

DSU Vice-President, Internal  
Report for the period September 26th-October  
10th, 2018

Current projects:

- Goal Planning underway
  - Society Anti-O Training for Faculty and Levied Societies (ongoing)
    - Trial delivered with Chantal at DSU Part-time staff training day. Trial program was originally facilitated and designed by Amina Abawajy, some modifications were made. Received good feedback. Some adjustments will be made to tailor content to issues societies face.
    - Once E&A Director is hired, Anti-O delivery will be organized and societies will be able to begin signing up.
  - Formulation of Society Expo Planning Committee to be launched prior to Winter Society Expo (ongoing)
    - Fall Society Expo ran smoothly! Looking to have winter Society Expo possibly on Sexton Campus pending interest and available space. Reaching out to Society Executives on Sexton in the next few weeks to see interest.
    - Society Engagement Commissioner once hired will Chair the Society Expo Planning Committee and will recruit interested students (Maximum of 6) to help contribute to the planning process.
- Society Ratifications (General Interests and Constituent)
  - Society tagging will be launched on our website when new website is launched
  - Ratifications continue to be processed.
  - Noticing a pattern of societies that are ratifying as general interest when it may be more fitting for the society to ratify as a constituent. Reaching out to these societies this week to communicate ratification classification.
- Social Media strategy and planning with Communications team (ongoing)
  - Highlights → Instagram: still climbing in followers; engagement on all platforms remains high!
- Society Engagement Commissioner application is up.
  - This Commissioner will develop and maintain Society communication channels; will plan Society mixer events; will chair the Society Expo Planning Committee; will work with the E&A Office to coordinate required Anti-Oppression training
  - If you know folks looking for a part-time jobs please share posting with them
- Accessibility Bursary for fall semester is live for applications through our website
- Weekly tasks and meetings
- Working through society conflicts that arise
- E&A Director Application is live
  - If you know of folks who may be interested please encourage them to apply. Application is open until October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Successes/Challenges:

- Successes:
  - Internal communication still working well to accept communication requests.
  - Social Media continues to have strong traction with a lot of positive responses and participation
  - Society Officer position hired and helping SRC review society constitutions; Society Officer has email address [societyofficer@dal.ca](mailto:societyofficer@dal.ca). This e-mail address will be used to communicate needed constitutional amendments for Societies that have been reviewed by SRC.
  - SRC new bi-weekly schedule being finalized with newest members; meeting bi-weekly on Fridays, time changes due to work schedules of SRC members!
- Challenges:
  - Faculty and Constituent structure changes- some changes through the institution's classification of "Faculty" may present some changes. Setting up a meeting with the Registrar.
  - Met with DSU Policy and Governance Coordinator how this will affect our Societies structure and status.
  - In the interim, SRC met to discuss a solution to ensure societies can continue to be ratified:
    - SRC Meeting Sept 28<sup>th</sup>: "BIRT: We will continue to recognize the Faculty and Levy societies in our historic documentation until the university provides further notice. Motion carries."
  - Process of ratification has presented some challenges. Looking to revamp ratification process for the future to make it easier to navigate for all parties (For example: bank form request, constitutions, etc.). Looking to post all resources and tips and tricks on ratification tab of new website.
    - Ongoing meeting with DSU Policy and Governance Coordinator to discuss structure and process.

## Societies Committee:

- Society Review Committee
  - Ratifications are continually being processed
  - Society Officer set up with e-mail to conduct follow-ups with societies that were both approved pending amendments and those deferred
- Society Policy
  - See attachment for the Policy for Council's review

## Engagement Commissioner:

- Job application open until October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- Start date anticipated for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Additional information:

- Office Steering Committee availability this week to schedule meeting for next week
  - Approving hiring committee
  - Doodle poll being sent out asap

