DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: August 13, 2020; 6:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams virtual meeting

Land Acknowledgement

The Dalhousie Student Union acknowledges that Dalhousie University and the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and unsurrendered Mi’kma’ki territory. The Dalhousie Student Union seeks to honour the relational treaty process in its programming, events, and meetings.

Equity Statement

Student union solidarity is based on the principle that all members should be able to participate equally in their union, recognizing that students have diverse experiences of privilege and marginalization. As members of the students’ union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. It is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive space for discussion and dialogue. Any form or forms of discrimination and/or harassment will not be tolerated, nor will hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. If you violate this understanding, you will be asked to leave.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2020-08-13-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2020-08-13-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the DSU Council meeting on July 30, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kate Yau be appointed Chief Returning Officer for the 2020-21 Academic Year.

*Moved by the President; Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee*

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________________ be appointed to the Offices Steering Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal; Nomination to be brought forward by Oversight Committee. Document Attached.*

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________________ be appointed to the External Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; Nomination to be brought forward by Oversight Committee*

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to the Senate Caucus:

Black Students’ Representative: ________________

Women Students’ Representative: ________________
Students With Disabilities Representative: ______________
Continuing Education Representative: ______________

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; Nominations to be brought forward by Executive Committee

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.5
BE IT RESOLVED THAT ______________, ______________, ______________, ______________ and ______________ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Moved by the President; Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

8. Presentations

8.1 Senate Caucus Appointments Update

Presented by the Vice President, Academic and External

Document Attached

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

MOTION 2020-08-13-10.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Elections and Referenda Policy be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Elections Policy and Referenda Policies be struck, as well as the Community Representation and Faculty Representation Policies.

Moved by the President. Recommended for adoption by Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

MOTION 2020-08-13-10.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Bylaw and Policy Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Bylaw and Policy Review guidelines be struck.

Moved by the President. Recommended for adoption by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

11. New Business
MOTION 2020-08-13-11.1

WHEREAS the DSU Bylaws do not outline a process for appointing DSU representatives to Dalhousie University Senate Sub-Committees and the process has not been standardized in recent years; and

WHEREAS the Senate Caucus is an official DSU body with representation from student communities and faculty-level societies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate Caucus is tasked with appointing student members to Dalhousie University Senate Sub-Committees for the 2020-21 Academic Year in line with the terms of reference for each Sub-Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate Caucus will prioritize members of the Senate Caucus for available DSU-appointed seats on Senate Sub-Committees, first prioritizing voting members of the Caucus and then non-voting members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice President, Academic and External shall report all sub-committee appointments made by the Caucus to Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee and the Senate Caucus be tasked with reviewing current governing documents and practices and developing a bylaw and/or policy amendment(s) to better define the process for appointments to Senate Sub-Committees in the future. Any such bylaw or policy amendments would be subject to approval at General Meeting or Council Meeting, respectively.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic and External

12. Executive Reports Documents attached

12.1 Report of the President

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

13.1 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next regular meeting of Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations. Document to be circulated August 13.
13.2 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next regular meeting of Council:

WHEREAS almost the entirety of the Council Policy is in contradiction with the DSU Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Union Rules and Procedures policy outlines Council procedures and the responsibilities of Council staff; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Policy is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee to develop a new policy incorporating the provisions of the Union Rules and Procedures Policy in addition to any provisions from the defunct Council Policy that should be maintained or are not covered in other policies.

Moved by the President.

14. Announcements

14.1 Council Meeting Schedule for the 2020 Fall term

Presented by the President

Document attached

15. Adjournment