



Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students

Special General Meeting - Sept 24th, 2018



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi'kmaq Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet), and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Ratification of Chair – Grant MacNeil**
3. **Introduction – President (5 minutes)**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **PRESENTATIONS OF REPORTS – 30 minutes**
6. **OLD BUSINESS – 20 minutes**
 - a. **By-Law Amendments**
 - b. **Budget**
7. **Budget – 20 Minutes**
8. **Goals Presentation - 30 Minutes**
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:30pm**

President Report

- Establishing relationships to lay foundation for advocacy goals
 - DSU, Dalhousie Faculty Association, Student Services, Program Secretaries, Societies
- Improving Communication - Presence on All Campuses
 - Website updates (e.g. Council Documents and events pages)
 - Partnership with FGS and individual programs
- Events
 - FMGSS BBQ
 - FGS Orientation/ BBQ/ Welcome Reception
 - Lunch and Learn
 - Boat Cruise



President Report

- Increasing Graduate student Representation
 - Ombudsperson Advisory Committee
 - Streamlining appointments to Faculty Councils
- New Space
 - Lease agreement
 - Design
- Supporting societies
 - Internal governance
 - Connecting to opportunities/ resources
- Government Advocacy
 - MOU



Vice President External

- Local 113 (DAGS) rep at CFS general meetings and on the CFS-NS provincial executive
- DSU Council grad rep
- Dalhousie Senate grad rep



Vice President External

- Advocacy & Action committee - next meeting , **October 30th, 6:00pm**, DAGS office (3023 Mona Campbell building)

Open to all!



Vice President External

Rally for Nhanala Diamini

When: Friday, October 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM

Where: In front of the Department of
Labour Building (1505 Barrington Street)

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Vice President External

- Maritimes ReconciliAction campaign launch!



The poster features a teal and blue abstract background. At the top left is the ReconciliAction logo, a large white 'R' with a red flame inside. To its right, the event details are listed: 'Maritimes Campaign Launch', 'Wednesday, October 24, 2018', 'Seton Auditorium, MSVU', and '7:00 pm'. Below the logo, the text 'ReconciliACTION' is written in red. The 'Keynote Speaker:' is 'Ian Campeau', with his name in red. A paragraph of text describes him as a DJ, co-founder of 'A Tribe Called Red', and an indigenous advocate. To the right of the text is a black and white photo of Ian Campeau, a young man wearing a baseball cap and a t-shirt with a 'Canadians' logo, framed by a red border. At the bottom left is the 'cifsfcée' logo.

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Reconcili**ACTION**

Maritimes Campaign Launch
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Seton Auditorium, MSVU
7:00 pm

Keynote Speaker:
Ian Campeau

DJ, Co-Founder of A Tribe Called Red & Indigenous Advocate. Ian Campeau, also known as DJ NDN, is the co-founder & former member of the music group A Tribe Called Red. Through a powerful combination of art and activism, he uses his notoriety to draw attention to issues of racism, gender based violence, stigmas of mental health, and other forms of oppression. He is Ojibwe, Anishinaabe from the Nipissing First Nation.

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Vice President Finance and Operations

- Budget
- Bar (final proceedings)
- Operational
 - Staff-related
 - Accounts (bank, CRA, other)
 - Grants & disbursements

Vice President Finance and Operations

- Operational (cont.)
 - Space (new & old)
 - Book-keeping
- Dean meetings
 - FGS & Faculty

Director Report

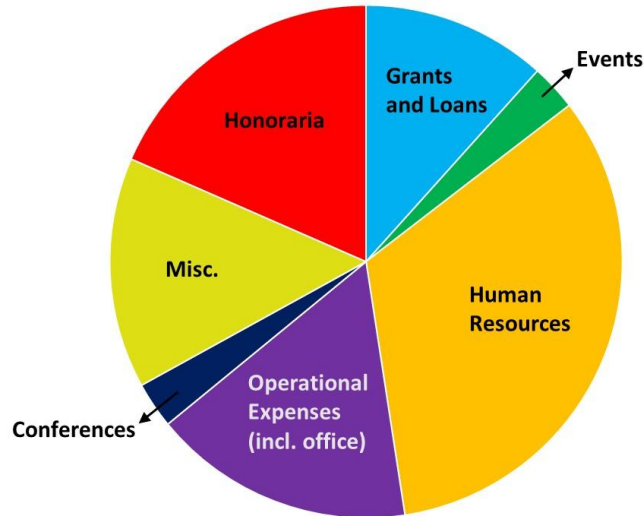
- FGS Council Meetings (Research Opportunities, Number of TAs, etc)
- Graduate Student Experience Advisory Committee Meetings
- Sexton Student issues
- International Students support services
- Career support services improvements at Sexton

