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2019

Elected Positions

There are five executive positions, 21 faculty and community representative positions and two Board of Governors representatives that are elected to office at the DSU. Note: many Council representative positions are chosen by their representative society.

Executive Positions

President
Vice-President, Academic and External
Vice-President, Finance and Operations
Vice-President, Internal
Vice-President, Student Life

Community Representatives

Black Students
International Students
LGBTQ Students
Residence Students
Students with Disabilities
Women Students

Faculty Representatives

Agriculture
Architecture and Planning
Arts and Social Sciences
Computer Science
Dentistry
Engineering
Graduate Students
Health Professions
Law
Management
Medicine
Science

Board of Governors Representatives
two positions

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The Executive Team Overview

President

The DSU President champions student voices, ensures efficient Union governance and operations, and is the local and national spokesperson for the Union.

Vice-President, Academic and External

The Vice-President, Academic and External identifies trends in education affecting students; develops advocacy campaigns; and lobbies for student needs with government and administration.

Vice-President, Finance and Operations

The Vice-President, Finance and Operations revises the DSU budget to reflect the current needs of students, audits society financials, and manages the Union's operations.

Vice-President, Internal

The Vice-President, Internal leads all DSU communications, ensures good society governance and access to support, and engages students with the DSU and it's governance.

Vice-President, Student Life

The Vice-President, Student Life creates community through fostering school spirit and civic engagement, organizes DSU programming including O-Week and Dal Fest, and collaborates with communities to improve programming and events.

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The Executive Team

President

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Responsibilities

- Official spokesperson for the Union
- Review federal, provincial, municipal, and University policies that impact the student body
- Chair of Executive Officer meetings, sits as a representative on the DSU Council, the Board of Governors, Senate, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors

Benefits

- The opportunity to lead a team of elected representatives
- Gain valuable experience working with administration, government, and national organizations to lobby for student needs
- Develop thorough public speaking skills through doing media and voicing student needs through committees
- An honorarium of over \$31,000 (comparable to a living-wage), health and dental plan, U-Pass, and your own office

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The Executive Team

Vice-President, Academic and External

The Vice-President, Academic and External identifies trends in education affecting students; develops advocacy campaigns; and lobbies for student needs with government and administration.

Responsibilities

- Develops and implements DSU campaigns and advocacy efforts
- Represents the DSU to external organizations
- Chairs the External Committee, sits on the Executive Officer Committee, DSU Council, and Senate
- Collaborate with the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service to help provide services

Benefits

- Learn how to analyze national trends in education
- Lead and develop student leaders to help advocate for what they are passionate about
- Learn how to organize students around equity issues and increase participation in campaigns
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Vice-President, Finance and Operations

The Vice-President, Finance and Operations revises the DSU budget to reflect the current needs of students, audits society financials, and manages the Union's operations.

Responsibilities

- Revises and creates priorities in the DSU budget
- Manage DSU operations
- Prepare financial reports
- Chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, sits on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee, DSU Council, Society Review Committee, and the Executive Officer Committee

Benefits

- Learn good budgeting practices, including participatory budgeting
- Learn how to conduct and oversee audits
- Learn how to oversee the finances of a \$1.5 million-dollar organization
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Vice-President, Internal

The Vice-President, Internal leads all DSU communications, ensures good society governance and access to support, and engages students with the DSU and its governance.

Responsibilities

- Oversee and develop DSU communications and outreach strategy
- Key liaison between societies and DSU
- Assist societies in finding support and activity coordination
- Chairs the Grants and Sponsorship Committee, sits on the DSU Council, Society Review Committee, and the Executive Officer Committee

Benefits

- Learn how to create meaningful communications strategies across a wide-range of platforms
- Learn how to innovate society supports and DSU collaboration
- Learn how to engage and recruit students to DSU events, committees, and governance
- An honorarium of over \$31,000 (comparable to a living-wage), health and dental plan, U-Pass, and your own office

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Vice-President, Student Life

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Responsibilities

- Plan premier DSU events such as O-Week, DalFest, Sn-O-Week, and the Impact Awards
- Plan events and programming that connects students and help form community
- Promote recreation and varsity activities along with civic engagement
- Chairs the Student Life Committee, sits on the DSU Council and various university sub-committees

Benefits

- Learn how to plan great events that garners student interest
- Learn how get students engaged with the DSU through exciting programming
- Learn how to get students involved with athletics and community volunteerism
- An honorarium of over \$31,000 (comparable to a living-wage), health and dental plan, U-Pass, and your own office

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DSU Council

Faculty and Community Representatives

There are 12 faculty, 7 community, and 2 Board of Governors representatives on the DSU Council.

Responsibilities

Each Councillor is responsible for consulting with their respective constituents and representing their collective voice at Council.

Faculty Representatives

- Liaison between respective faculties and DSU Council.

Community Representatives

- Liaison between respective community constituents and DSU Council.

Board of Governors Representatives

- Attend Board of Governors Caucus meetings and Board of Governors Meetings.

Benefits

- Learn how to engage students in important conversations regarding the DSU and beyond
- Learn how to participate effectively in meetings
- Learn how to help develop good policy and create change