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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: May 26, 2021 – 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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Equity Statement

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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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by the Vice-President, Academic and External in the role of the Acting Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Hannah Surita Beaulieu - Vice President, Academic and External Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2 Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students' Representative Sameer Mohamed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Madeleine Stinson – President Tam Pham – LGBTQ+ Students' Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Board of Governors Representative 1 Black Students' Representative International Students' Representative Students Living in Residence Representative Students with Disabilities Representative Women Students Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative Faculty of Architecture Representative Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative Faculty of Health Professions Representative Faculty of Medicine Representative Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Brij Vaghani – Incoming International Representative Anastasia Forbes Daria Oanes Sarah Gordon Shada Ahmed Stephen Abbott Zaina Awad Riham Otman Dipasha Sahni Nazli Akpinar Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette

3. Ratification of Incoming Council Chair

MOTION 2021-05-26-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jamie Samson is appointed as DSU Council Chair for the 2021-2022 Council term.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic and External

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Recommended for adoption by the Chair Hiring Committee

Hiring report attached.

*Motion 2021-05-26-3.1 **Passes***

4. Ratification of Incoming Council Secretary

MOTION 2021-05-26-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ore Sodeinde is appointed as DSU Council Recording Secretary for the 2021-2022 Council term.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic and External

Seconded by Vice-President, Academic and External

Recommended for adoption by the Secretary Hiring Committee

Hiring Report attached.

Motion 2021-05-26-4.1 Passes

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-05-26-5.1

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

Moved by Board of Governors Representative 2

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Motion 2021-05-26-5.1 Passes

6. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-05-26-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on April 22, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Indigenous Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Motion 2021-05-26-7.1 Passes

8. Communications Received

8.1 Executive Goals 2021-22

Document attached.

The Chair explained that though the goals exist, they have not been approved yet and would probably be approved at the next meeting.

9. Appointments by Council

Motion to Suspend Normal Rules of Order

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Dentistry Representative

*Motion **Passes***

The Chair explained that the rules of order were being suspended to allow for appointments to be considered and approved more efficiently during the meeting.

The Chair opened the floor to members of the meeting who wanted to nominate themselves for different committee positions. Upon receipt of all nominations, the chair closed the nomination session and voting council members voted through an online voting platform and all elected committee members were announced.

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Surbhi Mehta, Monica Conohan, Muyu Lu, Nazli Akpinar, Miranda Walsh

Appointed: Miranda Walsh – Councillor

Muyu Lu – General Member

*Motion 2021-05-26 – 9.1 **Passes***

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Noah Davis, Sarah Gordon, Micha Davies-Cole, Tam Pham

Appointed: Micha Davies-Cole – Councillor

Tam Pham – Councillor

Sarah Gordon – General Member

Motion 2021-05-26-9.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, _____, and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the External Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Kathleen Cabillan, Aparna Mohan, Tam Pham, Graham Headley

All Appointed

Motion 2021-05-26-9.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the Grants and Sponsorship Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Grants and Sponsorship Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Sam Thompson, Samiksha Sawhney, Helen Wong, Sameer Mohamed,

Dipasha Sahni, Zaina Awad, Shada Hamed.

Appointed: Zaina Awad –General Member

Sameer Mohamed - Councillor

Motion 2021-05-26-9.4 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, and _____ are appointed as General Members to the Judicial Board.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Sarah Gordon, Dipasha Sahni, Shada Hamed

All Appointed

Motion 2021-05-26-9.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the Offices Steering Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as General Members to the Offices Steering Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Surbhi Mehta, Shada Ahmed, Micha Davies-Cole (Councillor)

All Appointed

Motion 2021-05-26-9.6 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Faculty Representatives to the Oversight Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Community Representatives to the Oversight Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as General Members to the Oversight Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Surbhi Mehta, Stephen Abbot, Micha Davies-Cole, Shada Hamed, Daria Oanes

Appointed: Micha Davies-Cole – Community Representative

Stephen Abbot – General Member

Daria Oanes – General Member

*Motion 2021-05-26-9.7 **Passes***

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the Society Review Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Society Review Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Sameer Mohamed, Nazli Akpinar, Zaina Awad, Shada Hamed.

Appointed: Sameer Mohamed - Councillor

Shada Hamed – General Member

*Motion 2021-05-26-9.8 **Passes***

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the Student Accessibility Fund Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as General Members to the Student Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Victoria Slipp, Sam Thompson, Helen Wong, Brij Vaghani, Tam Pham

Appointed: Tam Pham – Councillor

Sam Thompson – General Member

Victoria Slipp – General Member

Motion 2021-05-26-9.9 Passes

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Councillors to the Student Life Committee and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, and _____ are appointed as General Members to the Student Life Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Dipasha Sahni, Daria Oanes, Nazil Akpinar, Sakshi Jeswani,

Samiksha Sawhney, Anastasia Forbes, Ananya Toal, Patrick Oldfield, Kathleen

Cabillan, Sameer Mohamed, Zaina Awad, Riham Otman, Daria Oanes, Nazli

Akpinar

Appointed: Patrick Oldfield – Councillor

Kathleen Cabillan– Councillor

Anastasia Forbes – General Member

Zaina Awad – General Member

Sameer Mohamed – General Member

*Motion 2021-05-26-9.10 **Passes***

MOTION 2021-05-26-9.11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the International Student Emergency Bursary Fund Committee.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Dipasha Sahni, Nazli Akpinar

Appointed: Dipasha Sahni

*Motion 2021-05-26-9.11 **Passes***

Motion to Recess for 5 Minutes to Fill in Voting Form.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

*Motion **Passes**.*

Motion to Extend 5 Minutes Recess by another 5 Minutes.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded Vice President, Academic and External

*Motion **Passes***

Motion to Recess for 5 Minutes to Vote.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Board of Governors Representative 2

*Motion **Passes***

Motion to Extend Meeting Time by 10 Minutes.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

*Motion **Passes***

10. Presentations

None

11. Committee Reports

None

12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

MOTION 2021-05-26.13.1

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 Rules of Order for Electronic DSU Council Meetings, which was previously adopted by Council on May 21, 2020, remain in place for use during the COVID-19 pandemic; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee continue to review and further develop 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 Dentistry Representative

Document Attached.

*Motion 2021-05-26.13.1 **Passes***

14. Executive Reports

14.1 Report of the President

14.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

14.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

14.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

14.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF documents of all reports are attached.

15. Notice of Motion

None

16. Announcements

16.1 May 31st is the deadline for Faculty societies to appoint their faculty representative to Council. After this date, all Faculty and Community Representative Council seats that remain empty will be open for interim appointments through Oversight Committee. A call for nominations will go up in time for Oversight to bring appointments to the next meeting of Council, in June.

16.2 The next meeting of Council will be held (tentatively) on June 23, 2021 at 6:00pm, using Microsoft Teams. Confirmation of the meeting date and time will be sent out via email.

17. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

*Motion **Passes** and meeting was adjourned at 08:57pm.*



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DSU Council Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Aparna Mohan - Board of Governors Representative 2 Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Vice President, Academic and External Board of Governors Representative 1 Black Students’ Representative Students Living in Residence Representative Students with Disabilities Representative Women Students Representative Faculty of Agriculture Representative Faculty of Architecture Representative Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative Faculty of Health Professions Representative Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Riham Otman Abdul Abu Soba

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-06-23-3.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2021-06-23-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-06-23-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on May 26, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-06-23-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

6.1. The President has received the resignation of the Vice-President, Academic and External. Hannah Surita Beaulieu will be resigning from her position due to personal reasons. We are wishing Hannah all the best and are thankful for her work during her time at the DSU as VP AE.

Document attached.

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Judicial Board.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by the Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Nomination was brought forward by Oversight Committee.

Nominee and Appointee: Hillary Winter

The chair explained the duties of the oversight committee for the benefit of the attendees.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.2

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

WHEREAS there are currently two general members on the Student Life Committee and at least one general member seat is still available; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2021-22: _____.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life;

Nomination(s) to be brought forward by Oversight Committee.

No nominees were brought forward by the oversight committee; therefore, this motion has been postponed.

Motion to Postpone MOTION 2021-06-23-7.2 to the Next Meeting.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.3

WHEREAS the President has received a written resignation from the Vice President, Academic and External; AND

WHEREAS section 4.6.c. of the DSU Bylaws states that “Should a vacancy arise in the office of a Councillor on or before October 31 of the year in which that person was elected, a by-election shall be held to fill such vacancy. In the case of a vacancy in the office of an Executive Officer,

Council will appoint a Councillor to fulfill the duties of the position on an interim basis until a by-election is called, provided that while the Councillor holds the office of an Executive Officer on an interim basis while still retaining their original position as Councillor, they will fulfill both the original duties of Councillor and the additional duties of Executive Officer but will only be permitted one vote at meetings of Council”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Vice President, Academic and External until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the interim Vice President, Academic and External continue to fulfil their councillor duties in addition to their executive duties but only be permitted one vote at meetings of Council for the duration of their appointment, in accordance with DSU Bylaws.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Aparna Mohan is nominated and appointed as interim VPAAE through online voting platform.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.3 Passes

Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Black Students' Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominated and Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.4 Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Women Students' Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward by the oversight committee; therefore, this motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Students with Disabilities Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominated and Appointed: Victoria Slipp

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.6 Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Students in Residence Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward by the oversight committee; therefore, this motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Agriculture Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward by the oversight committee; therefore, this motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Architecture and Planning Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward by the oversight committee; therefore, this motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominated and Appointed: Anna Gaudet

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.10 Passes

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Graduate Students Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward, therefore the motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Management Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

No nominees were brought forward, therefore the motion has been postponed.

MOTION 2021-06-23-7.13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Health Professions Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Lane Williams, Abdul Abu Osba

Appointee: Lane Williams

*MOTION 2021-06-23-7.13 **passes***

Motion to Accept Newly Appointed Interim Positions in MOTIONS 2021-06-23-7.4, 7.6, 7.10, 7.13.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Motion **Passes**

Motion to Postpone MOTIONS 2021-06-23-7.5, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.11 and 7.12.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Motion **Passes**

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-06-23-11.1

CONTENT WARNING: Indigenous genocide, Residential Schools, violence against Indigenous peoples.

