Faculty of Science Counsellor Report:

In addition to attending meetings of the DSU and DSS (Dalhousie Science Society), I have been involved in more hiring processes for the DSU and I have been involved in the DSS Advocacy Committee.

The DSS is currently planning a science symposium that will be held on Saturday, February 29th from 10 AM – 4 PM. This symposium will feature three panels; one for undergraduate perspectives in science, another for faculty and alumni of science, and the third for alumni/scientists who have moved on to interdisciplinary fields. The aim of this conference is to have experienced individuals answer questions that undergraduate students have, on topics such as how to immerse themselves into research during or after their degree and the multiple ways a science degree can be used. Please spread the word if you know of anyone who would be interested in attending!

There are also two concerns I would like to address;

- A member of the DSS received feedback about the Student Union Building’s prayer rooms being “too small and crowded” for the Friday prayers that Muslim students attend. Once we figure out how frequently the rooms are crowded (i.e. if this occurs only during Friday prayers or if this occurs every day of the week), then I believe we should try to provide a larger prayer space for those students on the days that are needed.

- The DSS has not received their funding from last semester yet, and the DSS’s VP of Finances (Jessie Rankin) says she has sent several emails since the beginning of the semester (about when she can acquire the cheque and when the audit date will be) but has yet to receive a response. If this could be addressed or answered either during council or outside of council as soon as possible, it would be appreciated.

Thank you!