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DSU Vice President Academic & External

Report for the period *May 24, 2019 – June 16, 2019*

Current projects

Academic:

Senate:

- Meeting with Senate Chair Kevin Hewitt regarding plans and priorities for the upcoming year.
 - Curriculum diversification, increasing equitable access to education, and improving global engagement are shared priorities.
 - Advocating for a student-centered approach in the curriculum diversification process
 - Discussed importance of international student support as a priority especially in light of the tuition increase
- Senate Meeting:
 - Faculty of Agriculture – Senate Review
 - Emphasized the fact that domestic student enrolment has been declining in the university as a whole and not only in the Faculty of Agriculture, connecting it to education affordability and encouraging the university as a whole to review the reasons behind this trend instead of relying on international students to balance the budget
 - Sexualized Violence Policy Review- Proposed revisions
 - Revisions were mainly to clarify some of the language used or to change titles of individuals involved in the process.
 - Next revision in two years
 - Plans to hear from students about their experiences with the new policy and produce recommendations to stakeholders
 - Federal Contractors Program - Update
 - Suggested that the reports of employment equity should be clearer and more accessible to the general university community, providing examples of reporting from other institutions
 - University administration are looking to implement this for next reports!



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- Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee
 - o Major Modifications BSc-Nursing Program (Arctic Nursing)
 - Relayed feedback from a student senator regarding eligibility of graduates from this program to continue their graduate level education
 - o International Agreement
 - Raised concerns regarding the currency of the Dalhousie International Strategy
 - Suggested producing annual reports on the progress of achieving the objectives of this strategy
 - The strategy will be updated in 2020

External:

Administration Relations:

- Meeting with incoming President Deep Saini
 - o Discussed priorities and expectations for the new year, including mental health support, international student support, food security, and governmental funding.
- Meeting with Vice-Provost Student Affairs Ivan Joseph
 - o Discussed at length the students' concerns regarding the international tuition fee hike, emphasising the frustration with the lack of consultation, meaningful engagement, and the administration's contradiction to its own strategies and priorities

Other:

- Pride Committee Meeting:
 - o Suggested event ideas as well as incorporating sexual health information and advice in the DALSAFE App