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
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations
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
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Absent with regrets:
Vice President, Internal
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students’ Representative
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students’ Representative
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative

Absent without regrets:
Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative

Vacant:
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Engineering Representative
Faculty of Computer Science 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 2021-04-22-3.1**

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

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

Motion passes.

**MOTION 2021-04-22-3.1.1: Amendment to the agenda**

Amendment 1: move to amend the written section under agenda item 13 to become item 13.1

Amendment 2: move to amend agenda item 13 to include the following committee names: Offices Steering Committee, Student Accessibility Fund Committee, International Student Emergency Bursary Committee

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

Motion passes.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**MOTION 2021-04-22-5.1**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on April 08, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

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

Motion passes.

**MOTION 2021-04-22-5.1.1: Amendment to the minutes**

Amendment 1: motion to amend the language in items 12.1-12.5 from “none” to “nothing to add”

Amendment 2: motion to adjust the Faculty of Agriculture Representative’s attendance from “regrets” to “absent” in the previous minutes

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life
Motion passes.

6. Communications Received

6.1. The President received data collected by Faculty Representatives regarding impacts of tuition fees on their constituencies, which was used by the President and the Board of Governors Representatives at the Board of Governors meeting on Tuesday, April 20th. A full report is attached.

President states that they received data from 4 out of 13 faculties, some of which aren’t represented on council at the moment. If there is any additional data to share, feel free to do so.

7. Appointments by Council

None.

8. Presentations

8.1. Update on Ongoing Projects

Presented by the President

The governance review has completed its first phase and is moving into its second. Student rating of student content is ongoing. The large mural in the SUB is in-progress. Ascension has signed a 6-month contract on April 1st; rent has not been paid yet. In regard to returning to campus, classes are expected to run between 8am and 10pm. There may be some students who will be required to attend classes throughout this range of times. There may also be alternative spaces for classes, such as Park Lane cinema, King’s College, and the SUB.

9. Committee Reports

9.1. Board of Governors Caucus Report

Presented by the President

This is a PDF of every report the President gave to the Board of Governors or Student Committees.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business
12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

Nothing to add.

Board of Governors Representative 2 asks when the term of the new Provost will begin and how close that process is to finalization.

President states that the process is still ongoing, and no information can be disclosed at this time. An update will be given to council at a later time.

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

Nothing to add.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Report is in-progress. VPSL is open to questions.

13 Notice of Motion

13.1 The following committees will be filled at Council in May:

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Bylaw and Policy Review Committee
- Student Life Committee
- External Committee
- Society Review Committee
- Grants and Sponsorship Committee
- Oversight Committee
- Offices Steering Committee
- Student Accessibility Fund Committee
- International Student Emergency Bursary Committee
- Judicial Board
14. Announcements

President states that the deadline to inform the Governance & Policy Coordinator appointments to faculty representative positions is May 31st. If you have already had your faculty, please let the Governance & Policy Coordinator know by April 30th rather than May 30th so that your incoming representative can attend council in May. Also, check your emails tomorrow because the Governance & Policy Coordinator will be contacting you in regard to transitioning your councillor email account.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.