

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, April 5, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Location: Virtually on 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

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-04-05-3.1

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2024-04-05-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 22, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Document attached

5. Presentation

5.1 Announcement of the Official Results of Winter General Elections 2024

Presented by the Chief Returning Officer

Document attached

6. New Business

MOTION 2024-04-05-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Society Policy, Grants Policy and Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Documents attached

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MOTION 2024-04-05-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council formally establishes the Ad Hoc Student Concerns on Sustainability Committee, as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

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MOTION 2024-04-05-6.3

WHEREAS the Student Union Building (SUB) serves as a vital hub of activity within the Dalhousie campus, accommodating various student services, events;

WHEREAS ensuring the security of the SUB is paramount for the safety and well-being of students and staff;

WHEREAS the existing key-based access control system at the SUB entrances presents challenges such as limited oversight, manual operation during emergencies, and susceptibility to security breaches;

WHEREAS the Genetec Synergis Access Control System offers advanced security features, including remote scheduling, real-time monitoring, and alarm notifications, to bolster the overall security posture of the SUB entrances;

WHEREAS the implementation of the Genetec Synergis Access Control System will provide enhanced security, improved access control, and operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, the Dalhousie University administration, in collaboration with Facilities Management and Security Services, proceed with the implementation of the Genetec Synergis Access Control System at the three principal entrances of the Student Union Building, located on University Ave, Seymour St, and LeMarchant St;

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this implementation, including assessment, deployment, and integration with existing systems, be executed within a budget of \$25,000.00 – \$35,000.00 and completed by Spring/Summer 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upto \$35,000.00 from the Facilities Improvement Budget be approved for use by the Facilities Operations Department to purchase and implement the Genetec Synergis Access Control System which will enhance security and access control at the SUB.

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7. Executive Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal

7.3 Report of the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

7.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External

7.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

8. Announcements

8.1 The last meeting of DSU Council for the year 2023-24 will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM via MS Teams.

8.2 Councilors must submit a written report to the council summarizing their faculties and communities' work by the end of the academic year. (April 19, 2024), according to Bylaw 4.4.g.

9. Adjournment