DSU President
Report for the period February 24 – March 6, 2020

DSU Day-to-Day Operations
- Financial duties required as a signing authority
- Monitor emails
- Exec. check-ins
- Staff check-ins

DSU Internal Meetings
- Director check-ins
- Policy & Governance Meeting
  - Excited to have our new Governance and Policy Coordinator. We discussed our bylaws and next steps for them as well as my priority policies to review before my term ends. We also discussed strategic planning and what that can look like for my semester.
- Comms Meeting
  - Excited to have our new Comms Coordinator. We brainstormed different ideas for our comms strategy moving forward. Things I’ve highlighted is our need to engage our members as well as the greater society. Pilot projects I’ve worked on are the DSU SnapChat programs Teatime with the DSU Pres where I discuss upcoming events and debrief past occurrences on our campus. Another pilot program was the Council Pre and Post Show. Not a cool name I know, yet it was able to do what we wanted. Brief our members on what is upcoming at the council meeting and then debrief members on what took place.
  - Presidential Committee will be providing feedback and I’ll be engaging them in a consultation process for the DSU’s new website development.

DSU Internal Operations
- Director of Operations Transition
  - Supporting the onboarding and transition
  - Handing off managing the Grawood & T-Room to new Director
  - Had my last weekly Grawood Management Team meeting
  - Still providing back-end support
- Collective Bargaining
  - I worked Wednesday, Thursday and Friday remotely negotiating our collective agreement with our fulltime staff’s union process. I also worked on prep and will be going back to the negotiating table next week.
- Prep for Senate next week
Centering the Margins: Celebrating Blackness on Campus

- Melanin Monologues
  - I was pretty busy the last week of African Heritage Month coordinating and working on DSU’s projects. Melanin Monologues took place Tuesday evening and was a great success. We were able to bring the various Black representing student societies together to engage in real conversations about our individual and collective experiences of Blackness. Societies including: the Dalhousie African Student Association (DASA), the African Nova Scotian Student Association (ANSSA), the Imhotep Legacy Academy (ILA), the Dalhousie Caribbean Connections (DCC), Health Association of African Canadians Student Organization (HAAC-SO) and the Dalhousie Black, Indigenous and People of Colour Caucus (BIPOCUS).
  - I’m currently working on the documentation of this event to ensure that we don’t lose the very meaningful conversations we’ve had and use it to inform the DSU’s support for our Black students.

- Dal AfroFest 2020
  - Dal AfroFest 2020 was a HUGE success! The Grawood was packed and I’ve never seen so much glorious melanin joy in the SUB. I am excited to see AfroFest be a staple of the DSU’s African Heritage Month programming in the years to come. Allocation has been left in the 2020 – 2021 DSU Programming Budget under the VP Student Life Portfolio to ensure that.

- Black Student Life Engagement & Support
  - I’ll be providing logistics support to African Night 2020. The Dalhousie African Student Association (DASA) has requested support and I’ll be coordinating via a partnership with the DSU Presidential Committee. African 2020 will be taking place on March 28th.
  - Attended the BIPOCUS Community Meal held in the Black Student Advising Centre and Indigenous Student Advising Centre.

Student Engagement: Presidential Committee

- Consultation on strategic planning
- Consultation on DSU website development
- Supporting students creating and implementing their passion projects
- Shout out to my Presidential Committee members who are all BIPOC folks – we definitely are so community oriented I love it - and who have been doing some great work on the various projects the DSU is involved in.

Dalhousie Governance Meetings

- Alcohol Advisory Committee
  - Discussed the timeline for updating the Dalhousie University’s Alcohol Policy.