

 **VP External – January 1 – April 25, 2019
Laura Cutmore**

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**Internal (relating specifically to DAGS as a Society or committees)**

* Held weekly office hours
* Attended weekly DAGS Board and Council meetings
* Helped DAGS move into our new space on the 4th floor of the SUB
* Sat on the hiring committee for the DAGS Office Manager; conducted interviews with candidates
* DAGS successfully held an AGM in March
* DAGS successfully held elections in April

**External Relations (University/ DSU/ CFS)**

* Sat on the Dalhousie Student Union Council as grad rep; attended biweekly Council meetings
* Sat on the DSU Offices Steering Committee and External Action Committee; attended semi-regular meetings
* Sat on the Dalhousie University Senate as grad rep; attended biweekly Senate meetings and biweekly Senate student caucus meetings
* Sat on the Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC), SAPRC Research Subcommittee, and, for a brief period, the SAPRC Undergraduate Subcommittee; attended biweekly SAPRC meetings and semi-regular subcommittee meetings
* Sat on the Dalhousie Graduate Student Experience Committee meeting; attended semi-regular meetings
* Sat on the student-government roundtable with the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education as DAGS rep; attended (approximately) quarterly meetings
* Sat on the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia Provincial Executive as Local 113 rep; attended (approximately) quarterly meetings
* Attended regular meetings with the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA)
* Attended occasional meetings with the FGS Dean, and other University administrators and staff to advocate for grad students
* Attended semi-regular provincial Fight the Fees organizing meetings with CFS-NS
* Attended the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting in January
* Attended the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meetings in June and November; represented DAGS in plenary, Maritimes Component, and the National Graduate Caucus, and attended several constituency and committee spaces
* Attended the Canadian Federation of Students National Graduate Caucus Annual General Meeting in March
* Joined CFS-NS for Provincial lobby week meetings in January
* Joined CFS for National lobby week meetings in Ottawa in February
* Wrote an open letter to Interim President MacKinnon setting grad students’ expectations for a Dalhousie President

**Programming and Events**

* Regularly tabled with CFS-NS on all Halifax campuses with CFS materials, to engage with members and promote events
* Joined CFS-NS to host a lunch and learn in February to educate students about the Ontario Conservative government’s attack on OSAP and students’ rights
* Joined CFS-NS in holding a rally for students’ rights in March
* With CFS-NS and other CFS locals in Halifax, held a ‘Rising Fees, Rising Seas’ rally at the Provincial budget drop in March
* Worked with the Dalhousie International Students’ Association (DISA) and CFS-NS to organize a rally and week-long sit-in in Interim President MacKinnon’s office to protest the proposed 4-year 44.4% tuition hike for international students