DSU Vice-President, Academic & External
Report for the period of *February 27th – March 11th*

**Senate**
- **March 7th Meeting**
  - Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Presentation to Senate
    - Senator Saini proposed to move the BAC presentation and question period afterwards to in-camera. This motion was not supported by many senators, including student senators and others, and was defeated. The presentation went on, and questions by senators were not discussed at length as answers were often short and without elaboration. I asked about student representation on the BAC and how these students were selected as they are not appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union.
    - While we were planning to award the DSU Senate Caucus Profile in Courage award during that meeting and had everything ready, it was pushed back to a later meeting due to the BAC conversation taking a lot longer than anticipated. Currently looking into ways to deliver these awards.
- **Academic Amnesty Motion for Indigenous Students**
  - As per motions passed by council, I worked with the Senate Caucus Chair and with the Policy and Governance Coordinator to draft a motion regarding academic amnesty for Indigenous students. This is being done in consultation with Indigenous students on the student senate caucus, and the aim of it is to support Indigenous students during the challenging circumstances and the developing situation on Wet’suwet’en Territory.
    - Aiming to bring this forward to the next SPGC, then Senate.

**Code of Student Conduct Task Force**
- **Meeting on March 9th**
  - Vice-Provost, Student Affairs, gave a run down of how the presentation will look like for different students and stakeholders that will be consulted on the new code.
External Relations/Issues

MOU Partnership Agreement – March 5th Meeting
- Attended this meeting between student union representatives, government representatives, and university presidents in the province.
- Asked government representatives about what they are doing to hold universities accountable to the 31st of March deadline of developing a student consultation framework, as this is mandated by the MOU and it does not exist at Dalhousie yet.
- Asked university presidents to look into academic amnesty and accommodation options to Indigenous students, as this year was increasingly challenging due to the developing situation on Wet’suwet’en Territory.

National Student Walk-Out in Solidarity with Wet’suwet’en Nation – March 4th
- Organized the Dalhousie efforts on the walk out with different student leaders and groups, including NSPIRG
- Coordinated with NSPIRG and KSU areas to support students and community members of Saint Mary’s University who wished to participate in the walkout but were only able to participate at a time before the national walkout and hence wanted to be included.
- Went to SMU to meet with active students and community members, and walked out with them in a silent protest that included about students
- Facilitated a screening of the film Invasion in the Student Union Building before the walkout, which gives more context about the crisis on Wet’suwet’en Territory. The screening was attended by Dalhousie and SMU students as well different community members. There was also opportunity after the screening to do letter writing to MPs and the PM.
- Assisted in leading a protest of about 100-150 students that marched from the Dalhousie Campus to the Public library where we met with hundreds of students from different schools and universities in the city.
- Participants were able to do letter writing and calling politicians’ offices afterwards inside the public library.
Commissioner Activities
- Continuing support of different activities in solidarity with Wet’suwet’en Territory

Regular Meetings
♦ 27th of Feb, 5th of March – Executive Committee
♦ 3rd of March, 10th of March – Staff Meeting
♦ 27th of Feb, 10th of March – Social Justice Team Meeting