DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: February 25, 2021

Location: 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 7:13PM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President
Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture 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
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students’ Representative
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

Absent with regrets:
Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Absent without regrets:
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative
Brij Vaghani - Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students’ Representative
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative

Vacant:
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-02-25-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.
Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal
Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-02-25-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda
Amendment: adding a presentation to the BAC report
Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Indigenous Students’ Representative
Motion passes.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
MOTION 2021-02-25-5.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 11, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative
Motion passes.

6. Communications Received
Regrets from Vice President, Academic and External

7. Appointments by Council
None.

8. Presentations
Board of Governors Representative 2’s presentation on the BAC report.
Board of Governors Representative 2 will take on the role of drafting a motion.
If anyone has concerns about what a motion regarding the budget would look like, contact Aparna Mohan.

9. Committee Reports
10. Old Business
None.

11. New Business

**MOTION 2021-02-25-11.1**

WHEREAS in 2009 the membership of the Dalhousie Student Union voted in favour of the following referendum question:

“Do you support stabilizing the DSU Health and Dental plans by allowing yearly adjustments in premium only when necessary based on inflationary costs and prior claims experience? Any other adjustments not related to inflationary costs or claims experience must be approved by a referendum”, and;

WHEREAS Health and Dental claims paid currently exceed the premiums collected by members; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Domestic Health Plan single student fee be increased from $464 to $468.64 per year for full-time students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Domestic Health Plan family fee be increased from $928 to $937.28 per year for full time students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the International Health Plan single student fee be increased from $728 to $740.74 per year for full-time international students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the International Health Plan family fee be increased from $1104 to $1123.32 per year for full-time international students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the increase will take effect September 2021.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Board of Governors Representative 2 states that it is understandable that more claims have been made than the budget allowed. They would like to see where they could access the report.

President states that it’s worth noting that international students aren’t on this plan at the moment, unless they are in the country.

Motion **does not pass**.

**MOTION 2021-02-25-11.1.1:** Motion to table indefinitely

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

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 8:19PM.