

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Location: Virtually (MS Teams)

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 2023-09-14-3.1

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-09-14-4.1

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

Document attached

5. Communications Received

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2023-09-14-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ appointed to General Member seat on the Psychoeducational Assessment Ad-Hoc Bursary Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

Link Attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to General Member seats on the Office Steering Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

Link attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ , _____ and _____ are appointed to General Member seats on the Student Life Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by Interim - Vice President, Student Life

Link Attached

MOTION 2023-09-14-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____ and _____ are appointed to Councillor seats on the External Committee for the 2023-24 year;

Moved by the Interim - Vice President, Academic and External

8. Presentations

8.1 SNS Observer ship

Presented by Georgia Saleski, Executive Director of Students Nova Scotia

9. New Business

MOTION 2023-09-14-9.1

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Union seeks to advocate on behalf of their members for affordable and accessible postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS Students Nova Scotia is a non-partisan organization that lobbies on behalf of students pursuing studies at the undergraduate and graduate universities in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS a letter of intent must be sent by the DSU to SNS by September 15, 2023, to allow its membership to review and approve the DSU's request for observer ship at their upcoming plenary in September; and

WHEREAS the DSU hopes to expand on the knowledge of the resources and services offered by SNS to enhance their lobbying impact at the provincial level; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union seeks observer status with Students Nova Scotia (SNS) to assess the pros and cons of membership with the organization.

Moved by President

MOTION 2023-09-14-9.2

WHEREAS the Union Bylaws mandate that Council shall approve the appointment of the Union's auditor each year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Union's continued use of the firm BDO Canada for preparation of financial statements for the 2024 fiscal year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

MOTION 2023-09-14-9.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2023 are approved.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Documents attached

10. Executive Reports

10.1 Report of the President

10.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal

10.3 Report of the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

10.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External

10.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

11. Announcements

11.1 On September 21, Council will be meeting in-person to discuss Annual General Meeting Outreach Strategies at the Council Chambers in the SUB.

11.2 All councilors are welcome to attend the Society Expo on September 19th from 10am – 6pm at the SUB.

11.3 Next meeting of council will be held in-person at the Council Chambers in the SUB on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30pm.

12. Adjournment