DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 16, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by the DSU President.

2. Roll Call
**PRESENT**

President - Mariam Knakriah  
Vice President Internal - Bianca Morelli  
Vice President Finance and Operations - William Jones  
Vice President Academic and External - Nicholas d'Entremont  
Board of Governors 1 - Eshan Arora  
Board of Governors 2 - Ryan Dee  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences - Olivia Ripley  
Faculty of Computer Science - Tobi Onibudo  
Faculty of Law - Maggie MacInnis  
Faculty of Science - Carmen Minnis  
International Students’ Representative - Vinayak Maheshwari  
2LGBTQ+ Students’ Representative - Agastya Sharma

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Vice President Student Life - Ana Patton  
Faculty of Management - Thomas Schnare  
Faculty of Medicine - Nicole Dupere

**ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS**

Faculty of Agriculture - Mozammel Bin Motalab  
Faculty of Architecture - John Lau  
Faculty of Graduate studies - Rowan Kieth Menzes

**VACANT POSITIONS**

Faculty of Dentistry  
Faculty of Engineering  
Faculty of Health Professions  
Black Students Representative  
Indigenous Students Representative  
Women Students’ Representative  
Students’ in-Residence Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative

*Quorum was met*

3. Ratification of Chair and Secretary

MOTION 2024-05-16-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Alexa Colwell** is appointed as Council Chair for the 2024-2025 Council term.  

*Moved by the DSU President*
Seconded by the Vice President, Finance and Operations
Recommended for adoption by the Hiring Committee Report

MOTION 2024-05-16-3.1 PASSES

Hiring Report attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-3.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Laya Balakumar is appointed as Recording Secretary for the 2024-2025 Council term.

Recommended for adoption by the Hiring Committee Report Hiring Report attached

Moved by the DSU President
Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

MOTION 2024-05-16.3.2 PASSES

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-05-16-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda presented for the meeting be amended to remove MOTION 2024-05-16-7.4 be removed.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal
Seconded by the DSU President

MOTION 2024-05-16-4.1 PASSES

MOTION 2024-05-16-4.2

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

Moved by the DSU President
Seconded by Vice-President, Internal

MOTION 2024-05-16-4.2 PASSES
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None as this is the 1st DSU Council meeting of the year 2024-25.

5. Communications Received

a. VP student life, faculty of management representative and faculty of medicine representative convey their regrets for absence in today's meeting

b. VP student life has requested

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Thomas Schnare is appointed to the Faculty of Management Councilor seat on the Board of Operations for the 2024-25 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Maggie MacInnis is appointed to the Faculty of Law Councilor seat on the Board of Operations for the 2024-25 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations
Seconded by DSU President

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.1 PASSES

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Olivia Ripley and Rowan Keith Menzes are appointed to a Councilor seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2024-25 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations
Seconded by the DSU President
MOTION 2024-05-16-6.2 PASSES

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tobi Onibudo and Eshaan Arora are appointed to the Councilor seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2024-25 year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Kriti Maini is appointed to a General Member seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2024-25 year.

Moved by Vice President, Internal
Seconded by DSU President

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.3 PASSES

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ryan Dee is appointed to the Councilor seat on the Domestic Students Housing Bursary Committee for the year 2024-25.

Moved by the DSU President
Seconded by VP Academic and External

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.4 PASSES

Document attached

7. New Business

MOTION-2024-05-16-7.1

WHEREAS, ensuring accuracy and clarity in DSU policies is essential for effective governance,
WHEREAS, the Policy and Governance Coordinator (PGC) is responsible for maintaining DSU policies,
WHEREAS, grammatical and spelling errors may exist within DSU policies and updates are needed to reflect the current DSU structure,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby authorizes the Policy and Governance Coordinator to make grammatical and spelling corrections, as well as edits necessary to reflect the current DSU structure, in all DSU policies.

Moved by DSU President
Seconded by VP Finance and Operations

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.1 PASSES

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.2

WHEREAS the current allocation of $6000 for the International Student Emergency Bursary is insufficient to cover bursaries throughout the summer,

WHEREAS there is a total of $240,000 in reserves from the International Student Fund,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes up to $20,000 be allocated from the reserves of the International Student Fund towards the International Student Emergency Bursary Committee to support the continued provision of bursaries for Summer (May to August) 2024.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations
Seconded by the DSU President

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.2 PASSES

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.4

WHEREAS, the Dalhousie Outdoors Society, the Dalhousie Nursing Society, the Dalhousie Medical Students Society, and the Dalhousie Law Students Society have all submitted applications for ratification under the society policy;

WHEREAS, according to Society Policy 8.1, societies must apply annually to be registered societies, with the ratification term running from May 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year.
WHEREAS, by applying for ratification with the Union, each society agrees to abide by the terms outlined in this Policy, as stated in Society Policy 8.1.1;

WHEREAS, ratification of these societies would enable them to access necessary resources, funding, and administrative support to fulfill their objectives.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council hereby ratifies the Dalhousie Outdoors Society, the Dalhousie Nursing Society, the Dalhousie Medical Students Society, and the Dalhousie Law Students Society under the DSU Society policy.

Moved by Vice President, Internal
Seconded by Faculty of Computer Science representative

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.4 PASSES

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.5

WHEREAS, South House is being displaced from their office space on June 30th and lacks a proper board of directors until at least the fall term,

WHEREAS, students are continuing to pay the South House levy fee for services that are not being provided,

WHEREAS, Sexual Education Resource Centre (SERC) is a suitable replacement for South House,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council authorizes a fee suspension for South House for the year 2024-25.

Moved by Vice President, Internal
Seconded by the Vice President, Finance and Operation

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.5 PASSES

8. Executive Reports

a. Report of the President

b. Report of the Vice President, Internal
c. Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

d. Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

e. Report of the Vice President, Student Life

9. Notice of Motion

None.

10. Announcement

10.1 The next meeting of the DSU Council will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm via MS Teams.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM by the DSU Council Chair.