DSU Vice-President, Student Life
Report for the period July – August

• Current projects:

  O-Week:
  • Working out grants process and distributing both full and partial grants
  • Confirming all bookings
  • Coordinating volunteers
  • Creating new and improved risk management procedures
  • Working with A&E office to create Accessibility Audit of O-Week
  • Registration is higher than previous years

Dalfest:
• Booking hotels and ground travel for artists
• Confirming riders
• Coordinating volunteers

Student Wellness:
• Attended meetings with the university to help create their new student health and wellness website
• Coordinating “wishing well” event for O-Week to highlight different health and wellness services
• Working with university to create a Student Wellness Forum to help streamline communications around student mental health
• Using my conference budget in the fall to take ASIST training

Crag Cardiff song writing workshop:
• Touched base with Cardiff’s management to bring this workshop back to campus come November

Mental Health Awareness Week:
• Working with DMCRT to create Mental Health Awareness Week
• Working with students to coordinate Movember concert

Successes/Challenges:

Generally
• Successes: confirming details for O-Week, creating more accessibly and inclusive programming and introducing new events to keep students engaged throughout O-Week
• Challenges: O-Week and Dalfest are taking my office’s full capacity. The foundation work has been set for fall programming so I look forward to picking this up after O-Week.
Committee Updates:

O-Week Committee
- Members are all completing Breaking the silence online consent training
- Events are planned and we are coordinating volunteers for each event and last minute details
- Going over event details to ensure programming is as accessible and safe as possible
- Creating a super rad O-Week playlist

Programming Commissioner Updates:
- Working extremely hard on coordinate leaders, head leaders and ensuring their training runs smoothly
- Beginning work on Pride Events for the winter semester (exciting updates coming soon)
- Coordinating ResLife events, the sex talk, applying for proper event licenses and coordinating sub-committee meetings

Additional information:
- Looking forward to exciting fall programming!
- Hoping to create a Student Wellness Committee to unite all students and society groups with a focus on mental health so we can share resources and collaborate on better programming. This will also help with student consultation on updates/changes to Dal Health and Wellness Services.
- Hoping to create and share more mental health education come the fall in terms of presentations, interactive activities, campaigns and events.

It's not too late to get involved with O-Week! We are still recruiting volunteers to be Leaders and Head Leaders (responsible for bring students and positive energy to each event) and Committee Members (to help set up, take down and execute all events and programming). Please email myself (dsuvpsl@dal.ca) or my lovely commissioner, Meghan (dsu.programmingcommissioner@dal.ca) for more info on how to get involved!

What type of cheese do you use to get a bear down a mountain?
Camonbare