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island have been mourning the lives of 215 children whose remains were found on the grounds of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Residential School in Kamloops, BC; AND

WHEREAS the number of Indigenous children's lives taken by those who operated residential schools across Turtle Island continues to grow, confirming the knowledge that residential school survivors and communities have consistently attempted to bring to light through their testimony in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; AND

WHEREAS the residential schooling system was a systematic and coordinated effort of genocide by the Canadian government and the Catholic Church, which continues to impact Indigenous communities across Turtle Island today, and survivors and their families especially; AND

WHEREAS the Canadian government who is responsible for this genocide and its ongoing effects has failed to implement the 94 Calls to Action that came out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report; AND

WHEREAS the DSU is located on the unceded and unsurrendered lands of the Mi'kmaq nation and fulfilling our treaty obligations involves not only supporting our Mi'kmaw and Indigenous members but supporting their families, communities and the first peoples of this land more broadly, including residential school survivors; AND

WHEREAS the DSU as a student union is a part of the colonial post-secondary education system and Dalhousie University specifically which has its own unique legacy of

colonialism and colonial violence, our treaty obligations also include actively working towards the decolonization of the DSU, Dalhousie University, and the broader post-secondary education system, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU reaffirms our commitment to Indigenous students and communities by prioritizing the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action as well as our commitment to supporting efforts to decolonize Dalhousie University, particularly such efforts which are led by Indigenous students, faculty, and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU writes to local MPs, relevant Provincial and Federal Ministers, and the Prime Minister on behalf of Dalhousie students to urge them to implement all 94 Calls to Action identified in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU donates \$1000.00 to the Native Council of NS Social Youth Outreach Program.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

TRC Calls to Action are attached as a PDF document.

MOTION 2021-06-23-11.1 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF documents of all reports are attached.

13. Notice of Motion

13.1. A motion to appoint students to any vacant seats on Student Senate Caucus for the 2021-22 year will be coming to Council in July.

13.2. A motion to appoint councillors to any vacant councillor seats on committees for the 2021-22 year will be coming to Council in July.

13.3. The following policies will be coming to Council in July with proposed amendments. The wording for the motions and the draft policy changes will be circulated to councillors two weeks in advance of the July meeting of Council.

- Equity Policy
- Hiring Policy
- Society Policy
- Bursary Policy

14. Announcements

14.1. Academic accommodations for Indigenous students currently enrolled in spring/summer courses, such as exam deferrals and deadline extensions, are available at this time. Indigenous students can reach out to their professors to request accommodations.

Resources currently available to Indigenous students include:

- Students can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Residential School Crisis Line (1-866 925-4419).
- The Indigenous Students' Community Representative on DSU Council, Micha Davies-Cole, is available for support and can be reached at dsufabos@dal.ca.
- The Elders in Residence program is available to students across campus for guidance, counsel and support.
- The Indigenous Student Centre helps create a sense of belonging to support student success while at Dalhousie. The Indigenous Student Advisor provides support and advocacy for all of Dalhousie's Indigenous students.
- Dalhousie's Human Rights and Equity Services provides confidential advice and support if a member of our community has faced race-based harassment and/or discrimination.

- Students who require immediate support should contact Student Health and Wellness by phone to book an appointment: 902-494-2171 (Halifax); 902-893-6369 (Truro). Additional e-mental health options for students are available, including Good2Talk – free and confidential counselling for post-secondary students (dal.ca/good2talk); Ask a Nurse – confidential answers to your health questions within 72 hrs; and TAO – an online mental health library.

14.2. The next meetings of Council will take place (tentatively) on July 21st and August 18th at 6:00pm on Microsoft Teams. The Fall Council schedule will be announced shortly.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 07:01pm.



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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by the Council Chair

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President Aparna Mohan – Vice President, Academic and External (Interim) & Board of Governors Representative 2 Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative Victoria Slipp – Students with Disabilities Representative Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative Lane Williams - Faculty of Health Professions Representative
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VACANT POSITIONS
Board of Governors Representative 1 Students Living in Residence Representative

Women Students Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-07-21-3.1

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

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Health Professions Representative

MOTION 2021-07-21-3.1 Passes

Motion to Amend Agenda to Include MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1

Moved by the Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative.

Motion Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-07-21-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on June 26 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Seconded by Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-07-21-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to the Senate Caucus for the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Architecture and Planning Representative: _____

Arts and Social Sciences Representative: Matthew MacEachern

Computer Science Representative: Hetang Patel

Continuing Education Representative:

Health Professions Representative: Mohamed Nashnoush

Management Representative: Kyle Armstrong

Science Representative: Jessica Telizyn

Continuing Education Representative: _____

Graduate Students' Representatives: Taylor Adams and _____

Black Students' Representative: Sydney Keyamo

International Students' Representative: _____

LGBTQ2S+ Students' Representative: _____

Students With Disabilities Representative: Danielle Bilodeau

Women Students' Representative: Natasha Ferguson

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Vacant Nominations to be brought forward by Executive Committee

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.1 Passes

Motion to Postpone Nomination on Vacant Senate Caucus Seats till the Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Motion **Passes**

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominated and Appointed: Rile Lockhart

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Moved by the President

Secoded by Black Students' Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Ava Maleki

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the External Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Secoded by Vice President, Student Life

No Nominations were brought forward by the oversight committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4 Passes

Motion to Postpone MOTION 2021-07-21-7.4 till Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Secoded by the President

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Grants and Sponsorships Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominated and Appointed: Brij Vaghani

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Judicial Board.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Students with Disabilities Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Nora Ahmed

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.6 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Community Representative to the Offices Steering Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

No Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.7 Passes

Motion to Postpone Motion 2021-07-21-7.7 till the Next Council Meeting

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed as Faculty Representatives and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Community Representative to the Oversight Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Faculty Representative: Anna Gaudet, Lane Williams

Community Representative: Victoria Slipp

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.8 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Society Review Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominated and Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.9 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the Student Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nominated and Appointed: Councillor: Victoria Slipp

No general members were nominated yet and someone may fill the position sometime in the future.

MOTION 2021-07-21-7.10 Passes

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.1

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

WHEREAS there are currently two general members on the Student Life Committee and at least one general member seat is still available; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Student Life Committee for 2021-22: _____.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Karuna Manchada, Aashay Raj, Maryam Asha

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.1 Passes

Motion For 10mins Recess to Read Through Interim Womens' Representative Nominations

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion Passes

Motion for Secret Ballot Vote

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Women Students' Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Nominee Statements of Intent Document attached.

Nominees: Jasmine Hawkes, Janna Albarda

Appointed: Janna Albarda

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.2 Passes

Motion to Omnibus Motions 2021-07-21-10.3 – 10.7

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Dentistry Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Students in Residence Community Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Agriculture Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.4 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Architecture and Planning Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Graduate Students Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.6 Passes

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Faculty of Management Representative until the conclusion of the fall by-election.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominations are yet to be brought forward; this seat will therefore remain unfilled until nominations are received by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-07-21-10.3 Passes

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1

WHEREAS section 2.7 of the DSU Financial Policy states that “Purchase orders for amounts over \$10,000 shall be approved by Council”; and

WHEREAS O-Week packs and t-shirts must be paid for as soon as possible so that they can be ordered and shipped in time for Orientation Week in September;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$28, 619.48 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase Orientation Week Pack Materials from Big Tree Promotions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$11, 148.96 from the Orientation Week Line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase t-shirts for Orientation Week and Welcome Week from Big Tree Promotions.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

The Vice President, Student Life briefly discussed what the O-week expense covers and what the package entails.

MOTION 2021-07-21-11.1 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF documents all attached

13. Notice of Motion

13.1 The following policies will be coming to Council on August 18th with proposed amendments. The wording for the motions and the draft policy changes will be circulated to councillors two weeks in advance.

- Equity Policy
- Hiring Policy
- Society Policy
- Bursary Policy

14. Announcements

14.1 All vacant caucus seats and appointments would be filled out during the next month's meeting.

14.2 Individuals who are interested in being O-week leaders can apply now.

14.3 Council members are kindly reminded to fill out their availability forms for the upcoming semester.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: August 18, 2021 – 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

Land Acknowledgement

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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

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Lane Williams - Faculty of Health Professions Representative
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Anna Gaudet – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Victoria Slipp – Students with Disabilities Representative
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
Absent Without Regrets: Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative

VACANT POSITIONS
Board of Governors Representative 1
Students Living in Residence Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-08-18-3.1

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

Moved by International Students' Representative

Seconded by Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-08-18-3.1 Passes

Motion to Amend Agenda to Include MOTION 2021-08-18-11.6

Moved by the 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 2021-08-18-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on July 21, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by the President

MOTION 2021-08-18-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to the Senate Caucus for the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Architecture and Planning Representative: _____ ***Elizabeth Grace Alexander***

Continuing Education Representative: _____ ***Justin LoRusso***

Graduate Students' Representatives: _____

LGBTQ2S+ Students' Representative: _____ ***Christina Flood***

Moved by the Vice President, Academic and External;

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Nominations to be brought forward by the Executive Committee.

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.1 ***Passes***

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Councillor to the External Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Academics and External

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

No Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.2 ***Passes***

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a Community Representative to the Offices Steering Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Internal;

Seconded by Vice President, Academics and External

Nominated and Appointed: Janna Albarda

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.3 ***Passes***

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as a General Member to the Student Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved by the Vice President, Internal

Seconded by Vice President, Finance and Operations

No Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee. Oversight Committee is waiting until they receive more statements of intent from students with disabilities before bringing forward a nomination

MOTION 2021-08-18-21-7.4 Passes

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1

WHEREAS the DSU currently offers two bursaries, one for international students and one for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS having a single policy which governs all bursary funds will make it easier for the union to create more bursary funds in the future and to have each bursary fund follow the same general principles, guidelines, and practices; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bursary Policy be adopted as circulated, and as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the International Student Emergency Bursary Policy be repealed.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Academics and External

Discussions and Clarifications about the term “appropriate fund” under paragraph 1.3 of the bursary policy was addressed by the president

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1 Passes

Motion to postpone MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1 to an e-vote

Moved Indigenous Student Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

*MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1 **Passes***

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.2

WHEREAS the current Hiring Policy does not fully reflect the union's updated Hiring Manual; and

WHEREAS updating the Hiring Policy in August will allow it to have full effect in September when new student staff begin working; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Hiring Policy be adopted as circulated, and as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

