DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: February 7, 2022 at 7:00 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

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-02-07-3.1

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 2022-02-07-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 24, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

6. Communications Received

6.1 The President received the draft meeting minutes from the Canadian Federation of Students’ November 2021 National General Meeting. These minutes confirm that the DSU’s prospective membership was not extended, as previously discussed. The meeting minutes are only in draft form and not yet public, and have therefore only been circulated to councillors at this time.

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-02-07-1

Whereas the membership of the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee includes at least three (3) general members; and

Whereas there is no limit imposed on how many additional general members may be appointed as voting members to the committee;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee: ________________.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-02-07-2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ______ be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-02-07-3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ______ be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.
Moved by the President

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-02-07-4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ be appointed to councillor seats on the Ad-Hoc Emergency Housing Bursary Committee.

Moved by the President

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

8. Presentations

8.1 Implementation Plan for Fall 2021 Oversight Committee Recommendations

Presented by Chair of Oversight Committee and President

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Implementation Plan for Fall 2021 Oversight Committee Recommendations be approved.

Moved by the President

Document attached.

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.2

WHEREAS the 2021-22 Operating Budget includes $6000.00 for Black Students programming; and

WHEREAS there is no one democratically approved society that represents all Black Students on all campuses to advise on the use of these funds; and

WHEREAS previously active non-program specific Black Students Societies like BUSA and BIPOCUS are no longer active; and

WHEREAS these funds will move to the DSU’s reserve budget on March 31st, 2022, if not spent; and
WHEREAS there are many Black Students at Dalhousie who face financial barriers to academic success and engaging in the student experience,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the $6000.00 allocated towards Black Students programming be utilized for an ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary run until March 31st or whenever the funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT eligibility for this bursary be limited to students who self-identify as Black and who demonstrate any degree of financial need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary Committee consist of the Black Students Representative on Council, a staff member from the DSU Equity & Accessibility Office, the DSU Vice President Finance & Operations (chairing), and the DSU Vice President Student Life (non-voting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the maximum funds awarded to an individual be $500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary will have a single deadline, and the Committee will meet once to evaluate all applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary would follow all other terms as outlined in the Bursary Policy.

Moved by the President

Documents attached.

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.3

WHEREAS students on Sexton campus have requested new furniture for the T-Room; and

WHEREAS new furniture will ensure the T-Room space is accessible and conducive to a welcoming study and lounge area for Sexton students; and

WHEREAS there is $168,504.00 still available to be used in the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget for 2021-22; and

WHEREAS a quote from Restaurant Furniture Canada estimates that new tables and chairs for the T-Room will cost $28,275.01; and

WHEREAS there may also be additional costs associated with furniture removal; and

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

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT $30,000 from the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase new tables and chairs for the T-Room.
and cover any costs associated with furniture removal, if needed.

*Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations*

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 Nominations in the Winter General Election open today and close at 5pm on Feb 16th! Consider running for one of the five executive positions or a community rep position. If you have questions about the positions, how to run in the election, or what campaigning can look like, drop-in to the DSU Election Q&A tomorrow (Feb 8th) between 1:30-3:00pm. You can join online via Teams or drop by in-person to room 303 of the SUB. You can also reach out to the CRO directly at dsuco@dal.ca.

14.2 Reminder to councillors to please submit an interest form by February 21st if you would like to join the Mental Health Committee or Wellness Bursary Committee. There is 1 seat available on each.

14.3 The next meeting of DSU Council is on February 28th.

15. Adjournment