

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 7, 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 6:34 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
Ana Patton - Vice-President, Student Life

Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1

Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2

Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative

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

Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative

Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative

Anand Lo - International Students' Community Representative

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Lia Gurevich Kogan - Faculty of Management Representative

Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Carmen Minnis - Women's Students Representative

ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS

Robert Kuhne - Faculty of Engineering 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
Chief Returning Officer - Abhiroop Yerramilli

Quorum was met

Motion is moved to amend the agenda to approve the Winter General Election and Appointment of a new Senate Caucus Member

Moved by Vice President Academic and External

Seconded by Vice President Internal

MOTION Passes

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2023-12-07-3.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2023-12-07-3.1 Passes

4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-12-07-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 9, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice-President, Academic and External

MOTION 2023-12-07-4.1 Passes

Documents attached.

5. Communications Received

None

6. Appointment of Council

MOTION 2023-12-07-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **Arefin Bin Awal** to the Senate Planning and Governance Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the Vice President Academic and External

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2023-12-07-6.1 Passes

7. New Business

MOTION 2023-12-07-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Financial Policy, Reserve Fund Policy and Executive Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by the Vice President Internal

MOTION 2023-12-07-7.1 Passes

File attached.

MOTION 2023-12-07-7.2

WHEREAS confidentiality is paramount to the effective functioning of the organization and its committees.

WHEREAS adherence to a closed committee concept is outlined in the DSU bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Office is hereby amended to explicitly emphasize the critical importance of maintaining confidentiality within DSU and its respective committees.

FURTHERMORE, members are required to uphold the principles of a closed committee as stipulated in the DSU bylaws.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council adopt the amendment made to the Statement of Office.

Moved by President

Seconded by the Vice President Academic and External

MOTION 2023-12-09-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2023-12-07-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED that the winter general election schedule be approved as circulated.

Moved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science Representative

Seconded by the Vice President Academic and External

MOTION 2023-12-09-7.3 Passes

Motion is moved to recess for 5 minutes.

Moved by the President

Seconded by the Vice President Academic and External

MOTION Passes

8. Committee Report

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 Winter Council Meeting Dates (Friday):

Winter Council Dates	
January 12, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
January 26, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 9, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 23, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
March 8, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
March 22, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
April 5, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
April 19, 2024 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers

10.2 Late Night Breakfast on Thursday, December 7, 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. in the SUB.

10.3 According to Bylaw 4.4g, “Councilors are required to submit a written report to the council summarizing the work of their respective faculties and communities by the year-end.”

10.4 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on Friday, January 12th at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.18 PM by the Council Chair.