

DSU Vice-President,  
Internal  
Report for the period Oct 10<sup>th</sup>-  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Current projects:

- Goal Planning underway
  - Society Anti-O Training for Faculty and Levied Societies (ongoing)
    - 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)
    - 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 Engagement Commissioners interviews coming up (18 applicants)
- 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. Working with our Governance and Policy Staff member to develop a process that will resolve this ongoing issue.
- Social Media strategy and planning with Communications team (ongoing)
  - Highlights → Instagram: still climbing in followers; engagement on all platforms remains high!
  - If you know students that are doing great work through a society please put their names forward so Comms can reach out to highlight them on our socials! (Similar to the councilor pieces that have been done)
- Society Engagement Commissioner application is now closed.
  - 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
  - Hope to have them in place by early-mid November
- Accessibility Bursary for fall semester is live for applications through our website
  - Deadline for application added to website (November 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Weekly tasks and meetings
  - Catching up on e-mail. Apologies if it has taken longer than 48 hours to respond. Hopefully will be caught up before the end of the week.

- Working through society conflicts that arise
- E&A Director Application is closed
  - 31 Applicant pool
  - Gathering availability for hiring committee and will set up interviews this week

### Successes/Challenges:

- Successes:
  - Internal communication still working well to accept communication requests. To ensure all requests are processed in a timely manner, the Communications team is processing requests at the beginning of weekly meetings (Monday Mornings)
  - 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.
    - Society Officer's e-mail had some glitches, working to iron these out. E-mail should be up and running before the end of the week.
- Challenges:
  - 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.
  - Health Professions Lounge being used by University during construction. This was the University's space however lack of communication from administration to the DSU executive and societies has resulted in societies losing their space. We are unsure if the space displacement is temporary as construction has been delayed. Working with DSU President, appropriate Admin members, and our Reservations and Bookings Manager to find solutions for the folks that typically use/rent this space.

### 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
  - Unable to make Quorum this past Friday.
  - SRC will be meeting Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- Society Policy

- Meeting with MSAs to draft and upload signature sheet to our website as all societies ratifying since the amendments to the policy was passed require a minimum of 10 active member signatures.

#### Office Steering Committee:

- Office Steering Committee met and approved hiring committee for E&A Director
  - Hiring committee consists of Annie Laura Shannon-Dwyer, Chantal Khoury, and Masuma Khan
- Office Steering Committee members will be reaching out to office directors to gather office mandates, goals, projects, and budgets

#### Additional information:

- I will be on vacation and out of the office from November 1<sup>st</sup>- November 6<sup>th</sup>.