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Content Warning: The following contains discussion of sexualized violence and medical misconduct.

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The Dalhousie Student Union has recently been made aware of allegations of sexual assault against an associate faculty member teaching at the Dalhousie Medicine campus in St. John, New Brunswick. These disclosures were made online, and communicated to the DSU by our peers at the University of New Brunswick Students' Union (UNBSU).

Dr. M. Bhargava taught Dalhousie students at a Faculty of Medicine satellite program in New Brunswick. The allegations made against him, to date, come from his practice at the UNB/St. Thomas University Student Health Centre in Fredericton, or off-campus medical facilities in New Brunswick. The DSU and Dalhousie University are not aware of any disclosures from Dalhousie students.

On November 17th, 2020, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick suspended Dr. Bhargava's license to practice. His license will remain inactive until an investigation is completed and a determination is made by the College. To the best of the DSU's knowledge, Dr. Bhargava does not have an active license to practice medicine in Nova Scotia. His contact and listing as an associate professor with the Dalhousie Department of Psychiatry has been removed from the Faculty of Medicine's webpage. To hold an active appointment with Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine, a professor must have an active license to practice medicine and privileges at a health authority.

To support survivors, the UNBSU, and all those who are a part of our joint communities, the DSU has committed to addressing these allegations on Dalhousie campuses. Immediately after being notified of the allegations, the DSU updated all appropriate Dalhousie departments. The DSU continues to work with Student Affairs and student leaders on multiple campuses to address the situation.

The DSU stands in support of all survivors and in solidarity with our peers at the University of New Brunswick Students Union. The safety and wellbeing of our members is our top priority. The experiences and feelings of survivors are valid, and they are heard. The resources available through the DSU Survivor Support Centre are currently available to all students at any university impacted by these allegations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact dsupres@dal.ca. If you are looking for support, please contact one of the resources below.

Signed,

Madeleine Stinson, President

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Resources

Dalhousie Human Rights and Equity Services

- Crystal Ragush, Sexualized Violence Advisor – crystal.ragush@dal.ca
- [The Purple Folder](#)

Dalhousie Student Health and Wellness

- [Website](#)
- [Good2Talk](#)

The DSU Survivor Support Centre

- survivorsupport@dal.ca
- 902-425-1066

Dalhousie Security

- security@dal.ca
- 902-494-4109 (Halifax)
- 902-893-4190 (Truro)