*MOTION 2021-08-18-11.2 **Passes***

Abstention: Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.3

WHEREAS the current Equity Policy does not fully reflect the union's updated Hiring Manual; and

WHEREAS updating the Equity Policy in August will allow it to have full effect in September when new student staff begin working; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Equity Policy be adopted as circulated, and as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

*MOTION 2021-08-18-11.3 **Passes***

Abstention: Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.4

WHEREAS the Equity Policy was originally adopted as an Issues Policy; and

WHEREAS the Equity Policy has, over time, become not only reflective of the union's stance on equity but also inclusive of procedures and guidelines that members actively follow and that which the union enforces; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Equity Policy be adopted as an Operations Policy of the union.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.4 Passes

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.5

WHEREAS the Society Policy was due to be reviewed in June 2021; and

WHEREAS including more detail on processes such as appeals, society complaints, and society training before September will allow societies to begin the fall semester with a clear understanding of how these processes work and what is expected of them during the year; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Society Policy be adopted as circulated, and as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.6

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality has been consistently attempting to evict houseless people who are occupying temporary shelters in Kjiptuk (Halifax), which have been created by Halifax Mutual Aid; and

WHEREAS on August 18th, 2021 the Halifax Regional Police led a violent, forcible mass eviction effort against houseless people from these temporary shelters; and

WHEREAS many protestors were injured and arrested during these events, including post-secondary students from Dalhousie and other institutions; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU writes and releases a statement condemning the actions of the Halifax Regional Police in leading violent, forcible mass evictions of houseless people from shelters made by Halifax Mutual Aid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this statement calls on the municipal and provincial government to immediately cease these evictions and put protections in place for those occupying temporary shelters in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), including revoking all fines issued to individuals occupying temporary shelters or protesting the evictions on August 18th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU donates \$500.00 to Halifax Mutual Aid from the sponsorship line of the operating budget in order to support their ongoing initiative to build shelters for houseless people in Kijipuktuk (Halifax).

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2021-08-18-11.6 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF Documents of All Reports are attached

13. Notice of Motion

13.1 Seats on Elections Committee will be filled at the next meeting of council.

14. Announcements

14.1 Council meetings for the fall and winter terms will be held on Mondays starting at 7pm and will follow a hybrid model of in-person and virtual elements until public health announces phase 5 of the COVID reopening plan. Unless a councillor informs the Chair of a reason that they cannot attend council meetings in-person, councillors will be expected to attend meetings in-person in the SUB's Council Chambers. Due to COVID restrictions, general members who wish to attend council will attend virtually until restrictions are lifted, at which point they will be invited to attend in-person.

The Council meeting dates are as follows for the 2021-22 fall and winter terms:

Monday, September 13

Monday, September 27

Monday, October 18

Monday, November 1

Monday, November 15

Monday, November 29

Monday, December 13

Monday, January 10

Monday, January 24

Monday, February 7

Monday, February 28

Monday, March 14

Monday, March 28

Monday, April 11

Monday, April 25

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

Location: Council Chambers (Student Union Building) and Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm by the council chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Aparna Mohan – Vice President, Academic and External (Interim) & Board of Governors Representative 2
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Review of in-person meeting procedures

The chair gave a brief overview of what the in-person meeting procedures are, to the understanding of everyone at the meeting.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-09-13-4.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice President, Academica and External

*MOTION 2021-09-13-4.1 **Passes***

5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

5.1 Update that MOTION 2021-08-18-11.1 from the previous meeting was circulated to councillors via e-mail and the Bursary Policy has been adopted with amendments. The motion with its amendments was **passed** by council on August 27th. The relevant documents are attached and will also be available on the website.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on August 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

*MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1 **Passes***

7. Communications Received

None

8. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-09-13-8.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT William Mann be appointed as the DSU Chief Returning Officer for 2021- 22.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Rep

CRO Hiring Report attached.

Recommended for adoption by the CRO Hiring Committee.

*MOTION 2021-09-13-6.1 **Passes***

Abstention: Vice President, Academic & External

MOTION 2021-09-13-8.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President;

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Nominee: Jobenpreet Singh

No Other Nominations were brought forward by Oversight Committee.

Concerns were raised about the absence of a statement of intent from the nominee, and discussions about the upcoming elections being affected by a lack of sufficient individuals on the committee.

MOTION 2021-09-13-8.2 Fails

Abstention: Vice President, Finance and Operations

9. Presentations

9.1 Update on SUB operations for the fall

Presented by the President

The DSU is fully functional now, some vendors are working for restricted hours for now, unfortunately campus copy would not be functional this year, the food bank has changed rooms and the SUB would be open 24hrs a day during the exam period for both semesters.

10. Committee Reports

None

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.1

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 8.1.5. states that “The Elections Committee must present the recommended Elections Period schedule to the DSU Council for approval at least three (3) weeks before the start of the Nomination Period”; and

WHEREAS the Nominations Period is set to begin on October 8th and the deadline for Council to approve the schedule for the by-election is therefore September 17th; and

WHEREAS the Elections Committee has not been formed as of the September 13th DSU Council Meeting;

THEREFORE:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Elections Committee desire to make any changes to the Fall By-Election Schedule that a revised schedule be circulated to DSU Council for an e-mail vote on or before September 20th.

