DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, March 22, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Location: 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 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 2024-03-22-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2024-03-22-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 8, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Document attached

5. Presentation

5.1 Society Elections Guide and Annual General Meeting Guide

Presented by Vice President, Internal

Documents attached

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2024-03-22-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT __________ is appointed to the Councillor seat on the Domestic Students Housing Bursary Committee for the year 2023-24.

 Moved by DSU President

MOTION 2024-03-22-6.1

BEIT RESOLVED THAT __________ be appointed as the DSU Chief Returning Officer for the year 2023-2024.

Moved by Chair of Council

7. New Business

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024-2025 budget to the be adopted as circulated. Document attached.

Recommended for approval by the Board of Operations on February 22, 2024  Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations
MOTION 2024-03-22-7.2

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, $19,217.85 from the Student Life Programming Budget was approved by Council on February 23, 2024 for use by the Vice President, Student Life to purchase Food, labor, and cleanup from RCR Hospitality Group.

AND WHEREAS an additional charge of $1,313.76 has been levied, necessitating approval by Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT $1,313.76 from the Student Life Programming Budget be approved for use by the Vice President, Student Life to purchase food, labor, and cleanup from RCR Hospitality Group, this will ensure we cover up for the required expense. The total expenditure amounts to $20,531.61

Documents attached

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.3

Call to Action

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Palestinian Society, in support of 22 other societies (as listed in Appendix A of the supporting document), have identified shortcomings of Dalhousie University in addressing the “... genocidal campaign on Gaza, murdering at least 31,490 Palestinians, including more than 12,300 children, 8,400 women, and 96 journalists at the time of writing.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Palestinian Society urges the Dalhousie Student Union to:

1. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to demand that Dalhousie University immediately cut ties with and divest from any corporations, institutions, or individuals complicit in genocide, settler-colonialism, apartheid, or ethnic cleansing in Palestine.

2. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to demand that Dalhousie University immediately and publicly condemn the genocidal campaign and siege on Gaza, and provide legitimate support to Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students.

3. Make an immediate and public statement condemning the ongoing genocide and reaffirming its solidarity with Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students.
8. Executive Reports

8.1 Report of the President
8.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal
8.3 Report of the Vice-President, Finance & Operations
8.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External
8.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

9. Notice of Motion

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on April 5, 2024.

9.1 Motion to approve amendments to the Society Policy, Grants Policy and Bursary Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Society Policy, Grants Policy and Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Documents attached

Moved by DSU President

9.2 Motion to approve the Terms of Reference to the Ad Hoc Student Concerns on Sustainability Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council formally establishes the Ad Hoc Student Concerns on Sustainability Committee, as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Document attached

Moved by DSU President

10. Announcements

10.1 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM via MS Teams.
10.2 According to Bylaw 4.4.g, “Councilors are required to submit a written report to the council summarizing the work of their respective faculties and communities by the academic year-end.”

11. Adjournment