DSU President
Report for the period of November 19th – December 2nd

DSU Internal Operations
Day-To-Day
♦ Financial duties as a signing authority: verifying and signing, internal office accounting.
♦ Email monitoring.
♦ Executive check-ins
♦ Staff check-ins

Hiring Processes
• Hiring in-progress for Graphic Designer and Communications Coordinator, with the goal to have both positions filled in January.

Internal Meetings
• Director Check-Ins
• Commissioner Checkins
• Exec Committee Meetings
• Council Preparation and Governance Check-Ins
• Social Justice Team

Admin Relations
Board of Governors Update
• BOG Report highlighted DSU focus on student engagement. Highlighted Presidential Committee, initiatives in the area of Mental Health. We also thanked the Dal Alumni Association for their support of the DSU Food Bank.
  o We were asked about tracking statistics on usage of the Food Bank, but did not have information accessible at the time to answer this.
  o One BOG member noted the need to more holistically approach food insecurity collaboratively between students, Administration, and Faculty.
Highlights:
- Creation of Search Committee for new Dal VP Finance and Administration.
- Program proposals approved for PHD in Psychiatry Research and Master of Digital Innovation.
- Discussed the Forum on Embedding Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – highlighting interest in creating a more inclusive learning environment.
- Approval of a few Capital Projects proposals and procedural changes.
- Interim Report on the International Student Support Rapid Task Force – recommendations of an on-going working group, additional advisors at the ISC and writing centre, pilot projects for international student success, and cultural competency training for University staff.
  - Also noted they are in the early stage of evaluating impact of tuition increases on international students.
- Board of Governors retreat took place, attended by Fatima.

Ombudsperson Review
- Preparation meeting internally, and attending Ombudsperson Advisory Committee to discuss future of role further.

Senate
- Took place Monday Nov 25th.
- Highlights
  - Strategic themes presentation by Teri Balser, about learning circles formed to explore different topics and report on their findings.
  - Academic integrity process review in the works by Bob Mann.

Misc Meetings
- Meeting with Teri Balser.
- Senior Administration meeting on Nov 29th.
- Student Affairs Luncheon

Student Engagement
Snapchat
- Providing regular updates on Snapchat directly from the President Office, also using to promote information around council.

Agricultural Campus
- Attended a meeting with the DASA executive and a Q&A/discussion session with students. Attendance was not high but the session was cozy and a lot of useful discussion was held on how the DSU can work with DASA on providing support without over-reaching, better communicating to the student body, and addressing concerns around the CFS referendum.

AGM Preparation
- Created overall semester/since start date report of activities in the Presidential office to present at the AGM.
- Assisting with coordinating the AGM logistics themselves as necessary.

AGM
- Took place on Nov 29th, unfortunately quorum was not met so only executive updates and audited financial statements could be presented.

Presidential Committee
- Met Friday, Nov 22nd to discuss assisting with social media through snapchat, and getting word out about what the DSU is/does and Council.

Alcohol Suspension Next Steps
Coordination with Dalhousie
- In regular contact with the Alcohol Administrator and Student Affairs to work towards a mutually beneficial long-term process.

Problem-Solving

DSU Service Support
Farmers’ Market
- Driving Tiger Patrol to assist in transferring produce over to Sexton campus for the Market.

Grawood Logistics/Support
• Checking in with staff and managers to discuss any updates and support needed.

Council Transparency
Minutes Expedition
• This is in-progress, coordinating with Chair and Secretary to see if email-voting can ensure minutes are prepared to have them available publicly for students on an expediated timeline.

Council Pre/Post-Show
• This is in-progress, it has been test-run on the DSU Snapchat and there is some engagement. Interest in transferring it over to Facebook, Instagram, and other social media channels through collaborating with Communications Coordinator as a regular update in Winter Semester.

Gazette Written Piece
• Looking into what type of updates DSU has provided in writing to Gazette in the past and examples from other student unions for formatting. Looking to have a template ready for the following semester.