DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: February 11, 2021 at 7:00pm Atlantic time

Location: Microsoft Teams 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

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President
Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life
Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2
Brij Vaghani - Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Simon Burns - Faculty of Engineering Representative
Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

Absent with regrets:
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students’ Representative
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students’ Representative
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative

Absent without regrets:
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Vacant:
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Health Professions 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)
Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

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3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-02-11-3.1

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

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion passes.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-02-11-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 28, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

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

Motion passes.

6. Communications Received

Regrets from the Vice President, Finance and Operations
Regrets from the Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative
Regrets from the Indigenous Students’ Representative
Regrets from the Black Students’ Representative
Regrets from the International Students’ Representative
Regrets from the LGBTQ+ Students Representative

7. Appointments by Council

None.
8. Presentations

None.

9. Committee Reports

None.

10. Old Business

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1

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

Moved by Vice President Academic and External; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1.1: Motion to postpone Motion 10.1 indefinitely

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: President

Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2

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

Moved by the Vice President Internal

Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2.1: Motion to postpone Motion 10.2 indefinitely

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: President

Motion passes.

11. New Business

None.
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

14.1 The DSU has been asked to consult on Dalhousie’s Accessibility Plan. All councillor were emailed on February 8th with an invitation to join the initial working for this project. This working group will meet on February 16th at 2pm to determine initial feedback on the plan. On February 25th, this feedback will be presented to Council for approval before it is sent back to Dalhousie. Additional steps to this process will be communicated to Council through President's Reports to Council when and if they occur. If you are not already, but would like to be involved in this task please email dsupres@dal.ca.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.