DSU Annual General Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Location: McInnes Room, 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 DSU wants to acknowledge that the ongoing impacts of colonization are present on campus and in the Kjipuktuk (Halifax) community. This is reflected in a number of ways, including, but not limited to, the under-representation of Indigenous students enrolled in university, ongoing racism faced by Indigenous peoples, the disproportionate number of Indigenous peoples in the judicial system, the high number of Indigenous children in state care, a chronic lack of basic services available to Indigenous communities, the failure of government to honour treaty rights, and the disproportionate levels of violence faced by Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit peoples. The Dalhousie Student Union recognizes and respects the Mi’kmaq people as the traditional keepers of this land with valuable coded-knowledge regarding its use and value, and 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. Chair’s Remarks

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-10-18-GM-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

6. Presentations

6.1 Audited Financial Statements

Presented by the auditors as approved by DSU Council on September 13, 2022.

Document attached.

6.2 Overview of Dalhousie University’s Governance Review

Presented by the President.

Document attached.

7. Motions Served with Notice

MOTION 2022-10-18-GM-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Union Bylaws be approved as presented.

Document attached.

8. New Business

A. Discussion Items

8.1 Discussion of Dalhousie University’s Governance Review and its implications for student representation at the Board of Governors and Senate
8.2 Discussion on Dalhousie Residence Code of Conduct, dry residences, and other issues affecting students living on-campus

B. Motions

MOTION 2022-10-18-GM-8.3

WHEREAS there are divided opinions about whether to pronounce the name of The Grawood bar as “GRAY-wud” or “GRAW-wud”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union officially endorses the pronunciation of _____ for its bar The Grawood.

9. Executive Reports

9.1 Report of the President

9.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

9.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

9.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

9.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

10. Question and Answer

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment