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## Report of the President

Name: Mariam Knakriah

Reporting Period: September 25, 2023 – October 20, 2023

Council Date: October 26, 2023

### Internal Affairs

- ECMs – Ongoing
  - Regular executive committee meetings are ongoing.
- One-on-Ones 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.
- MSA x DSU – October 2, 2023
  - After extensive research and collaboration, I have made significant progress in identifying an optimal strategy to secure a dedicated space for our Muslim community on campus to conduct their Friday prayers. The discussion is still ongoing with the university.
- DSU Annual General Meeting – October 12, 2023
  - Our AGM this year was a resounding success, marked by a significant achievement as we met quorum for the first time in eight years. This milestone underscores the growing engagement and commitment of our members and their active involvement in shaping the future of our organization.
- Impact Awards Discussion – October 16, 2023
  - Initiated productive discussions with DAL as we embarked on preparations for the upcoming Impact Awards Ceremony.

- Management Faculty Tour – October 19, 2023
  - I hosted a few faculty members from the Management Department who visited the DSU for a tour, a result of our dedicated efforts in promoting the DSU and our AGM. Their keen interest in learning more about us reflects their commitment to understanding the organization to which they entrust their students.

### University Affairs

- DSU Executive/Student Affairs Biweekly Meeting – Ongoing
  - I continue to participate in the meetings between the Executive team and Student Affairs to address various student issues.
- Meetings with Rick Ezekiel – Ongoing
  - I consistently hold meetings with the Vice Provost for Student Affairs during which we actively explore opportunities for collaboration between the university and the DSU.
- Dalhousie Senate Meeting – October 23, 2023
  - During our latest session, the VPAE and I successfully advocated for and achieved the approval of a crucial motion, integrating Student Rating of Course Content (SRCC) components into the Student Feedback on Learning or the SLEQs, thereby enhancing the assessment of the student learning experience.
  - For context: Two years ago, former Executives initiated a proposal aimed at enhancing equity and inclusion within DAL's course curriculums. However, it faced delays and was not embraced by the Senate. The idea is to add an additional block of mandatory Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) questions, which will be referred to as the Student Ratings of Course Content (SRCC), to identify the levels of content that address equity and inclusion in Dalhousie course curriculums for educational and nonpunitive purposes. The focus of this block is on course content and not course delivery. The SRCCs will support course instructors in developing innovative curricula to support diversity, developing cross-cultural competencies, and fostering safer spaces by identifying areas of strengths and weaknesses in existing course content.

- O-Week Debrief – September 28, 2023 & October 25, 2023
  - I had a few meetings with the student union staff and university officials to conduct a comprehensive debrief of O-Week, celebrating the DSU’s successes and addressing areas for improvement for the upcoming year.
- Employment Equity Council Meeting – October 10, 2023
  - I had the opportunity to contribute my perspective on employment equity concerning religion. I shared valuable insights and perspectives during the meeting, emphasizing the importance of fostering an inclusive and equitable workplace environment for individuals of all religious backgrounds.
- Code of Conduct Task Force – October 12, 2023
  - 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.

### External and Broader Community

- Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee Meetings – Ongoing
  - I continue to have my meetings with the PSVPC to develop comprehensive strategies for sexual violence prevention across the province.
- Student Housing with Claudia Chender – September 28, 2023
  - The VPAE and I had the privilege of meeting with Claudia Chender, the MP for Dartmouth South. During our meeting, we engaged in a fruitful discussion about student housing, inquiring about the current student housing strategy, and shared our first-hand experiences and insights to contribute to this critical dialogue.
- DSU/SEIU Local 2 Conciliation – October 23, 2023
  - I attended six hours in bargaining with the SEIU, which represents our part-time staff at the DSU. While the discussions are ongoing, our efforts have yielded mutually satisfactory agreement that both parties can be content with.

### Upcoming Important Dates

- Students Nova Scotia Board Meeting – October 27, 2023

- Student Support Services Fair – November 3, 2023



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## **Report of the Vice President, Academic and External**

Name: Omotayo Bankole

Reporting Period: September 25 - October 20, 2023

Council Date: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Internal Affairs and DSU Committees

#### Executive Council Meetings:

- a. Sept 29th: Attended ECM meetings.
- b. Oct 3rd: Attended ECM meetings.
- c. Oct 6th: Attended ECM meetings.
- d. Oct 13th: Attended ECM meetings.
- e. Oct 20th: Attended ECM meetings.

#### O-Week:

- a. Sept 28th: O-week Debriefing meeting

#### AGM:

- a. Oct 6th: Attended AGM prep meeting.
- b. Oct 12th: DSU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### Student outreach:

- a. Met with the marketing coordinator to explore some student outreach options.

#### SLTC Prep:

- a. Oct 4th: Held a meeting with the president to prepare our updates for the SLTC committee.

#### Bursaries:

- a. Oct 13th: ISEBC meeting with the VPFO
- b. Oct 18th: ISEBC meeting with the VPFO

## External Committee Updates

### Dalhousie Senate

- a. Sept 25th: Attended the Dalhousie Senate Meeting with the president.
- b. Sept 26th: Senate Officers and DSU Executives meeting.
- c. Sept 26th: SDC Orientation meeting with Bob Mann the Manager of Discipline and Appeals.

### CASA EDI Consultation

- a. Sept 26th: CASA EDI Consultation sessions to allow for discussions and provide feedback to reflect the will of CASA membership.

### Inclusive Fitness Spaces

- a. Met with the Fitness Hall manager with the rest of the executives to discuss implementation of inclusive gym times.

### DSU Executive Photoshoot

#### DSU Executive/Student Affairs Biweekly Meeting:

- a. Sept 28th: Discussed issues and updates.
- b. Oct 11th: Discussed issues and updates.

### SLEQ Taskforce Meeting

- a. Met with the members of the SLEQ review committee to discuss progress with SRCC updates.

### SLTC Meeting:

- a. Met with SLTC committee to discuss proposed revisions to student feedback on learning experience policy.

### DSU Exec & VPEI Meeting:

- a. A recurring meeting request from the office of the office of VPEI.

## Student Senate Caucus Updates

### Senate Caucus Communications:

- a. Sept 28th: A communications plan meeting for Senate caucus engagement with DSU policy coordinator and Marketing coordinator

Senate Caucus Meeting:

- a. Oct 2nd: SSC meeting was held, and student senators were appointed on to the Dalhousie Senate.
- b. Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: SCC meeting was held, remaining seats on SDC and SAC were appointed.

External and Broader Community

Goal Progress

Upcoming Dates

Council Meeting :