

Your Guide to University Government

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Do you know who was responsible for last year's 9.8% fee increase? Or what about the shortened Frosh week? Do you know what to do if you want more smoking areas in the Student Union Building (SUB)?

The decisions made by organizations like the Board of Governors (BOG), the Senate, and the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council affect every moment of our daily lives as students.

If you get accused of Plagiarism, then you will be dragged before the Senate Discipline Committee. Therefore one of the most important things you can know is who is responsible for what at the University. Contrary to popular belief it is not some strange faceless monster know only as...The Administration.

You may have heard otherwise, but students do have a voice (and a powerful one at that) in this University. It was student protest to proposed vertical cuts to the Arts program that helped to save the Theatre and Music departments.

Information about who is responsible for what is very important to your general awareness about what goes on at this school. Dal students will more than likely be a member of this community for at least three years, maybe more. It's in your best interest to know how the system works.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is the most powerful body at Dalhousie. They meet on average about once a month, on Tuesday afternoons in University Hall. They are responsible for the management of the University, including finance and budgetary concerns. The BOG negotiate all the contracts with the DSU and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA).

Every year the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) examines Dalhousie's budget, its debt, and the expected changes in its revenue. The BAC then creates a report which advises the BOG on how much tuition should be raised, or budgets slashed, etc. The BAC reports are available

from the BOG office, and are always an excellent reflection of Dalhousie's current financial position.

The student body has three representatives on the Board. The DSU President (Brad MacKay) sits on the Board ex officio (by virtue of his position). There are also two students (Curtis Cartmill and John Killam), elected by their peers, whose primary purpose is to represent the students on the Board. The elections are held every March, and any student can run for these positions.

Senate

The Senate is the political body responsible for the day to day running of the University and its academia. They usually meet every two weeks on Monday afternoons in University Hall. The members are also responsible for setting Academic Priorities, and for the execution of the budget within the various faculties. The Senate is the most powerful academic committee in the school.

There are ten subcommittees of Senate — each covers an aspect of University life; from the Libraries Committee to the Discipline Committee.

The two committees that will be of most interest to students are the Senate Discipline Committee and the Senate Academic Appeals Committee. The Discipline Committee is where charges of breach of Academic standard are taken. The Appeals Committee handles academic appeals brought by either students or evaluators based on previously made decisions.

If you ever have business before one of these committees, then you should make sure that you speak to the Vice-President Academic/External (Chris Lydon); he is the primary student advocate on these committees.

The Senate was recently overhauled. Where once it had more than 400 members (ten of which were students) now it only has 56 (four of which are students). Where once there were forty faculty members for every student, now there are only 16.

The Senate now consists mainly of the Deans of all the fac-

ulties, representatives elected from within those faculties, the University President (Tom Traves), the Senate officers, and the four student reps.

The students are represented by the DSU President and VP Academic/External (both are ex officio), and two elected student reps (myself and Chris Adams). The student reps are elected every year at the March elections, and again, any student can run for these positions.

DSU Council

The DSU council is the body which runs the Dalhousie Student Union Building, and dictates policy matters to the DSU Execu-


tive. The Executive is composed of the DSU President, Executive Vice-President (Katherine Hannah), Treasurer (Michael Murphy), Vice President Academic/External, and Vice President Community Affairs (Carman Barteaux). Student BOG and Senate members hold seats on council. Every member of the Council is either elected by students or appointed by fellow council members (this only applies to the two member-at-large positions).

Every 'A' society is represented on council. 'A' societies are organizations that represent large numbers of students. All Faculty associations (Arts Society, Science


Society, etc.) hold council seats. Also represented are organizations that represent different segments of the student population (Black Canadian Student's Association, Dalhousie Women's Group, etc.).

Every member of the Council is a student. The DSU is entirely student run (with the exception of some full-time staffers). Any student can apply for a position within the DSU. Also, any student can campaign to be an executive member, a member of Senate or BOG, or run for a council position through one of the previously mentioned societies.

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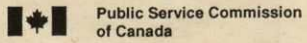
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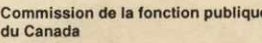
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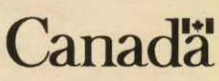
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