DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, July 27, 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’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>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>Graham Headley – Faculty of Law Representative</td>
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<td>Meredith Brison-Brown – Disabled Student’s Community Representative</td>
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<td>Sara English – Faculty of Medicine Representative</td>
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<td>Alex Springgay-Daubeny – 2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative</td>
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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.

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

Motion 2022-07-27-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None

6. Communications Received

Council received one absence with regrets

7. Appointments by Council

None

Motion to recess for 5 minutes at 7:33 pm

Moved by President
Seconded by Vice-President Internal

Motion Passes

The meeting reconvened at 7:38 pm

8. Presentations

8.1 History of the Student Movement

Presented by the President and Vice-President, Academic and External
PowerPoint attached

8.2 CASA Observership

Presented by Wasiimah Joomun, CASA Member Relations Officer
PowerPoint attached

9. Committee Reports

None
10. Old Business
Motion to move Motion 2022-07-27-11.2 to Old Business

Moved by the President
Seconded by Vice-President Internal

Motion Passes

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 Students 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 seeks 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 advocacy services they can offer the DSU and its members.

Moved by Vice-President, Academic & External
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1
Vice-President, Academic and External motivated the motion; she believes that DSU will benefit from collaborating with a federal organization. Advocacy efforts from CASA will have much value for DSU.

*Motion 2022-07-27-11.1 Passes*

**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*

*Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1*

Document attached

*Motion 2022-07-27-11.2 Passes*

**12. Executive Reports**

None

**13. Notice of Motion**

None

**14. Announcements**

None

**15. Adjournment**

Motion is moved to adjourn meeting

*Moved by President*

*Seconded by Vice-President Finance and Operations*

*Motion Passes*

Meeting is adjourned at 8:20 pm.