DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: January 12, 2021; 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting using MS 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’kmak’ 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

MOTION 2021-01-12-1.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vice President, Finance and Operations, serve as acting Chair for this session of Council.

2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-01-12-3.1

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

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-01-12-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on December 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

8. Presentations

8.1 Update on Ascension Barber Shop Tenancy Agreement

Presented by the President

Documents to be circulated during meeting.

8.2 Update on International Students Isolation

Presented by the President

Documents attached.

8.3 Presentation of Executive Feedback on the Dalhousie Consultation Framework

Presented by the President

Documents attached.

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business
11. New Business

Motion 2021-02-12-11.1

WHEREAS international students and domestic members have raised multiple concerns over the inequitable treatment of international students returning to Nova Scotia to pursue a post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS these students are calling for action from Dalhousie and the government; and

WHEREAS the University and government have failed to create meaningful, universally accessible supports for all international students returning to Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached press release is endorsed by the DSU Council and published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any updates on the situation be provided to Council in future executive reports of the President.

Documents attached.

12. Executive Reports

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

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the council meeting on January 26, 2020.

13.1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Senate Student Caucus for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by Vice President Academic and External

13.2 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Society Review Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by the Vice President Internal

14. Announcements

The DSU Vice President, Internal and President are exploring how the DSU can support students who are a part of equity-deserving groups through policy. If you are a member who identifies with one of these groups and are interested in developing an Issues Policy under the DSU to advocate for the rights of your peers, please contact dsuvpi@dal.ca.
15. Adjournment