DSU Councilor Report: Board of Governors Representative
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**Grants and Sponsorship Committee:**

Sept 20, October 18th, 25th, November 29th meetings. We went over several applications for approval or deferral. The number of applications that have been coming in is substantial, and the switch over to Airtable has been very effective in my opinion.

**Community Affairs committee:**
Meeting on May 23rd and recently on November 22nd.
I sit on this committee with several other Board members.

Main points of discussion from the recent meeting:
- Growing and Maintaining Dalhousie’s Reputation –Reputation Research Initiative
  - The university has hired a firm from Toronto to assess Dalhousie’s reputation locally and internationally, and we received a presentation via conference call.
- Neighbourhood concern over homecoming.
  - Essentially, the university received a petition from nearby homeowners over the disruptions caused by homecoming every year.

**Board Mentorship:**
I’ve been paired up with a Board member who is acting as my mentor. I had one meeting so far and the purpose is to help me better integrate into my role and have an experienced board member I can go to should I need any advice.

**Board meetings:**
October 15th and November 26th.
Some items brought forward include:
- Annual fundraising report
- Advancement at Dalhousie
- International Student Support Rapid Task Force–Interim Report
- Shifting our Approach: Advancing Student Health & Wellbeing at Dalhousie

In meetings, I’ve been vocal in raising concerns with regards to a student and minority perspectives with health and wellbeing on campus as reflected in their hiring and training, in
addition to for the need for socio-economic data in the acceptance rates for International students at Dalhousie in order to get a more accurate picture of the impacts of rising tuition.

Board retreat:
Last Wednesday, November 27th, I attended a full day BoG retreat in Truro with other members of the Board, with the incoming president of Dalhousie present. There’s been a lot of integration with what is going on with the NS economy and how Dalhousie can adjust accordingly and plan for the future. The day was divided into two sessions, with several presentations as well as self-study exercises. As Dalhousie is currently in the process of creating its new strategic plan, there are 8 different themes:

i. Campus Health and Wellbeing - Jasmine Walsh

ii. Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility - Ian Nason

iii. Student Experience & Student Success - Ivan Joseph

iv. Internationalization & Global Engagement - Teri Balser

v. Research Future - Alice Aiken

vi. Future of Teaching & Learning - Chris Moore

vii. Culture & Climate - Theresa Rajack-Tally

viii. Dal Purpose & Social Responsibility - Matt Hebb

Please message me if you would like more material, I’d be more than happy to share and help you get involved with the input during this planning process! There will be announcements in the coming weeks on student feedback, and I think it is really important for us to get involved.

A reminder that all BoG meetings are open to the public if you would like to sit in on one!