by many institutions, including some programs that are directly involved with education! I am following up with some members to compile some more resources the DSU can provide to our students!

- Attended week-long CASA conference with Mariam, met multiple Members of Parliament, learned about the inner workings of other Student Unions, and advocated for our students! We advocated for resolutions to multiple big issues for DAL students, such as a federal fix to the housing crisis, maintaining the increase of International student working hours, and federal grants/scholarships! I did my very best to show MPs what student life is like at Dalhousie, and I hope to see follow through on the support we received for the issues we raised to the federal government!

Upcoming Dates

- Late Night Breakfast, December 7, 10 p.m. - 2a.m. - We need volunteers to pass out food! The executives and I will be in attendance, but we need more hands! Please reach out to me or tell me during Council if you can attend!

- Exam Wellness, December 7-8

- Holiday Food Drive, November 20 - December 15