

DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, July 31, 2023 – 5:00 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 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 2023-07-31-3.1

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2023-07-31-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on July 10, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Document attached

5. Communications Received

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2023-24 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Budget and Finance Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2023-24 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the President

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Oversight Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by the President

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2023-24 year.

Moved by Vice President Internal

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councilor seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2023-24 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2023-24 year.

Moved by Vice President Finance and Operations

MOTION 2023-07-31-6.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2023-24 year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2023-24 year.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2023-07-10-6.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the International Student Emergency Bursary Committee for the year 2023-24.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2023-07-10-6.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to Senate Caucus for the 2023-24 year:

Architecture Representative ____

Arts and Social Sciences Representative ____

Engineering Representative____

Law Representative ____

Management Representative ____

Science Representative _____

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Document attached

7. Old Business

8. New Business

MOTION 2023-07-31-8.1

WHEREAS, the well-being and academic success of all students are of paramount importance to the DSU; it is essential to identify and address any potential barriers to learning and development that may hinder a student's academic progress;

WHEREAS, psych educational assessments are recognized as effective tools for evaluating cognitive and behavioral aspects of students that have an average cost of \$2,500, aiding in the identification of learning disabilities, and other educational needs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the DSU recognizes the need for a comprehensive Psych Educational Assessment for students currently enrolled at Dalhousie University, to address concerns related to students' mental and financial health as well as their access to education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve the ad-hoc Psychoeducational assessment Bursary Terms of Reference as circulated.

Moved by the Vice-President Internal

Document attached

MOTION 2023-07-31-8.2

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 Orientation Week kit materials and t-shirts must be approved as soon as possible to ensure they can be ordered and shipped in time for Orientation Week in September;

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$39,259.85 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase Orientation Week Pack Materials from Big Tree Promotions.

Moved by President

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

10. Announcements

10.1 The Chief Returning Officer position is already open for applications from July 18, 2023, and applications close on August 3, 2023.

10.2 The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm virtually on MS Teams.

11. Adjournment