DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm
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. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-10-18-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.
4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-10-18-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 27, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-10-18-7.1

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.

8. Presentations

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Board of Governors Caucus Report

Presented by President

Document attached

10. Old Business

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-10-18-11.1

WHEREAS students at Dalhousie have identified that the cost barrier associated with diagnostic testing has prevented them from accessing essential diagnostic services for learning disabilities, attentional disorders, and other cognitive conditions; and
WHEREAS the status of students’ diagnoses directly impacts their ability to seek academic accommodations at Dalhousie, as well as their general ability to access education and the quality of their education; and

WHEREAS this limited access to essential testing services and academic accommodations can have a direct impact on students’ mental health,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council approves the creation of an ad hoc Assessment Assistance Bursary and Assessment Assistance Bursary Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary is a total of $15,000.00, allocated from Student VIP funds, a pool of monies provided by the DSU’s health insurance provider on an annual basis that must be used for mental health initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the funding limit per applicant is $1000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee’s membership shall consist of the DSU President, the Students with Disabilities Councillor or, if they are unavailable, any Councillor, and one Member at Large.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bursary’s term extends until the end of the 2021 Fiscal year, or the time that the fund is resolved, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT only those students who are evaluated by a Dalhousie Health and Wellness staff member, and who identifies to that staff a financial need, will be referred to the bursary. Both domestic and international students are eligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad hoc assessment assistance bursary will follow all other conditions as outlined in the Bursary Policy.

Documents Attached.

Moved by the President.

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

13. Notice of Motion
14. Announcements

14.1 The Campaigning Period for the fall by-election begins tomorrow. Voting occurs on October 27 and 28th!

14.2 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 1st in the SUB Council Chambers as well as on Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjournment