Senate February 10th Meeting

- Senator Isaac-Pictou proposed to amend the Agenda to discuss Senate issuing a statement of Solidarity with the hereditary chiefs of Wet’suwet’en Nation and the motion to amend the agenda passed.
  - In discussing the motion, Senator Saini argued that this falls outside of the academic preview of Senate, despite the clear affect on indigenous students and their academic performance at Dalhousie.
  - Student Senators and their allies emphasized the importance of such statements and how they could have a significant impact on students’ wellbeing.
  - The motion read as follows: “Senate recommend to the President to issue a solidarity statement with Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs and Nation, advocating for social and environmental justice for and with Indigenous peoples on their unceded land”
  - The motion was defeated. Student senators were advised to approach the VP Equity and Inclusion to discuss what steps could be taken to support Indigenous students on campus.

- Dr. Maria Pacurar was appointed as the Senate Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) for July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2023.
- Dr. Louise Spiteri was appointed as the Interim Vice Chair of Senate (Academic Programs for the term July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2021.
- Senate Approved Revised Honorary Degree Criteria and Procedures
- Senate Approved a new program: Masters of Occupational Science
- Senator Yahia introduced the DSU Profile in Courage Award, which will be presented annually to recognize senators for their commitment to Dalhousie, furthering the academic mission of the university and displaying courage with the best interest of the institution in mind.
Senior Admin Meeting – January 30th
- Discussed issues of food security and support of food security initiatives on campus.
- Advised about the DSU’s priorities regarding the job portfolio of the Vice President Finance and Administration

International Students Issues Policy Meeting – February 6th
- Checked in about with the international student rep. about next steps moving forward and best practices for consultation

Code of Student Conduct Task Force Meeting – February 20th
- Working out details with wording and incorporating legal opinion into the draft of the Code.
- Addressing issues of visitor conduct and academic freedom

External Relations/Issues
- Andy Filmore Office Sit-In - February 7th
  - Attended a sit-in at Andy Filmore’s office in support of the Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs
- CFS NGM – Feb 1st & 2nd
  - Attended the 2-day NGM, and proposed motions to:
    - Appoint an International Student Representative
    - Organize an International Student forum in Halifax during the next year
    - Issue a statement against USA intervention in the Middle East

Commissioner Activities
- Helped organize different activities in solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en Nation

Regular Meetings
- 3rd of Feb, 10th of Feb – Executive Committee
- 4th of Feb., 11th of Feb – Staff Meeting
- 11th of Feb. – Social justice team meeting