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The Dalhousie Student Union is complying with the University's request to cease the service of alcohol on Halifax campuses despite no concerns brought forward by the Department of Alcohol and Gaming

For immediate release

Halifax, NS October 16, 2019: Dalhousie University has decided to suspend the operation of DSU Bar Services (i.e. to sell or serve any alcohol) on Dalhousie's Halifax campuses, including the Grawood and T-Room. There were no specific incidents noted with respect to the Halifax campus liquor license authorized by Nova Scotia Department of Alcohol & Gaming, and no concerns have been brought forward by the Department of Alcohol and Gaming itself.

The DSU and the Halifax Campuses have not lost the liquor license under the Department of Alcohol & Gaming. The DSU is complying with the University's request to cease the service of alcohol on campus, despite the DSU making every effort to follow the University Alcohol Policy and procedures above and beyond what is outlined.

On July 11, 2019, the University Alcohol Advisory Committee made the recommendation to move the License Designate position from within the DSU and place it within the university; this recommendation was approved by the Vice Provost of Student Affairs, who acts as the License Administrator. Since July 2019, the DSU has continued to file all required documentation and DSU staff have been diligent in ensuring all events are documented to the standards requested by the License Designate, above what is directly outlined in the University Alcohol Policy. There have been no changes to procedures within licensed establishments, namely the Grawood and T-Room, and our staff at both bars have continued to follow the rules and guidelines outlined in the Liquor Control Act, as well as the University Alcohol Policy.

The DSU prioritizes student safety and continues to challenge the university to support students of legal drinking age to have access to safe places to consume alcohol if they so choose. The DSU strongly advises Dalhousie University to refrain from making the campus dry as it is unsafe for students.



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