DSU President
Report for the period December 2, 2019 – January 10, 2020

DSU Day-to-Day Operations
- Coordinate end of semester project closings and finalizing tasks before Winter Break
- Email monitoring and wrapping-up outstanding emails
- The DSU Offices were closed December 14, 2020 – January 5, 2020 for winter break
- Catch up on emails post winter break
- Staff internal comms check-in

Dalhousie Governance Meetings
- BOG Academic & Student Affairs Committee
  - Ivan presented on student feedback data collected by the university. The lack of adequate study spaces was ranked as the number one area of improvement. Students on Sexton can definitely agree with that, we do really need more study spaces on campus.
  - Dalhousie’s Accessibility Centre presentation by the Director Quenta Adams. My favourite part of Quenta’s presentation is when she quoted “Diversity is a fact – inclusion is a choice act” when speaking about the framework the centre uses to implement the university’s EDI framework. The accessibility centre works one-on-one with students to support them succeed academically. A barrier to accessing the centre however is a formal diagnosis – something that is both a financial barrier as well as a cultural barrier.
- Student Affairs Strategic Planning Session
  - The Dalhousie Student Affairs Department is in the process of creating a strategic plan. As part of the plan, the DSU Executive were invited to a strategic planning session with an external consultant hired to engage relevant stakeholders. I extended the invitation to the various offices within the DSU as well as to all council members to attend and engage in setting the priorities as it is super important that the diverse students’ voices are heard and at the table. No councillors attended the session unfortunately.

DSU Internal Operations
- Communications Coordinator Hiring Committee Member
  - Conducted interviews
- Planning and organizing my work week for the winter semester
- Coordinated and scheduled Exec. Committee meetings, Exec. Meetings, Social Justice Team meetings and all other internal meetings pertinent to the operations of the DSU for the winter semester
- Prep for the departure of the Director of Operation
  - Worked with the Director of Operations to put in place the appropriate mechanisms for the soon vacant position.
DSU Internal Meetings
- Director of Operations daily check-in meeting
- Director of Research & Outreach daily check-in meeting
- Executive Committee meeting
- Executive weekly check-in
- Social Justice team meeting
- Council
- Exec. Semester Debrief
- Senate Caucus Meeting
- Presidential commissioner weekly check-in
- Presidential committee meeting
- Staff Meeting

DSU External Meetings
- CFS-NS Chairperson Meeting
  - Met with the CFS Nova Scotia Chairperson along with the VP Academic and External and the VP Finance and Operations to discuss our working relationship for the winter semester.
- NSPIRG Meeting
  - Discuss collaborations between the DSU President’s office and NSPIRG for the winter semester. We discussed student engagement opportunities such as tabling, class talks and Araari the SUB cat social media. We are planning on collaborating on an anti-oppression toolkit draft for the winter semester.
- Provincial Survivor Support Strategy Meeting
  - VPAE, VPSL and myself, along with the DSU’s Survivor Support Centre Manager met with Nova Scotia’s Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator to discuss survivor support on our campus.

Student Engagement
- Sexton office hours
- Council Pre/post show
  - Recorded pilot project – We are the DSU: Pre/Post Council Show – via Snapchat. Reviewed council agenda with audience before the meeting. After the meeting, myself and the VPAE Hasan Sinan discussed the outcomes of the various agenda items as well as any items that arose from council that students would want to be aware of.

DSU Services Support & Society Collaborations
- Grawood Management Team Meeting
  - Met with the Grawood Assistant managers as well as the Director of Operations to debrief on the Fall semester and discuss how to move forward in the winter semester.
- Coordinate new schedule for weekly management team meeting to streamline communications
- Met with the Grawood Functions Assistant Manager to go over event booking process.
  - Equity and Accessibility Office Orders
    - Facilitated the acquisition of wellness and menstrual products for the office
  - NSPIRG Exam Season Wellness Day
    - Brought Araari the SUB Cat in for NSPIRG’s wellness event and engaged with students attending

**Student Empowerment**
- Black History Month Planning
  - The Human Rights & Equity Services (HRES) facilitated planning sessions for the Dalhousie’s African Heritage Month 2020 Celebrations. The theme for this month is *Focus on Us* – it is a call on folks to focus on Black folks as the multi-dimensionally humans we are beyond and including our Blackness. This meeting brought together Black Faculty and staff across different departments as well as students and societies with a mandate to support and create community for Black students.

**On-Going Projects**
- Strategic Planning
  - Compiling student feedback
  - Mapping out Executive consultation session
  - Mapping out Presidential portfolio winter semester
  - VPAE Strategic planning session
  - VPI strategic planning session
  - Promote strategic planning open seats to DSU membership
- Presidential Committee
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  - Discussed innovative ways to engage students particularly first year students as they are new to campus and might have a hard time navigating the support structures within Dalhousie and the DSU
  - Set priorities and goals for presidential committee in the winter semester
- DSU Presentation to Senate
  - Consult on Senate presentation with the student senate caucus chair
  - We presented on Dalhousie’s New Deal a collection of senate reforms that touch on the student experience, making good on historical injustices and the faculty, student and staff triad. These motions will be brought to the various Senate subcommittees that touch on the area of impact.