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Report for the period *July 17 – August 16*

Current projects: International Students Support, Senate Discipline Committee and Appeals Committee appointments, Muslim Student Support, Ombudsperson, Student Code of Conduct

International Students Support

- Started the process of creating an International Students Issues Policy in Collaboration with the International Students Community Representative (Sara Goswami)
- Approved Orientation Week Grants with the VPSL and the VPI for all international students to alleviate some of the financial stress caused by the tuition increase
- Sat on the International Centre's hiring committee for the Administration Assistant position
- Supporting the VPFO with international students-based projects

Code of Student Conduct

- Attended the code of student conduct task force meetings
- Consulted with different student groups and offices directly affected by the Code to have an informed insight
- Working on reviewing drafts of the new Code and providing student-centric feedback to the taskforce

Ombudsperson

- Met with Ombudsperson Advisory Committee members to get an update on the review and hiring process of the position
- Met with different stakeholders to hear their input, concerns, and needs from the Ombudsperson position
- Requested updates from student affairs regarding the status of the ombudsperson review

Muslim Student Support

- Met with active Muslim students on campus to help in reviving the Muslim Student Association
- Connected Muslim students with different resources and supports in the area
- Provided support and insight in organizing the Eid BBQ event and Eid Prayer walk
- Facilitated a session during the Eid event to hear from students about their experience as Muslim students and the challenges they face

Senate Appeals and Discipline Committee Recruitment

- Met with Dalhousie administration and different stake holders to gain more insight on both committees and the nature of their work
- Reviewed documentation and resources available
- Reached out to students interested in committee positions
- Appointments expected to happen by the end of this week

Committee Updates:

Executive Committee

- Met weekly in mid-July and bi-weekly late July-current.

Society Review Committee

- Processed Faculty/Levy society ratification forms.

O-Week Committee

- Processed approx. 140 O-Week bursary applications.

Student Code of Conduct Committee

- Reviewed drafted student code of conduct.
- Attended committee July 17th

Bi-Weekly Student Affairs

- Met July 23rd, Aug 6th.

Grants and Sponsorship Review Committee

- Met Jul 26th and August 8th to process grants/sponsorship requests.

Academic & External Commissioner Updates:

- Interviewed candidates to the position
- Hiring should be completed by the end of this week

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Supporting the VPSL with various O-week logistics