DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual – MS Teams

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 2024-06-13-3.1

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

MOTION 2024-06-13-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on May 16, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

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5. Communications Received

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2024-06-13-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _______ and ________ is appointed to the Councilor seats on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2024-25 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT_______ is appointed to the General member seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2024-25 year.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT __________ is appointed to the General member seat on the Board of Operations for the year 2024-25.

Moved by the DSU Vice President, Finance & Operations

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________, _______ and _________ are appointed to a Councilor seat on the External Committee for the 2024-25 year;

Moved by Vice President, Academic & External

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.4
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ________ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2024-25 year.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.5
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vinayak Maheshwari is appointed to the International Students Councilor seat on the International Student Emergency Bursary Committee for the year 2024-25.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.6
BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and ______ are appointed to Faculty Representative seats on the Oversight Committee for the year 2024-25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and ______ are appointed to Community Representative seats on the Oversight Committee for the year 2024-25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _______, __________ and _________ are appointed to the General member seats on the Oversight Committee for the year 2024-25.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.7
BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________ and ________ are appointed to the Councilor seats on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the year 2024-25 and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ________ and ________ are appointed to the General member seats on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the year 2024-25.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT __________ and __________ are appointed to the Councilor seat on the Student Life Committee for the year 2024-25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT __________ is appointed to the General member seat on the Student Life Committee for the year 2024-25.

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MOTION 2024-06-13-6.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to Senate Caucus for the 2024-25 year.

Faculty of Law Representative Maggie MacInnis

Science Representative Ava Maleki

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7. New Business

MOTION-2024-06-13-7.1

WHEREAS according to DSU policy 8.18, if any Faculty Level Society or Levy Society has not applied for ratification for three years and the Society Review Committee has called at least two open meetings as described in this policy, the Society Review Committee will recommend to Council that the fee collected on behalf of the society be reviewed; and

WHEREAS it is proposed that Council be recommended to suspend the levies for Gerard, Risley, and Sheriff Hall; and

WHEREAS the suspension of these levies aligns with the intention to ensure fair and equitable operations of societies within the DSU;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council authorizes the suspension of levies for Gerard, Risley, and Sheriff Hall

Moved by the Vice President, Internal

MOTION-2024-06-13-7.2
WHEREAS the DSU, acknowledges the growing necessity for enhanced support and coordination for graduate constituent societies,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a dedicated "Graduate Office" (GO) is essential to streamline administrative processes and improve organizational efficiency,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive team is hereby authorized to create and appoint a Graduate Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Officer (GO) shall be tasked with distributing grants to graduate societies, organizing, and supporting initiatives for Graduate Societies, assisting with audits and paperwork related to graduate society activities.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

MOTION-2024-06-13-7.3

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) has historically collected funds amounting to $598,201.54 during periods in which DAGS was not ratified; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a dedicated Graduate Office (GO) is essential to streamline administrative processes, improve organizational efficiency, and better serve the needs of the graduate student community;

WHEREAS transferring the collected funds to the newly established Graduate Office will ensure that these resources are managed effectively and utilized for the benefit of all graduate students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all historic and collected funds amounting to $598,201.54 currently allocated to DAGS be transferred to the Graduate Office;

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

MOTION-2024-06-13-7.4

WHEREAS according to the 2011 referendum 50% of the funds collected for the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) are specifically guaranteed to be distributed to constituent societies;

WHEREAS, routing these funds through the newly established Graduate Office (GO) will ensure timely and efficient distribution to constituent societies, thereby preventing any delays in funding regardless of the status of DAGS;

WHEREAS, the Graduate Office is better equipped to manage and oversee the allocation of funds to ensure that constituent societies receive their guaranteed support;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 50% of the funds which would historically go toward DAGS shall now be allocated to the Graduate Office;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Office shall be responsible for distributing these funds to the constituent societies as per the established guidelines and guarantees;

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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 and Operations
8.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and 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 July 11, 2024.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President Finance and Operations

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10. Announcements

10.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm via MS Teams.

11. Adjournment