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DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 14, 2023, - 6:30 PM

Location: Virtually (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 6:41 pm by the Vice-President Finance & Operations.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mariam Knakriah – President

Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal

Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Omotayo Bankole - Vice-President, Academic and External

Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1

Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2

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

Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative

Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students’ Community Representative

Omotayo Bankole - Black Students Community Representative

Robert Kuhne - Faculty of Engineering Representative

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS

Alfonso Abraham - Residence Students’ Community Representative

Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative

Lia Gurevich Kogan - Faculty of Management Representative

Lia Gurevich Kogan - Vice-President, Student Life

Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative

VACANT POSITIONS

International Students’ Community Representative

2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative

Faculty of Graduate Studies 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
Georgia Saleski – Executive Director of Student Nova Scotia

Quorum was met

Motion to amend the agenda with regards to the order of business giving precedence to MOTION 7.1 (Presentations by Georgia Saleski).

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION Passes

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2023-09-14-3.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Board of Governors Representative 1

MOTION 2023-09-14-3.1 **Passes**

4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-09-14-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on July 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-09-14-4.1 Passes.

Document attached.

5. Communications Received

None

Motion to recess for 20 minutes

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science Representative

MOTION Passes

Motion to Omni-bus MOTION 2023-09-14-6.1 through MOTION 2023-09-14-6.4

Moved by the Vice-President Internal

Seconded by the President

MOTION Passes

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Aurthy Iman** and **Anisley Stapleton** appointed to General Member seat on the Psychoeducational Assessment Ad-Hoc Bursary Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.1 Passes

Link Attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Akash Murali** and **Noof Al Shehhi** are appointed to General Member seats on the Office Steering Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.2 Passes

Link Attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **_Aditya Patel_**, **_Jiah Bhutani_** and **Kaushal Sapara** are appointed to General Member seats on the Student Life Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Interim – Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.3 Passes

Link Attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____ and _____ are appointed to General Member seats on the External Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Interim – Vice-President, Academic and External

7. Presentations

7.1 SNS Observer ship

Presented by Georgia Saleski, Executive Director of Students Nova Scotia

8. New Business

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.1

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Union seeks to advocate on behalf of their members for affordable and accessible postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS Students Nova Scotia is a non-partisan organization that lobbies on behalf of students pursuing studies at the undergraduate and graduate universities in Nova Scotia and

WHEREAS a letter of intent must be sent by the DSU to SNS by September 15, 2023, to allow its membership to review and approve the DSU's request for observer ship at their upcoming plenary in September; and

WHEREAS the DSU hopes to expand on the knowledge of the resources and services offered by SNS to enhance their lobbying impact at the provincial level; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union seeks observer status with Students Nova Scotia (SNS) to assess the pros and cons of membership with the organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union seeks observer status partnership with Student Nova Scotia (SNS), allowing the DSU representatives to attend meetings, discussions and events organized by Student Nova Scotia as observers without the right to vote or participate directly in decision-making processes.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.1 Passes

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.2

WHEREAS the Union Bylaws mandate that Council shall approve the appointment of the Union's auditor each year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Union's continued use of the firm BDO Canada for preparation of financial statements for the 2024 fiscal year.

Moved by Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Vice- President, Academic & External

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.2 Passes

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2023 are approved.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-09-14-8.3 Passes

Documents attached.

9. Executive reports

9.1 Report of the President

9.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

9.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

9.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic and External

9.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

10. Announcements

10.1 On September 21, Council will be meeting in person to discuss Annual General Meeting Outreach Strategies at the Council Chambers in the SUB.

10.2 All Councillors are welcome to attend the Society Expo on September 19th from 10 am – 6 pm at the SUB.

10.3 The next meeting of the council will be held in person at the Council Chambers in the SUB on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30 pm

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by the Vice-President Finance and Operations

Seconded by the President

*Motion **Passes***

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.