DSU Vice-President, Academic & External
Report for the period of January 16th – January 29th

Senate
January 27th Meeting
- Think tank session to contribute in the new Dalhousie Strategic Plan
- Focus of the session was Student Experience and Student Success
  - Relayed concerns related to the ever-increasing cost of education and how it affects students’ success and experience in different capacities
  - Emphasized the toll of food insecurity and asked for the university to take the lead on advocating for its students and increased governmental funding
  - Issues related to growth of the university, unethical recruitment of international students, minimal international student support, and the need for more culturally competent services at Dalhousie were echoed from different students, faculty, and staff

Student Affairs Biweekly Meeting – January 21st Meeting
- Met with representatives from the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and E&A Office to discuss issues Muslim students are facing including lack of prayer spaces on Halifax campuses, especially the Sexton campus.
- Invited MSA representatives to directly relay their concerns to student affairs and had a prep session to facilitate this discussion.
- Meeting went well and all concerns were discussed, awaiting follow up on these requests from student affairs.

Code of Student Conduct Taskforce – January 29th Meeting
- Conformation that conduct of the DSU and its societies does not fall under the student code of conduct, as this has been assigned to the DSU in the MOU. The code draft will be changed in multiple areas accordingly.
External Relations/Issues

- City Wide Tuition Organizing Meeting – January 22

  - Met with student leaders from all campuses in the city to organize against tuition increase for the coming year
  - Discussed different strategies and came up with a tabling schedule and discussed the possibility of hosting a tuition information session.
  - Discussed possibility of Board of Governors action to address expected tuition increases

DSU Committee Updates

- Initial RJS planning meeting - January 23
  - Discussed theme of RJS, and possible speakers, format, dates.

Commissioner Activities

- No updates

Regular Meetings

- 23rd of Jan. – Executive Committee
- 21st of Jan. – Staff Meeting
- 27th of Jan. – Social justice team meeting
- 28th of Jan. – Staff Meeting