

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, October 26, 2023 - 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 6:45 pm by the Council Chair.

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
Lia Gurevich Kogan - Vice-President, Student Life

<p>Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative</p> <p>Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2</p> <p>Nick d'Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</p> <p>Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative</p> <p>Lia Gurevich Kogan - Faculty of Management Representative</p>
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
<p>Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1</p> <p>Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative</p> <p>Robert Kuhne - Faculty of Engineering Representative</p> <p>Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative</p>
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
<p>Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative</p> <p>Alfonso Abraham - Residence Students' Community Representative</p>
VACANT POSITIONS
<p>International Students' Community Representative</p> <p>2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative</p> <p>Disabled Student's Community Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Dentistry Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Agriculture Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Computer Science Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Health Representative</p>
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
<p>Interim CRO - Abhiroop Yirrelli</p>

Quorum was met

Motion is moved to amend the agenda to include the adjusted dates of the by-law elections.

Moved by the Vice-President Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Internal

Motion **Passes**

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2023-10-26-3.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President Finance and Operations

*MOTION 2023-10-26-3.1 **Passes***

4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-10-26-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on October 12, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Academic and External

*MOTION 2023-10-26-4.1 **Passes***

Documents attached.

5. Communications Received

A new by-election timeline has been proposed due to a number of reasons, including the vacancy of the CRO position. The most important areas of concern include the relationship between the CRO and the candidates. There has been a lack of transparency, with delays in response and approvals and, most importantly, negligence in ensuring equity in the electoral processes.

Also, the relationship between the CRO and the election commission lack of transparency and failure to follow due process, jeopardizing the integrity of the by-election.

The proposed solution is to update the election timeline. The new timeline:

- **The campaign period is set for Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023,**
- **The voting period is set for Monday 6th November – Tuesday 7th November 2023**

Motion is moved to pass the amended timeline for the by-election.

Moved by the Faculty of Science Representative

Seconded by the Vice-President Academic and External

MOTION Passes

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **__ Lia Gurevich Kogan__** is appointed to Councillor seats on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.1 Passes

Motion is moved to omnibus MOTION 2023-10-26-6.2 to MOTION 2023-10-26-6.4.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION Passes

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **__Noof Al Shehhi__** is appointed to the International Student seat on the International Student Food Security Bursary for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.2 Passes

Link attached.

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **__Ananya Jeyakumar__** is appointed to the International Student seat on the International Students Housing Bursary for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.3 Passes

Link attached.

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Daniela Arreola Gala** is appointed to the International Student seat on the International Students Travel Bursary for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION 2023-10-26-6.4 Passes

Link attached.

7. New Business

None

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 motions will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on November 9, 2023.

9.1 Motion to approve the revised budget.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year be adopted.

Document attached.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations;

10. Announcements

10.1 In accordance with section 7.1.4 of the Elections and Referenda Policy, the appointment of a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) from the Elections Committee, who will now take on the duties of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) from now onwards.

10.2 The next meeting of the DSU Council will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7.39 PM by the Council Chair.