DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers (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 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 2022-11-15-3.1

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

MOTION 2022-11-15-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on October 25, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

6. Communications Received

7. Appointments by Council

8. Presentations

8.1 Student Conduct Case Update (In-camera)

Presented by the President

8.2 CUPE Strike Update

Presented by the President

8.3 Strike Survey Results

Presented by the Vice-President, Academic & External

Documents attached

8.4 CASA Advocacy Week Overview

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

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Executive Reports
13. Notice of Motion

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council meeting on November 29, 2022.

13.1 Motion to discipline a councillor

WHEREAS the duties of a DSU councillor, as described in Bylaw 4.4, include that they must use reasonable efforts to advance the interests of the constituency they represent, and must attend all meetings of Council and any Committees to which they are elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 4.2.d. stipulates that all Councillors shall sign the Statement of Office; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 4.8.a stipulates that councillors may be disciplined by Council for: failure to attend Council meetings; failure to attend Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member; or refusal to sign the Statement of Office; and

WHEREAS the Faculty of Agriculture Representative has failed to sign the Statement of Office, and has failed to attend any Council meetings or any meetings of the committees that they are a member of; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 4.8.b. stipulates that “Council may vote by Special Resolution to take disciplinary action against a Councillor, including a verbal warning, a letter of censure, or recall to by-election”; and

WHEREAS the Council Chair e-mailed the Faculty of Agriculture Representative on October 17, 2022 reminding them of their option to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf if they cannot attend a meeting of Council, and informing them that if they or a proxy are not in attendance at the October 25th meeting of Council and the Statement of Office is not signed before then, that a motion will be brought to Council to re-call their position to by-election,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the position of Faculty of Agriculture Representative be recalled to By-Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Faculty of Agriculture Representative provide reasonable explanation for their lack of participation, as well as present a plan to ensure their commitments to the student body are met in the future in their response to this motion, that Council consider their response with empathy for their individual circumstances.
14. Announcements

14.1 Come to Puppy Power Hour on November 16th at 4pm in the SUB Lobby! The DSU loves puppies.

14.2 Fill out the Annual Survey by November 25th!

14.3 Fill out the SUB Third Floor Study Space Survey by December 6th! Help us inform what student space in the SUB should look like.

14.4 Planning has just begun for an Academic Advocacy Week in the winter semester. If any councillors want to see specific faculty or community-based programming, please get in touch with Sydney at dsuvpae@dal.ca.

15. Adjournment