

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 07, 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 unsundered 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 2023-12-07-3.1

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-12-07-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 23, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Document attached

5. Communications Received

6. New Business

MOTION 2023-12-07-6.1

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

File attached

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

MOTION 2023-12-07-6.2

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.

Further, 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.

Document attached

Moved by President

7. Committee Reports

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

10. Announcements

10.1 Winter Council Meeting dates and location (Friday):

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

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

10.3 According to Bylaw 4.4.g, "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).

11. Adjournment