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Report for the period *May 22 – June 22*

Current projects: O-Week, Dalfest, Wellness Caucus

O-Week

- Committee started on May 14, next meeting is May 28th and we will be meeting Bi-Weekly until July when meetings will become weekly
- Still plenty of space for students and societies to get involved in the planning and execution of O-Week! Please email me at dsuvpsl@dal.ca if you are interested in joining O-Week committee
- Retreat will be May 31- June 2nd at Windhorse Farms, where we will plan the schedule, work on team bonding and goal setting
- In the works of creating a society event application for O-Week to allow faculty and community-based societies to host their own events during O-Week. This will be shared and evaluated come early June.

Dalfest

- Touching base with agents to see what talent we can access, most likely going for one night of Rock and the other of R&B style music
- Will create a committee for Dalfest in June

Wellness Caucus

- Collaborating with Student Affairs and Dal Health and Wellness to create a Student Mental Health and Wellness Caucus to unite all stakeholders in student wellness to better collaborate on programming, campaigns and resource sharing
- Wellness Caucus will host both students and faculty within Dalhousie with various society and community representatives
- Student Wellness Committee will be a sub-committee of the Wellness Caucus holding only Dalhousie students and community members to share ideas and feedback to be brought to the Wellness Caucus. This provides more opportunity for student consultation and open discussion on mental wellness at Dalhousie in a safe and inclusive environment.



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Successes/Challenges:

O-Week

- Successes:
 - Great initial sign up for committee
- Challenges and next steps:
 - Finding drivers for retreat
 - Creating schedule
 - Creating Society Event Application template and incorporating more faculty and community-based societies into mainstream O-Week programming

Dalfest

- Successes:
 - Initial meetings with agencies have been great
- Challenges and next steps:
 - Creating a Dalfest committee to help in deciding talent and working with sponsors

Wellness Caucus

- Successes:
 - This idea was met with lots of enthusiasm from the university and student affairs
- Challenges and next steps:
 - Creating a policy and governance strategy to ensure that the Wellness Caucus is student centered, accessible, inclusive and welcoming to all students
 - Working to create timeline for meetings, a Wellness Townhall and various sub-committees
 - Once a proper proposal is created, recruitment and promotion will begin (August), meetings will begin in September

Committee Updates:

- I'm super excited to be working on all these big projects over the summer, such as O-Week, Dalfest and the Wellness Caucus. None of these are possible without the help of great students like you, so thank you to everyone who is already involved and if you are interested in joining our team, please email the programming commissioner at dsu.programmingcommissioner@dal.ca for more information.
- It has been an extremely busy period during transition, but I want to give a shout out to Cory Larsen, the past VPSL for making it as smooth as possible!
- If anyone has questions or concerns feel free to email me, stop by my office hours or set up a meeting.



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Programming Commissioner Updates:

- Creating O-Week Committee and planning meetings
- Reviewing O-Week Leaders
- Researching various university's strategies on Mental Wellness
- Pricing for ASL interpreters for O-Week