



Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students

Executive Report October 18-November 21, 2018 VPFO Report

Internal

Budget & Total Cash Flow: Have been monitoring DAGS budget, especially wrt grants. Shuffling arounds of funds may be necessary to keep up with the volume of requested grants.

Housekeeping/admin: Have been keeping track of the revenue being generated via selling of Muse goods. Invoices are being generated for each sale for trackability & book-keeping.

Council meetings: attended any/all Council meetings.

Executive/Board Meetings: attended the weekly Board meetings.

External Relations (University/ DSU/ CFS)

University: Primarily interacting with University through Facilities Management. Most interactions are surrounding the Muse, both in terms of sellable inventory (there was some miscommunication) and moving. Kaitlynne has been acting as a more direct/first-person contact for Facilities.

DAGS has been meeting with the Dalhousie Faculty Association monthly. Last meeting was at the end of October/beginning of November.

A meeting was arranged with the Dean of Engineering to introduce DEGS executive and discuss some issues prevalent to engineering grad students. While unable to attend the meeting, assistance was given in terms of setting an agenda & strategizing. Engineering students (outside of DEGS) were reached out to for input on issues to raise. Kaitlynne

represented DAGS in the meeting. Follow up meeting(s) are in the works.

Services

New Space: Received confirmation that the project (new space design) finally passed the financing stage and is to enter construction soon. A move in date has yet to be communicated. Arrangements for the move are in the works with facilities management, again with Kaitlynn acting as their point of contact.

Bar (clear out): selling of Muse goods has/is continuing. A number of items have been sold (records of these are available). Some items of greater monetary worth (espresso machine...etc.) are still for sale. A sales strategy is being discussed, as many potential buyers cannot pay for these goods in a single installment. Foodstuff (with the exception of BBQ stuff from summer) were donated to the DSU foodbank.

Audits/Disbursements/Grants: DAGS received enrollment & society numbers a few weeks ago and was finally able to begin giving cheques to societies for their Summer and Fall terms audits. A number of societies are in the process of getting re-started (or re-organized) so audits seems to be a somewhat on-going process. Assistance is being given to the societies at their request.

Grants continue to roll in at high levels. Budgetary adjustments will most likely have to be made to accommodate this demand. Since grants are one of its most important features of DAGS, it is in the best interest of DAGS to ensure more funds are put towards this area if needed.

All grants, audit books and disbursements received are documented and kept track of online and on paper. Societies that have failed audits have/are contacted and assisted as necessary. In some instances, extra assistance is provided. Meetings can be (and are) set up between myself and the executive of the societies that need help.

Programming and Events

Events: DAGS participated in Trick or Eat, an annual food drive event hosted by Meal Exchange. Food items were collected for Feed NS and the DSU food bank.

DAGS has not hosted an event but was supporting/affiliated with a number of events, including the launch of the CFS campaign reconciliAction (including the keynote address) and DSU Sexton townhall.