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DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: March 14, 2022 at 7:30 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 2022-03-14-3.1

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 2022-03-14-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 28, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

8. Presentations

8.1. 2022-23 Budget Presentation

Presented by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations.

Document attached.

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-03-14-11.1

WHEREAS Oversight Committee has determined through the Executive Review process and corresponding DSU Council MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1, that Mazen Brisha in his role as Vice-President Student Life of the DSU has failed to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, has failed to adhere to mandates from DSU Council in MOTION 2022-02-07- 11.1, and has reported false information to Council in various reports throughout his term; and

WHEREAS failing to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, which the Vice- President Student Life chairs, violates section 5.8.f. of the DSU Bylaws which states that the Vice-President Student Life must “Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member,” as well as section 6.5.a. of the DSU Bylaws which states that “Standing Committees shall meet as needed, but not less than once per semester”; and

WHEREAS failing to adhere to mandates from DSU Council violates sections 4.4.h. and 5.8.j. of the DSU Bylaws, which state that councillors shall “Carry out such other duties as Council may from time to time determine”; and

WHEREAS submitting false information to DSU Council through reports violates 4.4.a. of the DSU Bylaws, as well as section 1 of the DSU Code of Conduct Policy, which state that councillors shall “Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Union”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.a. states that “Councillors may be disciplined for the following reasons:

- i. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Policies, or the Statement of Office;
- ii. Failure to attend Council meetings;
- iii. Failure to attend Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member;
- iv. Failure to attend Society meetings of which the Councillor is an ex officio member;
- v. Failure to attend meetings of University bodies or committees of which the Councillor is a member;
- vi. Theft, fraud, or embezzlement;
- vii. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest;
- viii. Breach of confidentiality;
- ix. Misuse of Union property; or
- x. Refusal to sign the Statement of Office”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. states that “Council may vote by Special Resolution to take disciplinary action against a Councillor, including a verbal warning, a letter of censure, or recall to by-election”; and

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WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 1.2.b. confirms that “Use of the words “includes” and “including”, whether or not used with the words “without limitation” or “but not limited to”, shall not be deemed limited by the specific enumeration of items but shall in all cases be deemed to be without limitation and construed and interpreted to mean “includes without limitation” and “including without limitation”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. - 4.8.f. further outlines the procedure for disciplining members of DSU Council; and

WHEREAS the DSU Oversight Committee is recommending that Mazen Brisha be removed from office;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha be removed from office immediately and that his April honorarium be forfeited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha submit his DSU office keys, e-mail account passwords, and any equipment considered the property of the DSU to the Director of Facility Operations by 4pm Friday, March 18th.

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

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council meeting on March 28, 2022.

13.1 Motion to approve budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022-23 Budget be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee on February 28, 2022.

Document attached.

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment