Faculty of Science Representative:

So far, I have been involved in hiring processes with the DSU and I have delivered presentations to the DSS council (regarding the DSU’s prospective membership with CFS and the alcohol policy conflict).

Current events & programs that the DSS has planned or are currently planning include:

1. **Resume workshop:**
   - The DSS organized a resume-building workshop on Tuesday November 5th for science students to receive support in building and tailoring their resumes towards future opportunities in science.

2. **Fall mixer:**
   - The DSS organized an all-ages Fall mixer (Wednesday November 6th at the University Club Games Room) to allow science students to socialize with members of the DSS, science faculty, and other science students.

3. **Dalhousie Science Society Symposium:**
   - (Currently in progress)
   - This symposium is being planned with the intention to show all contributions that have been made (or are currently being made) within the various fields of science by current Dalhousie science students, faculty, and alumni
   - The symposium is expected to be a day-long event featuring panel discussions and a networking lunch
   - The intention of the event is to provide science students at Dalhousie with the opportunity to meet with and learn from experts from various backgrounds in science, and to see what opportunities exist after graduating

4. **Peer mentorship program:**
   - (Currently in progress)
   - Upper year science students have already been recruited to mentor first & second year science students, and applications for students who wish to be mentored will be open until November 8th
   - Matches between mentors & science students will be based on shared interests
   - The goal is to have students contact their mentor every month, and prompts will be provided by the DSS executive in order to facilitate communication

One of the main concerns that have been brought to my attention at the DSS meetings is the lack of events being created for students to learn about honours and masters research programs. Students would like to have a few events devoted to learning the requirements and processes associated with joining and completing these research programs.

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