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Internal:
-Transition
  -This was the last week of April and First week of May. We had a great retreat and harvested goals for the year! We also attended many workshops and learned a ton about the details of the DSU.

-Societies:
  -Ratifications have been rolling in steadily! So far 62 are ratified and many more rare in the works.
  -I’ve been working with Chantal to try and aid some societies in navigating the new Society Space Allocation system to meet their individual needs.

-Sexualized Violence Survivor Support Center:
  -Amina, Masuma and I have been working with Craig to develop a job description for the Director of the Center! We sent our preliminary document out to South House, Avalon and other community members for feedback and it will be going up this Friday (the 26th) officially! Super excited to start hiring and getting the ball rolling.

-Policy and Research Coordinator!
  -We hired a new person! Meghan is our new Policy and Research Coordinator and we’re super excited!

-Communications:
  -The Exec had a fun meeting talking about our communication plan for the year and how we want to re-model our strategies to be more proactive with our outreach to engage students. Look forward to videos this year!
  -Cory and I met with the folks who run the Dal App to chat about how we can combine forces, with our Apps. These conversations are ongoing and we’re continuing to think about how we can best use our app and what should be on it.
  -I’ve been working on the Agenda/Handbook for next year with our Graphic Designer, Emily and our Communications and Outreach Director, Sarah. Mostly this has entailed editing last year’s book to be up to date, and adding in information around the Sexualized Violence Survivor Support Center, and the Wellness Room.
Internal Hiring:
- We have been doing a lot of hiring at the DSU! This week I have been sitting in on Member Services Assistants Interviews, and we will be hiring next week.
- Last week I sat on the hiring committee for Council Chair! Congratulations Chris!

University Relations:
- We had an introductory dinner at President Florizone’s house and met his senior administration.
- We’ve had two lunches with the Student Affairs Administration, talking about our goals and plans for the year, and potential areas of collaboration between Dal and the DSU.
- I read and made some edits to the University’s Sexual Violence Policy Draft which is set to be passed by Senate in December. I will be meeting with Arig al Shaibah (Vice-Provost Student Affairs), as well as some folks from South House, and other community members to go over our edits and recommendations for the policy in the next few weeks.
- Attended the Dalhousie Dentistry Mural unveiling.

Programming and Events:
- Cory and I met with Sep (Member Services Coordinator) and Eric (CLDC) to start preliminary discussions around the Society Expo, the Impact Awards, and DALead. Cory and I set the dates for the fall and winter society expos, and will begin further planning soon.
- O-Week Retreat was this past weekend! We had a great time bonding with the O-week committee and creating the loose schedule for O-week.