DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00pm

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 2022-07-27-3.1

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

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

8. Presentations

8.1 History of the Student Movement

*Presented by the President and Vice-President, Academic & External*

*PowerPoint attached*

8.2 CASA Observership

*Presented by Wasiimah Joomun, CASA Member Relations Officer*

*PowerPoint attached*

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-07-27-11.1

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Union seeks to advocate on behalf of their members for affordable and accessible postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a non-partisan organization that lobbies on behalf of students pursuing studies at the undergraduate, graduate and polytechnic institutions in Canada; and

WHEREAS a letter of intent must be sent by the DSU to CASA by July 29, 2022 to allow its membership to review and approve the DSU’s request for observership at their upcoming plenary in August; and
WHEREAS the DSU hopes to expand on the knowledge of the resources and services offered by CASA to enhance their lobbying impact at the federal and provincial level,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union seek observer status with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) to assess the pros and cons of membership with the organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU Executive Committee give a presentation to the DSU Council before the end of the 2022-2023 Council Term, outlining their findings on the organization and the advocacy services they can offer the DSU and its members.

Moved by Vice-President, Academic & External

Documents attached

MOTION 2022-07-27-11.2

Whereas on Monday, July 18, 2022, DSU Council voted in favour of the Union writing and releasing a statement condemning the eviction of the residents of People's Park, subject to Council’s final approval of the statement via e-mail vote,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council approves the attached statement condemning the eviction of the residents of People’s Park.

Moved by the President

Document attached

12. Executive Reports

13. Notice of Motion

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment