

DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, February 9, 2024 - 7:00 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 7:02 pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Mariam Knakriah – President
Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice President, Internal
Henry Amin – Vice President, Finance and Operations
Omotayo Bankole – Vice President, Academic and External
Ana Patton – Vice President, Student Life
Eshan Arora – Board of Governors Representative 1
Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative
Victoria Slipp – Faculty of Science Representative
Anand Lo – International Students' Community Representative
Carmen Minnis – Women Students' Community Representative

Katie Brousseau – Disabled Students’ Community Representative Haileigh Macleod – Faculty of Health Professions Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Ryan Dee – Board of Governors Representative 2 Kailey Simon – Indigenous Students’ Community Representative Mustafa Zahid – Faculty of Engineering Representative Sydney Forbes – Faculty of Medicine Representative
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Nick d’Entremont – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative Rowan Keith Menezes – Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Management Representative Faculty of Architecture Representative Residence Students’ Community Representative 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Students’ Representative Faculty of Dentistry Representative Faculty of Agriculture Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Abhiroop Yerramilli – DSU Chief Returning Officer Emma Wach – Executive Recruitment Advisor, Dalhousie University

Quorum was met

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-02-09-3.1

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

Moved by the Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by the Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2024-02-09-3.1 Passes

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2024-02-09-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice President, Internal

Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2024-02-09-4.1 Passes

Document attached

5. Communications Received

5.1 The CRO informed Council that there is a vacancy on the Elections Committee due to the resignation of a General Member who wishes to run in the DSU Winter General Elections, to avoid a conflict of interest. Nominations results will go public in the next few days.

6. Forum Discussion

6.1 Dalhousie HR consultation on selection of the Provost and VP Academic.

Motion is moved for a 15-minute recess.

Moved by the Vice President, Internal

Seconded by the Vice President, Student Life

Motion passes.

7. New Business

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

9. Notice of Motion

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on February 23, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Performance Support Policy be adopted as circulated.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

10. Announcements

- 10.1 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on Friday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).
- 10.2 DSU Winter General Elections Nominations open on January 29, 2024 at 8 AM to February 9 at 5 PM.
- 10.3 Drag Show on Feb 8th at the Grawood!
- 10.4 CSS Snowball Awards 2024 on Feb 9th at the SUB!
- 10.5 Dal Reads author reading event, February 8, 6 pm.
- 10.6 Computer Science Society Gala, February 9, 5:30 pm.
- 10.7 Society Appreciation Gala, March 2

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 by the Council Chair.