DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: July 21, 2021 – 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft 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**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by the Council Chair

2. **Roll Call**

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<td>Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life</td>
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<td>Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative</td>
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3. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2021-07-21-3.1

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

*Moved by Faculty of Law Representative*

*Seconded by Faculty of Health Professions Representative*

*MOTION 2021-07-21-3.1 Passes*

Motion to Amend Agenda to Include MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1

*Moved by the Vice President, Student Life*

*Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative.*

*Motion Passes*

4. **Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

*None*

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2021-07-21-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on June 26 2021, be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by Faculty of Dentistry Representative*

*Seconded by Indigenous Students’ Representative*

*MOTION 2021-07-21-5.1 Passes*
6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to the Senate Caucus for the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Architecture and Planning Representative: ______
Arts and Social Sciences Representative: Matthew MacEachern
Computer Science Representative: Hetang Patel
Continuing Education Representative:
Health Professions Representative: Mohamed Nashnoush
Management Representative: Kyle Armstrong
Science Representative: Jessica Telizyn
Continuing Education Representative: ______
Graduate Students’ Representatives: Taylor Adams and ______
Black Students’ Representative: Sydney Keyamo
International Students’ Representative: ______
LGBTQ2S+ Students’ Representative: ______
Students With Disabilities Representative: Danielle Bilodeau
Women Students’ Representative: Natasha Ferguson

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life
Vacant Nominations to be brought forward by Executive Committee
MOTION 2021-07-21-7.1 Passes

Motion to Postpone Nomination on Vacant Senate Caucus Seats till the Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External
Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations
Motion Passes
MOTION 2021-07-21-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life
Nominated and Appointed: Rile Lockhart

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative
Nominated and Appointed: Ava Maleki

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the External Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life
No Nominations were brought forward by the oversight committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4 Passes

Motion to Postpone MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4 till Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External
Seconded by the President

Motion Passes

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MOTION 2021-07-21-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Grants and Sponsorships Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life
Nominated and Appointed: Brij Vaghani

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Judicial Board.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Students with Disabilities Representative
Nominated and Appointed: Nora Ahmed

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.6 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Community Representative to the Offices Steering Committee.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life
No Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.7 Passes

Motion to Postpone Motion 2021-07-21-7.7 till the Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External
Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Motion Passes
MOTION 2021-07-21-7.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Faculty Representatives and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Community Representative to the Oversight Committee.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Faculty Representative: Anna Gaudet, Lane Williams
Community Representative: Victoria Slipp

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.8 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Society Review Committee.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominated and Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.9 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Student Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nominated and Appointed: Councillor: Victoria Slipp

No general members were nominated yet and someone may fill the position sometime in the future.

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.10 Passes

8. Presentations

None
9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.1

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of three general members be elected to seats on the Student Life Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional general members may be appointed to the committee; AND

WHEREAS there are currently two general members on the Student Life Committee and at least one general member seat is still available; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2021-22: ________________.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life
Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative
Nominated and Appointed: Karuna Manchada, Aashay Raj, Maryam Asha

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.1 Passes

Motion For 10mins Recess to Read Through Interim Womens’ Representative Nominations

Moved by Vice President, Student Life
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

Motion Passes

Motion for Secret Ballot Vote

Moved by Vice President, Student Life
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

Motion Passes
MOTION 2021-07-21-10.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Women Students’ Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Jasmine Hawkes, Janna Albarda
Appointed: Janna Albarda

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.2 Passes

Motion to Omnibus Motions 2021-07-21-10.3 – 10.7

Moved by Vice President, Student Life
Seconded by Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Students in Residence Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Agriculture Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.4 Passes
BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Architecture and Planning Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.5 Passes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Graduate Students Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.6 Passes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Management Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.7 Passes
11. New Business

MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1

WHEREAS section 2.7 of the DSU Financial Policy states that “Purchase orders for amounts over $10,000 shall be approved by Council”; and

WHEREAS O-Week packs and t-shirts must be paid for as soon as possible so that they can be ordered and shipped in time for Orientation Week in September;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT $28,619.48 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase Orientation Week Pack Materials from Big Tree Promotions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT $11,148.96 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase t-shirts for Orientation Week and Welcome Week from Big Tree Promotions.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

The Vice President, Student Life briefly discussed what the O-week expense covers and what the package entails.

MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1 Passes

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

PDF documents all attached
13. **Notice of Motion**

13.1 The following policies will be coming to Council on August 18th with proposed amendments. The wording for the motions and the draft policy changes will be circulated to councillors two weeks in advance.

- Equity Policy
- Hiring Policy
- Society Policy
- Bursary Policy

14. **Announcements**

14.1 All vacant caucus seats and appointments would be filled out during the next month’s meeting.

14.2 Individuals who are interested in being O-week leaders can apply now.

14.3 Council members are kindly reminded to fill out their availability forms for the upcoming semester.

15. **Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm*