DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers (Student Union Building)

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 7:05 pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

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<td>Aparna Mohan – President</td>
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<td>Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal</td>
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<td>Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance &amp; Operations</td>
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<td>Sydney Keyamo – Vice-President, Academic and External</td>
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<td>Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1</td>
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<td>Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2</td>
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<td>Hayden Ehler – Faculty of Engineering Representative</td>
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<td>Meredith Brison-Brown – Disabled Student’s Community Representative</td>
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<td>Emilia Cordova – Women Students’ Community Representative and Vice-President, Student Life</td>
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<td>Parvez Mahbub - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative</td>
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**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

| Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative |
| Ethan Lynch - Faculty of Management Representative |

**ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS**

| Haneen Noori – Faculty of Dentistry Representative |
| Graham Headley – Faculty of Law Representative |
| Sara English – Faculty of Medicine Representative |
| Allyson Briggs - Faculty of Agriculture |

**VACANT POSITIONS**

| Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative |
| Faculty of Computer Science Representative |
| Faculty of Health Representative |
| Black Students Community Representative |
| Indigenous Students’ Community Representative |
| International Students’ Community Representative |
| Residence Students’ Community Representative |

3. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION 2022-06-20-3.1**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Vice-President Academic and External*

*Seconded by Faculty of Engineering Representative*

*Motion 2022-06-20-3.1 Passes*
4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-06-20-5.1

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

Moved by Vice-President Academic and External
SECONDED by Board of Governors 2

Motion 2022-06-20-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received
None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to Senate Caucus for the 2022-23 year:

Black Students' Representative: __
Disabled Students' Representative: __
Women Students' Representative: __
Graduate Students' Representative: __
Arts and Social Sciences Representative: 
Continuing Education Representative: __
Health Professions Representative: __

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; Nominations to be brought forward by the Executive Committee
SECONDED by President

Motion 2022-06-20-7.1 Passes

Motion moved to table Senate Caucus appointments to an email vote

Moved by President
SECONDED by Vice-President Academic and External
Motion Passes

Motion to Omnibus Motions 2022-06-20-7.2 - 7.10

Moved by Vice-President Internal
Seconded by Vice-President External

Motion Passes

Motion to recess for 5 mins at 7:25 pm to enable councillors’ vote

Moved by Vice-President Student Life
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Motion Passes

Motion to extend recess to complete voting and tally votes

Moved by Vice-President Internal
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion Passes

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT , , , , , , and are appointed to a General Member seat on the Elections Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Toni Agbaje-Ojo
Appointed: Toni Agbaje-Ojo

Motion 2022-06-20-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT and are appointed to a Community Representative seat on the Offices Steering Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT and are appointed to a General Member seat on the Offices Steering Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Faiza Khanji and Toni Agbaje-Ojo

There is no community representative nominated for this position
WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of four Councillors be elected to seats on the External Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional Councillors may be appointed to the committee: THEREFORE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the Councillor seat(s) on the External Committee for 2022-23: ____________.

Motion 2022-06-20-7.3 Passes

Appointed: Haneen Noori, Parvez Mahbub, Allyson Briggs, and Muyu (Murray) Lyu

Motion 2022-06-20-7.3 Passes

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of three General Members be elected to seats on the Student Life Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional General Members may be appointed to the committee: and

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of two Councillors be elected to seats on the Student Life Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional Councillors may be appointed to the committee:

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the General Member seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2022-23: ____________.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the Councillor seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2022-23: ____________.

Motion 2022-06-20-7.5

Motion to move into camera for deliberation on nominees for student life

Moved by President
Seconded by Board of Governors 2

Motion Passes

Motion to move out of camera

Moved by Vice-President Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice-President Academic and External

Motion Passes

Appointed: Victoria Slipp and Sara English – Councillors

Tessa Pelrine, Teresa Tang, Emma Daigle and Mobina Ali – General Members

Motion 2022-06-20-7.5 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.6

WHEREAS there are currently four General Members appointed to the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee, in addition to the committee Chair and Disabled Students’ Representative; and

WHEREAS MOTION 2021-12-13-11.2 mandates that a minimum of three General Members be elected to seats on the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional General Members may be appointed to the committee; and

WHEREAS MOTION 2021-12-13-11.2 mandates that the Disabled Students’ Representative and a minimum of one other Councillor be elected to the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee, but does not impose any limit on how many additional Councillors may be appointed 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 for 2022-23: 

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the Councillor seat(s) on the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee for 2022-23:

Moved by the Interim Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors 2


Appointed: Victoria Slipp and Allyson Briggs – Councillors

Joanne An, Ainsley Stapleton, Fairuj Nazia, and Ammar Hayel – General Members

Motion 2022-06-20-7.6 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _ is appointed to a Councillor seat on the

Society Review Committee for the 2022-23 year.
Moved by Vice President, Internal
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Victoria Slipp
Appointed: Victoria Slipp
Motion 2022-06-20-7.7 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ___ and ___ are appointed to a General Member seat on the Judicial Board for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Olivia Rose, Jessica Duffney, Tareq Abdelmalek and Toni Agbaje-Ojo
Appointed: Jessica Duffney
Motion 2022-06-20-7.8 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ___ and ____ are appointed to a General Member seat on the Oversight Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Ammar Hayel and Toni Agbaje-Ojo
Appointed: Ammar Hayel
Motion 2022-06-20-7.9 Passes

MOTION 2022-06-20-7.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ___ is appointed to a Councillor seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2
Nominees: Victoria Slipp and Ethan Lynch
Appointed: Ethan Lynch
Motion 2022-06-20-7.10 Passes

8. Presentations

8.1 Records and Archives Management Update
Vice-President, Internal

The Vice-President Internal gives a brief report on the records and archive management. The reason behind hiring an archive manager was to help identify what records should be kept. The record and archive manager suggested that a good portion of the current records can be moved into the Dalhousie Archives for appraisal and documentation.

Some councillors raised their concerns about the security and confidentiality of DSU information, for which the President and Vice-President Internal laid to rest by informing councillors of the independence of the Dalhousie Archives from Dalhousie University Management, noting that a portion of old DSU records is already kept in the Dalhousie Archives.

The Vice-President Internal also notes that “the plan is to digitalize the records once it is sorted and archived.”

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-06-20-11.1

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

WHEREAS Orientation Week kit materials and t-shirts must be approved as soon as possible in order to ensure they can be ordered and shipped in time for Orientation Week in September;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT $39,206.09 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase Orientation Week Pack Materials from Big Tree Promotions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT $14,015.63 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase t-shirts for Orientation Week and Welcome Week from Big Tree Promotions.

Moved by Interim Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice-President Finance and Operations

Motion 2022-06-20-11.1 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 Interim Vice President, Student Life

Vice-President Finance and Operations states the Grant and Committee issue date has been postponed.

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The DSU Fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on September 28th. The time, date, and location will be officially noticed to members by August 30th along with any proposed bylaw amendments. During the council retreat in July, councillors will take part in a brainstorming session for AGM outreach strategies.

14.2 In the coming weeks councillors will receive a form to input their fall availability, for the purpose of scheduling fall council dates and times.

14.3 The next meeting of Council will be held on July 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Carleton campus. Councillors will receive an email and website will be updated when the room booking is confirmed.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting

Moved by Faculty of Science
Seconded by Vice-President Student Life

Motion Passes

Meeting is adjourned at 8:34 pm.