

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, January 12, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal
Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance & Operations
Omotayo Bankole - Vice-President, Academic and External
Ana Patton - Vice-President, Student Life
Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2

Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative

Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative

Mustafa Zahid - Faculty of Engineering Representative

Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative

Carmen Minnis - Women's Students Representative

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Mariam Knakriah – President

Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1

Anand Lo - International Students' Community Representative

ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS

Lia Gurevich Kogan - Faculty of Management Representative

Nick d'Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Rowan Keith Menezes - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

VACANT POSITIONS

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Residence Students' Community Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative

Disabled Student's Community Representative

Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Faculty of Computer Science Representative

Faculty of Health Representative

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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Quorum was met

Motion is moved to amend the agenda to include a new motion.

Moved by Vice President Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President Student Life

MOTION Passes

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-01-12-3.1

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

Moved by the Vice-President Student Life

Seconded by the Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2024-01-12-3.1 **Passes**

4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2024-01-12-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on December 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice-President Student Life

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

MOTION 2024-01-12-4.1 **Passes**

Documents attached.

5. Communications Received

None

6. New Business

MOTION 2024-01-12-6.1

WHEREAS, the DSU has a need for additional office space to accommodate staff and societies; and,

WHEREAS, the 2nd floor DSU administrative space contains significant square footage that is under-utilized; and,

WHEREAS, the DSU currently holds 1.14 million in funds across the renovation and facility improvements reserves.

BE IT RESOLVED, the DSU builds an additional five offices within the 2nd floor administrative space at a total project cost up to \$400,000 to be funded 50% through the renovation fund and 50% through the Facility Improvement Fund.

Moved by the Vice President Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Internal

MOTION 2024-01-12-6.1 Passes

Yes = 9 votes and No = 2 votes

7. Committee Report

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 January 26, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy be adopted as circulated.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

10. Announcements

10.1 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on Friday, January 26th at 6: 30 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).

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”.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.27 PM by the Council Chair.