Document attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Concerns were raised about the ability of the elections committee to adequately perform their duties within such a short period, since the committee has not be properly formed yet.

Motion to Extend Revised Schedule Circulation in MOTION 2021-09-13-12.1, from September 20 to September 27

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021 are approved.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations.

Seconded by the Vice President, Student Life

Document attached.

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-09-13-12.3

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 2022 fiscal year.

Document attached.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations.

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

*MOTION 2021-09-13-12.2 **Passes***

13. Executive Reports

13.1 Report of the President

13.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

13.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

13.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

Report would be set in by the end of the week

13.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

Appreciation for support during O-Week

PDF Documents of Reports are Attached

14. Notice of Motion

None

15. Announcements

15.1 The 2021 DSU Annual General Meeting will be held October 7th at 6pm in the McInnes Room! Councillors should all attend and spread the word to their constituents. Notice of the meeting will be emailed to all students, as well as promoted on DSU social media channels and with physical posters on campus. If you'd like some posters to put up on campus, email dsu.graphicdesign@dal.ca. The AGM is a chance for all general members to participate in the governance of the union and have their voice heard!

15.2 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 27th in the SUB's Council Chambers as well as Microsoft Teams.

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm



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Meeting Date and Time: September 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers (Student Union Building) and Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:19pm by the council chair.

2. Roll Call

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Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life
Anna Gaudet – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
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Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative
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Janna Albarda – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Sameer Mohammed - Faculty of Computer Science Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Vice President, Academic and External
Board of Governors Representative 1
Board of Governors Representative 2
Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-09-27-3.1

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

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

*MOTION 2021-09-27-3.1 **Passes***

Motion to Amend Agenda to New Communications under Items 6 & 8

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Item 6 – Communication from the Vice President, Academic & External concerning their resignation.

Item 6 – Communication from the the current Auditors indicating their resignation.

Item 8 – Presentation on the homecoming event that happened over the weekend and the DSU’s response.

*Motion **Passes***

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-09-27-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 13, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2021-09-27-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

Vice President, Academic & External (Interim) & Board of Governors 2: Aparna Mohan held both positions and has resigned due to personal reasons. The roles would remain vacant till the by-elections and all actions till then would be managed by the president.

Auditors: PWC has resigned due to financial constraints, therefore the union needs new auditors. Further updates would be given by the next council meeting.

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President;

Seconded by Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Nominees: Emilia Cordova, Ashfiqa Ashraff Ali, Ananya Bhattacharya, Cristina Sava, Riham Otman

It was brought to the meeting's attention by a representative of the Oversight committee that one of the nominees brought forward was rejected due to lack of adequate information and clarifications are to be conducted about that application and has therefore been tabled till the next council meeting.

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1 Passes

Motion to Move In-Camera for Quick Discussion About MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Motion Passes

Motion to Move Ex-Camera

Moved by the President

Seconded by Women Students Representative

Motion Passes

Motion to Split MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1 into 2 Different Motions

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, _____, and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Emilia Cordova, Ashfiqa Ashraff Ali, Ananya Bhattacharya, Cristina Sava

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1.1 Passes

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Nominee: Riham Otman

MOTION 2021-09-27-7.1.2 Fails

Abstention: Vice President, Internal, Women Students Representative

8. Presentations

The DSU encourages everyone to get tested regardless of their vaccination status, especially those who attended the street parties during the weekend, and Individuals who would like to volunteer for the COVID-19 outreach should reach out to the DSU or check out [the bottom of this page](#) for registration links.

All students are advised to check out the [DSU News Outlet](#) for further information on these presentations.

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Executive Reports

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12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF Documents of all reports are attached

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 Nominations for the fall by-election open on October 8th and close on October 15th! Nomination packages are currently available on the DSU website at dsu.ca/elections. If you know anyone who might be interested in running, please reach out to them! If you are currently holding an interim position on council and are interested in remaining in that role for the rest of the 2021-22 year, remember that you will need to run in the by-election. So don't forget to fill out your nomination forms!

14.2 The DSU AGM is coming up next week on Thursday, October 7th at 6pm in the McInnes Room. Please attend and spread the word to your constituents! The AGM is a chance for all general members to participate in the governance of the union and have their voice heard.

14.3 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 18 in the SUB's Council Chambers as well as on Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjournment

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Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-10-18-3.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-10-18-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-10-18-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on September 27, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

MOTION 2021-10-18-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-10-18-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021- 22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Student Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Gabby D'amico

Calantha D'Souza

MOTION 2021-10-18-7.1 Passes

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Board of Governors Caucus Report

Presented by President

Document attached

Motion to Move In-Camera

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

Motion to Move Ex-Camera

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Motion Passes

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-10-18-11.1

WHEREAS students at Dalhousie have identified that the cost barrier associated with diagnostic testing has prevented them from accessing essential diagnostic services for learning disabilities, attentional disorders, and other cognitive conditions; and

WHEREAS the status of students' diagnoses directly impacts their ability to seek academic accommodations at Dalhousie, as well as their general ability to access education and the quality of their education; and

