Black Community Representative Report  
Fall 2019

Current Projects:
- Working on revamping the Black United Student Association (BUSA)
  - Have been discussing with our Director of Research and Outreach on the logistics and timeline of this society. This has taken up most of my time in terms of projects due to having to start reconstructing the society from the bottom-up.
  - Reaching out to Black-identified societies to see who is interested in being apart of BUSA’s executive team.

Meetings:
- Have met with the African Nova Scotian Student Society (ANSSS) to discuss how I can support their society & programming as they are a new society.
- Have attended some events held by the Black Student Advising Centre’s (BSAC) as a means to connect with Black students on campus.
- Regular meetings with the Director of Research and Outreach to form a solid structure for BUSA.
- Also met with Black students at the University of King’s College (UKC) to see how I can be a support for them and have more collaboration between Black Dal/King’s students.

The main challenge that I have encountered is finding time to regularly meet with all of the Black-identified societies and their executives due to everyone’s busy schedules however I hope that next semester will be more fruitful in terms of connecting students to BUSA since it will be more concrete.

Future Projects:
- Starting to plan events for Black History Month
- Met briefly with the Equity & Accessibility office director about funding and collaborating on events for February.
- I hope to do more organizing around Black Muslim student’s issues on campus in the winter term with the Board of Governor’s Representative and Black Muslim students on campus

Committees
- This semester, I’ve met every Wednesday with the Oversight committee to discuss executive reports, open council positions, and election logistics.
Having the chance to go to their AGM gave me a clear understanding of the organization’s structure.

The main meetings that I attended:
- Black Student’s Caucus
- Racialized Student’s Constituency
- Nova Scotia/Maritimes regional meetings
- Campaigns and Government Relations sub-committee meetings

General feedback: As a community representative, this meeting was an amazing opportunity for me to meet with other Black, Indigenous and racialized student leaders from across the country. Within Black caucus in particular, I was able to discuss my current and future projects with Black student organizers from different regions and receive feedback/strategizing advice. Similarly, meeting with the racialized students’ constituency gave me the opportunity to discuss solidarity among racialized communities and seek insight on bringing support to our racialized communities here at Dalhousie. The campaigns sub-committee was very interesting as we were able to vote and discuss proposed campaigns for the Federation for the upcoming year.

I also attended a few workshops during this conference. The ones that stood out most to me were the workshops on Implementing the Calls to Action (from the Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2-Spirit People Report) for Justice in the Student Movement and the Know Your Rights workshop on anti-islamophobia organizing on campus. I look forward to integrating what I learned over this weekend into my work on campus!