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## DSU Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, May 7, 2020; 6:00 PM

**Location:** Held virtually, using Microsoft Teams.

**Content Warning:** This meeting included discussions about sexualized violence, and these minutes therefore include mention of this topic.

### Land Acknowledgement

Prior to the Call to Order, the Chair read out the following 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.*

### Procedural Notes

The Vice President, Finance and Operations, in the role of Acting Chair, briefed attendees at the meeting with a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order and how they would be modified to fit the digital meeting.

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:11PM by the Vice President, Finance and Operations in the role of Acting Chair.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present:**

Madeleine Stinson – President  
Hanna Stewart – Vice President, Internal  
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations  
Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External  
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative

**Vacant: (Positions not yet appointed)**

Board of Governors Representative  
International Students Community  
Residence Students Community  
Students with Disabilities Community  
Women Students Community  
Faculty of Architecture and Planning  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Faculty of Computer Science  
Faculty of Engineering  
Faculty of Graduate Students  
Faculty of Health Professions  
Faculty of Medicine

**Absent with Regrets:**

**Absent without Regrets:**

Bakhmala Khan (Interim) - Faculty of Science

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Frank Heimpel, Staff at South House  
Francesca Ekwuyasi, Staff at South House  
Jenn Wingfield, General Member  
Katrina Plasse, Active Listener, recent BSW graduate  
Grant MacNeil, Meeting Chair  
Lane Harrison, Dalhousie Gazette  
Jordan Roberts, King's SVPRO/Active Listening  
Alex Hughes, General Member  
Selam Abdella, DSU Equity & Accessibility Office Director

**3. Ratification of Chair and Secretary**

MOTION 2020-05-21-3.1

WHEREAS the incoming DSU Council Chair has not completed training and will be appointed at the meeting of Council on May 21 and should therefore be considered "absent" for all intents and purposes; and

WHEREAS the Union Rules and Procedures Policy 11.3 states that "In the event of the absence of the Chair of Council, a member of the Executive shall act as Chair of the meeting for the sole purpose of allowing Council, by a two-thirds vote, to appoint an acting Chair," therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grant MacNeil preside over the present session of DSU Council.

Moved by: BOG Representative; Seconded by: President

Motion 2020-05-21-3.1 **Passes by Special Resolution**

MOTION 2020-05-21-3.2

WHEREAS the incoming DSU Recording Secretary has not completed training and will be appointed at the meeting of Council on May 21 and should therefore be considered “absent” for all intents and purposes; and

WHEREAS the Union Rules and Procedures Policy 11.4 states that “In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Council may appoint any person as temporary recording secretary, provided that any member of Council so appointed shall not receive an honorarium for such services nor be denied their voting privileges,” therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vice President, Internal act as secretary for the present session of DSU Council.

Moved by: LGBTQ+ Representative; Seconded by: BOG Representative

Motion 2020-05-21-3.2 **Passes**

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-05-21-4.1

Be It Resolved That the agenda for this meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President Academic & External; Seconded by: President

Motion 2020-05-21-4.1 **Passes**

#### **5. Communications Received**

The Chair reported that no communications or regrets has been received.

#### **6. Presentations**

6.1 South House Presentation

Presented by: Frank Heimpel and Francesca Ekwuyasi

Heimpel and Ekwuyasi discussed the concept of a survivor-centric process, and principles in discussing sexual violence through a trauma-informed and anti-oppressive lens.

6.2 Report on Recent Online Disclosure of Sexual Violence

Presented by: President

Related Documents: *May 5, 2020: DSU Update on Recent Online Disclosure of Sexual Violence*

Member Alex Hughes, the Black Students' Representative, and the Board of Governors representative asked about why the Union had chosen to contact Halifax Regional Police. The speakers commented that the police are not a survivor-centric body and therefore this action contradicts the DSU and the DSU Survivor Support Centre's stated principles, as well as the procedures laid out in the University's Purple Folder.

The President responded by noting that the police were contacted based on legal advice, and that the survivor would only be involved with HRP if they choose to be. The decision to contact the police was based on an obligation to report criminal allegations and a desire to protect students, particularly given the details of the online disclosure. In response to the question about the purple folder, she noted that this disclosure came forward during transition.

The BoG Representative asked about how the DSU would be moving forward and remaining survivor-centric. The President responded that she has now been in contact with the survivor, but can not share details at the moment. She stated that this individual would be consulted at every step. The Equity and Accessibility Office Director asked if the Union will now be using the purple folder, and the President confirmed that they would.

## **7. New Business**

### MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1

WHEREAS the Judicial Board has not yet been appointed for the 2020-2021 year but will be appointed at the meeting of Council on May 21; and

WHEREAS the Judicial Board reports to Council and Council has greater decision-making power; and

WHEREAS serious allegations of sexual violence have been made online about a member of the DSU Executive; and

WHEREAS the Judicial Board Policy enables the Judicial Board to take the non-disciplinary action to temporarily suspend an individual respondent for a period of up to one week, should they find potential for continued serious harm to the organization or another individual pending the results of inquiry; and

WHEREAS the DSU is committed, as per the Equity Policy, to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that sexualized violence and rape culture affect people profoundly and differently, and believes that all students have a right to safer campuses; and

WHEREAS the DSU has received feedback from many members, in particular women and non-binary students and others who may experience higher rates of gender-based violence, calling for the DSU to follow survivor-centric principles;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jad Ghiz, current Vice President, Student Life, be suspended with pay, effective immediately, for a period of one week as a non-disciplinary action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT at the end of one (1) week, on May 14, 2020, this suspension may be renewed for an additional period of up to one (1) week by a special resolution passed by the Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if said suspension is renewed, this decision will be immediately communicated to Councillors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this non-disciplinary suspension be carried out in order to allow for any potential investigative proceedings to be carried out.

Moved by: President; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Extensive discussion was held around the presence of the VPSL in the meeting space. A number of meeting attendees, including the Black Students' Representative, noted that folks would feel safer if the VPSL was absent, given that the motion concerns him. The Chair initially stated that there was no mechanism in Robert's Rules for removal of a person from a meeting without a conflict of interest or disruptive behaviour. The situation was determined not to constitute a conflict of interest because the motion was for a suspension with pay. The VPSL chose not to leave the meeting of his own accord. After a number of other meeting attendees stated discomfort with continuing debate with the VPSL present in the meeting, the Chair reconsidered the question of privilege and ruled that VPSL would leave the meeting for the remainder of debate on the motion. The VPSL then left the meeting for a period of 20 minutes.

Attendees including Member Jenn Wingfield, the Black Students' Representative, and the Board of Governors Representative asked logistical and procedural questions about the motion, including about why the motion was being brought forward with these specific terms: for a seven-day suspension when disciplinary proceedings would take longer; for a suspension with pay when many students had been calling for pay to be withheld; and not through the Judicial Board. Concerns were also raised about how the need for an extension of the suspension would be determined, and about whether an investigation would need to occur in order for disciplinary action to be taken.

The Chair and members of the Executive responded to these concerns, noting that typically the Judicial Board would make recommendations about disciplinary motions, but the board has not yet been formed; that the policy states that this type of suspension can only last seven days; and that suspending the VPSL without pay would be a disciplinary action which must have at least two weeks' notice. Procedures for disciplinary action in the Bylaws and Judicial Board Policy were highlighted.

Attendees discussed mechanisms for holding executives accountable, about the role of survivor-centric processes within the DSU, and about how best to listen to members.

The Faculty of Agriculture Representative asked about the terms of the suspension, and the President responded that the effect of the motion would be to relieve the VPSL of all current responsibilities, including communications. She also clarified that since the disclosure had come forward, the VPSL had only participated in online training sessions.

At 7:52, the Vice President, Finance and Operations, motioned for a ten-minutes recess (MOTION 2020-05-21-P1). The motion was seconded by the Vice President, Academic and External, and **passed**. Following the recess, debate on motion 2020-05-21-7.1 resumed.

The Board of Governors Representative introduced the following MOTION TO AMEND:

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 7.1 be amended by striking out “with pay” and inserting “withholding honorarium until acquitted, or, until Council decides other disciplinary measures if he is not acquitted” and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that motion 7.1 be amended to add: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Judicial Board appointees are trained in sexual violence response and will follow the guidelines of the Purple Folder”.

Moved by the Board of Governors Representative; seconded by the Black Students’ Representative.

The BoG representative and proponents of the amendment emphasized their constituents’ desire to see the VPSL suspended without pay, and for the students on the Judicial Board to be adequately trained. The BoG representative stated that this motion would keep the original motion non-disciplinary.

Councillors raised questions about the legal interpretation of non-disciplinary, and whether the amendment at hand would be in order for a non-disciplinary motion. The Vice President, Finance and Operations, stated that legal advice had been that any withholding of pay constituted disciplinary action. They further clarified that withholding pay could open up the DSU to legal action. The DSU’s legal counsel joined the call to respond to specific questions.

The Black Students’ Representative introduced a procedural motion (MOTION 2020-05-21-P2) to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative.

The Agriculture Representative introduced an amendment to MOTION 2020-05-21-P2 to strike out “15” and insert “30.” The amendment was seconded by the Faculty of Management Representative and **passed**. The meeting was extended by 30 minutes. Debate returned to the amendment at hand.

Debate continued around the merits of withholding or not withholding pay. The President stated that based on legal advice, withholding pay would be seen as a disciplinary measure and would therefore be beyond the scope of this motion. Legal counsel confirmed that suspension without pay would be considered a disciplinary motion. The President explained that passing a disciplinary motion without following the disciplinary procedures laid out in the DSU’s bylaws would open up the Union and current executives to potential legal action. Attendee Jordan Roberts also noted that a failure to follow proper procedure could result in legal proceedings against the survivor.

The Faculty of Agriculture Representative moved to call the amendment to question (MOTION 2020-05-21-P3). Seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative; **passed**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1 **failed**.

The LGBTQ+ Representative moved to reconsider MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1 (MOTION 2020-05-21-P4); seconded by the Black Students' Representative. The motion to reconsider **passed**. Debate returned to MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1.

Member Jenn Wingfield introduced a motion to divide MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1) in order to vote on each clause individually (MOTION 2020-05-21-P5). The motion was seconded by the Black Students' Representative and **passed**. MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.1 was therefore divided into two separate motions to amend, the first titled MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.2 dealing with the change to "without pay," and the second titled MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.3 dealing with the requirements for the Judicial Board.

***Note to the minutes:** Proper procedure would have been for a voting member of Council to move this motion, rather than a general member. This procedural issue was overlooked during the meeting and not addressed by a point of order. As per Robert's Rules of Order, points of order need to be raised promptly. Given that the motion was duly seconded by a member of Council and passed without objection, this procedural issue is being noted but does not result in the motion being automatically rescinded, or any other action.*

The floor was opened to debate on MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.2.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.2 **failed**. Debate proceeded to MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.3.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1.3 **passed**.

The Indigenous Students' Representative moved to extend the meeting by twenty minutes (MOTION 2020-05-21-P6). The motion was seconded by the Faculty of Management Representative and **passed** by unanimous consent.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1 **passed as amended**.

## MOTION 7.2

WHEREAS the DSU distributes bursaries from the Student Accessibility Fund through the Student Accessibility Fund Committee, and these bursaries have been particularly important over the past few weeks in supporting students whose access needs have been exacerbated by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS in some cases the financial need described in bursary applications is urgent and a gap in the distribution of bursaries from this fund would negatively impact students with disabilities; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the term of the 2019-20 Student Accessibility Fund Committee be extended until May 21, 2020, at which point the members of the Committee for the 2020-2021 year shall be appointed.

Moved by: DSU VPI ; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Motion 2020-05-21-7.2 **passed**.



## 8. Notice of Motion

The Black Students' Representative noticed the following motion to Council, for debate at the next meeting on May 21, 2020:

WHEREAS a DSU member has put forth allegations of sexualized violence committed by the Vice President Student Life and,

WHEREAS the Vice President Student Life has thus allegedly breached the following policies of the Code of Conduct Policy and;:

3.2 Misconduct against persons includes, but is not limited to:

3.2.1 Assault, harassment, intimidation, threats, stalking;

3.2.2 Bullying, and coercion;

3.2.3 Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person;

3.2.4 Disorderly or indecent conduct;

3.2.5 Creating a condition that endangers the health, safety or wellbeing of any person;

3.2.6 Coercing, enticing, or inciting a person to commit an act that is humiliating or demeaning to that person or to others;

3.2.7 The use of information and communication technologies such as email, cell phone and text messages, instant messaging, personal websites, social networking sites and online personal polling websites, to support harassing or hostile behaviour by an individual or group, or that is intended or has the potential to harm others, (e.g. cyberbullying);

WHEREAS the DSU has stated that it aims to abide by survivor-centric response to sexualized violence as outlined in Dalhousie's Human Rights and Equity Guide to Responding when Someone Shares an Experience of Sexualized Violence, and did not reach out to the survivor before taking any further steps - therefore putting survivors at greater risk and;

WHEREAS the promotional materials, as distributed to council, for the event mentioned in the online disclosure - "Jadfest" - incited hate speech such as racism, sexism, and xenophobia, and;

WHEREAS DSU members are calling for the Vice President Student Life to be disciplined for the duration of the investigation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jad Ghiz, the current Vice President, Student Life be suspended with honorarium withheld until acquitted, or, until, if not acquitted, Council shall then decide other disciplinary measures at that time.

## 9. Announcements

The Chair announced that the next meeting of Council would be held on May 21, 2020 at 6:00pm, using Microsoft Teams and that appointments to the following Union committees would be made at the next meeting of Council:

- Student Accessibility Fund Committee
- Judicial Board
- Society Review Committee
- Offices Steering Committee
- Budget and Finance Committee
- Grants and Sponsorship Committee

#### **10. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: May 21, 2020; 6:00 pm

Location: Electronic meeting held using Microsoft Teams.

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 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 6:05PM by the Vice President, Finance and Operations in the role of Acting Chair.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart – Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative

Bakhmala Khan (Interim) - Faculty of Science

Sahl Zahoor - Faculty of Computer Science

**Vacant: (Positions not yet appointed)**

Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Second Board of Governors Representative

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Engineering Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative

International Students Representative

Faculty of Medicine Representative

Students with Disabilities Representative

Students Living in Residence Representative

Women Students Representative

**Absent with Regrets:**

**Absent without Regrets:**

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

Cameron Penny – Incoming Faculty of Medicine Representative

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-05-21-3.1

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the May 21, 2020 meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President Academic & External; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Motion 2020-05-21-3.1 **Passes.**

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2020-05-21-5.1

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President Academic & External; Seconded by: Faculty of Management representative

No discussion. Proceed to adopt minutes by general consensus.

Motion **passes.**

MOTION 2020-05-21-5.2

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting of Council be adopted as circulated.

Not everyone received these.

Motion to table this until the next council meeting.

Moved by: President; Seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes.**

## 6. Communications Received

No communications received.

## 7. Appointments by Council

### MOTION 2020-05-21-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jamie Samson be appointed Chair of Council for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by the President; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Recommended for adoption by the Chair Hiring Committee

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-05-21-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loukman Ghouti be appointed Recording Secretary for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by the President; Seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Recommended for adoption by the Secretary Hiring Committee

Motion **passes**.

Motion to suspend the normal rules of order.

Moved by: President; Seconded by: Vice President, Internal

The Chair explained that the rules of order were being suspended to allow for appointments to happen more efficiently during an electronic meeting.

Motion **passes** by general consensus.

### MOTION 2020-05-21-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Councillor seats on the Budget and Finance Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seat on the Budget and Finance Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

Nominations for Councillor seats: Robert Larsen.

Nominations for General Member seats: Gupreet Singh

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Councillor seats on the Grants and Sponsorships Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seat on the Grants and Sponsorships Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ representative*

Nominations for Community Representative seats: Fatima Beydoun (BoG Representative), Drew Guyan (LGBTQ+ Representative)

Nominations for general member seat: Helen Wong

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Community Representative seats on the Offices Steering Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Aline Maybank and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seats on the Offices Steering Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal; Seconded by: Black Student Representative*

Nominees for Community Representative seats: Nik Isaac-Pictou

Nominees for general member seats: Aline Maybank

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-7.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Councillor seats on the Society Review Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seat on the Society Review Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative*

Nominees for Councillor seats: Zach Scinocca

Nominees for general member seat: Alexandre Lloyd

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-05-21-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Councillor seats on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seats on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Internal; Seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Nominees for Councillor seats: Claudia Castillo-Prentt; Nik Isaac-Pictou

Nominees for general member seats: Helen Wong; Sam Thompson

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

#### Motion for 5-minute recess

Moved by VP Finance & Operations; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### Motion to move ex-camera before the recess begins

Moved by President; Seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **8. Presentations**

#### 8.1: Update on Recent Online Disclosure

Presented by the President

Document Attached

### **9. Committee Reports**

No committee reports on the agenda.

### **10. Old Business**



MOTION 2020-05-21-10.1 (Motion noticed to Council on May 7, 2020)

WHEREAS a DSU member has put forth allegations of sexualized violence committed by the Vice President Student Life; AND

WHEREAS the Vice President Student Life has thus allegedly breached the following policies of the Code of Conduct Policy:

3.2 Misconduct against persons includes, but is not limited to:

3.2.1 Assault, harassment, intimidation, threats, stalking;

3.2.2 Bullying, and coercion;

3.2.3 Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person;

3.2.4 Disorderly or indecent conduct;

3.2.5 Creating a condition that endangers the health, safety or wellbeing of any person;

3.2.6 Coercing, enticing, or inciting a person to commit an act that is humiliating or demeaning to that person or to others;

3.2.7 The use of information and communication technologies such as email, cell phone and text messages, instant messaging, personal websites, social networking sites and online personal polling websites, to support harassing or hostile behaviour by an individual or group, or that is intended or has the potential to harm others, (e.g. cyberbullying); AND

WHEREAS the DSU has stated that it aims to abide by survivor-centric response to sexualized violence as outlined in Dalhousie's Human Rights and Equity Guide to Responding when Someone Shares an Experience of Sexualized Violence, and did not reach out to the survivor before taking any further steps - therefore putting survivors at greater risk; AND

WHEREAS the promotional materials, as distributed to council, for the event mentioned in the online disclosure - "Jadfest" - incited hate speech such as racism, sexism, and xenophobia; AND

WHEREAS DSU members are calling for the Vice President Student Life to be disciplined for the duration of the investigation; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jad Ghiz, the current Vice President, Student Life be suspended with honorarium withheld until acquitted, or, until, if not acquitted, Council shall then decide other disciplinary measures at that time.

*Moved by the Black Students' Community Representative*

*Document attached*

Motion 2020-05-21-10.1 is **withdrawn**.

This motion is being withdrawn by the mover for the best interest of the survivor and solely for the survivor.

## 11. New Business

### MOTION 2020-05-21-11.1

WHEREAS conducting Council using videoconferencing technology differs from conducting Council in person and requires some clarifications and adaptations to Robert's Rules of Order; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached Rules of Order for Electronic DSU Council Meetings be adopted for use during the COVID-19 pandemic; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee be tasked with reviewing and further developing these guidelines for potential amendment in the future, and with considering incorporating them into the Union Rules and Procedures Policy in the event that electronic meetings are needed in the future.

*Moved by the President; Seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative.*

It was report that this is so that we can maintain some sort of order when it comes to video conferencing and so that the bylaw and policy review committee can handle situations such as the confusing process tonight and spend quality time coming up with better and more accessible options for members to use.

Motion 2020-05-21-11.1 **passes.**

### MOTION 2020-05-21-11.2

WHEREAS at the DSU Council meeting on May 7, 2020, Council adopted a motion to issue a non-disciplinary suspension to the current Vice President, Student Life, for a period of one week, with the possibility of extending the suspension by an additional week by special resolution of the Executive Committee; AND

WHEREAS on May 14, 2020, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to extend the non-disciplinary suspension by an additional week; AND

WHEREAS the Judicial Board Policy enables the Judicial Board to take the non-disciplinary action to temporarily suspend an individual respondent for a period of up to one week, should they find potential for continued serious harm to the organization or another individual pending the results of inquiry; AND

WHEREAS the Judicial Board is to be appointed on May 21, the day that the non-disciplinary suspension will expire, and will need to complete training including Council-mandated training in sexualized violence response and the contents of the purple folder prior to beginning their mandate, and will therefore not be able to take immediate action to initiate another suspension upon the expiry of the current suspension;

WHEREAS the DSU is committed, as per the Equity Policy, to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination; AND

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that sexualized violence and rape culture affect people profoundly and differently, and believes that all students have a right to safer campuses; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current Vice President, Student Life, be suspended with pay, effective immediately, for a period of one (1) week as a non-disciplinary action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Judicial Board has not completed training and been able to meet by the end of said week, this suspension may be renewed for an additional period of up to one (1) week by a special resolution passed by the Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if said suspension is renewed, this decision will be immediately communicated to Councillors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this non-disciplinary suspension be carried out in order to allow for any potential investigative proceedings to be carried out.

*Moved by the President; Seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative.*

The President stated that this motion is relatively similar to the last week's disciplinary motion because we don't have the judicial board in place as it stands and there has been considerable will by the student body to not have Jad Ghiz as acting VPSL. In the opinion of the executive, we see that there is considerable desire to continue a suspension and whereas we don't have the grounds to do so in a disciplinary fashion, this is the best option according to the executive that maintains our obligations to the bylaws and policies but also meets the wishes and will of the student body.

Motion 2020-05-21-11.2 **passes.**

#### MOTION 2020-05-21-11.3

WHEREAS the Councillors and Full-Time Staff of the DSU need support in dealing with ongoing events related to the VPSL suspension; AND

WHEREAS the mandate of the Survivor Support Centre is to support, educate, and advocate on issues surrounding sexualized violence; AND

WHEREAS if the Councillors and Full-Time Staff receive support and training in processing events related to sexualized violence, there will be greater capacity to respond to current and future situations, to the benefit of survivors within our membership; AND

WHEREAS the Survivor Support Centre currently has an appropriate capital reserve to provide this support; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT up to \$3000.00 of the Survivor Support Centre capital reserve be utilized in the 2020-21 budget year for the purpose of consultation and support for the Dalhousie Student Union Councillors and Staff, with Hardy Consulting.

*Moved by the VPFO; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative.*

Motion 2020-05-21-11.3 **passes.**

MOTION 2020-05-21-11.4

WHEREAS the Judicial Board has been appointed on this May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS addressing the allegations against the VPSL is a time-sensitive process; and

WHEREAS the University has verbally agreed to support the DSU in initiating an investigation in regard to the aforementioned allegations;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board start their training immediately, including the sexual violence response training approved by council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board prepare to receive a report from an investigator and provide recommendations to Council on how to further address the allegations against the VPSL by June 4th, 2020.

Moved by the President; Seconded by: DSU, Vice President Academic

MOTION 2020-05-21-11.4.1: Motion to amend the motion at hand by striking out “June 4” and inserting “June 11”.

Moved by: Black Students’ Representative; Seconded by: Faculty of Agriculture Representative

The amendment is to reflect a change that was made an hour before council started. This amendment would be made to the scope document which defines the same deadline as June 11th. It was at the university’s request that we extend that so that it would be more reasonable to an investigator. So, the amendment would be to change the date from June 4th, 2020 to June 11th, 2020.

Motion 2020-05-21-11.4.1 passes.

The final clause of MOTION 2020-05-21-11.4 now reads:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board prepare to receive a report from an investigator and provide recommendations to Council on how to further address the allegations against the VPSL by June 11th, 2020.

Motion 2020-05-21-11.4 **passes**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-11.5

WHEREAS the DSU membership has shown considerable desire and will for an investigation to occur that considers the incidences detailed in an online disclosure published to Change.Org on April 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS Dalhousie University has verbally agreed to provide support to such an investigation;  
And

WHEREAS the survivor has given their consent to the DSU exploring investigative procedures;  
And

WHEREAS the DSU's legal counsel has recommended an external, third-party investigation as the next step in addressing membership concerns;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU contracts an unbiased, external, third-party investigator to examine online allegations against the Vice President Student Life made by the survivor, a member of the DSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the external investigator have experience working with students, student union governance, and/or university structures; as well as experience working with and/or advocating for oppressed populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the investigation must be conducted with a strong understanding and inclusion of the following policies and concepts: the bylaws, codes, policies, and values of the Dalhousie Student Union; the Dalhousie Student Code of Conduct and Dalhousie's Sexualized Violence Policy; the Purple Folder ; anti-oppressive and harm-reduction frameworks including intersectional, survivor-centric, and trauma-informed approaches to investigations of allegations of sexualized violence; the impacts of sexualized violence on marginalized populations including, but not limited to: womxn, transgendered, non-binary, and femme-identifying persons; the oppressive and harm-inducing consequences and history of conventional legal investigations of cases of sexualized violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the findings of the examination must then be applied to the will and intent of the relevant bylaws, codes, and/or policies to determine if any violations have occurred; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report is to be delivered to the DSU's legal counsel. After reviewing the report, the DSU's counsel will share the report with the Executive Officers of the DSU, with exception of the Vice President, Student Life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT once the report is reviewed by the approved Executive Officers, the President of the DSU can petition the Judicial Board if necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board will return their findings and recommendations to the President within two weeks of receiving a petition, at which point a meeting of the DSU Council will be called within one week, to be held within two weeks of the return of findings and recommendations. If the Judicial Board requires more time and can

provide justification that it is needed to develop their recommendations, an extension may be approved through special resolution of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Vice President, Student Life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all Councilors, Executive Officers of the DSU, and Judicial Board members are prohibited from altering the findings, intent, or contents of the report in any manner other than to provide summary and/or redact confidential information and/or the identity of persons other than the complainant or respondent. The contents of the report may only be published to the public through special resolution of the DSU Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this procedure is to be followed in this exact sequence, as is required by the Judicial Board Policy of the DSU, and as is necessary to maintain the integrity of the report produced by the third-party investigator.

Moved by the President; Seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

The President stated that as the process stands, the report will not be shared with the council in its entirety. The executive officers will review the report and then the president will petition the judicial board. This board will then ask for the contents of the report, which the president will share. Then the judicial board will report back to the executive committee and then council will be called. If there is a request by council to see the report in its entirety in order to have enough background information to make an accurate ruling on any action to be made, then that can be requested by council and then council will be restricted to the terms of the motion we will ratify (if we do ratify it). This means that the council have to be responsible in the handling of the report and the viewing of the report will likely be in-camera because it will contain sensitive information on elected officials and the status of their employment, so council may see it if they request to.

MOTION 2020-05-21-11.5.1: Motion to amend the term “transgendered” to either “transgender” or “trans”.

Moved by: Indigenous Students’ Representative; Seconded by:

Motion to amend **passes**.

MOTION 2020-05-21-11.5.2: Motion to amend to include “Black, Indigenous, and people of color” to the list of marginalized populations.

Moved by: Black Students’ Representative; Seconded by:

Motion to amend **passes**.

The third Be It Resolved clause of MOTION 2020-05-21-11.5 now reads:

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Motion 2020-05-21-11.5 **passes.**

Motion to extend the meeting by 1 hour.

Motion **passes by unanimous consent.**

Motion to take a 5-minute recess to count votes.

Motion **passes by unanimous consent.**

## **12. Executive Reports**

### **12.1 Report Of The President**

*Document attached*

The majority of the president's time has been spent in addressing allegations against the VPSL and setting up for changes in academic setting (online classes). President has assumed the position of VPSL and is currently working on planning for O-Week.

### **12.2 Report Of The Vice President, Internal**

*Document attached*

The majority of VP, Internal's time has been spent on the student accessibility fund committee and working on the website they are hoping to release. They also released re-ratification forms for societies that were ratified last year.

### **12.3 Report Of The Vice President, Finance And Operations**

*Document attached*

### **12.4 Report Of The Vice President, Academic And External**

*Document attached*

Most of their time has been spend on tuition and financial issues that a lot of students have been facing with COVID-19. Their team has released a survey asking students asking specifically what they are struggling with during this time.

## 13. Notice of Motion

### 13.1 Sponsorship Policy

There are now two notices of motion which will be circulated via email after the meeting. We have two new policies up for review. One of them is a completely revised sponsorship policy, as our current policy hasn't been revised in almost 10 years. This new policy looks quite different. The motion will be "be it resolve that the existing sponsorship policy be repealed and replaced by the updated sponsorship policy". The PDF of this policy will be circulated after the meeting. It will be debated at the next council meeting.

The second policy is a completely new policy. It is a reserve fee policy. Currently, we don't have a formal procedure in place for accessing some of our reserve funds which are levy funds which are collected but not always used within the fiscal year in which they were collected. These are things like the accessibility fund and the international student emergency bursary fund. This will help us ensure greater responsibility around accessing these reserve funds as they sometimes contain large sums of money but should only be used for situations that meet specific criteria.

## 14. Announcements

The next meeting of Council will be held (tentatively) on June 18, 2020 at 6:00pm, using Microsoft Teams. Confirmation of the meeting date and time will be sent out via email.

Appointments to the following Union committees will be made at the next meeting of Council:

- Bylaw and Policy Review Committee
- Oversight Committee
- Student Life Committee
- External Committee

Motion to reinstate the rules of order.

Moved by: President; Seconded by: Vice President, Academic

Motion **passes**.

## 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: President; Seconded by: Faculty of Medicine Representative

Motion **passes**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17PM.





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## DSU Council Meeting Minutes

**Note: due to a technical difficulty, specific record of which councillor moved and seconded certain motions during this meeting was lost.**

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 18, 2020

Location: Microsoft Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 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 6:07PM by the Chair of Council.

### 2. Roll Call

Madeleine Stinson – President

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Bakhmala Khan (Interim) - Faculty of Science

Sahl Zahoor - Faculty of Computer Science

Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine

**Vacant: (Positions not yet appointed)**

Board of Governors Representative 2

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Engineering Representative

Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Students with Disabilities Representative

Students Living in Residence Representative

Women Students Representative

**Absent with Regrets:**

**Absent without Regrets:**

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

Omah Azubike-Okoro – DSUSO Food Commissioner

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-06-18-3.1

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

The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion 2020-06-18-3.1 **passes.**

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2020-06-18-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the DSU Council meeting on May 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached.*

The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion 2020-06-18-5.1 **passes.**

MOTION 2020-06-18-5.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the DSU Council meeting on May 21, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached.*

The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion 2020-06-18-5.2 **passes.**

### **6. Communications Received**

No communications received.

### **7. Appointments by Council**

MOTION 2020-06-18-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Councillor seats on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seat on Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Nominations for Councillor seats: Robert Larsen and Cameron Penny.

Nominations for General Member seats: Rinad Sharstan.

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion 2020-06-18-7.1 **passes**.

MOTION 2020-06-18-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Faculty Representative seats on the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Community Representative seats on the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the general member seats on the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Nominations for Faculty Representative seats: Bakhmala Khan.

Nominations for Community Representative seats: Nik Isaac-Pictou and Claudia Castillo-Prent.

Nominations for General Member seats: Baraa Fath.

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion 2020-06-18-7.2 **passes**.

MOTION 2020-06-18-7.3

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of two non-executive members of Council and three general members be elected to seats on the Student Life Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional councillors and general members may be appointed to the committee;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the councillor seats on the Student Life Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_ AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the general member seats on the Student Life Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Nominations for Councillor seats: N/A

Nominations for General Member seats: Cody Roy, Ahmad Kammonah, Saiz Charolia, and Alex MacDonald.

Motion 2020-06-18-7.3 **passes.**

#### MOTION 2020-06-18-7.4

WHEREAS the DSU bylaws mandate that a minimum of three non-executive members of Council be elected to seats on the External Committee, but do not impose any limit on how many additional councillors may be appointed to the committee;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the councillor seats on the External Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by:*

Nominations for Councillor seats: Shane Isler and Nik Isaac-Pictou.

Motion 2020-06-18-7.4 **passes.**

## **8. Presentations**

### 8.1 DSU Sustainability Office Report on Food Issues

*Presented by the DSUSO Food Commissioner. Documents Attached.*

Business arising from 8.1: MOTION 2020-06-18-8.1:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt DSUSO'S Report on Food Issues and the included recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council strike a Food Collective under the Terms of Reference proposed by DSUSO as an ad hoc committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Food Collective shall submit a report at the end of the academic year including recommendations as to the long-term goals and updated terms of reference for the Collective, based on which Council will consider establishing the Food Collective as a standing committee of the DSU or other recommended actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the members of the Food Collective appointed by Council shall be appointed at the next regular meeting of Council.

*The motion was moved and seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18-8.1 **passes.**

## **9. Committee Reports**

9.1 Report of the Budget and Finance Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

Business Arising from 9.1: MOTION 2020-06-18-9.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 be adopted as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; the motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18-9.1 **passes.**

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

MOTION 2020-06-18-11.1

WHEREAS COVID-19 has decreased available jobs and increased the financial burden on International Students; and

WHEREAS there is adequate funding available in the DSU International Student Emergency Bursary Reserve Fund; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$30,000 be allocated from the DSU International Student Emergency Bursary Reserve Fund and used according to the attached proposal.

*Moved by: VP Finance and Operations. Document Attached*

*The motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18-11.1 **passes.**

MOTION 2020-06-18-11.2

WHEREAS Dalhousie's Board of Governors voted to increase tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year by 3% for all students and an additional \$1473 for International students that began their academics at the University in the Fall 2019 semester or later; and

WHEREAS the DSU has written a letter to the Board of Governors informed by data collected from our survey titled *COVID, Campus and Costs*, which collected data DSU members' opinions on the price of tuition and campus closures and determined the largest issues impacting its members; and

WHEREAS the *COVID, Campus, and Costs* Survey showed that financial aids, such as bursaries, offered by the University and government are difficult to access and do not compensate for the increase in tuition; and

WHEREAS DSU members feel that online learning has an inherently lower value than on campus learning;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council call on Dalhousie University's Board of Governors to:

1. Rescind the decision to increase tuition for domestic and international students in the 2020-2021 academic year;
2. Decrease tuition and remove ancillary fees connected to on-campus experiential learning, campus infrastructure and department specific resources for the 2020-2021 academic year;
3. Issue partial refunds to students enrolled in the Winter 2020 and Summer 2020 semesters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council sign on to the open letter written by the Executive Committee calling for the implementation of these demands

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Councillors be encouraged to send emails in support of these demands using the email templates and mailing list on [dsu.ca/rejectthe3](https://dsu.ca/rejectthe3) and to call on their constituents to do the same

*Moved by the VP&E. Document Attached*

*The motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18-11.2 **passes.**

#### MOTION 2020-06-18-11.3

WHEREAS on June 05, 2020, Council adopted a motion to issue a non-disciplinary suspension to the current Vice President, Student Life, for a period of one week, with the possibility of extending the suspension by an additional week by special resolution of the Executive Committee; AND

WHEREAS on May 11, 2020, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to extend the non-disciplinary suspension by an additional week; AND

WHEREAS the DSU is committed, as per the Equity Policy, to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination; AND

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that sexualized violence and rape culture affect people profoundly and differently, and believes that all students have a right to safer campuses; AND

WHEREAS the DSU has hired a third-party and an investigation into the allegations against the VPSL and breaches of DSU bylaws, policies, and codes is underway but not yet complete;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current Vice President, Student Life, be suspended with pay, effective immediately, for a period of one (1) week as a non-disciplinary action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this suspension may be renewed for an additional period of up to one (1) week by a special resolution passed by the Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if said suspension is renewed, this decision will be immediately communicated to Councillors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this non-disciplinary suspension be carried out in order to allow for the investigation to proceed and conclude in an equitable manner.

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18-11.3 **passes.**

MOTION 2020-06-18.11.4

WHEREAS an ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee met over the course of the 2019-2020 year to develop a five-year Strategic Plan for the Union; and

WHEREAS Council ratified the Plan's strategic priorities on April 8, 2020;  
THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the proposed 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

*Document attached.*

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18.11.4 **passes.**

MOTION 2020-06-18.11.5

WHEREAS there has been a consistent rise of anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism in Canada, the United States, and across the world; and

WHEREAS Police violence, as well as discrimination within employment, housing and academia, is heavily apparent across the globe; and

WHEREAS the recent killings of Regis Korchinski-Paquet, George Floyd, D'Andre Campbell, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Chantel Moore, and Rodney Levi at the hands of police in Canada and the United States have had immense impacts on Black and Indigenous individuals and communities, and sparked conversation around systemic anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism in Canada; and

WHEREAS systemic racism and the inappropriate use of police force also occurs within Halifax, as evidenced in the 2019 report by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission which found that Black people in Halifax were up to six times more likely to be street checked than white people; and



WHEREAS the DSU, like many organizations in Canada, must continue to address anti-Black racism, and develop programs and policies that will combat the anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism that is within our institution,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU donate to a cause or business that is run by the Black community and/or focused on supporting the Black community after consulting with the Black Student Advising Centre and Black student societies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all DSU elected representatives and staff take part in an anti-oppression training to ensure we have the skills needed to educate ourselves and address anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all advocacy campaigns developed by the DSU are reflective of the needs of Black and Indigenous students studying at Dalhousie University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU work with Black student representatives to develop programming and campaigns that will enrich the academic and social experiences of Black students at Dalhousie.

*Moved by the President; the motion was seconded*

Motion 2020-06-18.11.5 **passes.**

## **12. Executive Reports**

12.1 President

12.2 Vice President, Internal

12.3 Vice President, Finance and Operations

12.4 Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Vice President, Student Life

## **13. Notice of Motion**

13.1 Notice of Motion to Amend Communications Policy

The following motion will be on the agenda at the next meeting of DSU Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT amendments to the Communications Policy be adopted as circulated to Council on June 18, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Social Media Policy be struck, as by this motion its contents have been incorporated into the Communications Policy

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal. Document to be circulated June 18 following the meeting.*

## **14. Announcements**

The next meeting of Council will be held (tentatively) on July 16, 2020 at 6:00pm, using Microsoft Teams. Confirmation of the meeting date and time will be sent out via email.

## **15. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: President; the motion was seconded

Motion **passes**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: July 16, 2020; 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President

Ilsa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Bakhmala Khan - Faculty of Science  
Sahl Zahoor - Faculty of Computer Science  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine

**Absent with regrets:**

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative

**Vacant:**

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
International Students' Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

Women Students Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Aparna Mohan

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-07-16-3.1

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

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-07-16-3.1.1: motion to amend the agenda.

The President put a document in the chat to add to the agenda. It is a motion to adopt a non-disciplinary suspension for the VPSL. This is because the third-party investigator hired has concluded their investigation and, as of last week, the President petitioned the judicial board to see whether any codes have been violated. This inquiry is still ongoing and hasn't yet concluded.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President Internal

Amendment: Add motion 11.2 to the agenda.

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2020-07-16-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the DSU Council meeting on June 18, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

Moved by: LGBTQ+; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative

Motion **passes**.

## 6. Communications Received

Received regrets from the Black Students' Representative.

## 7. Appointments by Council

### MOTION 2020-07-16-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the Sexton Campus student representative on the Food Collective for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative*

Nominations for Food Collective seats: Sowmya Akaraju.

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-07-16-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Oversight Committee as a General Member for the 2020-21 Academic Year.

*Moved by: Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative*

Nominations for General Member seats: Emma Miller

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

## 8. Presentations

None.

## 9. Committee Reports

### 9.1 Budget and Finance Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.2 Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

*Presented by the President*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.3 External Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Academic and External*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.4 Grants and Sponsorship Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.5 International Student Emergency Bursary Fund Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.6 Offices Steering Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Internal*

*Nothing new to report. Has only passed one motion so far, to extend the ENA bursary. It was approved until September.*

### 9.7 Oversight Committee

*Presented by the Oversight Committee Chair*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.8 Society Review Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Internal*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.9 Student Accessibility Fund Committee

*Presented by the Vice President, Internal*

*Nothing new to report*

### 9.10 Student Life Committee

*Presented by the President*

*Nothing new to report*

## **10. Old Business**

### MOTION 2020-07-16-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT amendments to the Sponsorship Policy be adopted as circulated on May 21, 2020

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative*

*Document attached*

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-07-16-10.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reserve Fund Policy be adopted as circulated on May 21, 2020.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: President*

*Document attached.*

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-07-16.10.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT amendments to the Communications Policy be adopted as circulated to Council on June 18, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Social Media Policy be struck, as by this motion its contents have been incorporated into the Communications Policy.

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal; seconded by: President*

*Document attached.*

Motion **passes**.

## **11. New Business**

MOTION 2020-07-16.11.1

WHEREAS the situation in Yemen has been declared by the UN as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world

AND WHEREAS the Canadian government has a military equipment contract with Saudi Arabia, one of the countries involved in the conflict and supporting the internationally recognized Yemeni government,

THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the DSU write a letter addressed to the Canadian government stating our solidarity with the Yemeni people and opposing their military contract with Saudi Arabia because it is perpetuating violence.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the letter focus on an anti-violence message and ensure that the DSU does not take a side in the ongoing civil war.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: LGBTQ+ Representative*

The VP AE stated that as a student union, we shouldn't do anything to alienate any student; however, they feel that it is important to address this matter and to spread an anti-violence message. When the Canadian government approved the arms deal, they stated that if human rights were violated, they would back out of it. Since then, they have been several violations, but the deal has continued. As a student union, we should share a strong anti-violence message and oppose such things.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-07-16-11.2

WHEREAS Council has adopted consecutive motions since May 07, 2020 to issue non-disciplinary suspensions to the current Vice President, Student Life, for a period of one week, with the possibility of extending the suspension by an additional week by special resolution of the Executive Committee; AND

WHEREAS on July 09, 2020, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to extend the latest non-disciplinary suspension by an additional week; AND

WHEREAS the DSU is committed, as per the Equity Policy, to creating equitable and inclusive environments free from harassment and discrimination; AND

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that sexualized violence and rape culture affect people profoundly and differently, and believes that all students have a right to safer campuses; AND

WHEREAS the DSU has hired a third-party legal investigator and an investigation into the allegations against the VPSL and breaches of DSU bylaws, policies, and codes has concluded; and

WHEREAS the Judicial Board has since been petitioned by the President to provide advisory opinions on alleged breaches of DSU bylaws, policies, and codes but has not yet concluded their inquiry;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current Vice President, Student Life, be suspended with pay, effective immediately, for a period of one (1) week as a non-disciplinary action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this suspension may be renewed for an additional period of up to one (1) week by a special resolution passed by the Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if said suspension is renewed, this decision will be immediately communicated to Councillors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this non-disciplinary suspension be carried out in order to allow for the Judicial Board inquiry to proceed and conclude in an equitable manner.

*Moved by the President; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative*

The President stated that things were going smoothly. The hearing is scheduled for this Monday (July 20<sup>th</sup>); it will be a closed hearing. She is hoping that on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, an extraordinary meeting of council will be called to discuss the advisory opinion; however, this date is still tentative.

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 President

Nothing to report

### 12.2 Vice President, Internal

Nothing to report

### 12.3 Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nothing to report

### 12.4 Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to report

### 12.5 Vice President, Student Life

Nothing to report

## **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

## **14. Announcements**

Tentative date for extraordinary council meeting is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

### Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Meeting Date and Time: July 30, 2020 6:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

#### Land Acknowledgement

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#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President  
Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal  
Erica Seeleman – Vice President, Academic and External  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Bakhmala Khan - Faculty of Science Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

##### Absent with regrets:

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

##### Absent without regrets:

Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

##### Vacant:

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative

International Students' Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Women Students Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Vice President, Academic; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-07-30-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the DSU Council meeting on July 16, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

Moved by: Vice President, Academic; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-07-30-5.1.1: Motion to amend the minutes.

Amendment: adding Black Students' Representative as "absent"

Moved by: Black Students' Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from Vice President, Finance and Operations

### **7. New Business**

7.1 Presentation and discussion of Judicial Board report on VPSL conduct.

*Presented by the President; document to be circulated on July 30.*

The President stated that the third-party investigator, Kelly Macmillan, is very well-rounded and conducted the investigation well. The investigator found that the complainant was not Olivia MacDonald. This means that the complainant is not who they said they were. The respondent did not drug the complainant at JadFest. The incident described in the Change.org petition did

not occur as alleged. Statements published by Jad Ghiz were not meant to cause ill. The investigator did not address potential allegations of sexual violence on other platforms; this is because the committee did not ask them to do so as they felt it would be beyond the scope of the DSU as these matters are outside the DSU's jurisdiction.

In conclusion, the President felt that it noteworthy that the due diligence breaches on the part of Jad Ghiz were not made in bad faith and were not made to be misleading. The judicial board recommends that we enact an action plan committee to outline issues similar to these so that they can be addressed in a meaningful, timely, and appropriate manner in the future. The President stated that this investigation has indicated to us places that we can do better and be more considerate. The judicial board recommends that there be no further disciplinary action toward Jad Ghiz as there was no ill will or malevolent intent.

MOTION 2020-07-30-P1: Motion for a 5-minute recess.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

The Chair explained that the recess was to allow for council to process the information presented by the President.

Motion **passes**.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks, why council received this report only 3.5 hours ago? Councillors may not have had time to look over the report prior to the Council meeting. President states, they read the report themselves and spoke to the executive committee about when to release it. They wanted to take the cautionary road and reduce the risk of having it end up online.

Board of Governors Representative 1 states, they are having difficulty understanding how the decision to suspend the VPSL was a misuse of judicial board authority. President states, the judicial board is of the opinion that the mechanism to use themselves and judicial board policy as a reason for suspension was not with alignment with policy. The judicial board would have preferred no suspension to take place and that should a suspension have been implemented, judicial board policy should not have been used to justify it.

Black Students' Representative asks, what policy was breached?

President states, there was misuse of judicial board authority. Under section 33, it states that the judicial board has the authority to suspend an individual who is the subject of an inquiry, but the neither the executives nor councillors hold this power. They believe that council adopted a power they understand to be solely their own and this was a misuse of power to justify an action that should not have occurred.

Faculty of Law Representative states, looking at the investigation summary, it was very vague especially given the seriousness of the investigation. They would like more information on what was found, other than the conclusion.

President states, it is important to note that the summary was created for internal use within the DSU. The President created the report in a manner that would protect the privacy of those included in the report and make it easy to use for meetings. Therefore, this is a very basic summary of the investigation. Within the investigation itself however, there is a lot more reasoning. The President says that if they were to give the full report to council, it would become public knowledge, and this would be a breach of privacy. In motions they've passed, council does have the ability to look at it in its entirety and can also look at the redacted version which hides personal information. The President believes that the redacted version is in very legal terms and is likely to be inaccessible to people who are not familiar with legal speak. They state that if they were to put the report on record, there is chance that members would read it and interpret it in a way that will perpetuate matters. If council is to look at a version of the report that is redacted, the President wants it to be moved to an in-camera session. However, with that being said, the membership will be receiving a more thorough summary than that received today.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks, why wasn't a redacted version in non-legal terminology circulated?

President states, they understand the concern. It is possible to have the legal report translated from legal speak in its entirety but that would take time; the President states that they could do that if that is what the membership wants. However, the President would like more information from council and doesn't want to be making this decision on their own as they don't have the experience.

Indigenous Students' Representative states, the document is written in a very ambiguous manner which makes it difficult for some to understand. They suggest that we have two versions, one that is redacted and one that isn't, such that the membership can compare. President states, they understand this concern but would still like more information. They believe that they are not in the position to create a layman's report of the whole document. The President states that they would like more direction on this, perhaps in the form of a motion.

Vice President, Academic and External states, that it is not entirely appropriate for the executive team to translate the report out of legal speak. This is because it would lead to assumptions and concessions which we do not have the background for. They state that if council would like to see the report, the names appearing on it could be blacked.

Faculty of Management Representative asks, given that the judicial board has seen the full report and come to this decision, is there much else missing? Does this come down to council simply needing to know more?

President states, indeed, the judicial board has seen the full version however the judicial board is comprised of law students who are bound by legal obligations. The President states that they are bound by the direction of council; if folks want to move in that direction, they should decide what they would like to do.

Vice President, Academic and External states, they understand the council's desire to know more; however, they believe that the investigator chosen for this matter was appropriately selected because of her ability to work with survivors. They believe that some level of trust needs to happen with council.

Board of Governors Representative 1 states, they are curious to know what the Faculty of Law Representative's thoughts are since they brought up the initial concern.

Faculty of Law Representative states, they would not have asked for a redacted version. They also state that they do not distrust the conclusion; however, it is hard to cast judgement on an investigation when we haven't properly received report for. There was not much information given on the complainant. They would like more information on the legal aspects behind the conclusion.

Black Students' Representative states, they would like to echo what the Faculty of Law Representative stated. They would like to have more detail on how the judicial board came to their decision, given the seriousness of the allegation.

Faculty of Management Representative asks, does the investigator's report include all of the avenues explored by the investigator?

President states, that all steps taken by the investigator were included in the report, which was given to the judicial board. The President states that they are not preventing the membership from seeing the report and that if folks would like to see it, a motion needs to be made.

Faculty of Medicine Representative states, they would like more information as well and would like to propose a motion to see the redacted version of the report in-camera.

MOTION 2020-07-30-P2: Motion to move in-camera to see the contents of the redacted report.

Moved by: Faculty of Medicine Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative

Motion **passes**.

**Council moved in camera at (7:16PM)**

**Council moved ex camera at (7:45PM)**

MOTION 2020-07-30-7.2:

WHEREAS Council engaged an external legal investigator to investigate allegations made online against the Vice President, Student Life and the resulting report found that the allegations, based on a balance of probabilities, are false; and

WHEREAS the report was forwarded to the Judicial Board who have considered the findings in the context of the DSU Bylaws and Policy and found that any breaches of policy made by the Vice President, Student Life were undertaken during extenuating circumstances and without the intent to cause harm; and

WHEREAS Council acknowledges that many survivors justifiably fear not being believed when coming forward with a disclosure of sexual violence, due to the culture of non-consent and victim-blaming that is commonplace within our communities and our campuses; and

WHEREAS the Council acknowledges that these accusations against the VPSL have opened up conversations that have perpetuated harm against survivors of sexual violence, especially those who are Queer, Black, Indigenous, and other persons of color, which must be addressed; and

WHEREAS Council seeks to enshrine principles of justice that recognize both the need for survivor-centric response and the need to actively counter discrimination and bias against racialized students that can lead to disproportionate repercussions against those students when compared to their white peers;

WHEREAS the complexity of this process has pointed to a need for the DSU to better support racialized members of the DSU community to ensure that all students are treated equitably; and

WHEREAS the complexity of this process has also pointed to a need for the DSU to concretely act on survivor-centric principles by improving and clarifying internal complaint, investigation, and discipline procedures to ensure they are in line with the DSU's overarching principles and the mandate of the Survivor Support Centre;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council strike an ad-hoc committee, in line with recommendation from the Judicial Board's advisory opinions, to ensure that DSU policies and procedures reflect a survivor-centric framework as well as due process, fairness, and transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Committee includes the DSU President, at least two non-Executive Councillors, and two members-at-large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee is named the Response Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall include an individual external to the DSU with expertise in creating and revising survivor-centric policy as a non-voting advisory member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee reports to Council on all progress during the last meeting of Council for 2020 and again at the last meeting of 2020-21 Council.

*Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic and External*

Motion **passes**.

## **8. Notice of Motion**

8.1 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next Council meeting on August 13:



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Elections and Referenda Policy be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Elections Policy and Referenda Policies be struck, as well as the Community Representation and Faculty Representation Policies.

*Moved by the President upon recommendation of Bylaw and Policy Review Committee; document to be circulated on July 30.*

8.2 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next Council meeting on August 13:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed By law and Policy Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Bylaw and Policy Review guidelines be struck.

*Moved by the President upon recommendation of Bylaw and Policy Review Committee; document to be circulated on July 30.*

President has indicated that these will be circulated tomorrow morning (July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020).

#### **9. Announcements**

None.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: August 13, 2020 6:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:09PM

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President  
Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal  
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations  
Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External  
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Bakhmala Khan - Faculty of Science Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative

#### Absent with regrets:

Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

#### Vacant:

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
International Students' Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Women Students Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-08-13-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the DSU Council meeting on July 16, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

Moved by: Vice President, Academic; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-08-13-5.1.1: Motion to amend the minutes.

Amendment: changing "Seeleman" to "Seeleemann"

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-08-13-5.1.2: Motion to amend the minutes.

Amendment: clarification of purpose of the question asked by the Indigenous Students' Representative. They would like to expand upon the purpose of the question asked during the previous council meeting regarding receipt of the judicial board's report; the reason they asked this question is because councillors may not have had enough time to look over the report before council meeting.

Moved by: Indigenous Students' Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

## **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative and the LGBTQ+ Students Representative

## **7. Appointments by Council**

### MOTION 2020-08-13-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kate Yau be appointed Chief Returning Officer for the 2020-21 Academic Year.

*Moved by the President. Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee*

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-08-13-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Offices Steering Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the Vice President, Internal; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative. Nomination to be brought forward by Oversight Committee.*

*Document Attached.*

Nominations for Offices Steering Committee seats: Gabrielle Luongo.

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-08-13-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the External Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative Nomination to be brought forward by Oversight Committee*

Nominations for External Committee seats: Katarzyna Farrell.

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-08-13-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to the Senate Caucus:

Black Students' Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Women Students' Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Students With Disabilities Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing Education Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; Nominations to be brought forward by Executive Committee*

*Executive committee will not be bringing forward any nominations.*

MOTION 2020-07-30-P1: Motion for a 5-minute recess.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

The Chair explained that the recess was to allow for council to read over statements of intent.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.4.1: Motion to amend the initial motion.

Amendment: striking the Continuing Education Representative from the motion.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-07-30-P2: Motion for a 5-minute recess.

Moved by: Indigenous Students' Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

The Chair explained that the recess was to allow for council to vote.

Motion **passes**.

Nominations for Black Students' Representative: Raven Ghazzawi

Nominations for Women Students' Representative: Sierra Sparks

Nominations for Students with Disabilities Representative: Katarzyna Farrell

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-08-13-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2020-2021 Academic  
Year.

*Moved by the President; seconded by: Black Students' Representative. Nominations to be  
brought forward by Oversight Committee*

Nominations for Elections Committee seats: Damian Mensch and Surbhi Mehta

All nominees were appointed to their respective positions using an online voting process.

Motion **passes**.

**8. Presentations**

8.1 Senate Caucus Appointments Update

*Presented by the Vice President, Academic and External*

*Document Attached*

They state that in our current bylaws, there isn't a clear method to appoint students to the senate caucus and specifically to senate subcommittees. There were 2016 bylaws that were clear, however the amendment lapsed in 2019. Given that it was successful, they propose a similar change and were working to adopt something similar in our bylaws now. Overall, there are three groups within the senate caucus. There's the entire caucus, which includes any students which choose to attend as members; however, they won't have a vote. Then there are the voting members and the student senators who will be students that attend Dalhousie senate and senate subcommittees. For some of these subcommittees, one does not need to be a voting member to sit on; this is noteworthy for anyone who is interested but isn't appointed.

**9. Committee Reports**

None.

**10. Old Business**

MOTION 2020-08-13-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Elections and Referenda Policy be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Elections Policy and Referenda Policies be struck, as well as the Community Representation and Faculty Representation Policies.

*Moved by the President; seconded by: Vice President, Internal. Recommended for adoption by  
Bylaw and Policy Review Committee*

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-08-13-10.1.1: Motion to amend the initial motion.

Amendment: Including clause 9.3.3

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-08-13-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed Bylaw and Policy Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing Bylaw and Policy Review guidelines be struck.

*Moved by the President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External. Recommended for adoption by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.*

Motion **passes**.

11. New Business

MOTION 2020-08-13-11.1

WHEREAS the DSU Bylaws do not outline a process for appointing DSU representatives to Dalhousie University Senate Sub-Committees and the process has not been standardized in recent years; and

WHEREAS the Senate Caucus is an official DSU body with representation from student communities and faculty-level societies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate Caucus is tasked with appointing student members to Dalhousie University Senate Sub-Committees for the 2020-21 Academic Year in line with the terms of reference for each Sub-Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate Caucus will prioritize members of the Senate Caucus for available DSU-appointed seats on Senate Sub-Committees, first prioritizing voting members of the Caucus and then non-voting members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice President, Academic and External shall report all sub-committee appointments made by the Caucus to Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee and the Senate Caucus be tasked with reviewing current governing documents and practices and developing a bylaw and/or policy amendment(s) to better define the process for appointments to Senate Sub-Committees in the future. Any such bylaw or policy amendments would be subject to approval at General Meeting or Council Meeting, respectively.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative.

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports** *Documents attached*

### 12.1 Report of the President

Nothing to add.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

States that they forgot to add all of the VPI ratification items in their report. If folks are interested in seeing who they approved, the Vice President, Internal, can send a list.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nothing to add.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to add.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Nothing to add.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

13.1 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next regular meeting of Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations. Document to be circulated August.*

Vice President, Finance and Operations, states that there has been a committee that has been operating for a number of years. However, there isn't a policy that outlines how they operate. Since there has been a drastic increase in the number of applications seen each month since COVID-19 started, the policy coordinator and Vice President, Finance and Operations, worked on this policy to mandate the committee to review the applications once every 4 weeks. If there are questions or amendments, contact the Vice President, Finance and Operations.

13.2 The following motion will appear on the agenda at the next regular meeting of Council:

WHEREAS almost the entirety of the Council Policy is in contradiction with the DSU Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Union Rules and Procedures policy outlines Council procedures and the responsibilities of Council staff; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Policy is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee to develop a new policy incorporating the provisions of the Union Rules and Procedures Policy in addition to any provisions from the defunct Council Policy that should be maintained or are not covered in other policies.

*Moved by the President.*



## **14. Announcements**

### 14.1 Council Meeting Schedule for the 2020 Fall term

Presented by the President

Document attached

Indigenous Students' Representative states that they do not understand the document. President states that it is a list of dates and times at which council is going to meet. There were issues in finding a time that works for everyone. President states that there is one representative who can't attend, so they will appoint a proxy, and two representatives who will arrive late.

## **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 10, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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*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

Meeting called to order at 6:38PM.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal  
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations  
Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Bakhmala Khan - Faculty of Science Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
International Students' Representative

Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Madeleine Stinson – President  
Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

**Absent without regrets:**

Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative

**Vacant:**

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Women Students Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-09-10-3.1

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

Moved by: Faculty of Law Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-09-10-3.1. 1: Motion to amend the minutes.

Amendment: Move motion 11.1 to after approval of minutes.

Moved by: Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2020-09-10-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on August 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached*

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; Seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

**6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the President and Vice President, Student Life.

**7. Appointments by Council**

MOTION 2020-09-10-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the committee appointments recommended by Oversight Committee.

*Recommendations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee on September 10, 2020.*

Nominations for Oversight Committee seats: **Surbhi Mehta**.

Nominations for Society Review Committee seats: **William Luton**.

Nominations for Student Life Committee seats: **Ferwa Tariq**.

Nominations for Finance Committee seats: **None**.

Nominations for Offices Steering Committee seats: **None**.

Chief Returning Officer states that the only reason the severity for this position is high is because October 5<sup>th</sup> is when nomination period begins; therefore, they would like to pass the nomination forms by the elections committee before then, at least 2 weeks prior. The Chief Returning Officer also states that October 5<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of a very intensive period for the elections committee; the committee will need to have their training and have an understanding of what is expected of them prior to that. The Chief Returning Officer states that although this is going to be a smaller run compared to the winter elections, they anticipate that there will be a number of issues in terms of campaign. They would like to have the committee ready beforehand so that byelections and winter elections can run smooth.

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative

Motion **passes**.

## 8. Presentations

### 8.1 Centre for Learning and Teaching Presentation

*Presenter: Brad Wuetherick, CLT Executive Director*

### 8.2 Fall SUB Operation Updates

*Presenter: President*

President is not in attendance

Presented by Vice President, Finance and Operations.

They state that the DSU building is open. They state if you go to the DSU website and click on student union building, there is a thorough update about the SUB's and DSU's physical operations. The basement and first floor are open to students. The whole building is direction and there are lots of stations with hand sanitizers. All of the common spaces are being regularly cleaned. On the first floor, the Tim Hortons is open. The Loaded Ladle is also open; this week they're handing out snacks. Next week, they'll be doing lunch service on non-reusable containers. Currently, these are the only two food service open in the building. If there is demand for it, Mezze and Pete's are likely to be the next to open. If there is enough traffic in the building, the Grawood and Campus Copy would also open.

Currently, the bookstore isn't open. However, they're still doing curbside pickup. So, if one were to call or order online, they could pick up their order at the LeMarchant street entrance. The food bank will still be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 12-5PM or 1-5PM; food boxes can be ordered online as well by filling out the order form. To pick-up an order, students are advised to come to the main doors on University Avenue, where a volunteer will be present. The farmer's market isn't open at the moment, but they're still doing online orders and pickup on Tuesdays. Room bookings are accepted for societies or individuals, as long as the DSU is provided with the number of people who will be attending.

The DSU still has staff working full-time in the building, which is why the second and third floors are closed. This is to keep the DSU staff safe from the student traffic in the SUB. A phased reopening is planned.

As far as the T-Room, Sexton campus isn't open yet and the DSU hasn't been given any word on when it might reopen. Once there is enough traffic and Sexton campus is open, the T-Room will be opened.

Masks are mandatory throughout the building. There will be a student at the information desk to answer any questions. If a student wishes to speak with an executive or full-time staff member, they are advised to book an appointment.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks if there is plexiglass or other forms of protection for staff working at the information desk.

Vice President, Finance and Operations, states that the desk is placed in such a way such that there is a socially-distant spacing. In addition, those who aren't wearing their masks properly will not be allowed into the building. They state that they cannot remember if there is currently plexiglass at the information desk. However, within a week of opening, they will be doing a check-in with staff to gain a greater understanding of what is needed.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

### MOTION 2020-09-10-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Academic and External

*Document attached.*

Equity and Accessibility Office Coordinator asks why the international student bursary committee is allowed to have discretion to decide what students should and should not spend their money on. Given that international students have different needs to domestic students, they don't understand how the committee can distinguish between essential and non-essential spending. They state that the committee's actions go directly against the DSU's equity statements.

Vice President Finance & Operations states that this committee uses an allowable cost model; they also state that the goal of this committee is not to police international students or criticize their spending. They state that the committee only needs to know what the student's annual income is and what their expenses are in order to see the shortfalls.

Black Students' Representative states that their main concerns are with points 5.8.3 and 5.9. They state that they have sat on bursary committees and understand the cost of living framework. They don't understand 5.8.3, which states "the ISEBC was meant to reduce the amount of bursary funding awarded to applicants whose living costs exceed the standard cost outline in the cost of living framework". They also state that they don't understand 5.9, which states "the committee may deprioritize or reject applications where the applicant has not demonstrated adequate financial responsibility and an effort to mitigate their financial needs through other means." They don't understand how the committee can regulate financial responsibility.

Indigenous Students' Representative states that this should be tabled. They state that current guidelines need to be revised to accommodate for students who may have difficulty keeping a record of their spending.

Vice President, Academic and External, states that given their experience with bursary committees, they understand where the concerns are coming from. They state that it is difficult, morally and ethically, to find a solution, especially given that the finances available are very finite. They state that they would appreciate having a guide that would allow the committee to make a decision in cases where it is difficult to decide. They state that they appreciate all of the points brought up during this meeting in regard to bursaries.

MOTION 2020-09-10-10.2: Motion to postpone indefinitely.

To postpone the adoption of the International Student Emergency Bursary to the next meeting of the DSU council on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by: Faculty of Law Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-09-10-10.3

WHEREAS almost the entirety of the Council Policy is in contradiction with the DSU Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Union Rules and Procedures policy outlines Council procedures and the responsibilities of Council staff; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Policy is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee to develop a new policy incorporating the provisions of the Union Rules and Procedures Policy in addition to any provisions from the defunct Council Policy that should be maintained or are not covered in other policies.

Moved by the President; seconded by: Faculty of Law Representative

Motion **passes**.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks, if council policies are repealed, what is there in the meantime? Will there be something to fill the void?

Council chair states that the Union rules and procedures policy covers anything that is needed to know from the council policy. Almost everything else in the council policy is

irrelevant and in direct contradiction with the bylaws. It isn't currently serving much of a purpose.

## **11. New Business**

### **MOTION 2020-09-10-11.1**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fall By-Election Schedule be approved as proposed.

*Document to be circulated prior to meeting.*

Moved by: Faculty of Law Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks if the committee was notified of this by-election beforehand.

Vice President, Finance, states that there was mention of the by-election. They state that the bylaws state that if there are vacant positions in the council or executive committee by September 1<sup>st</sup>, then elections are to be had by October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Vice President, Finance, also states that the deadline for approval of a by-election is early September; as such, this meeting serves as official notice of the by-election. They also state that there have been passive references to this by-election, but it wasn't explicitly stated.

Chief Returning Officer states that the reason we are moving quickly through this is because the deadline to pass this is September 14<sup>th</sup>. The CRO states that there are a number of dates in the document that don't apply to council. However, the important ones to notice are October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>, which are the dates for the nomination period. October 5<sup>th</sup> is when registration opens and campaigning can begin. The CRO states that they aim for voting to open by October 21<sup>st</sup> or October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They also state that because many students are in different areas of the world, specific times for voting have yet to be determined. In the document, the white dates are past the voting period and are meant to allow for time to deal with appeals and such. The CRO states that the latest end time for this election is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **12. Executive Reports**

12.1 Report of the President

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

Nothing to report.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nothing to report.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to report.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life



**13. Notice of Motion**

None.

**14. Announcements**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting is adjourned at 8:39PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: September 24, 2020; 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:41PM.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Bakhmala Khan - Faculty of Science Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
International Students' Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Women Students Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2020-09-24-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting is adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-09-24-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: Remove Motion 10.1.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5.8 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting an additional clause reading "The annual cost-of-living framework will be made available on the Union's website along with other information about applying for the ISEB"

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-09-24-3.1.2: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: Strike Motion 11.1 from the agenda

Moved by: Vice President Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-09-24-3.1.3: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: Add BPRC Report under Committee Reports

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2020-09-24-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached.*

Moved by: Faculty of Management Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

**6. Communications Received**

Regrets from Faculty of Law Representative

**7. Appointments by Council**

None.

**8. Presentations**

PRESENTATION 2020-09-24-8.1

Presentation and invitation to NS Needs Students Rally

*Presented by the Vice-President, Academic and External. Document circulated.*

**9. Committee Reports**

BPRC Report:

The AGM is coming up on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Normally, at the AGM, amendments to the bylaws are presented. However, this year, this won't be happening. The first reason for this, President states, is that the BPRC is doing extensive amendments to the bylaws. The second reason is because there needs to be good attendance in order to amend bylaws. President states that they are planning on holding a second AGM in the spring semester to present the bylaws.

**10. Old Business**

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

*Document attached.*

MOTION 2020-09-24-P.1: Motion to omnibus

Motion to omnibus 10.1 – 10.6.

Moved by: Vice President, Finance & Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.1 - Motion to amend committee composition

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 2.2 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting “and will not carry a vote except in the case of a tie” to the end of the existing clause 2.2.1.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 2.2 be amended by inserting “2.2.1.4 One international student who is not a councilor or Executive Officer of the Union, to be appointed by Council”.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.2 - Motion to restrict identifying information

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting a clause following clause 5.1 that shall read: "In the interest of countering the potential effects of unconscious bias or conflict of interest, the chair must remove all names and identifying information from applications before circulating them to the ISEBC. For accounting purposes, only the chair of the ISEBC will be able to view applicants' names and identifying information."  
*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.3 - Motion to elaborate on cost of living framework

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5.8 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting "This will be developed in consultation with international students to ensure that the framework is reasonable and realistic." at the end of the existing clause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 5.8.1 be amended by striking out "standard" and inserting "average international student."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 5.8.2 be amended by striking out "standard costs" and inserting "cost of living frameworks" in its place' by inserting "and consultation" following the words "up-to-date statistics"; and by striking out "these goods and services" and inserting "rent, food, and services for international students." The section in its entirety as amended would read "These cost-of-living frameworks will be set and updated each year in line with the most up-to-date statistics and consultation available on cost of living and typical costs for rent, food and services for international students in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), as well as the HRM's rate of inflation."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT section 5.8 be amended by striking out the existing clause 5.8.3 and inserting "Applicants will be provided space and encouraged to elaborate on costs which have been created by family circumstances, access needs, dietary needs, or other individual concerns."

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.4 - Motion to clarify deprioritization and rejection

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the section 5.9 of the proposed policy be amended by striking out "where the applicant has not adequately demonstrated financial responsibility and an effort to mitigate the financial need through other means" and inserting "in the event an applicant did not provide enough information or did not thoroughly convey their circumstances and emergency financial need. The applicant is welcomed to reapply and may be prioritized upon second submission."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the section be further amended by inserting a subsidiary clause reading "The ISEBC chair will inform applicants whose applications are rejected of the reason(s) for said rejection."

MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.5 - Motion to make cost of living framework available on website

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5.8 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting an additional clause reading “The annual cost-of-living framework will be made available to the Union’s website along with other information about the ISEB.”



MOTION 2020-09-24-10.1.6 - Motion to allow applicants to request information

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 5.8 of the proposed policy be amended by inserting an additional clause reading "A potential applicant may ask the chair of ISEBC for information on the cost-of-living framework being used to review applications."

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

**11. New Business**

MOTION 2020-09-24-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council sign the letter to support funding for the development of an Indigenous Major program at Dalhousie University as circulated.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External.*

*Document attached.*

MOTION 2020-09-24-11.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2020 are approved.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

*Document attached.*

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-09-24-11.3

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

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the DSU's continued use of PWC for preparation of financial statements for the 2021 fiscal year.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-09-24-11.4

WHEREAS Dalhousie students are concerned about rising tuition costs at Dal and within the province of Nova Scotia, and the DSU seeks to represent and advocate for these concerns; AND

WHEREAS the DSU advocates for accessible and affordable education including through the recent Reject the Three campaign; AND

WHEREAS Dalhousie University administrators often cite the lack of government funding as the cause of increasing tuition, and this issue is supported by the data on university funding in Nova

Scotia which shows that public funding for institutions has generally decreased as a proportion of overall revenue while universities have become increasingly reliant on tuition and fees to make up their bottom lines; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council endorse the DSU's NS Needs Students campaign and its demands that the provincial government act immediately to increase university funding and freeze tuition fees for all post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the VP AE write a letter to the province on behalf of Council to echo these demands, which will be circulated to Councillors for edits and revisions prior to being finalized and delivered; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councillors are encouraged to participate in the digital or in-person rally in support of the campaign launch taking place on September 30 and encourage their constituents to participate as well. Note that those wishing to attend the in-person rally must RSVP to the VP AE to ensure COVID-19 precautions can be maintained.

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Faculty of Management Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

The VP AE adds that they and the VPSL are working on the FRCC.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

## **14. Announcements**

NS Needs Students rally will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3PM at Province House (1726 Hollis St.). If you would like to attend, contact the VPAAE at dsuvpae@dal.ca.

We have an AGM coming up on October 1<sup>st</sup>; please register through the AirTable form or send regrets to the Council Chair.

Positions are open on an ad-hoc committee, created to perform a secondary review of DSU bylaws and policies to ensure that they are intersectional and operate on a survivor-centric framework. If you are interested in joining, please send your statement of intent to the Oversight Committee by October 6<sup>th</sup>. The ad-hoc committee needs 2 members at large and will accept councillors who are not executives. If you are currently on the Oversight Committee and would like to join, nominations will take place as they do on council.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks if the DSU put out a statement of solidarity with the current Indigenous fishing rights dispute.

Vice President, Finance & Operations, states that the DSU is working on an amnesty letter at the moment. They also state that they are organizing a donations bin for needed items for folks. The VPFO states that they will be driving down to the site this weekend or Monday to deliver jackets and warm supplies. Any students wanting to join are welcome to do so. If there are any suggestions, feel free to get in contact with the VPFO.

President adds that a motion is in the works with the senate to grant Indigenous students academic amnesty. If approved, this will give each Indigenous student who applies one amnesty request to use by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: October 8, 2020 6:30pm

Location: Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

President

Vice President, Internal

Vice President, Finance and Operations

Vice President, Student Life  
Vice President, Academic and External  
Board of Governors Representative 1  
Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Faculty of Science Representative  
Indigenous Students' Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Black Students' Representative  
Faculty of Law Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

**Absent without regrets:**

Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
International Students' Representative  
LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Women Students Representative

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2020-10-08-3.1

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

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-08-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: Add Motions 11.1 and 11.2

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-10-08-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 24, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

None.

### **7. Appointments by Council**

#### MOTION 2020-10-08-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

Councillors (unlimited): \_\_\_\_\_

General members (2): \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*Recommendations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee.*

The Oversight Committee has no recommendations.

President states that the Response Committee is the result that came out of Council at the end of July where Council agreed that there was a demonstrated need to review DSU policies, such that they are fair. The Response Committee will review policies, as mandated by Council. They will also bring in someone who works in the field professionally to help advise.

Nominations for Councillors seats: **Faculty of Medicine Representative.**

Nominations for General Member seats: **None.**

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes.**

## **8. Presentations**

### 8.1 Executive Goals for 2020-2021

*Presented by the President and Executive Committee. Document Attached.*

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

### MOTION 2020-10-08-11.1

WHEREAS on September 25, 2020 the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) released the results of a Workload Survey Summary Report demonstrating that over 85% of respondents were experiencing higher or substantially higher levels of stress compared to last year, and that many DFA members feel overworked, anxious, and disrespected by the Board of Governors' actions; AND

WHEREAS on September 22 the DFA filed for a conciliator to aid in collective bargaining negotiations with the university and on October 7 announced that 90.6% of DFA members who voted indicated support for taking strike action to support the bargaining team's position in collective bargaining; AND

WHEREAS the DSU acts as the official representative of Dalhousie students and the medium of communication between students and Dalhousie leadership; AND

WHEREAS the DSU and the DFA have shared a relationship based in solidarity, including most recently the DFA offering support for the DSU's Nova Scotia Needs Students campaign; AND

WHEREAS the process and outcome of DFA/Dalhousie negotiations will have a direct impact on students, both by disrupting learning in the event of a strike and because faculty working conditions are also student learning conditions, and students are therefore directly impacted by the support and fairness extended to their professors and instructors; AND

WHEREAS the External Committee met on October 7 and discussed the situation surrounding the DFA, and concluded that they wanted to see the DSU take action to stand in solidarity with faculty;

THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union express solidarity with the Dalhousie Faculty Association and support for a fair and productive bargaining process carried out in good faith; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU supports good working conditions for faculty and respect for the collective bargaining process; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU continue to advocate for the best interests of students, particularly in the event of a strike action; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU work to keep students informed on updates around these negotiations within the restrictions of privacy by amplifying announcements on social media, responding to inquiries, and seeking out information about any potential adjustments to academics that may arise; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU seek out input from students about how a strike action could impact their academics and any other matters of concern around this negotiation process and incorporate this feedback into advocacy efforts going forward.



President states that passing this motion is highly significant. They would like for everyone to either be onboard or offboard because they want to go about this responsibly.

Board of Governors Representative 1 states that they have a board meeting coming up and states that it would be great if folks could come forward with questions they may have so that they can be asked directly to the board. In the past, things that have such a degree of severity usually go in-camera, therefore limiting what folks can say. If the meeting is not in-camera and there is a question period, questions submitted to the BOG or President will be asked.

Oluchi Duru asks what voting 'yes' entails.

Vice President, Academic & External responds that the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) is in talk with the University about pay and rights, among other things. When they are not able to come to a conclusion, the DFA and Dalhousie go into a rest period. They then apply for a neutral government conciliator to come in and resolve the situation. The DFA has filed for a conciliator and are currently in a rest period with Dalhousie. Motion 11.2 states that the DSU is in favor of the DFA moving into this rest period. In voting 'yes' to this motion, folks are saying that they support the DSU taking a pro-DFA stance, as opposed to supporting the University or remaining neutral.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-08-11.2

Whereas Kethan Kumar Nasapu has expressed their interest, as a student in the Faculty of Continuing Education, in being a voting member of the Student Senate Caucus; and

WHEREAS there are no societies that representative students specifically in the Faculty of Continuing Education

Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that Kethan Kumar Kasapu be appointed as the Faculty of Continuing Education representative to the Student Senate Caucus.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

Nothing to add.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

Nothing to add.

#### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Will send out a report next week. Nothing to report in the interim.

#### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to add.

#### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Nothing to add.

### **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

### **14. Announcements**

President states that the byelections are coming up; if you know someone who may be interested, get them to nominate.

Vice President Finance & Operations states that they have been having a hard time getting a hold of community members. Please check your emails in a timely manner.

### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: October 22, 2020; 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams.

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

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Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Jennifer Dubois - Faculty of Management Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Faculty of Science Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

**Absent without regrets:**

Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
International Students' Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Board of Governors Representative 2  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-3.1

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

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: change of motion 11.2 wording to "...the attached letter in support..."

Moved by VPAAE; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-3.1.2: Motion to amend the agenda.

Amendment: include Motion 11.3 to the agenda:

Moved by VPAAE; seconded by: Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on October 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

None.

### **7. Appointments by Council**

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee on recommendation of the Oversight Committee:

Councillors:

General Members:

Oversight committee hasn't received applications yet. Council members are urged to join a committee if they haven't done so already.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

## **8. Presentations**

None.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

### MOTION 2020-10-22-11.1

WHEREAS the typical practice at the DSU has been to approve minutes from an Annual General Meeting at the following Annual General Meeting; AND

WHEREAS the last DSU Annual General Meeting to reach a quorum of members was held on April 6, 2016, and because an AGM has not convened since then the minutes of that meeting have not been approved; AND

WHEREAS the DSU's governing documents do not specify that minutes from an Annual General Meeting must be approved at an Annual General Meeting; AND

WHEREAS some of the amendments to the bylaw amendments proposed in the 2016 meeting were voted on and ratified at the time but have since been recognized to be out of order under Robert's Rules of Order; AND

WHEREAS the membership of the DSU deserves access to the minutes of the 2016 AGM and transparency with regard to the amendments proposed, passed, and in some cases determined to be out of order; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the DSU Annual General Meeting held on April 6, 2016; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accompanying document titled "Notes on Bylaw Amendments Made at April 6, 2016 Annual General Meeting" which clarifies the

permissibility of amendments to the proposed bylaw amendments that were motioned within the Annual General Meeting; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The “Notes on Bylaw Amendments Made at April 6, 2016 Annual General Meeting” document be considered an Appendix to and therefore be attached to the 2016 AGM Minutes. These will be uploaded to the DSU website together as one document to ensure that all members accessing the minutes also have access to this document.

*Documents attached:*

- *AGM\_Minutes\_DRAFT\_06.04.2016.pdf: draft minutes of the April 2016 AGM*
- *2016\_Bylaw\_Amendment\_Notes\_18.09.2020.pdf: compiled notes regarding amendments and their status as in or out of order*
- *Correspondence\_RE\_2016\_Bylaws\_29.10.2019.pdf: email correspondence between DSU President and Policy & Governance Coordinator regarding validity of bylaw amendments made on the floor at the April 6 2016 meeting*

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Medicine Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-11.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council sign on to the attached letter to Dalhousie Senate in support of the creation of an Indigenous Studies Major program.

*Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative*

*Document attached.*

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-11.3

WHEREAS the DSU is located on the unceded and unsurrendered lands of the Mi'kmaq nation and fulfilling our treaty obligations involves supporting our Mi'kmaw and Indigenous members as well as the peoples of this land more broadly; AND

WHEREAS the Mi'kmaq have an inherent right to sovereignty, self-determination, and safety on their territory; AND

WHEREAS the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed between the Mi'kmaq and the British in 1725, 1760, and 1761 included an agreement that the British would not interfere with Mi'kmaw hunting, fishing, and farming, and this agreement was affirmed in 1999 Marshall Decision in the Supreme Court of Canada which stated that Mi'kmaw have the right to earn a “moderate livelihood” through these activities; AND

WHEREAS the failure of Canadian federal governments to respect Mi'kmaw rights and to collaborate on defining "moderate livelihood" led the Sipekne'katik First Nation to launch their own self-governed fishery on September 17, 2020, the 21st anniversary of the Marshall Decision; AND

WHEREAS settler fishers employed by commercial fisheries have responded to this assertion of treaty rights with violence, intimidation, and anti-Indigenous racism, in some cases claiming that their actions are motivated by concern for the environment, conservation, and the preservation of lobster stocks despite significant evidence to discredit this claim; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU stand wholeheartedly in solidarity with Sipekne'katik First Nation, with the Mi'kmaq asserting their treaty rights, and with the Indigenous people who have been demonstrating and defending these rights despite threats and acts of violence; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU follow the leadership and direction of the Dalhousie Indigenous Student Collective (DISC) in determining the best ways to show support and stand in solidarity on this issue; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU share educational content relating to this dispute on social media and encourage members to get informed and to show solidarity; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU condemn the use of "conservation" as an excuse for anti-Indigenous racism and affirm that decolonization and affirming Indigenous sovereignty are necessary actions for countering environmental destruction.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-10-22-11.3.1: Motion to amend motion 11.3

Amendment: correcting date to 1752 and misspelling of 'whereas'

Moved by: Black Students' Representative; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

Nothing to add.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal



Nothing to add.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nothing to add.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to add.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Nothing to add.

**13. Notice of Motion**

None.

**14. Announcements**

None.

Councillors are urged to join a committee if they have not done so already.

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative  
William Luton - Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative  
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2020-11-05-3.1

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

Moved by: Black Students' Representative; seconded by: Board of Governor's Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-11-05-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on October 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: President; Vice President, Student Life

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from Indigenous Students' Representative.

### **7. Appointments by Council**

#### MOTION 2020-11-05-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the vacant Faculty Representative seats on Oversight Committee.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life

Oversight committee has no nominations.

Oluchi Duru, Faculty of Science Representative, is self-nominating.

MOTION 2020-11-05-7.1.1: Filling one blank with Oluchi Duru and leaving the other blank

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-11-05-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Response Committee has no nominations.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life

MOTION 2020-11-05-7.2.1: Leaving the blanks blank

Motion **passes**.

## **8. Presentations**

8.1 Provost Search Committee Consultation (20 mins)

*Presented by Provost Search Committee Lead Laura Godsoe*

*Documents attached*

8.2 LGBTQ+ Admissions Questions Consultation (20 mins)

*Presented by Vice President, Academic and External*

*Documents attached*

8.2 DLI & Arriving International Students Consultation (20 mins)

*Presented by President*

*Documents Attached*

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

MOTION 2020-11-05-11.1

WHEREAS Council struck the Response Committee on July 30, 2020 and mandated that the committee report at the last Council meeting of the 2020/21 Fall term and the 2020/21 Winter Term; AND

WHEREAS there have been delays in filling the seats on the committee, such that work has not been able to begin throughout the summer or early fall; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Response Committee will not report at the final Council meeting of the 2020/2021 Fall term but will instead report at the final Council meeting held in February 2021. The mandate to deliver a final report at the final Council meeting of the 2020-2021 Academic Year will be unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Response Committee membership be extended to allow a representative from the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service to participate in a voting capacity.

Moved by the President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2020-11-05-11.2: Student concerns

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the pandemic, students at Dalhousie University have continued to express their concerns around access to campus resources, and barriers attached to online learning,

WHEREAS The Dalhousie University has claimed that students have adequate support in coping with the various health, economic and equity stressors that have become predominant at this time;

WHEREAS, since beginning of the Fall semester the University has not implemented new services or policies to help ease the pressures that online learning and coping during a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, with an increase in 3% tuition for domestic student and even more for international students, students studying at Dalhousie have only seen an increase in fees, workload and stress, paired with a decrease in resources;

WHEREAS, a recent anonymous open forum open to students studying the Faculty of Arts and Social Science provides a snapshot on some of the current barriers, concerns and frustration attached to this new learning environment faced by students;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU lobby the University to implement policy changes and services that will help address some of the concerns that have been outlined by students

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU release a statement outlining students concerns and calling for the University to take immediate steps to help alleviate the stressor and workload being faced by Dalhousie University students

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all councilors endorse the DSU's statement unless indicated otherwise, in writing to the DSU President, within 24 hours of the statement's circulation to council.

Moved by: Board of Governors 1; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-11-05-11.3

WHEREAS the DSU successfully advocated to the University for an alternative grading option in the 2020 Winter Semester, resulting in the ability for students to opt for "Pass/ILL" grading rather than the standard grade scale; AND

WHEREAS students have, through all forums available to them, expressed continued frustration, concern, and dissatisfaction with the online learning environment and many have reported high levels of anxiety and difficulty completing coursework this semester; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU advocate to the University for adjustments to grading that reflect the unique challenges of this semester and allow students to succeed; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU seek out input from students on which specific grading options or other academic accommodations would be most helpful through the following mediums:

- Councillors will reach out directly to their constituents to solicit input, and will forward this input on to the VP AE along with any of their own thoughts and opinions;
- The Executive will circulate a survey to Councillors that can be used to help engage constituents;
- The Executive will seek out input from general students using the DSU's official social media channels and will update the website with this information

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU will specifically seek student input on:

- The merits of a Pass/Fail grading system compared to Pass/ILL;
- How the adjustments to grading worked for students who took advantage of them last semester;
- Which other adjustments to assessments and academics would be most beneficial to students (e.g. extension of deadlines to withdraw from classes or switch between audit/credit or changing the formats of examinations and final assessments)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the results of this consultation will be compiled, shared with Council, and presented to Senate.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

The following motions will appear on the agenda for the Council meeting on November 19, 2020:

13.1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy circulated to Councillors on Thursday, November 5 be approved as presented.

*Moved by the President*

13.2 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Facility Operations Policy circulated to Councillors on Thursday, November 5 be approved as presented.

*Moved by the President*

13.3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students With Disabilities Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*



13.4 BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students Living in Residence Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*

#### **14. Announcements**

14.1 Update Regarding Appointments to Council

14.2 Announcement Regarding Attendance at Council and Committee Meetings

14.2 Announcement Regarding Academic Unit Consolidation, Renaming, Establishment, Termination, or Transfer (AUCRETT) consultation

#### **15. Adjournment**

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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

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#### Present:

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Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

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Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative  
William Luton - Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Meghan Faught – Proxy to Faculty of Law Representative  
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations  
Faculty of Management Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2020-11-19-3.1

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

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2

President

#### MOTION 2020-11-19-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda

Amendment: Include Presentation 8.1 DSU solidarity with the UNB SU in response to allegations against a cross-appointed faculty member.

Motion **passes**.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2020-11-19-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 5, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the Vice President, Finance & Operations

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative

Regrets from the Black Student's Representative

## **7. Appointments by Council**

### MOTION 2020-11-19-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students With Disabilities Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*

### MOTION 2020-11-19-7.1.1: Motion to amend

Motion to move motions 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 to new business as 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-11-19-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students Living in Residence Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*

### MOTION 2020-11-19-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

Councillor(s):

General Members:

*Recommendations to be made by Oversight Committee*

## **8. Presentations**

President's presentation on DSU solidarity with the UNB Student Union in response to allegations against a cross-appointed faculty member.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

### MOTION 2020-11-19-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Elections and Referenda Policy circulated to Councillors on Thursday, November 5 be approved as presented.

Moved by the President; seconded by: Proxy Law Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-11-19-10.1.1: Motion to amend

Motion to strike section 4.3.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion **passes**.

**11. New Business**

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students with Disabilities Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*

Nomination for Students with Disabilities Representative seat: Ken Jacquard

Moved by: Vice President, Academic & External; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Students Living in Residence Representative on DSU Council for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*Recommendation to be made by Oversight Committee.*

Nomination for Students Living in Residence Representative seat: Hassaan Asif

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Indigenous Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Response Committee:

Councillor(s):

General Members:

*Recommendations to be made by Oversight Committee*

Filling the councillor blank with Aparna Mohan.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-11-19-11.3.1: Motion to amend

Motion to amend motion 11.3 to remove the general members category.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

**12. Executive Reports**

12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

**13. Notice of Motion**

None.

**14. Announcements**

**None.**

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.



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## **DSU Council Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date and Time: December 3, 2020 – 6:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:41PM.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Present:**

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2

Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative

William Luton - Faculty of Engineering Representative

Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative

Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative



Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative

Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Hassaan Asif - Students Living in Residence Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Computer Science Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative

LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Students with Disabilities Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-12-03-3.1

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

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: Faculty of Engineering Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-12-03-3.1.1: Amendment to the agenda

Amendment: adding five motions in Amendments by Council

Moved by: Indigenous Students' Representative; seconded by: Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

##### MOTION 2020-12-05.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the previous meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors 1

Motion **passes**.

#### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from Faculty of Law Representative and Vice President, Academic & External

#### **7. Appointments by Council**

##### MOTION 2020-12-07.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Response Committee.

Aashay Raj, Phoebe Seely, Sameer Mohamed

Nominations: **Aashay Raj, Phoebe Seely, Sameer Mohamed**

##### MOTION 2020-12-07.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the External Committee.

Nominations: **Aparna Mohan, Hassaan Asif**

##### MOTION 2020-12-07.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Offices Steering Committee.

Nominations: **Ken Jacquard**

##### MOTION 2020-12-07.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Nominations: **Faculty of Management Representative**

##### MOTION 2020-12-07.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Society Review Committee.

Nominations: **Eptehal Nashnoush**

*Recommendations to be brought by Oversight Committee*

Moved by: Indigenous Students' Representative seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion **passes**.

Motion: Motion to omnibus motions 7.1 to 7.5

Moved by: Faculty of Agriculture Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Engineering Representative

Motion **passes**.

The Indigenous Students' Representative asks whose responsibility it is to reach out to general members in committees.

President responds that the DSU Policy & Governance Coordinator will take care of it.

## **8. Presentations**

### **8.1 Updates on Senate Advocacy and Pass/ILL Grading Option**

*Presented by the VPAAE (given that the VPAAE is absent, it was presented by president)*

Faculty of Science Representative asks whether the deadline to apply for a waiver has passed.

President responds that the SPGS met today but won't be meeting again as the semester ends Monday. The waiver has to come from the Faculty dean. If there is something specific within the Faculty of Science that is a problem with Pass/ILL, President states that it must be brought to the attention of the SPGS chair.

### **8.2 Presentation of Revised Budget**

*Presented by the VPFO*

Board of Governors Representative 1 asks whether there are any plans as to how the community advocacy support will be advertised.

VPFO responds that they will be working with the grant committee as well as the executive committee to receive input on it. They state that as of right now, they only have a small sum of funds available and don't know if they should be advertising opportunities or, instead, letting council representatives come to them with concerns from their constituents. They state that they are open to feedback.

Faculty of Management Representative asks, in terms of the statement that Campus Copy is not seeing demand, where has this feedback come from? They state that they have heard from their constituents that there is demand for printing services.

VPFO responds that, to the best of their knowledge, there hasn't been demand that has been reported to full-time staff. If in fact there has been demand, this is a great place to voice that. They state that they can do consultation in the winter semester to assess whether they can reopen Campus Copy.

Faculty of Agriculture Representative asks whether the Budget & Finance committee will be meeting again or whether questions should be brought to the VPFO directly.

VPFO responds that the committee won't be meeting again; however, if they receive feedback that suggests that significant alterations to the budget be done, a meeting can be called.

Faculty of Agriculture Representative states that if consultations on Campus Copy are going to be done in the winter semester, it means that it won't be open to students. Can a meeting be called to discuss this?

VPFO responds that they have sent out a consultation on student priorities. As per the feedback, there wasn't great interest in Campus Copy. Perhaps there are some low-cost solutions that can be implemented, and a small pilot project can be run on this. If Campus Copy were to reopen next semester, we could implement reduced hours as an interim solution.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

### MOTION 2020-12-03-11.1

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that students doing online schooling are struggling with excessive workloads and/or unreasonable behaviour from professors;

WHEREAS the DSU recognizes that without effective feedback, professors & faculty admin cannot correct the behaviour;

WHEREAS graduate students have found success in formally addressing professors as students on a united front and demanding the change they needed; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT faculty representatives on Council are tasked to contact constituents to compile a report on issues that students in their faculty are facing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these reports will be presented by the first council meeting of 2021 on January 7th

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the VPSL will work with each faculty representative over the winter semester to develop faculty-level advocacy about the issues raised, including submitting formal complaints to official body/ies in each faculty where appropriate.

Moved by: Vice President, Student Life; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

Indigenous Students' Representative asks, given that there is no Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences representative, who will obtain information from that Faculty?

VPSL responds that this motion came from an extensive conversation around mental health put out earlier last month. The context around this motion was to address workload with online learning. They state that one of the individuals who attended the forum was a master's student and they mentioned that they solved this problem by speaking to their professor to resolve issues relating to their course. This motion is asking Faculty representatives to reach out to their constituents and address specific points around workload and what is or isn't working and bringing this feedback to the appropriate party in their Faculty before the start of next semester. VPSL states that if there is no Faculty representative present, the issue can be resolved outside this motion.

Indigenous Students' Representative states that they are able to obtain information from FASS if need be.

VPSL responds that they can have this discussion sometime in the next few weeks.

Faculty of Agriculture Representative states that the timeline is tight and that there isn't enough time given to councillors to conduct proper consultation with their constituents and make a report.

VPSL states that they understand if there isn't enough time and that they can discuss pushing the timeline up. VPSL asks what a better timeline would look like.

Faculty of Agriculture Representative states that the holidays is not a good time for consultation because students are preoccupied. Perhaps the first week of winter semester would work better. They are looking for consensus from other councillors.

Faculty of Engineering agrees with this sentiment. They state that in order to be able to compile an accurate report, the timeline should be pushed to the second or third meeting of winter semester.

VPSL states that by the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, classes will have been going for four weeks which should give plenty of time for consultation.

MOTION 2020-12-03-11.1.1: Amendment to motion

Amendment: change the second last paragraph of Motion 11.1 to:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these reports will be presented by the third council meeting of 2021 on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by: Vice President, Student Life; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-12-03-11.2

WHEREAS the Winter General Election timeline has been prepared by the CRO and recommended for approval by the Elections Committee; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the timeline for the DSU Winter General Election be approved as presented.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Engineering Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-12-03-11.3

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic means that many students are studying from outside the HRM, and that those who are within the HRM must limit their close contacts, and therefore soliciting nominations signatures in person is not feasible; AND

WHEREAS requiring hard copy forms during this pandemic is unfair to those students studying outside HRM; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the purposes of the winter 2020 general election, the Elections and Referenda Policy be interpreted such that all forms and questionnaires will be submitted using web forms instead of paper forms; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT for the purposes of the winter general election in 2021, the requirement for nomination forms to include "Full names, student numbers, and signatures of at least twenty-five (25) current students who support the candidacy of a nominee" (Elections and Referenda Policy s.8.2.2.1) be interpreted to allow for the following process:

Nominees will collect the names, student numbers, and @dal.ca email addresses from at least twenty-five (25) current students who support their candidacy and will submit this information to the Chief Returning Officer using a standardized template. The CRO will email all submitted signatories for a particular nominee to ensure that they do in fact support that individual's candidacy.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-12-03-11.4

WHEREAS Dalhousie students have expressed widespread concern about financial precarity, rising tuition, and their ability to make ends meet during COVID-19; AND

WHEREAS the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) ended on August 29, 2020 and the majority of the funds allocated to the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) were not distributed, but many students are still without work and unable to access other supports; AND

WHEREAS international students were not covered under the CESB to begin with; AND

WHEREAS the DSU advocates for the rights and needs of international students and all students, and most recently built the NS Needs Students campaign focusing on the need for increased public funding for universities and reduced tuition costs for students; AND

WHEREAS on April 22, 2020, DSU Council voted unanimously in favour of signing on to a petition and open letter by Don't Forget Students and the Canadian Federation of Students, calling on the Prime Minister to expand CERB to include students and recent graduates, and this petition was a factor in the government's decision to create the CESB; AND

WHEREAS the April 22, 2020 motion also mandated "THAT the DSU continue to research ways to advocate for better student supports during the COVID-19 pandemic;" THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the executives of DSU sign on to Our Commons petition e-2986 to the Government of Canada, launched by the Canadian Federation of Students and Don't Forget Students. The petition calls on the Government of Canada "to implement a plan for pandemic relief and stimulus for Canada's post-secondary sector and students that:

1. Utilizes the funds originally allocated for the CSSG [Canada Student Service Grant] and remaining funds from the \$9 billion allocated for post-secondary students in April to extend the CESB while also including International students;
2. Includes newly graduating students and recent graduates (retroactive to Fall 2019) in Employment Insurance and the new CRB program;
3. Extends the moratorium on student debt loan interest and payments until May 1, 2021, with consideration of further extensions based on the public health and economic situation, and commits to significant student debt relief;
4. Expands the Canada Student Grant, returns to 50-50 cost-sharing with provinces and territories, and increases funding for post-secondary institutions."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Councillors are encouraged to sign on to the petition and to talk about it with their constituents, communities, and peers; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU post about the petition on social media and other official channels to encourage our members to sign on in support.

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2020-12-03-11.5

WHEREAS the DSU Council received a presentation on allegations made against an associate professor in the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine on the November 19th meeting of Council; and

WHEREAS the DSU is dedicated to supporting all survivors of sexualized violence;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the DSU Council endorse the attached statement, to be circulated to the membership.

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: Black Students' Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

The following motions will appear on the agenda for the next Council meeting on December 17, 2020:

### 13.1: Motion to approve the revised budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year be adopted.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations.*

### 13.2: Motion to discipline a councillor



WHEREAS the duties of a DSU councillor, as described in Section 4.4 of the Bylaws, include that they must use reasonable efforts to advance the interests of the constituency they represent, must attend all meetings of Council, and must sit on at least one Union Committee; and

WHEREAS Councillor Sahl Zoor, Computer Science representative, has been absent without regrets from 8 meetings of DSU Council and has not yet joined a Committee; and

WHEREAS Section 4.8 of the DSU Bylaws dictates that councillors may be disciplined for failure to attend Council meetings and/or failure to perform their duties;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Sahl Zoor, Computer Science representative, be recalled-to By Election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council empower the DSU president to formally request that the Dalhousie Computer Science Society nominate a new Computer Science Representative no later than January 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should Councillor Sahl Zoor provide reasonable explanation for his lack of participation, as well as present a plan to ensure his commitments to the student body are met in the future in his response to this motion, that Council consider his response with empathy for his individual circumstances.

13.2.1: Motion to strike Motion 13.2 from the agenda

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life

Motion **passes**.

#### **14. Announcements**

None.

#### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.



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## **DSU Council Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, December 17 2020 – 6:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:39PM.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Present:**

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative

William Luton - Faculty of Engineering Representative

Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative

Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative

Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2

Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Computer Science Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative

LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Students Living in Residence Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2020-12-17-3.1

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

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 1; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

## **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

### MOTION 2020-12-17-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on December 3, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

## **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative, Faculty of Science Representative, and Faculty of Engineering Representative.

## **7. Appointments by Council**

### MOTION 2020-12-17-7.1

Appointing Graduate Studies Representative to Response Committee

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

## **8. Presentations**

None.

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Old Business**

### MOTION 2020-12-17-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year be adopted.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Motion **passes**.

## 11. New Business

### MOTION 2020-12-17-11.1

WHEREAS the Revised 2020-21 Budget includes funds set aside to distribute an emergency bursary in January and February of 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2021 DSU Emergency Bursary Terms of Reference as circulated, including designating the Grants Committee the authority to review applications for this bursary.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2020-12-17-11.2

WHEREAS the Revised 2020-21 Budget includes funds set aside for the Union to contract an external body to review the Union's governing documents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) defining the scope of the planned Governance Review, including the purpose of the review, objectives, and timeline for the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RFP will define two phases to the project:

- First, a review of disciplinary and complaint procedures within the DSU with specific focus on defining clear steps to be taken when complaints or allegations are brought forward against a Councillor or Executive Officer. This review should particularly focus on allegations of sexual violence, harassment, and discrimination, and should support the DSU in developing a survivor-centred response process. The goal is to ensure that the DSU has mechanisms to respond to student concerns and hold elected representatives accountable through a clear process, while ensuring that said process does not create unwanted legal ramifications for the DSU or any party involved.
- Second, a general review of the DSU's governing documents to identify inconsistencies, best practices, and areas for change to better meet the objectives of the organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the draft RFP will be circulated to Council by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

President states that these funds will allow the DSU to do governance review as promised. The hired individual will work with the response committee to streamline how complaints and issues will be addressed moving forward. They will also complete a comprehensive review of bylaws and policies to ensure that they work in tandem and don't contradict one another.

### MOTION 2020-12-17-11.3

WHEREAS Council struck the Response Committee on July 30, 2020 on recommendation of the Judicial Board with the purpose: “to ensure that DSU policies and procedures reflect a survivor-centric framework as well as due process, fairness, and transparency; AND

WHEREAS since that time, preliminary conversations have highlighted both the need for a comprehensive review that has a lasting impact and the importance of seeking expert advice and counsel on this complex and multidimensional issue; AND

WHEREAS to this end, the Executive has proposed contracting an external organization to undertake a complete governance review with a specific focus on clarifying discipline and complaint procedures through a survivor-centric framework; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the Response Committee be changed to the following:

- To review the process that took place to address the allegations made against the Vice President, Student Life in 2020;
- To consult Executives, Councillors, and other interested parties on their concerns about and perceptions of said process, and their ideas for the development and revision of disciplinary and complaint procedures;
- To develop a report summarizing their findings and the outcome of their consultations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Response Committee will deliver this report to Council by March 30, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Response Committee Report will guide the Executive Officers, Bylaw and Policy Review Committee, Council, and any other relevant committees or bodies in the implementation of the recommendations about disciplinary and complaint processes delivered in the governance review.

Moved by the President; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Will be sent out in the next few days.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

#### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

### **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

### **14. Announcements**

#### 14.1 Announcement regarding Council dates for the Winter term

President states that as per the poll, most individuals are available on Tuesdays from 7 to 8PM. However, many didn't fill out the form.

Indigenous Students' Representative states that they are unsure of their class schedule and weren't able to finalize a time.

President states that meetings will be tentatively set on Tuesdays, with the first scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>. This is subject to change depending on folks' response.

### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: January 12, 2021; 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting using MS Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM.

#### MOTION 2021-01-12-1.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vice President, Finance and Operations, serve as acting Chair for this session of Council.

Moved by: president; seconded by: Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Motion **passes**.



## 2. Roll Call

### **Present:**

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2

Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative

Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative

Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative

### **Absent with regrets:**

Vice President, Internal

### **Absent without regrets:**

Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative

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**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative

Faculty of Engineering Representative

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**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2021-01-12-3.1

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

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion **passes**.

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2021-01-12-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on December 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: president; seconded by: Board of Governors 2

Motion **passed**.

## 6. Communications Received

None.

## 7. Appointments by Council

None.

## 8. Presentations

### 8.1 Update on Ascension Barber Shop Tenancy Agreement

*Presented by the President*

*Documents to be circulated during meeting.*

MOTION 2021-01-12-P1: Motion to move in-camera

Moved by: president; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

### 8.2 Update on International Students Isolation

*Presented by the President*

President states that the DSU is responding to student concerns about inequitable treatment of international students who are being mandated to quarantine in a hotel. The DSU is calling on the university, the government of Nova Scotia, and the Federal government to acknowledge and remedy the situation. Students are being forced to pay for accommodations when they would otherwise have places they can stay. Some students don't have adequate food, internet, or heat. There is also an informational document attached that will be on the website shortly; it gives international students information about why this is happening and who is responsible. It also gives details about financing and who to contact if there are any issue.

*Documents attached.*

### 8.3 Presentation of Executive Feedback on the Dalhousie Consultation Framework

*Presented by the President*

*Documents attached.*

President states that earlier this month, the student affairs office asked council to give feedback on the Dalhousie Consultation Framework. The writing in black is from the university and that in red is by the DSU. President states that the DSU asks that students be consulted on all policies, rather than just key policies. The DSU also asks that consultation occur in an equitable manner and that students be compensated when consulted about policies.

Board of Governors 2 states that the comments in red weren't included in the package.

President states that the PDF that was presented was the one that was sent.

## 9. Committee Reports

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### Motion 2021-02-12-11.1

WHEREAS international students and domestic members have raised multiple concerns over the inequitable treatment of international students returning to Nova Scotia to pursue a post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS these students are calling for action from Dalhousie and the government; and

WHEREAS the University and government have failed to create meaningful, universally accessible supports for all international students returning to Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached press release is endorsed by the DSU Council and published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any updates on the situation be provided to Council in future executive reports of the President.

*Documents attached.*

Moved by: President; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

Abstention: Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative states that they wish to abstain from the vote because, while they agree with much of what is presented in this motion, they have not heard similar concerns from international students in their constituency.

## 12. Executive Reports

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

Will accept questions via email.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

### 13. Notice of Motion

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the council meeting on January 26, 2020.

13.1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Senate Student Caucus for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Vice President Academic and External*

13.2 BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Society Review Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by the Vice President Internal*

### 14. Announcements

The DSU Vice President, Internal and President are exploring how the DSU can support students who are a part of equity-deserving groups through policy. If you are a member who identifies with one of these groups and are interested in developing an Issues Policy under the DSU to advocate for the rights of your peers, please contact [dsuvpi@dal.ca](mailto:dsuvpi@dal.ca).

### 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Academic & External

Motion **passes**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: January 28, 2021; 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting using MS Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:19PM.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Brij Vaghani - Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
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Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative  
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative  
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Madeleine Stinson – President  
Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

**Absent without regrets:**

Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1

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

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.1: To add motion 11.2

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has steadily been approving applications since April and has seen an increase in applications over the school term and has spent a total of \$69,128.73, and;

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has had an average of 8 applicants and an average of \$4,177.73 spent biweekly since August 14th calculated by the Vice President, Internal, and;

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has \$8,468 remaining from the Fall term, calculated by the Financial Controller and the Director of Operations on December 4th, 2020, and;

WHEREAS the Committee has since used the Fall Term funds and now has an approximate \$618 remaining as of January 28th, 2021, and;

WHEREAS the Committee will receive an amount of money from Winter fees from Dalhousie University totalling between \$10,000-\$13,000 (with expected drops in enrolment), and;

WHEREAS the Committee would like to continue to approve the steady influx of applicants that receive funding for necessary disabilities & access needs with examples of psychoeducational assessments, assistive technology, transportation needs, and many others, and;

WHEREAS the Committee finds the approval of bursaries important in helping students with disabilities manage financial issues that arise with their access needs, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Accessibility Committee be approved by the Budget & Finance Committee to receive \$25,000 from the Accessibility Reserve fund to continue to support students with Disabilities

#### MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.2: To add Motion 7.3 to the agenda



Be it resolved that Kathrine Guevara be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by: Indigenous Students' Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2021-01-28-3.1.3: To amend the agenda

Amendment: move presentation 8.2 to item 4 of the agenda

Moved by: Vice President, Internal; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2

Motion **passes**.

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2021-01-28-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Black Students' Representative; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

**6. Communications Received**

**6.1.** The President sends their regrets and is currently assisting with the DSU Pride Week Pronoun Competency Workshop.

**6.2.** The Vice President, Finance and Operations sends their regrets and is currently leading the DSU Pride Week Pronoun Competency Workshop.

**7. Appointments by Council**

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Senate Student Caucus for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved by Vice President Academic and External

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1.1: To postpone Motion 7.1 to the next meeting of the DSU council.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Society Review Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by the Vice President Internal; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life*

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2.1: To postpone motion 7.2 to the next meeting of the DSU council.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2021-01-28 7.3:

Be is resolved that Kathrine Guevara be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Moved; Indigenous Students' Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **8. Presentations**

8.1 For Information: Update on Ascension Barber Shop Tenancy Agreement  
*Presented by the Vice President, Academic & External*

8.2 Dalhousie Digital Strategy Initiative, as part of Dalhousie's Strategic Plan78  
*Presented by Members of the Digital Strategy Steering Committee*

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### MOTION 2021-01-28 11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Financial Policy, as circulated and approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee be approved.

*Moved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative*

*Documents attached.*

*Motion **passes**.*

### MOTION 2021-01-28-11.2:

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Moved by: Vice President, Internal; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

## **12. Executive Reports**

12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

## **14. Announcements**

**14.1.** The DSU is hiring an Indigenous artist, or team of artists, to create a mural for the Student Union Building. The Request for Proposal is available on the website and information was shared via social media and email on the 27th. Please feel free to share with your constituents, proposals are due to the Selection Committee by February 16, 2021.

## **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: February 11, 2021 at 7:00pm Atlantic time

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

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Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Brij Vaghani - Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
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**Absent with regrets:**

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Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative  
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Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

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### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2021-02-11-3.1

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

Moved by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2021-02-11-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 28, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Science Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Regrets from the Faculty of Agriculture Representative

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative

Regrets from the Indigenous Students' Representative

Regrets from the Black Students' Representative

Regrets from the International Students' Representative

Regrets from the LGBTQ+ Students Representative

### **7. Appointments by Council**

None.

## 8. Presentations

None.

## 9. Committee Reports

None.

## 10. Old Business

### MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Senate Student Caucus for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Vice President Academic and External; seconded by: Students with Disabilities Representative*

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2021-01-28 7.1.1: Motion to postpone Motion 10.1 indefinitely

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Society Review Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by the Vice President Internal*

Motion **passes**.

### MOTION 2021-01-28 7.2.1: Motion to postpone Motion 10.2 indefinitely

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

## 11. New Business

None.



## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

## **13. Notice of Motion**

None.

## **14. Announcements**

14.1 The DSU has been asked to consult on Dalhousie's Accessibility Plan. All councillors were emailed on February 8<sup>th</sup> with an invitation to join the initial working for this project. This working group will meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to determine initial feedback on the plan. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, this feedback will be presented to Council for approval before it is sent back to Dalhousie. Additional steps to this process will be communicated to Council through President's Reports to Council when and if they occur. If you are not already, but would like to be involved in this task please email [dsupres@dal.ca](mailto:dsupres@dal.ca).

## **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: February 25, 2021

Location: Teams Meeting

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

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### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

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Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

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Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
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**Absent with regrets:**

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

**Absent without regrets:**

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Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative  
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Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2021-02-25-3.1

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

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal  
Motion **passes**.

MOTION 2021-02-25-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda

Amendment: adding a presentation to the BAC report

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Indigenous Students'  
Representative

Motion **passes**.

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2021-02-25-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 11, 2021 be adopted as  
circulated.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Faculty of Science  
Representative

Motion **passes**.

**6. Communications Received**

Regrets from Vice President, Academic and External

**7. Appointments by Council**

None.

**8. Presentations**

Board of Governors Representative 2's presentation on the BAC report.

Board of Governors Representative 2 will take on the role of drafting a motion.

If anyone has concerns about what a motion regarding the budget would look like, contact

Aparna Mohan.

**9. Committee Reports**

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### MOTION 2021-02-25-11.1

WHEREAS in 2009 the membership of the Dalhousie Student Union voted in favour of the following referendum question:

“Do you support stabilizing the DSU Health and Dental plans by allowing yearly adjustments in premium only when necessary based on inflationary costs and prior claims experience? Any other adjustments not related to inflationary costs or claims experience must be approved by a referendum”, and;

WHEREAS Health and Dental claims paid currently exceed the premiums collected by members; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Domestic Health Plan single student fee be increased from \$464 to \$468.64 per year for full-time students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Domestic Health Plan family fee be increased from \$928 to \$937.28 per year for full time students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the International Health Plan single student fee be increased from \$728 to \$740.74 per year for full-time international students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the International Health Plan family fee be increased from \$1104 to \$1123.32 per year for full-time international students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the increase will take effect September 2021.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Vice President, Internal

Board of Governors Representative 2 states that it is understandable that more claims have been made than the budget allowed. They would like to see where they could access the report.

President states that it's worth noting that international students aren't on this plan at the moment, unless they are in the country.

Motion **does not pass.**

### MOTION 2021-02-25-11.1.1: Motion to table indefinitely

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes.**

## 12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

**13. Notice of Motion**

None.

**14. Announcements**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00pm Atlantic time

Location: Virtual Meeting using Microsoft Teams

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**Absent without regrets:**

Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Computer Science Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative



### 3. Approval of the Agenda

#### MOTION 2021-03-11-3.1

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

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2021-03-11-3.1.1: Motion to amend the agenda

Amendment: strike Motion 13.2 and add Motion 4.1 information on the e-motion

Moved by: President; seconded by: Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion **passes**.

### 4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

#### MOTION 4.1: e-motion

A motion was **passed** this week to approve the health plan increases for the fall 2021/2022. The relevant documents, including the motion and motivation, will be available on the website for interested parties.

### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### MOTION 2021-03-11-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 25, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Students Living in Residence Representative

Motion **passes**.

### 6. Communications Received

Regrets from Faculty of Management Representative

Regrets from International Students' Representative

Regrets from LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Regrets from Women Students Representative

## **7. Appointments by Council**

None.

## **8. Presentations**

### **8.1. Anti-Oppression Training for 2021-22 Societies**

*Presented by the Vice President Internal, for feedback.*

*Documents attached.*

Two documents were circulated for this meeting, the anti-O workshop and anti-O workbook. Councillors are asked to make reviews and suggestions where they see fit. Anti-oppression training is for faculty and levy societies and will be provided as a document with text to speech accessibility.

### **8.2. Update on Dalhousie Accessibility Plan Feedback**

*Presented by the President, for feedback.*

*Documents attached.*

President states that they've been asked to provide information on the accessibility plan. There were recommendations for more gender-neutral, age-inclusive, and accessible washrooms to be built. General feedback on the accessibility center is that it is not accessible and staff are adversarial. Recommendation that staff take training and review policies. Staff should also have a method for accepting feedback, which they currently don't. There was also a recommendation for students to register their accommodations only once, rather than annually.

### **8.3. Update on BAC Feedback to Dalhousie & DSU Action**

*Presented by the VP AE, for information.*

*Documents attached.*

Increasing fees will make education non-accessible. The VP AE emphasizes the toll that international students faced this year with hotels. As follow up steps, governments will be contacted. The minister of advanced education & labour will be contacted about increasing fees.

### **8.4. Draft 2021-22 Budget**

*Presented by the VPFO, for feedback.*

*Documents attached.*

## **9. Committee Reports**

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### **MOTION 2021-03-11-11.1**

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Union mitigated the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic by keeping expenses low while maintaining or improving the majority of student supports and services, and;

WHEREAS responsible financial planning and spending has prevented the DSU from incurring significant deficits for the 2020-21 fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS the DSU's year-end financial review identified that it is highly likely the DSU budget will have a significant surplus at the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS it is important that revenue is used effectively and efficiently, and that projects identified by the membership are undertaken rather than put to the side or extended over many years, and;

WHEREAS capital projects such as the purchase of furniture for the T-Room, updating SUB signage to include Mi'kmaq language, adding study space, and ensuring the SUB fulfills the Accessibility Act of Nova Scotia have all been requested by the membership, and;

WHEREAS upwards of \$100,000.00 in additional funds have recently been allocated to the Mental Health Fund, Student Emergency Fund, and Student Accessibility Bursary;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that any and all remaining budget surplus monies from the 2020-21 fiscal year be moved to the capital projects line instead of retained earnings to allow for projects to be undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds in the capital projects line at the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year be moved to retained earnings, as per usual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any projects undertaken with a budget of over \$10,000.00 be approved by Council before the project begins, as per policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that councillors and members at large are encouraged to contact the DSU executive with ideas for capital projects in DSU spaces that could be undertaken.

*Moved by the President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2*

Motion **passes**.

### **MOTION 2021-03-11-11.2**

WHEREAS there is currently \$204,082.00 in the Accessibility Bursary Reserve Fund, and;

WHEREAS the Accessibility Bursary Committee has exhausted all funds collected in the 2020-21 fiscal year, including previous amounts approved for use from the reserve fund, and;

WHEREAS the Fund was created to establish a source of funding for students with accessibility needs, and the COVID-19 pandemic and online learning has created exceptional strain, including financial distress, for many disabled students and students with accessibility needs, and;

WHEREAS the Student Accessibility Fund Committee has requested additional funding totaling \$30,000, in order to fulfill all urgent bursary requests received by the committee, and;

WHEREAS \$35,675 is estimated to be collected for this fund in the 2021-22 fiscal year, allowing the proposed amount to be replenished relatively quickly if necessary;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$30,000 from the Accessibility Reserve Fund be approved for use by the Accessibility Bursary Committee, at a rate of approximately \$10,000 per month for the months of March 2021, April 2021, and May 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if \$10,000 per month is not required to meet demand, the committee may use the remaining amounts in summer 2021.

*Moved by Vice-President Finance and Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Internal*

Motion **passes**.

Vice President, Internal, states that they have seen increased bursary applications so they have requested extra funding.

### **MOTION 2021-03-11-11.3**

WHEREAS the DSU Council has already passed a motion to task Faculty Representatives on Council to compile a report on student issues faced within their respective Faculties, and;

WHEREAS students have expressed frustration with 2021-22 academic year tuition and fee increases proposed by the Budget Advisory Committee, and;

WHEREAS it is important all students' voices are heard and listened to regarding fee increases, and;

WHEREAS fee increases impact students in different ways depending on many factors, including the Faculty they study in, and;

WHEREAS Faculty representatives and societies have the unique ability to connect on a deeper level with students in the Faculty they represent;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Faculty Representatives on the DSU Council are to consult with their Faculty Society and as many students as possible to determine the unique impact of tuition and fee increases on students in their Faculty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT consultation is encouraged to include data collection on the following topics:

- Specific impact of International Student Fees
- Access to scholarships, bursaries, and grants within your Faculty
- Access and ability to find and hold employment, co-ops, and/or work-study programs
- Average course load & length of degree
- Additional Faculty-specific costs required of students
- Reliance on and ability to seek financial assistance from family
- Expected average salary upon graduation
- Food security
- Housing security
- Additional Faculty-specific issues exacerbated by increases in fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this consultation may occur in whatever format the Faculty Representative deems most feasible for their Faculty Society and constituents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the results of these consultations be sent to the DSU President no later than April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Faculty Representatives requiring aid in meeting this deadline reach out to the DSU President for support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU President must deliver a comprehensive report identifying aggregate and disaggregate results of these consultations no later than the last meeting of the DSU Council, and that the data also be included in communications to the Board of Governors.

*Moved by the Board of Governors Representative #2; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1*

Motion **passes**.

President states that the reason for the deadline is because the board votes on tuition on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

None.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

#### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

### **13. Notice of Motion**

13.1. A motion to approve the 2021-22 budget will be raised at the next meeting of Council, in accordance with the budget process, approved by the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) and as presented today by the VPFO.

13.2. A motion to approve amendments to the Bursary Policy, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee (BPRC), will be raised at the next meeting of Council.

### **14. Announcements**

None.

### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: March 25, 2021 – 7:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

### Land Acknowledgement

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:**

Madeleine Stinson – President

Hanna Stewart - Vice President, Internal

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life

Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1

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Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

Hassaan Asif - Students Living in Residence Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Health Professions Representative

**3. Approval of the Agenda**



MOTION 2021-03-25-3.1

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

Moved by: Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 1

Motion **passes**

**4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2021-03-25-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 11, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Vice President, Academic and External; seconded by: Vice President, Finance and Operations

Motion **passes**

**6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the International Students Representative

Regrets from the Faculty of Management Representative

Regrets from the Students with Disabilities Representative

Regrets from the LGBTQ+ Students Representative

Regrets from the Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

**7. Appointments by Council**

None.

**8. Presentations**

None.

## 9. Committee Reports

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### MOTION 2021-03-25-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021-22 budget be adopted as presented, and as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations; seconded by: Vice President, Academic and External*

*Document attached.*

Motion **passes**

## 12. Executive Reports

### 12.1 Report of the President

Ascension signed a lease for the next 6 months and will be paying rent equal to half the value of the previous lease agreement until October 1<sup>st</sup>. They have the option to renew for another 2 years at market-value rent. This is the current lease agreement.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

Nothing to add.

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nothing to add.

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to add.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Nothing to add.

## 13. Notice of Motion

None.

#### **14. Announcements**

If you're a faculty representative, please complete your faculty consultation by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.



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### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

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Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Simon Burns - Faculty of Engineering Representative  
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Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative  
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Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative  
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

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Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative

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Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Brij Vaghani - Faculty of Computer Science Representative  
Hassaan Asif - Students Living in Residence Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2021-04-08-3.1

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

Moved by: Students with Disabilities Representative; seconded by: Board of Governors 1 Representative

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2021-04-08-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 25, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: President; seconded by: Board of Governors Representative 2

Motion **passes**.

### **6. Communications Received**

Regrets from the Vice President, Academic and External

Regrets from the Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

Regrets from the Students with Disabilities Representative

Regrets from the Women Students Representative

### **7. Appointments by Council**

None.

### **8. Presentations**

8.1 Update regarding Judicial Board report on election appeal.

*Presented by the Chair*

MOTION 2021-04-08-P.1: Motion to move in-camera

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: Faculty of Engineering Representative

Motion **passes**.

**9. Committee Reports**

None.

**10. Old Business**

None.

**11. New Business**

None.

**12. Executive Reports**

12.1 Report of the President

None.

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

None.

12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

None.

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

None.

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

None.

**13. Notice of Motion**

None.

**14. Announcements**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.



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## DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: April 22, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:13PM.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Present:

Madeleine Stinson – President

Isa Wright - Vice President, Finance and Operations

Jad Ghiz - Vice President, Student Life



Erica Seelemann – Vice President, Academic and External  
Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative 1  
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Cameron Penny - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative  
Oluchi Duru - Faculty of Science Representative  
Nik Isaac-Pictou - Indigenous Students' Representative  
Kathrine Guevara - Women Students Representative  
Robert Larsen - Faculty of Agriculture Representative

**Absent with regrets:**

Vice President, Internal  
Zachariah Scinocca - Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students' Representative  
Isabella Paes de Mello de Camargo - International Students' Representative  
Drew Guyan - LGBTQ+ Students' Representative  
Ken Jacquard - Students with Disabilities Representative

**Absent without regrets:**

Aaron Sophocleous - Faculty of Management Representative  
Shane Isler - Faculty of Law Representative  
Students Living in Residence Representative

**Vacant:**

Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health Professions Representative  
Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative

**Non-voting Members: (note: non-voting attendees are listed here only if they contributed during the meeting. DSU members who were present to observe the meeting but did not intervene in discussion are not listed)**

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

#### MOTION 2021-04-22-3.1

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

Moved by: Board of Governors Representative 2; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2021-04-22-3.1.1: Amendment to the agenda

Amendment 1: move to amend the written section under agenda item 13 to become item 13.1

Amendment 2: move to amend agenda item 13 to include the following committee names:  
Offices Steering Committee, Student Accessibility Fund Committee, International Student  
Emergency Bursary Committee

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Academic and External

Motion **passes**.

### **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

None.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

#### MOTION 2021-04-22-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on April 08, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Faculty of Science Representative; seconded by: President

Motion **passes**.

#### MOTION 2021-04-22-5.1.1: Amendment to the minutes

Amendment 1: motion to amend the language in items 12.1-12.5 from “none” to “nothing to add”

Amendment 2: motion to adjust the Faculty of Agriculture Representative’s attendance from “regrets” to “absent” in the previous minutes

Moved by: President; seconded by: Vice President, Student Life

Motion **passes**.

## **6. Communications Received**

6.1. The President received data collected by Faculty Representatives regarding impacts of tuition fees on their constituencies, which was used by the President and the Board of Governors Representatives at the Board of Governors meeting on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. A full report is attached.

President states that they received data from 4 out of 13 faculties, some of which aren't represented on council at the moment. If there is any additional data to share, feel free to do so.

## **7. Appointments by Council**

None.

## **8. Presentations**

### **8.1. Update on Ongoing Projects**

*Presented by the President*

The governance review has completed its first phase and is moving into its second. Student rating of student content is ongoing. The large mural in the SUB is in-progress. Ascension has signed a 6-month contract on April 1<sup>st</sup>; rent has not been paid yet. In regard to returning to campus, classes are expected to run between 8am and 10pm. There may be some students who will be required to attend classes throughout this range of times. There may also be alternative spaces for classes, such as Park Lane cinema, King's College, and the SUB.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1. Board of Governors Caucus Report**

*Presented by the President*

This is a PDF of every report the President gave to the Board of Governors or Student Committees.

## **10. Old Business**

None.

## **11. New Business**

None.

## **12. Executive Reports**

### 12.1 Report of the President

Nothing to add.

Board of Governors Representative 2 asks when the term of the new Provost will begin and how close that process is to finalization.

President states that the process is still ongoing, and no information can be disclosed at this time. An update will be given to council at a later time.

### 12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

### 12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

### 12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Nothing to add.

### 12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Report is in-progress. VPSL is open to questions.

## **13 Notice of Motion**

### 13.1 The following committees will be filled at Council in May:

Budget and Finance Committee

Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

Student Life Committee

External Committee

Society Review Committee

Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Oversight Committee

Offices Steering Committee

Student Accessibility Fund Committee

International Student Emergency Bursary Committee

Judicial Board

#### **14. Announcements**

President states that the deadline to inform the Governance & Policy Coordinator appointments to faculty representative positions is May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have already had your faculty, please let the Governance & Policy Coordinator know by April 30<sup>th</sup> rather than May 30<sup>th</sup> so that your incoming representative can attend council in May. Also, check your emails tomorrow because the Governance & Policy Coordinator will be contacting you in regard to transitioning your councillor email account.

#### **15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.