DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Location: SUB Council Chambers

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 7:13 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>Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative</td>
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<td>Alex Springfield-Daubeny – 2SLGBTQIA+ Students 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 2022-08-15-3.1

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

Moved by Vice-President Academic and External
Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 1
Motion 2022-08-15-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-08-15-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on July 18, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice-President Internal
Seconded by Vice-President, Student Life
Motion 2022-08-15-5.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-08-15-5.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on July 18, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice-President Academic and External
Seconded by Vice-President, Student Life
Motion 2022-08-15-5.2 Passes

6. Communications Received

None
7. **Appointments by Council**

**MOTION 2022-08-15-7.1**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Micheal Favel be appointed as the DSU Chief Returning Officer for 2022-2023.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2*

*CRO Hiring Report attached*

*Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee*

*Motion 2022-08-15-7.1 Passes*

Motion was motivated by the President “Micheal Favel is a second-year student with experience of the student life process. His direct experience is from his previous position he held at the Student Council at the University of Manitoba”

**MOTION 2022-08-15-7.2**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ______,_____,______ and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2022-23 academic year.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by Board of Governors 2*

*Nominations to be brought forward by the Oversight Committee*

*Motion 2022-08-15-7.2 Passes*

*Appointed: Kate Jewell and Nishant Gumber*

**MOTION 2022-08-15-7.3**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT_____ is appointed to 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*

*Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee*

*Motion 2022-08-15-7.3 Passes*

*Appointed: Elizabeth McGraw*

8. **Presentations**

8.1 Location Update for Council Meetings
Presented by Vice-President, Internal

Given the challenges that Council experienced during the return to in-person Council meetings during the summer, it is suggested that moving forward, all council meetings be held in a particular location (SUB Council Chambers). This will enable all council members easy access to meetings and eliminate the problem of room bookings that may fall through.

8.2 Strategic Plan Update

Presented by Vice-President, Internal

The DSU has a strategic plan policy which mandates that a new strategic plan be created every 4 years, and the plan must have a minimum of 4 years life span. On June 18th, 2020, the DSU adopted a strategic plan for 5 years, from 2020 to 2025. With the impact of Covid-19 and the changeover of Executive members council was unable to establish if a strategic plan existed and was voted upon; the previous DSU Executives 2020-21 and 2021-22 began the process of creating a new strategic plan, and the existing plan was not being used. Although there has been some work done to create a new strategic plan, there has not been any official committee created, and no new strategic plan has been adopted.

The Executive committee’s plan moving forward is to use the existing plan and have the By-law and Policy Review Committee review the plan and bring forward a revised version to be adopted by Council.

8.3 AGM Outreach Plan

Presented by Vice-President, Internal

The purpose of this presentation is to give an overview of what AGM is, why it is important and what outreach strategies for the AGM are going to be done. And get general feedback from Councillors.

Main goal of the AGM this year is to achieve quorum to make amendments to by-laws which have not been updated since 2016. DSU has not achieved quorum for the past 6 years.

The outreach Plan is to host an AGM after party at the Grawood. The communication channels are through social media; posters, QR codes, Instagram, paid ads, reels and class talks.

9. Committee Reports
10. Old Business

MOTION 2022-08-15-10.1

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 immediaC 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 immediaC Worldwide Inc to develop and launch a new platform for the Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life
Document attached

The Vice-President, Student Life, communicated with the Sexual Assault Center, and they believe that now may not be a good time to bring forward this motion, and they will communicate with students about services they need.

Vice-President believes that withdrawing this motion is best, as it gives Council and the Sexual Support Center more time to investigate rather than voting down this motion.

Motion has been withdrawn by unanimous consent.

11. New Business
None

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of President

President reminded Council that although they are representatives of their various faculties and communities. The President remains the spokesperson for DSU, and so whatever complaints Council Representatives receive from students and community members regarding policies or mandates implemented by the University should be forwarded to the DSU President’s email.
12.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal

The DSU website has been updated, and information on how to create societies and support for societies can be found on the website. The Vice-President Internal welcomes feedback on the website.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

The Vice-President, Finance and Operations, reminds Councillors that inquiries on grants and Tuition fees should be forwarded to the DSU via the appropriate channel of communications.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

No update

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

A reminder that O-week is in 17 days, and Councillors are welcome to introduce themselves to the new first-year students.

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The AGM date has been pushed up by one day and will now be happening on Tuesday, September 27th. Councillors and general members will be noticed accordingly on or before August 29th. There will therefore not be a Council meeting on September 27th, and the second Council meeting of the Fall semester will instead take place on October 4th.

14.2 The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Student Union Building.

15. Adjournment

Motion is moved to adjourn meeting

Moved by Vice-President Academic and External

Seconded by President

Motion Passes

Meeting is adjourned at 8:06 pm.