WHEREAS this limited access to essential testing services and academic accommodations can have a direct impact on students' mental health,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council approves the creation of an ad hoc Assessment Assistance Bursary and Assessment Assistance Bursary Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary is a total of \$15,000.00, allocated from Student VIP funds, a pool of monies provided by the DSU's health insurance provider on an annual basis that must be used for mental health initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the funding limit per applicant is \$1000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee's membership shall consist of the DSU President, the Students with Disabilities Councillor or, if they are unavailable, any Councillor, and one Member at Large.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bursary's term extends until the end of the 2021 Fiscal year, or the time that the fund is resolved, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT only those students who are evaluated by a Dalhousie Health and Wellness staff member, and who identifies to that staff a financial need, will be referred to the bursary. Both domestic and international students are eligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad hoc assessment assistance bursary will follow all other conditions as outlined in the Bursary Policy.

Documents Attached.

Moved by the President.

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-10-18-11.1 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

12.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

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12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

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13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The Campaigning Period for the fall by-election begins tomorrow. Voting occurs on October 27 and 28th!

14.2 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 1st in the SUB Council Chambers as well as on Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm



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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative Victoria Slipp – Students with Disabilities Representative
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Adam Inness - Dal Gazette
Lane Harrison - Dal Gazette

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-11-01-3.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded: Student with disabilities representative

MOTION 2021-11-01-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-11-01- 5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on October 18, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by President

MOTION 2021-11-01- 5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

8.1 Strategic Plan Update

Presented by the President

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-11-01- 11.1

WHEREAS section 2.7 of the DSU Financial Policy states that “Purchase orders for amounts over \$10,000 shall be approved by Council”; and

WHEREAS the existing deep fryer for the Grawood is 20 years old and is no longer cost effective to repair, and will therefore become unsafe to continue operating; and

WHEREAS there is \$247, 935.00 still available to be used in the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget for 2021-22,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$31, 536.91 from the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase a new deep fryer for the Grawood.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

*MOTION 2021-11-01- 11.1 **Passes***

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF Documents of all reports attached.

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 VPI Truelee is beginning to plan for and organize Winter Pride programming! If anyone on Council wants to get involved or knows any groups or societies that would be interested in getting involved, please reach out to dsuvpi@dal.ca.

14.2 Reading Week is from Nov 8-12th.

14.3 The next meeting of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 15th in the SUB Council Chambers as well as on Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm



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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
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Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Black Students' Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative
Women Students Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-11-15-3.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2021-11-15-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-11-15-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 1, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

MOTION 2021-11-15-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the open General Member seat on the ad-hoc Assessment Assistance Bursary Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Student Life

Nominated & Appointed: Melika Sadeghi

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the open General Member seat on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by Vice President, Academic & External

Nominated & Appointed: Anish Gondhi

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the open Councillor seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Jonathon Frontain

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-15-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the open Councillor seat on the External Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic & External

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Nominated & Appointed: Muyu (Murray) Lyu

*MOTION 2021-11-15-7.4 **Passes***

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Executive Reports

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PDF Documents of all reports attached.

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The DSU is hosting its annual Winter Pride week from January 31st - February 5th, 2022. As a part of the week's events, we're partnering with the College of Sustainability to host a panel discussion on urban politics, planning, and the queer experience at their weekly ESS Lecture. Panel presentations can include topics ranging from Queer-centric public policy to the need for safe Queer spaces, Queer marginalization in urban areas, and more!

We are looking for students, academics, and community members who are interested in speaking as part of the panel. We will invite each panelist (a total of three) to give a brief presentation, followed by a group question and discussion period. The panel itself will be on Thursday, February 4th, from 7pm- 9pm. Each speaker will receive a small honorarium.

We would love for you to share this opportunity with your peers. If anyone is interested, please have them email dsupres@dal.ca with a short bio and an explanation of their perspective on the topic. Presenter spaces are closed to members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

14.2 There are still 9 open positions on DSU Council! Students who are interested can fill out an interest form at dsu.ca/councillors by Nov 24th. Oversight Committee will review interest form submissions on Nov 26th and recommend nominees to be appointed by Council on Nov 29th.

14.3. The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

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Faculty of Management Representative
Black Students' Representative
Students Living in Residence Representative
Women Students Representative
NON – VOTING MEMBERS
Adam Inniss - Dal Gazette

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-11-29-3.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Academic & External

Seconded by Vice President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2021-11-29-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-11-29-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 15, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President, Academic & External

Seconded by Vice President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2021-11-29-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

Motion to Omnibus

Be it resolved that MOTION 2021-11-29-7.1 – 7.6 be voted upon in omnibus

Moved by Vice President, Academic & External

Seconded by the President

Motion Passes

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.1

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Black Students Community Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.2

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Women Students Community Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Emilia Cordova

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.3

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Residence Students Community Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Bianca Morelli

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.4

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Faculty of Arts & Social Science Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Stephen Abbott

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.4 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.5

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President;

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nomination to be brought forward by Oversight Committee.

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.5 Passes

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.6

WHEREAS section 6.2 of the Elections and Referenda Policy stipulates that should any position on DSU Council remain vacant following a by-election, “[the] Oversight Committee must evaluate all candidates who have expressed interest in appointment to the vacant positions and provide recommendations to the DSU Council regarding the filling of those positions and Council must then make the appointment”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Faculty of Health Professions Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 Council Term.