By-law Amendment Summary

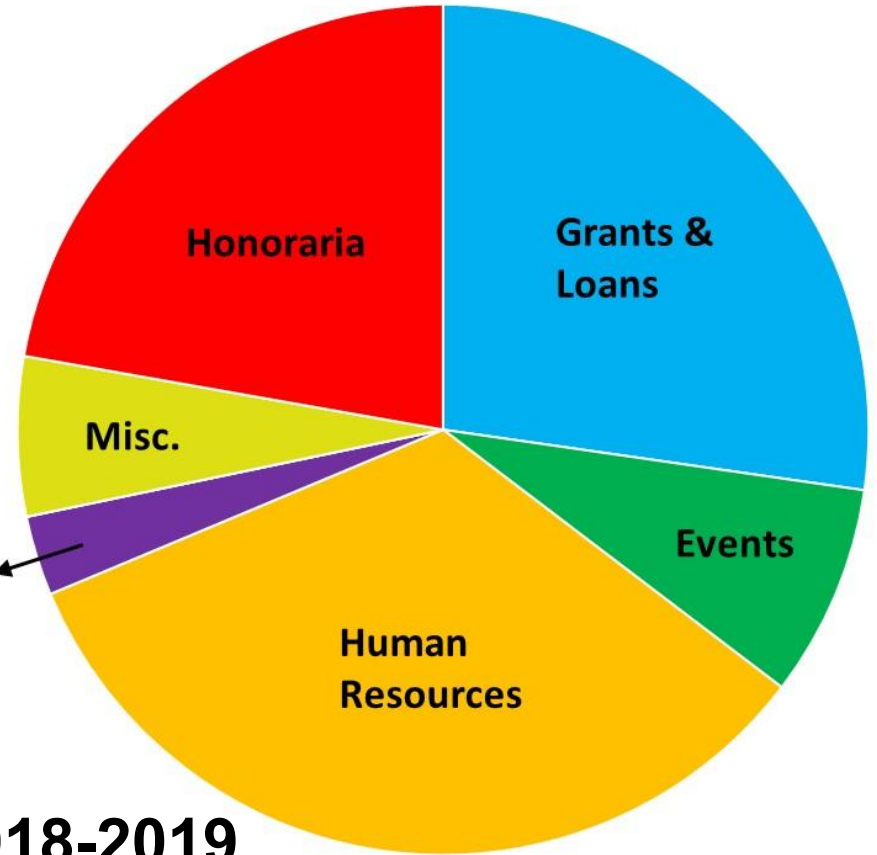
- New By-laws implemented at AGM in September 2017
- April 2018 - DAGS Council adopts 2016-17 By-laws on interim basis
- Special General Meeting - Confirming adoption of 2016-17 By-laws with amendments
- Amendment Summary:
 - Removing mention of The Muse Cafe and Pub and The Grad House
 - Revision to Office Manager Job Description - will act as Secretary
 - Society Representatives as members of Council
 - Committees opened to Membership
 - Faculty Council representative invited to participate
 - Governance Review Committee tasked with Executive Review
 - Student Life Director can be any member of DAGS, and is not limited to Directors
 - Budget Approval at AGM

Budget Summary

2017-2018
~ \$74,000



Operational Expenses



2018-2019
~ \$69,000

Goals - Member Feedback

All Year

- Memorandum of Understanding Negotiations
- Graduate Student Funding
- Government Round Tables - Put grad student issues on the Agenda!

September

- The External Advocacy & Action Committee
 - Biweekly, open meetings, starting Tuesday September 25.

October

Oct 22nd - 26th

- ReconciliAction Campaign - Calls on university faculty and administration to implement Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action. Includes 3 days of education, a keynote event for all campuses, and a day of action to launch our demands.

October 24th: Oct 24th at 7pm: Keynote Speaker Ian Campeau @ MSVU

October 26-28:

- Maritime RISE (Racialized & Indigenous Student Experience).

October 29th: 6pm - 8pm @ Troom - DSU Sexton Campus Townhall

October 19th - Nov 2nd

- DAGS By-Elections - break recent voting records!
- Nominations Open - Oct 23rd is the deadline!

October 31st

- Trick or Eat - Competition between departments/ societies

November

- New Space - Grand Opening!
- Transition of new Executive and Councillors
- Goal for individual graduate students to spearhead events/ projects
- Mental Health Supports for Graduate Students
 - Programming in space
 - Graduate input on services
- Lunch and Learn / Workshop - What should the topic be?
- Government Round Table - Focus on the Memorandum of Understanding

Winter Term

- Budget Advisory Committee
 - International differential fee reduced/ removed for graduate students
- Board of Governors
 - Graduate Student Representative
- Student Space
 - Direct communication link for students to share concerns
- Fight the Fees Advocacy
- Monthly Lunch and Learns / Townhalls
- Spring AGM
- Spring Elections