DSU Vice-President, Academic & External
Report for the period of December 4th – January 15th

Senate
- Monday, January 13th Meeting
  o Motion to approve the nomination of Senator Maria Pacurar to represent Senate on the Search Committee to hire the Vice President, Finance and Administration has carried
  o Ameir Yehia, Chair of Student Senate Caucus, and Aisha Abawajy, President of the DSU, president to Senate the Dalhousie New Deal, which consists of three main pillars: Making good on historic injustices, elevating the student experience, and closing the gap in historical disadvantages between faculty, staff, and students. Details of the plan will be released in the near future.
  o During her report, Senator Balser updated Senate on the progress of the international student support task force. A summary of the findings were presented which include:
    ▪ Establishing a continuing working group, which will provide oversight and monitoring for the initiatives and activities implemented and will report regularly to the Provost
    ▪ Adding a Mandarin speaker for the International Centre, as well as another advisor for the Writing Centre.
    ▪ Training in intercultural competency
    ▪ Projects such as peer mentoring and interdisciplinary writing courses.
  o I asked for an update of whether the report will be released to the public, as I have been asking repeatedly since the beginning of my term, and was met with the same answer that it can be made available with no further details on when that might happen.
  o I also asked if there was international student representation on the working group, and was told that there will be three students, a graduate student, an agriculture campus student, and a Halifax campus student.
Commissioner Activities

**Administrative Meetings:**
- **Code of Student Conduct Task Force**
  - **Meetings on December 4th and January 15th**
- Reviewed feedback from multiple stakeholders regarding the second draft of the Code
- After discussion with execs and staff, we identified multiple areas where the Code could infringe on the DSU’s autonomy
- I explained to the committee these areas of concern, and after some discussion, they were receptive to the feedback and promised to amend these areas of concern.
- We are awaiting for the third draft to review these amendments, alongside other areas of concern for students
- In March, there will be multiple consultation sessions with different students before presenting the final draft to senate.

**Meeting with NSPIRG:**
- Met with NSPIRG regarding the Iranian plane tragedy and identified the need for a university set plan to deal with such tragedies as unrest increases in different areas around the world.

**Commissioner Activities**
- Continued work on compiling data from the previous academic year of the Sexton townhall
- Provided feedback regarding Senate’s think tank’s sessions format
- Planning on updating the university’s land acknowledgment

**Regular Meetings**
- 2nd of Dec., 5th of Dec., 13th of Jan. – Executive Committee
- 3rd of Dec., 14th of Jan. – Staff Meeting
- 3rd of Dec., 14th of Jan. – Social justice team meeting