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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 28, 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 6:37 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

<p>Lia Gurevich Kogan - Vice-President, Student Life</p> <p>Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative</p> <p>Alfonso Abraham - Residence Students' Community Representative</p> <p>Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative</p> <p>Robert Kuhne - Faculty of Engineering Representative</p> <p>Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative</p> <p>Lia Gurevich Kogan - Faculty of Management Representative</p> <p>Nick d'Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</p> <p>Omotayo Bankole - Black Students Community Representative</p> <p>Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative</p>
<b>ABSENT WITH REGRETS</b>
<p>Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1</p> <p>Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2</p>
<b>ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS</b>
<p>Austin Haw - Faculty of Architecture Representative</p>
<b>VACANT POSITIONS</b>
<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>

<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>

**\*Quorum was met\***

Motion is moved to amend the agenda to include a new motion under New Business

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance & Operations*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Arts and Science Representative*

*Motion **Passes***

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2023-09-28-3.1

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

*Moved by the Faculty of Science*

*Seconded by the Vice-President Internal*

*MOTION 2023-09-28-3.1 **Passes***

### **4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2023-09-28-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 14, 2023 and September 21, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by the Vice President Internal*

*Seconded by the President*

*MOTION 2023-09-28-4.1 **Passes***

*Documents attached.*

### **5. Communications Received**

None

### **6. Appointments by Council**

MOTION 2023-09-28-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **\_Alfonso Abraham\_**, **Robert Kuhne\_** and **\_ Kailey Simon \_** are appointed to Councillor seats on the External Committee for the 2023-24 year;

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

*Seconded by the President*

**MOTION 2023-09-28-6.1 Passes**

## **7. Presentations**

7.1 Executive Goals for 2023-24

Presented by the Executive Committee

Document attached.

## **8. New Business**

Motion is moved to amend article 1 of the bylaws to define the term indigeneity by specifying the indigenous communities of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit

*Moved by the Indigenous Students' Community Representative*

*Seconded by the Vice President Finance & Operations*

**Motion Passes**

Motion is moved to amend the bylaws to change the “Executive Review Committee” to the “Oversight Committee”

*Moved by the Faculty of Law Representative*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative*

**Motion Passes**

Motion is moved to change the term on 4.1h in the bylaws from students with Disabilities to Disabled Students /People with disabilities.

*Moved by the Faculty of Science Representative*

*Seconded by the Vice President Internal*

**Motion Passes**

**MOTION 2023-09-28-8.1**

WHEREAS the presented bylaw amendments primarily focus on technical and operational improvements to align with current requirements of the DSU; and

WHEREAS these proposed amendments enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the DSU's operations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presented bylaw amendments, focusing on technical and operational adjustments to better serve the current needs of the DSU, be adopted.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Vice President Student Life*

**MOTION 2023-09-28-8.1 Passes**

*Document attached.*

MOTION 2023-09- 28- 8.2

WHEREAS section 2.7 of the DSU Financial policy states that "Purchase orders for amounts over \$10,000 shall be approved by Council"; and

WHEREAS it would improve the SUB main-level atmosphere and provide students with an additional recreational opportunity;

BE IT RESOLVED, Council approves the purchase of a grand piano to be situated on the main level of the SUB for \$15,000 plus delivery out of the Facility Improvement Reserve.

*Moved by the Vice President Finance & Operations*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative*

**MOTION 2023-09- 28- 8.2 Passes**

Motion is moved to table Executive report for the next Council meeting.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science Representative*

*Motion Passes*

## **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 & Operations

9.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External

9.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

**10. Announcements**

10.1 Councillors are encouraged to promote the Annual General Meeting to their respective constituencies.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm by the Council Chair.