DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Location: Room C264, Collaborative Health Education Building (CHEB)

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 meeting.

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>Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance &amp; Operations</td>
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<td>Jonathon Frontain - Board of Governors Representative 2</td>
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<td>Alex Springgay-Daubeny – 2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community 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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3. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION 2022-07-18-3.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.
Moved by President
Seconded by Vice-President Internal
Motion 2022-07-18-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
4.1 Senate Caucus E-mail Vote
Update that MOTION 2022-06-20-7.1 from the previous meeting, which was tabled for an e-mail vote, was circulated to councillors via email on July 5th. The motion to appoint members to Senate Caucus was passed by council on July 13th. The relevant documents are attached and will also be available on the website.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
MOTION 2022-07-18-5.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on June 20, 2022, be adopted as circulated.
Moved by Vice-President Academic and External
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1
Motion 2022-07-18-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received
Council received three (3) absences with regrets.

7. Appointments by Council

8. Presentations
8.1 Executive Goals for 2022-23
Presented by the Executive Committee
Document attached
8.2 Orientation Week Programming
8.3 Follow up on Records and Archives Management

Presented by Vice-President, Internal

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Board of Governors’ Caucus Report

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-07-18-11.1

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 the contract with immediacy Worldwide Inc must be approved as soon as possible in order to ensure the development and launch of the new Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line website be finished on time before Students return in September 2022;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT $32,657.70 from the Survivor Support Centre Reserve be approved for use by the DSU’s Signing Officers to sign a contract with immediacy Worldwide Inc to develop and launch a new platform for Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line.

Moved by Vice-President, Student Life
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1

Document attached

Motion to recess for 5 minutes at 8:45 pm.

Moved by Board of Governors Representative 1
Seconded by Vice-President Finance and Operations

Motion Passes

Meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm.
Motion to move Motion 2022-07-18-11.1 to the next council meeting to provide council with a detailed budget breakdown and cheaper alternates.

*Moved by Board of Governors Representative 2
Seconded by Vice-President Finance and Operations

*Motion 2022-07-18-11.1 Passes*

Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes

*Moved by President
Seconded by Vice-President, Academic and External

*Motion Passes*

**MOTION 2022-07-18-11.2**

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) recently issued an eviction notice to the unhoused inhabitants of Meagher Park (otherwise known as People’s Park) effective July 17 and closed the park to the public as of July 5; and

WHEREAS access to permanent, affordable, dignified, and safe housing is a human right but has been an ongoing issue in this province and has remained in a state of crisis since the pandemic,

THEREFORE:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) writes and releases a statement condemning the eviction of the residents of people’s Park, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this statement calls on the Municipal and Provincial governments to immediately revoke the eviction notice until permanent, affordable, dignified, and safe housing solutions are provided for the residents of people’s Park and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the DSU donates $500.00 to Mobile Outreach Street Health and $500.00 to Out of the Cold for community outreach from the community sponsorship line of the DSU’s operating budget in order to support their ongoing initiatives to provide access to dignified shelter for houseless people in Kjipuktuk (Halifax) and have the highest impact on the people who will be the most impacted by the eviction notice.
Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice-President, Internal

Motion 2022-07-18-11.2 Passes

Motion is moved to amend the first clause in Motion 2022-07-18-11.2 to say:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) writes and releases a statement condemning the eviction of the residents of People’s Park; this statement will be subject to an e-vote for approval once submitted to Council”

Moved by President

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion to amend 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

No updates from the Executive team.

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, August 15th at 7:00 pm in the SUB Council Chambers.
14.2 Council meeting dates for the Fall Semester are as follows. Meeting locations will be announced in August.

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14.3 If councillors or general members want to apply to be an O-Week leader, applications are still open!
Learn more at dsu.ca/jobs or get in touch with the VPSL.

15. Adjournment

Motion is moved to adjourn meeting

Moved by President
Seconded by Vice-President Internal

Motion Passes

Meeting is adjourned at 9:28 pm.