DSU Vice-President, Academic & External
Report for the period of September 25th – October 8th

Senate
- Seats filled: 9
- October 2nd Senate Learning and Teaching Committee
  - Classroom Recording Protocol – Motion was passed!
  - Student Declaration of Absence Annual Report
    - 8 faculties used the SDA
    - 359 courses used the SDA
    - 1668 unique students submitted SDAs
    - 53 students submitted 2 SDAs in one course
    - 2265 total SDA submissions through Brightspce
  - Integrity Officer Assessment Report
    - Academic offences have increased by 58.5% since 2016-2017
    - Offences are higher in faculties of Management, Computer Science, and Arts & Social Science.
    - Out of 46 Senate Discipline Committee hearings, 26 hearings were for international students, 17 were for Canadian students, and 3 were for permanent residents
  - Changes to MSc (OT) Entry to Practice Admission Criteria
    - New admission requirements are more accessible (requires less Human Physiology credits)
    - The changes have passed!

Campaigns
- Federal Elections
  - Collaborated with NSPIRG to engage with students regarding Federal Elections
  - Tabled on all three Halifax campuses, as well as in residences, to answer students’ questions about on campus polling and different concerns regarding the Federal Elections
External Relations/Issues

- Attended the Student Government Roundtable
  - Advocated for international students by asking the government for introducing a tuition cap increase for international students, as well as increasing accessibility to provincial health insurance in a timely manner
- Outcome Agreement meeting with the government regarding the new MOU with Nova Scotian universities

DSU Committee Updates

- No updates

Commissioner Activities

- No updates

Regular Meetings

- 26th of Sept – Executive Committee
- 30th of Sept – Executive Committee
- 1st of Oct. – Biweekly Student Affairs meeting
- 1st of Oct. – Staff Meeting
- 3rd of Oct. – Executive Committee
- 7th of Oct. – Executive Committee
- 8th of Oct. – Social justice team meeting
- 8th of Oct. – Staff meeting