DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, July 11, 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 2024-07-11-3.1

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

MOTION 2024-07-11-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on June 13, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

5. Communications Received

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2024-07-11-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ________ is appointed to Community Representative seats on the Oversight Committee for the year 2024-25; and

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

Moved by the President

*Document attached*

MOTION 2024-07-11-6.2

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

*Document attached*

MOTION 2024-07-11-6.3

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

- Black Students Representative – Nathan Tesfazion
- International Students Representative - Jeena Goyal
- Graduate Students Representative - Gillian Nickerson
- Women Students Representative - Evelyn Burke
- Medical Students Representative – Nicole Dupere
Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

On recommendation of the Executive Committee

MOTION 2024-07-11-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _________ is appointed to the Councilor seat on the Society EDIA Grant Committee for the year 2024-25.

Moved by the President

7. Presentations

7.1 Executive Goals for 2024-25

Presented by the Executive Committee

Document attached

8. New Business

MOTION-2024-07-11-8.1

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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MOTION-2024-07-11-8.2

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of two Councillors be elected to seats on the Student Life Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional Councillors may be appointed to the committee:

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____________ be appointed to the Councillor seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2024-25.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Document attached
MOTION-2024-07-11-8.3

WHEREAS, responsible financial planning and spending has prevented the DSU from incurring significant deficits for the 2023-24 fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS the Fiscal year 2023-24 is expected to show a Net profit and it is important that profit is used effectively and efficiently.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 50% of the operational net profit from the 2023-24 fiscal year monies be moved to the capital reserve fund projects line instead of retained earnings to allow for projects to be undertaken.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

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

9.1 The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on August 15, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Hiring Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by DSU President

Document attached

9.2 The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on August 15, 2024.

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

Moved by DSU President

Document attached
10. Announcements

10.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm via MS Teams.

10.2 The Chief Returning Officer position is already open for applications from July 3, 2024, and applications close on July 22, 2024. Spread the word!

10.3 The DSU is still seeking members for the Elections Committee and Judicial Board; if your constituency is interested, please spread the word.

10.4 DSU Council meetings in the Fall and Winter will be held in-person on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at Council Chambers in the SUB. Schedule for Fall Council Meetings will be circulated in the next Council meeting.

11. Adjournment