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DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 31, 2023 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 the Council chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Aparna Mohan – President
Sydney Keyamo – Vice-President, Academic and External
Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal
Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance & Operations

<p>Emilia Cordova –Vice-President, Student Life</p> <p>Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1</p> <p>Jonathon Frontain - Board of Governors Representative 2</p> <p>Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative</p> <p>Nathaniel “Nate” Mahoney - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</p> <p>Ethan Lynch - Faculty of Management Representative</p> <p>Meredith Brison-Brown – Disabled Student’s Community Representative</p> <p>Sara English – Faculty of Medicine Representative</p> <p>Alex Springgay-Daubeny – 2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative</p> <p>Shivam Chauhan – International Students’ Community Representative</p>
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
<p>Haneen Noori – Faculty of Dentistry Representative</p> <p>Graham Headley – Faculty of Law Representative</p> <p>Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative</p>
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
<p>Parvez Mahbub - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative</p> <p>Ethan Archibald - Residence Students’ Community Representative</p>
VACANT POSITIONS
<p>Faculty of Agriculture Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Engineering Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Computer Science Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Health Representative</p> <p>Black Students Community Representative</p> <p>Indigenous Students’ Community Representative</p> <p>Women Students’ Community Representative</p>
NON-VOTING MEMBERS

****Quorum was established****

Motion to amend current agenda moving MOTION 8.1 “Dalhousie Presidential Research Consultation” to the first agenda of the current meeting.

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

MOTION Passes

3. Presentations

3.1. Dalhousie Presidential Search Consultation

Presented by Laura Godsoe, Director of Executive Recruitment & Employment Equity at Dalhousie

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2023-1-31- 4.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Academic & External

MOTION 2023-1-31-4.1 Passes

5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-1-31-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 12th, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Student Life

MOTION 2023-1-31-6.1 Passes

7. Communications Received

8. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2023-1-31-8.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Liam Bennett and Luiza Araujo be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2022-23 academic year

Commented [DE1]: Liam Bennett
Luiza Araujo

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

MOTION 2023-1-31-8.1 Passes

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

*Appointed: **Liam Bennett and Luiza Araujo***

9. Committee Reports

10. Old Business

11. New Business

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.1

Be it resolved that the DSU Council approves the CKDU's following referenda question:

"Whereas income rates for CKDU-FM employees do not meet current living wage estimates in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas CKDU-FM student levy rate have not risen to match the federal rate of inflation in over 30 years; and

Whereas voting 'no' to this levy increase would result in a difficulty for CKDU-FM – Halifax's only campus-community radio station – to provide events, broadcast services, and community outreach to DSU Members; THEREFORE:

Do you support increasing the CKDU student fee levy from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per semester for full-time students and from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per semester for part-time students, to be adjusted annually to match the CPI inflation rate? This question applies only to the Halifax campuses and includes the fall, winter and summer.

Be it further resolved that this referenda question be posed to the members during the 2023 General Election pending the confirmation of a valid petition that includes the names, student numbers, and signatures no less than 5 per cent of all Members whom the Levy would affect.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic & External

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.1 Passes

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.2

Be it resolved that the DSU Council approves the Dalhousie Outdoor Society's referenda question:

"Whereas Dalhousie students continue to be in need of support in connecting to the outdoors; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Outdoors Society provides such support and resources to Dalhousie students, in addition to providing Dalhousie students with access to recreational services on and off campus; and

Whereas a levy fee increase will serve to promote increased frequency, scale, and quality of outdoor trips, increased camping/ outdoor gear quantity and variety available to students to borrow free of charge, increased likelihood of novel projects, and to enhance and promote the overall wellbeing of the Dalhousie student body, therefore:

Do you support increasing the levy fee for the Dalhousie Outdoors Society from \$0.50 per semester to \$1 per semester for full-time students and \$0.25 to \$0.50 for part-time students?" This question applies only to the Halifax campuses and includes the fall, winter and summer semesters.

Be it further resolved that this referenda question be posed to the members during the 2023 General Election pending the confirmation of a valid petition that includes the names, student numbers, and signatures no less than 5 per cent of all Members whom the Levy would affect.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Seconded by the Vice President, Academic & External

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.2 Passes with votes 10 (Yes) to 1 (No)

Note: This motion received a vote "NO" from the Disabled Students' Community Representative as the Outdoor society is yet to consult with or implement any of the suggestions for the needs and the inclusion of the disabled students' community into the work and services they provide.

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.3

Be it resolved that the DSU Council approves the Dalhousie Agricultural Student's Association referenda question:

"Do you support increasing the DASA levy from \$77.47 to \$80.00 for full time students and from \$38.19 to \$40.00 for part-time students? Do you also support an annual increase of DASA

fee of no more than 3% per year for the next three years? This question applies only to the Truro campuses and includes the fall, winter and summer semesters.”

Be it further resolved that this referenda question be posed to the members during the 2023 General Election pending the confirmation of a valid petition that includes the names, student numbers, and signatures no less than 5 per cent of all Members whom the Levy would affect.

Moved by the Board of Governors Representative 2

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.3 Passes

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.4

Be it resolved that the DSU Council approves the Loaded Ladle’s following referenda question:

“Whereas Dalhousie students continue to experience food insecurity on campus, with limited resources and support; and

Whereas the Loaded Ladle provides such support on average of 200+ Dalhousie students daily; and

Whereas a levy fee increase will allow the Loaded Ladle to procure high quality local produce at large volumes, pay livable wages, and expand services on Sexton and Carleton campus;

Do you support increasing the Loaded Ladle levy from \$4.50 per semester to \$6.00 per semester for full-time students and from \$2.50 to \$4.00 for part time students payable by DSU members beginning Fall 2023?” This question applies only to the Halifax campuses and includes the fall, winter and summer semesters.

Be it further resolved that this referenda question be posed to the members during the 2023 General Election pending the confirmation of a valid petition that includes the names, student numbers, and signatures no less than 5 per cent of all Members whom the Levy would affect.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Seconded by the Board of Governors Representative 2

MOTION 2023-1-31-11.4 Passes

Motion to move in camera

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

MOTION Passes

Motion to move out of camera

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Seconded by Vice-President, Internal

MOTION 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

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Seconded by the President

MOTION Passes

The meeting is adjourned at 7: 11 pm.