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Report of the Vice President, Internal

Name: Tammy Maniou

Reporting Period: February 21, 2024 – March 5, 2024

Council Date: March 8, 2024

Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

MOU discussion, February 21, 12:30 pm:

- a. Met with the executive and DSU legal counsel to discuss options and suitable paths for our MOU with the University.

Council prep meeting, February 22, 10 am:

- a. Met with the executive and Policy and Governance Coordinator.
- b. Went over the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting and asked questions.

Society ambassadors meeting, February 23, 10 am:

- a. Met with the Societies and Programming Coordinator and Internal Commissioner.
- b. Reviewed the Coordinator's proposal on the new volunteer program and provided feedback.

MOU working hour, February 23, 11 am:

- a. Met with the executive to work on MOU content relevant to individual portfolios, provide feedback and ideas to each other.

Executive Committee meeting, February 23, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Discussed Employee Appreciation Day ideas, logistics for the Society Gala.

Council meeting, February 23, 7 pm:

- a. Moved and passed a motion to suspend fees for Howe, LMP, and Mini Res Councils based on inactivity metrics outlined in the Society Policy, after consulting with the Society Review Committee.

CASA meeting, February 25, 1 pm:

- a. Met with the DSU executive and the CASA Communications and Creative Officer.
- b. Received presentation about CASA as an institution and their recent work.

Comms meeting, February 28, 10 am:

- a. Met with the Marketing and Design Manager, General Manager, VPSL.
- b. Discussed logistics for Treasure Hunt, suitable locations, and equipment needed for the project.
- c. Decided on the creation of a Committee description form that will serve the purpose of Committee Chairs providing information to the Comms team about the operations and workload expectations for each Committee. The goal is to showcase and promote Committees in such a way where students apply for positions knowing the type of work done matches their interests, and the workload expectations match their capacity.
- d. Discussed the potential of an intentional and coordinated hiring campaign for next year (as opposed to a random flood of posts on the DSU socials).

Employee Appreciation Day event, March 1, 9 am:

- a. Met with executives and staff in the Council Chambers for cookie decorating and appreciation trophies.

Executive Committee meeting, March 1, 12 pm:

- a. Took minutes.
- b. Moved and passed a proposal for the purchase of a folding wheelchair ramp that will be added to our Society rental roster.
- c. Discussed Health Plan details.
- d. Discussed the President's Society EDIA Grant proposal.

Society Appreciation Gala, March 2, 8 pm:

- a. Attended the event, gave a speech, and presented awards with the Societies and Programming Coordinator.

Comms meeting, March 4, 1 pm:

- a. Met with the
- b. Discussed details for St Paddy's Treasure Hunt, promo needed for pancake breakfasts, Impact Awards, ongoing projects.

Society Review Committee Updates

Gerard Hall Council meeting, February 23, 2 pm:

- a. Met with the executives of Gerard Hall Council and the Internal Commissioner.

- b. Went over proposed constitutional amendments by SRC for their newly drafted Constitution.

Student Accessibility Fund Committee Updates

Nothing to report.

University Affairs and Committees

MPAS x DSU meeting, February 27, 9 am:

- a. Met with student leaders and staff from the new Masters of Physician Assistants program to discuss the options of Society types that would be best and most feasible to create to represent students in the program. More work needs to be done on the DSU's end to understand the procedure of creating a new Faculty Society.

VPEI x DSU breakfast, February 28, 9 am:

- a. Met with the executive and the Vice Provost, Equity and Inclusion, Assistant Vice Provost, Equity and Inclusion.
- b. Discussed the current equity and inclusion landscape at Dalhousie and more broadly, presented and supported the Financial Literacy workshop series proposal prepared and curated by the VPFO.

External and Broader Community

Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls March, February 28, 1 pm:

- a. Participated in the march on University Avenue.

Goal Progress

Summer:

- a. Met with an executive from Risley Hall Council on February 26 to guide them through the ratification process.
- b. Met with ResLife on March 4 to discuss the progress of the Residence Council project, and to answer questions on further fee suspensions and other financial concerns.

Fall:

- a. Elections guide is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done. Making sure there is adequate information for all important steps and logistical pieces of the process.

Upcoming Dates

Puppy Power Hour, every Wednesday at 3:45 pm at the SUB Lobby. Come be a member of the Ollie Fan Club.



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Report of the Vice President, Student Life

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Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

ECM – Ongoing

- Discussed some internal matters as well

DSU Employee Appreciation

- Mariam and I organized a small event internally to show how grateful we are to our full and part time staff!
- We decorated cookies, gave away superlative awards, and got some quality time with all of our staff.

DSU Society Gala – March 2

- Our Gala was very successful! I received a lot of great feedback from students, and everyone seemed to enjoy the night!
- I've started setting up a document for future VPSLs to easily organize this event, so that we can continue to host them, maybe annually!

MSA x DSU

- I've started to organize an Iftaar event with MSA, where we would invite students, councillors, as well as DAL Admin! It will be held in the McInnes Room, date TBA!
- We've also ordered some Ramadan decorations for the SUB!

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

- I organized a breakfast with the VPEI office for us to talk more naturally about current on-goings between us! We discussed some really great initiatives, and Henry presented a great proposal that they seemed incredibly interested in!

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!

Last Class Bash – Feb 28

- Student Affairs and I met with Mike, and we're going to try and have a day-long event with some live music, trivia and prizes to celebrate the end of classes. I'd like to provide free food for students, and give them a nice way to relax and get some cool swag!

Transition and Engagement Committee – Feb 29

- I presented our successes from last O-Week to some new faces on this committee, and discussed some of the plans we have going into the next transition of students coming to DAL.
- We discussed the timeline of planning and events!
- I'm looking forward to welcoming more students into our amazing community, and I think the T&E committee is really prepared after our success last semester!

External and Broader Community

CASA Presentation –

- We got a presentation from CASA about our membership and some of the work they've done in the last little while.

Goal Progress

- We've met with the lawyer and discussed the direction of the MOU moving forward, I've scheduled some time for us to look over it again and I hope to present it next week!

Upcoming Dates

Tax Clinic – TBA

Iftaar Event - TBA

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