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

**Faculty Representatives**

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

**Community Representatives**

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

**Board of Governors Representatives**

two positions
The Executive Team Overview

President

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Vice-President, Academic and External

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Vice-President, Finance and Operations

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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.

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.
The Executive Team

**President**

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

**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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**Vice-President, Academic and External**

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<td>• Develops and implements DSU campaigns and advocacy efforts</td>
<td>• Learn how to analyze national trends in education</td>
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<td>• Represents the DSU to external organizations</td>
<td>• Lead and develop student leaders to help advocate for what they are passionate about</td>
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<td>• Chairs the External Committee, sits on the Executive Officer Committee, DSU Council, and Senate</td>
<td>• Learn how to organize students around equity issues and increase participation in campaigns</td>
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<td>• Collaborate with the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service to help provide services</td>
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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
- 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, 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.

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<td>• Oversee and develop DSU communications and outreach strategy</td>
<td>• Learn how to create meaningful communications strategies across a wide-range of platforms</td>
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<td>• Key liaison between societies and DSU</td>
<td>• Learn how to innovate society supports and DSU collaboration</td>
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<td>• Assist societies in finding support and activity coordination</td>
<td>• Learn how to engage and recruit students to DSU events, committees, and governance</td>
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<td>• Chairs the Grants and Sponsorship Committee, sits on the DSU Council, Society Review Committee, and the Executive Officer Committee</td>
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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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ELECTIONS 2019

DSU Council
Faculty and Community Representatives

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

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<td>Each Councillor is responsible for consulting with their respective constituents and representing their collective voice at Council.</td>
<td>- Learn how to engage students in important conversations regarding the DSU and beyond</td>
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**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.

- Learn how to participate effectively in meetings
- Learn how to help develop good policy and create change