DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

Location: Council Chambers (Student Union Building) and Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

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

2. Roll Call

3. Review of in-person meeting procedures

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-09-13-4.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.

5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
5.1 Update that MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1 from the previous meeting was circulated to councillors via e-mail and the Bursary Policy has been adopted with amendments. The motion with its amendments was passed by council on August 27th. The relevant documents are attached and will also be available on the website.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on August 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

7. Communications Received

8. Appointments by Council
MOTION 2021-09-13-8.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT William Mann be appointed as the DSU Chief Returning Officer for 2021-22.

CRO Hiring Report attached.

Moved by the President; Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee.

MOTION 2021-09-13-8.2
BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President; Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee.

9. Presentations
9.1 Update on SUB operations for the fall

Presented by the President

10. Committee Reports
11. Old Business

12. New Business

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.1

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 8.1.5. states that “The Elections Committee must present the recommended Elections Period schedule to the DSU Council for approval at least three (3) weeks before the start of the Nomination Period”; and

WHEREAS the Nominations Period is set to begin on October 8th and the deadline for Council to approve the schedule for the by-election is therefore September 17th; and

WHEREAS the Elections Committee has not been formed as of the September 13th DSU Council Meeting;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fall By-Election Schedule be approved as proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Elections Committee desire to make any changes to the Fall By-Election Schedule that a revised schedule be circulated to DSU Council for an e-mail vote on or before September 20th.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU’s audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021 are approved.

Document attached.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations.

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.3

WHEREAS the DSU Bylaws mandate that Council shall approve the appointment of the union’s auditor each year;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the DSU’s continued use of PWC for preparation of financial statements for the 2022 fiscal year.

Document attached.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations.
13. Executive Reports

13.1 Report of the President
13.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal
13.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations
13.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External
13.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

14. Notice of Motion

15. Announcements

15.1 The 2021 DSU Annual General Meeting will be held October 7th at 6pm in the McInnes Room! Councillors should all attend and spread the word to their constituents. Notice of the meeting will be emailed to all students, as well as promoted on DSU social media channels and with physical posters on campus. If you’d like some posters to put up on campus, email dsu.graphicdesign@dal.ca. The AGM is a chance for all general members to participate in the governance of the union and have their voice heard!

15.2 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 27th in the SUB’s Council Chambers as well as Microsoft Teams.

16. Adjournment