DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, October 25, 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
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

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**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

- Meredith Brison-Brown – Disabled Student’s Community Representative

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- Parvez Mahbub - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
- Allyson Briggs - Faculty of Agriculture
- Ethan Lynch - Faculty of Management Representative

**VACANT POSITIONS**

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
- Faculty of Computer Science Representative
- Faculty of Health Representative
- Black Students Community Representative
- Indigenous Students’ Community Representative
- International Students’ Community Representative
- Residence Students’ Community Representative
3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-10-25-3.1

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

Moved by the President
Seconded by the Faculty of Engineering Representative

MOTION 2022-10-25-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-10-25-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on October 04, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Faculty of Engineering Representative
Seconded by International Students’ Community Representative

MOTION 2022-10-25-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

8.1 AGM Debrief and Discussion
Presented by the Vice-President, Internal

AGM was not able to reach Quorum this year and proceeded as a Forum. However, there is a notable increase in attendance. The total meeting lasted for 3 hours with engagement from students. 1 hour was dedicated to the Questions and Answers. 55 people were in attendance for the after-party at the Grawood, and 23 people were given a drink gift card to be used for a later.

8.2 Discussion on CUPE 3912 Strike Impacts in Each Faculty

Presented by the Vice-President, Academic and External

The CUPE 3912 has a FAQs page on their website where students and representatives can find answers regarding how the strike may impact their various faculties. Also, Dalhousie University has a page for FAQs on the subject matter.

8.3 Update on Dalhousie University International Student Fee Proposal

Presented by the President

The University has proposed a Tuition guarantee for incoming students for 2023/24 academic year; however, some programs will have an international Tuition fee increase of up to 70% in a five-year period. The University has sent a survey to the students with regards to the type of support students would like to see from the increased University revenue.

Motion to recess

Moved by the Board of Governors Representative 1

Seconded by the Vice-President, Internal

Motion Passes

8.4 Discussion on Homecoming Response

Presented by the President

The intention behind having this discussion on the agenda at this meeting is to have a space where faculty and community representatives share their opinions on the subject matter to enable the DSU put out a collective statement based on the voices of the students.

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business
MOTION 2022-10-25-11.1

WHEREAS Bylaw 9.8 and section 5.4 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulate that referendum questions are subject to the approval of DSU Council; and

WHEREAS a referendum question must be accompanied by a petition in support of the proposal containing the full names, student numbers, and signatures of at least five (5) percent of members that the change in fees would affect (for changes to existing society levies), or at least ten (10) percent of members that the change in fees would affect (for new society levies); and

WHEREAS the Bylaws and Policies of the Union do not specify whether petition signatures for referenda must be collected physically or electronically and therefore would not prevent the collection of electronic petition signatures; and

WHEREAS allowing for the collection of electronic petition signatures in addition to physical ones will make the referendum process more accessible to the Union’s membership; and

WHEREAS the Elections Committee currently allows for candidate nomination signatures to be collected physically and/or electronically using a Microsoft Form that requires students to first sign in with their Dalhousie email address; and

WHEREAS following this procedure for referenda petition signature collection would ensure consistency during the Winter General Election; and

WHEREAS the use of a specific platform (i.e. Microsoft Forms) for petition signature collection which has additional measures for security (i.e. requiring students to sign in with their Dalhousie email) is important in order to minimize any fraudulent signatures,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Committee and DSU Council will accept physical and/or electronic signatures for referendum petitions during the 2022-2023 year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT electronic signatures for referendum petitions must only be collected through a Microsoft Form that requires students to sign in with their Dalhousie email address.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that no electronic petition format other than Microsoft Forms be accepted for referenda petitions during the 2022-2023 year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Elections Committee will provide a report to DSU Council in April 2023 regarding electronic signature collection for referendum petitions, including any recommendations for amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy.

Moved by Chair of the Elections Committee

Seconded by the Vice-President Finance & Operations

MOTION 2022-10-25-11.1 Passes

Recommended for approval by the Elections Committee
MOTION 2022-10-25-11.2

WHEREAS on September 13, 2022 DSU Council approved a motion stating that the Union stands in full solidarity with CUPE 3912’s demands for wage parity with U15 schools and adjustment for inflation and other improvements in working conditions; and

WHEREAS negotiations between Dalhousie University and CUPE 3912 failed on October 18th and CUPE 3912 has been legally on strike since October 19th; and

WHEREAS the External Committee is meeting on Thursday, October 27th from 2-3 PM in the SUB Council Chambers to host a letter-writing session for DSU members to write letters to Dalhousie Administration in solidarity with CUPE 3912,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of DSU Council are strongly encouraged to write to Dalhousie University administration expressing their support for living wages and fair working conditions for CUPE 3912 and calling for Dalhousie University to return to negotiations immediately and meet CUPE’s demands, to facilitate a swift end to the strike.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic & External

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2022-10-25-11.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-10-25-11.3

WHEREAS on October 1st, 2022, some students studying at Dalhousie University attended unsanctioned street parties spurred by Canadian Party Life; and

WHEREAS the unsanctioned events heavily impacted many Dalhousie students and community members in the surrounding areas through property damage and noise complaints; and

WHEREAS Dalhousie University and the City of Halifax failed to develop a cohesive & proactive plan to address the unsanctioned gatherings,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union write and release a statement in response to unsanctioned street parties that took place during Homecoming in October 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this statement be reflective of discussion and consultation from Councillors during this October 25th meeting of Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this statement be circulated to councillors for approval via e-mail on Wednesday, October 26th with a deadline of Friday, October 28th for submission of votes.

Moved by the President
Seconded by the Board of Governors Representative 1

MOTION 2022-10-25-11.3 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 Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The DSU’s Annual Survey went live on October 24th. Please fill it out and share it with your constituents!

14.2 Voting in the DSU Fall By-Election is now open and closes at 11:59pm tomorrow, October 26th! Remember to cast your vote and spread the word about voting.

14.3 External Committee is meeting on Thursday, October 27th from 2-3 PM in the SUB Council Chambers. They will be hosting a letter-writing session, for members of the DSU to write letters to Dalhousie Administration in support of CUPE 3912, as well as with their thoughts about the University’s newly proposed international tuition model. All DSU members are welcome to attend!

14.4 There will be a goal-setting session for DSU Councillors on November 1st from 6-7 PM in Room 224 of the SUB. Come on out to brainstorm your goals for the year and how to go about achieving them. This is an opportunity to connect and collaborate with your fellow councillors. There will be food!

14.5 The DSU is hosting a Post-Secondary Education (PSE) Town Hall on November 14th. Save the date!

14.6 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).

15. Adjournment

Motion is moved to adjourn meeting

Moved by the President
Seconded by the International Students’ Community Representative

Motion **Passes**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:46 pm.