

## **End of Term Report**

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Term: Winter/05-06

### **Contribution to the Society**

This term, I continued with my VP External duties from Fall/05-06 term. My duties included working as a liaison between CSS and DSU and to attend DSU Council meetings and report back to CSS of any relevant material that was discussed at DSU. Society update emails from DSU VP Internal were forwarded to [cssociety@cs.dal.ca](mailto:cssociety@cs.dal.ca) as usual.

Other than my constitutional duties as VP External, I was involved in many projects this term. With my experience as a Grad Rep back in Summer/05 term, I worked with CS faculty to start up the CS Seminars series which is a venue for varieties of seminar series to take place. One of the seminar series that I overlooked personally was the Research Discussions series which student speakers presented their research to fellow researchers in our faculty. Within CSS, I became the chair of CS Seminars Committee for Winter/05-06 and I provided help in many areas for CS Seminars due to lack of volunteers. I worked as a webmaster for the CS Seminars website (<http://seminars.cs.dal.ca>), social events coordinator for “hang out and have pizza” which took place following the seminars, volunteer recruiter, student speakers schedule manager, liaison to the CS faculty, and a PR person. For Geekbeer, I received a bartending license and bartended for one Geekbeer. I’m willing to volunteer for more Geekbeers if future Council needs volunteers.

As an Executive Council member of CSS, I worked with fellow execs. to draft up the Infodesk Management and Bar Management amendments for CSS Council members to consider. Infodesk management amendments were passed. Also, I contributed to the In-Reach Campaign which was headed by VP Internal and added content on CSS plone website.

### **Achievements towards the Advancement or Improvement of the Society**

There were several ideas that I came up with this term to improve/advance our society. One of them was to include non-alcohol hours at the GeekBeer to cater to the non-drinking student population in our faculty. Also, this idea was brought up as a result of dwindling number of attendees at GeekBeer. The idea was to set up a concession stand and provide items that were not in the vending machine at a reasonable price to do some fundraising for CSS. For the “fun” part, during the non-alcohol hours, I proposed to set up a movie screen at one end of the atrium and games area at the other end of the atrium to provide fun things for people to do to occupy their time and socialize.

Another idea that I had suggested was to throw an end of term party at the Dalhousie University Club. Upon my suggestion, Social Rep (Jeremy Gallant) investigated into

pricing. This venue is cheaper than other places and it would have been an ideal place to throw an end of term event, which the future Council should consider.

Both projects didn't materialize due to time constraint and many other projects that CSS took on this term. Hopefully someone next term will continue to work on these projects.

There was a huge effort put into redoing the CSS Constitution this term and the whole Council was involved in improving the Constitution. Few of the things I suggested that didn't get put on the changes were:

- Constitution encourages legal behavior (Ratify by August 1<sup>st</sup> but elections occur every term, so this put the Council in a awkward position where DSU did not recognize this term's officers and requested re-ratification)
- Nothing about having to submit the acknowledge/ratification forms to DSU upon election
- Job Descriptions for each position on Council isn't worded adequately
- Lack of description for recall procedures
- Lack of information; Council members are required to read the DSU Society Policy and following the University Laws

### **Areas for Improvement**

1. Read your own constitution and don't act unconstitutionally!
2. Everyone on the Council are volunteers, don't expect people to do their job as if they're getting paid for it. It should be done in good spirit, not by force
3. Don't let other organizations/individuals bully you around. There will always be people unhappy with how things are run at CSS, don't pay too much attention to this as long as you're doing your best.
4. Stick together! This is a group effort, if someone is doing a good job, celebrate it instead of attacking that person for doing too much. Whatever each person does, the credit goes to the organization, not the individual.
5. Volunteer more, get involved in your own social events.
6. Think about the CS student body before Dalhousie students in general. You work for CS students, they come first. It's good to involve other faculties but that should come after having served CS students first.
7. Try to keep a better record of everything, perhaps by keeping everything online as well as a paper copy in the CSS office.
8. The Council needs to acknowledge more about the different diversity within our faculty and try to throw fun events that everyone can participate.
9. Follow procedure as much as you can to reduce confusion.

### **Suggestions for Incoming Student**

Do your best and have fun.