DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: January 28, 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’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 7:19PM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

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
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative
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
Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management 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
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students’ Representative
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

Absent with regrets:
Madeleine Stinson – President
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Absent without regrets:
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

Vacant:
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Health Professions 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

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1

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.

MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.1: To add motion 11.2

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has steadily been approving applications since April and has seen an increase in applications over the school term and has spent a total of $69,128.73, and;

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has had an average of 8 applicants and an average of $4,177.73 spent biweekly since August 14th calculated by the Vice President, Internal, and;

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has $8,468 remaining form the Fall term, calculated by the Financial Controller and the Director of Operations on December 4th, 2020, and;

WHEREAS the Committee has since used the Fall Term funds and now has an approximate $618 remaining as of January 28th, 2021, and;

WHEREAS the Committee will receive an amount of money from Winter fees from Dalhousie University totalling between $10,000-$13,000 (with expected drops in enrolment), and;

WHEREAS the Committee would like to continue to approve the steady influx of applicants that receive funding for necessary disabilities & access needs with examples of psychoeducational assessments, assistive technology, transportation needs, and many others, and;

WHEREAS the Committee finds the approval of bursaries important in helping students with disabilities manage financial issues that arise with their access needs, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Accessibility Committee be approved by the Budget & Finance Committee to receive $25,000 from the Accessibility Reserve fund to continue to support students with Disabilities

MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.2: To add Motion 7.3 to the agenda
Be is resolved that Kathrine Guevara be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by: Indigenous Students’ Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.3: To amend the agenda

Amendment: move presentation 8.2 to item 4 of the agenda

Moved by: Vice President, Internal; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2

Motion passes.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-01-28-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Black Students’ Representative; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion passes.

6. Communications Received

6.1. The President sends their regrets and is currently assisting with the DSU Pride Week Pronoun Competency Workshop.

6.2. The Vice President, Finance and Operations sends their regrets and is currently leading the DSU Pride Week Pronoun Competency Workshop.

7. Appointments by Council

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

**MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1.1:** To postpone Motion 7.1 to the next meeting of the DSU council.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

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*; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life

**MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2.1:** To postpone motion 7.2 to the next meeting of the DSU council.

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

Motion passes.

**MOTION 2021-01-28 7.3:**

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Moved; Indigenous Students’ Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion passes.

8. Presentations

8.1 For Information: Update on Ascension Barber Shop Tenancy Agreement

  *Presented by the Vice President, Academic & External*

8.2 Dalhousie Digital Strategy Initiative, as part of Dalhousie’s Strategic Plan

  *Presented by Members of the Digital Strategy Steering Committee*

9. Committee Reports

None.
10. Old Business
   None.

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-01-28 11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Financial Policy, as circulated and approved by
the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee be approved.

Moved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee; seconded by: Students with Disabilities
Representative

Documents attached.

Motion passes.

MOTION 2021-01-28-11.2:

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students with Disabilities

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

14.1. The DSU is hiring an Indigenous artist, or team of artists, to create a mural for the Student Union Building. The Request for Proposal is available on the website and information was shared via social media and email on the 27th. Please feel free to share with your constituents, proposals are due to the Selection Committee by February 16, 2021.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.