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Report of the Executive

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Goal Progress

Summer 2023: In Summer 2023, the primary objectives were to ensure a seamless transition into the VP role, develop a comprehensive student advocacy strategy, and establish positive connections with other student bodies as well as coalition student associations, with performance indicators focusing on monitoring onboarding progress, measuring the advocacy strategy's alignment, and evaluating connection building.

Fall 2023: For Fall 2023, the central goals revolve around increasing student involvement, enhancing transparency, and improving issue resolution and financial relief, with performance indicators quantifying data collection, tracking student participation, assessing transparency efforts, monitoring issue resolution, and measuring the efficiency of the bursary application process.

Winter 2024: In Winter 2023, the focus shifts to improving communication with academic resources, raising awareness about these resources, fostering impactful partnerships with student centers, and expanding the DSU's student reach, with performance indicators concentrating on evaluating communication effectiveness, tracking resource awareness, assessing partnership impact, measuring collaboration success, and monitoring the growth in the number of students reached through expanded partnerships and outreach programs.

Internal Affairs & DSU Committees

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee: As part of my internal responsibilities, I sit on the International Student Emergency Bursary Committee and take minutes for all meetings. I joined this committee as part of our broader initiatives to support international students.

Executive Committee Meetings: Over the summer, the executive team convened biweekly meetings to address any issues related to the DSU's daily operations. These meetings primarily focused on managing administrative tasks, handling housekeeping matters, and approving appointments before presenting them to the council. Additionally, these Executive Committee Meetings (ECMs) served as a valuable tool for offering support to the executive team and ensuring all team members remained well-informed about the DSU's operations.

University Affairs & Committees

Senate: As part of my role, I sit on the Dalhousie Senate, and various sub-committees of Senate including Senate Learning & Teaching Committee (SLTC), Senate Discipline Committee (SDC), and Student Learning Experience Questionnaire (SLEQ) Task Force.

Student Affairs – The DSU Executive meets with the Student Affairs team on a biweekly basis to discuss ongoing matters including programming ideas, adjustments to convocation proceedings and discussion of student issues.

Student Senate Caucus: The Senate Caucus has been formed. The Caucus shall be responsible for the following duties pertaining to the Senate: Planning strategies for lobbying the Senate, drafting presentations, preparing written reports on the Senate and its committees for each Council meeting, and fulfilling any other related duties that may arise from time to time.

External & Broader Community

Government Relations Building and Advocacy work: As part of my goal to increase the DSU's capacity for advocacy, increasing our government relations was crucial. During the summer, the president and I were privileged to attend a student government roundtable meeting in Halifax as well as a student issues discussion with the department of Advanced Education. In addition to this, I had the opportunity to attend the first MOU discussion meetings with relevant stakeholders. I will also be attending advocacy week later in the Fall with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) to lobby the federal government. I hope to meet with the Minister of Advanced Education in the near future to discuss some of the asks from this campaign and other issues facing students.

Outreach

In our effort to enhance student engagement, the executive team has made deliberate commitment to connect with students more effectively. We are in the process of creating a student engagement pool to facilitate easier and more effective student engagement. Up to this point, we have actively participated in the planning and organizing of events such as O-week, DSU society expo, the university fair and so on. Additionally, the team has undertaken outreach initiatives that promote the use of media platforms such as Dal Mobile for campus safety and a convenient learning experience.

Connecting with other Student Unions: In an effort to further my understanding of student union operations, I have been conducting ongoing jurisdictional scans of student union programming, advocacy and operations via social media.