DSU Council Meeting Minutes

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**

   The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by the council chair.

2. **Roll Call**

   **PRESENT**
   
   Madeleine Stinson – President  
   Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal  
   Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations  
   Aparna Mohan – Vice President, Academic and External (Interim) & Board of Governors Representative 2  
   Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life  
   Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative  
   Anna Gaudet – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
   Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative  
   Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
   Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative  
   Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative  
   Lane Williams - Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
   Janna Albarda – Women Students Representative  
   Victoria Slipp – Students with Disabilities Representative  
   Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative  

   **ABSENT WITH REGRETS**
   
   Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
   Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative  

   **ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS**
   
   Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
   Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative
### VACANT POSITIONS

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### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

None

3. **Review of in-person meeting procedures**

The chair gave a brief overview of what the in-person meeting procedures are, to the understanding of everyone at the meeting.

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.

*Moved by Vice President, Student Life*

*Seconded by Vice President, Academica and External*

*MOTION 2021-09-13-4.1 Passes*

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.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life
Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1 Passes

7. Communications Received

None

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.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Faculty of Law Rep
CRO Hiring Report attached.
Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee.

MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1 Passes
Abstention: Vice President, Academic & External

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;
Seconded by Vice President, Internal
Nominee: Jobenpreet Singh
No Other Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee.

Concerns were raised about the absence of a statement of intent from the nominee, and discussions about the upcoming elections being affected by a lack of sufficient individuals on the committee.

**MOTION 2021-09-13-8.2 Fails**

Abstention: Vice President, Finance and Operations

9. **Presentations**

9.1 Update on SUB operations for the fall

Presented by the President

The DSU is fully functional now, some vendors are working for restricted hours for now, unfortunately campus copy would not be functional this year, the food bank has changed rooms and the SUB would be open 24hrs a day during the exam period for both semesters.

10. **Committee Reports**

None

11. **Old Business**

None

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.

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Concerns were raised about the ability of the elections committee to adequately perform their duties within such a short period, since the committee has not be properly formed yet.

Motion to Extend Revised Schedule Circulation in MOTION 2021-09-13-12.1, from September 20 to September 27

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2

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

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations.

Seconded by the Vice President, Student Life

Document attached.

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2 Passes
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.

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2 Passes

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

Report would be set in by the end of the week

13.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Appreciation for support during O-Week

PDF Documents of Reports are Attached

14. Notice of Motion

None
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**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm*