DSU Council Meeting Minutes

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’kmaw 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 7:14pm by the Council Chair.

2. **Roll Call**

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<td>Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2</td>
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<td>Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</td>
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<td>Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative</td>
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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.

MOTION 2022-02-07-3.1 Passes

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

None

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.

MOTION 2022-02-07-5.1 Passes

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.
Motion to Omnibus

Be it resolved that MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1 – 7.4 be voted upon in omnibus

Moved by President

Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

Motion Passes

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1

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

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Jess Cobb-Lewis, Maria Maliougina, Kortney Adams, Meredith Brison-Brown, and Taylor Tingley

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.2

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

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Lauren Palmer

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.2 Passes
MOTION 2022-02-07-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Boluwatife Grace Abiola Amore

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.4

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Stephen Abbott and Jonathon Frontain

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.4 Passes

8. Presentations

8.1 Implementation Plan for Fall 2021 Oversight Committee Recommendations

Presented by Chair of Oversight Committee and President

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None
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
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1 Passes

Document attached.

Motion to Amend MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the deadline for the VPSL to provide the requested documentation to the Chair of oversight and the DSU President be set to February 15 at 5pm AST

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon receipt of these documents, either the Chair of oversight or the DSU President circulated them to the whole council via the Chair

Moved by the President
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

Motion Passes

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
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative
Documents attached.

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.2 Passes

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”,

Moved by the President
Seconded by Black Students’ Representative
Documents attached.

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.3 Passes
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

Seconded by Black Students’ Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.3 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

13. Notice of Motion

None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm