DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: November 19, 2020; 6:30 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

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

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President
Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life
Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative
William Luton - Faculty of Engineering Representative
Meghan Faught – Proxy to Faculty of Law Representative
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students’ Representative

Absent with regrets:
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students’ Representative
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Faculty of Management Representative

Absent without regrets:
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative

Vacant:
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Students with Disabilities Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative
Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2020-11-19-3.1

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

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2

President

MOTION 2020-11-19-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda

Amendment: Include Presentation 8.1 DSU solidarity with the UNB SU in response to allegations against a cross-appointed faculty member.

Motion passes.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2020-11-19-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 5, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion passes.

6. Communications Received

Regrets from the Vice President, Finance & Operations

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative

Regrets from the Black Student’s Representative
7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2020-11-19-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _______________ be appointed Students With Disabilities Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2020-11-19-7.1.1: Motion to amend

Motion to move motions 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 to new business as 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion passes.

MOTION 2020-11-19-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _______________ be appointed Students Living in Residence Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2020-11-19-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

Councillor(s):

General Members:

Recommendations to be made by Oversight Committee

8. Presentations

President’s presentation on DSU solidarity with the UNB Student Union in response to allegations against a cross-appointed faculty member.

9. Committee Reports

None.

10. Old Business

MOTION 2020-11-19-10.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy circulated to Councillors on Thursday, November 5 be approved as presented.

Moved by the President; seconded by: Proxy Law Representative

Motion passes.

MOTION 2020-11-19-10.1.1: Motion to amend

Motion to strike section 4.3.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion passes.

11. New Business

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____________ be appointed Students with Disabilities Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.

Nomination for Students with Disabilities Representative seat: Ken Jacquard

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion passes.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____________ be appointed Students Living in Residence Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.

Nomination for Students Living in Residence Representative seat: Hassaan Asif

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Indigenous Students’ Representative

Motion passes.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

Councillor(s):

General Members:

Recommendations to be made by Oversight Committee
Filling the councillor blank with Aparna Mohan.
Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Motion passes.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.3.1: Motion to amend

Motion to amend motion 11.3 to remove the general members category.
Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Motion passes.

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President
None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal
None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations
None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External
None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life
None.

13. Notice of Motion
None.

14. Announcements
None.

15. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.