Moved by President;

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Nominated and Appointed: Anika Declan

MOTION 2021-11-29-7.6 Passes

8. Presentations

8.1 Presentation of Revised Budget

Presented by Vice President, Finance & Operations

8.2 CFS Prospective Membership Update

Presented by the President

Document attached

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Board of Governor's Caucus Report

Presented by President

Documents attached

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-11-29-11.1

WHEREAS in late September 2021, the firm PwC resigned from auditing the Union after 8 years for economic reasons; and

WHEREAS section 5.3 of the Financial Policy stipulates that "Budget and Finance Committee shall recommend an independent external auditor for a term of up to five (5) years to Council"; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm BDO Canada be appointed as the Union's auditor for a term of 2021-2023.

Document attached.

Moved by Vice-President, Finance & Operations

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Approved by Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

MOTION 2021-11-29-11.1 Passes

Abstention: Vice President, Academic & External

MOTION 2021-11-29-11.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winter General Election schedule be approved as proposed.

Document attached.

Moved by President

Seconded by Vice President, Finance & Operations

Approved by Elections Committee on November 25, 2021.

MOTION 2021-11-29-11.2 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF Documents of all reports attached

13. Notice of Motion

The following motions will appear on the agenda for the next Council meeting on December 13, 2021.

13.1 Motion to approve the revised budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year be adopted.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations; approved by Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

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, and must attend all meetings of Council and any Committees to which they are elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS Councillor Sameer Mohammed, Computer Science Representative, has been absent without regrets from 5 out of 9 meetings of DSU Council and has failed to attend Society Review Committee or Grants Committee meetings, of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS Section 4.8 of the DSU Bylaws dictates that councillors may be disciplined for failure to attend Council and Committee meetings, and/or failure to perform their duties; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Sameer Mohammed, 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 Sameer Mohammed 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.

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021.

The DSU would be open for extended hours (till about 2am) during exam week (Dec 7-9) and breakfast would be served at 11pm, everyone is invited!

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers (Student Union Building) and Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Land Acknowledgement

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2 Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative Bianca Morelli – Residence Students Community Representative Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1 Sameer Mohammed – Faculty of Computer Science Representative Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative
VACANT POSITIONS

Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Management Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2021-12-13-3.1

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

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2021-12-13-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2021-12-13- 5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on November 29, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Vice President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2021-12-13-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

8.1 VPAE Winter 2022 Goal

Document attached

Presented by Vice-President, Academic and External

Motion to table 8.1 till January 2022

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

8.2 Strategic Plan Update

Document attached

Presented by President

8.3 Governance Review Update

Document attached

Presented by President

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Society Review Committee Report

Document attached

Presented by Vice-President, Internal

10. Old Business

MOTION 2021-12-13-10.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year be adopted.

Moved by Vice President, Finance and Operations;

Seconded by Disabled Students Representative

Approved by Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

MOTION 2021-12-13-10.1 **Passes**

MOTION 2021-12-13-10.2

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, and must attend all meetings of Council and any Committees to which they are elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS Councillor Sameer Mohammed, Computer Science Representative, has been absent without regrets from 5 out of 9 meetings of DSU Council and has failed to attend Society Review Committee or Grants Committee meetings, of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS Section 4.8 of the DSU Bylaws dictates that councillors may be disciplined for failure to attend Council and Committee meetings, and/or failure to perform their duties; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Sameer Mohammed, 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 Sameer Mohammed 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.

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Women Students Representative

MOTION 2021-12-13-10.2 **Passes**

Motion to Amend Agenda to Change 2021 to 2022 in MOTION 2021-12-13-10.2 Above

Moved by President

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

11. New Business

MOTION 2021-12-13-11.1

WHEREAS the housing crisis in Halifax / Kjiptuk is deeply affecting Dalhousie students in a number of ways, and particularly financially; and

WHEREAS many students are facing emergency housing situations and are in need of funds to offset short-term, one-time costs; and

WHEREAS the rising costs of housing disproportionately affect marginalized community members; and

WHEREAS the Revised 2021-22 Operating Budget includes funds set aside to distribute an emergency housing bursary in February and March of 2022; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council approves the creation of an ad hoc Emergency Housing Bursary and ad hoc Emergency Housing Bursary Committee as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purpose of this ad hoc bursary is to support students who are facing a one-time financial need associated with a housing situation, particularly those needs which are tied to equity and/or accessibility issues and particularly students whose financial need is most severe and who have the least access to other resources and supports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary is a total of \$10,000.00, allocated from the Bursary line of the Service department (line 6251 of department 112) in the revised Operating Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the funding limit per applicant is \$400.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee's membership shall consist of the DSU Vice- President Academic and External, another Executive Member, 2 Councillors, and 2 Members at Large; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary's term extends until the end of the 2021-22 Fiscal year, or the time that the fund is resolved, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT eligibility and assessment criteria for this bursary will be as established in the attached Terms of Reference as well as the DSU Bursary Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Emergency Housing Bursary and its corresponding Committee will follow all other conditions as outlined in the DSU Bursary Policy.

Document attached.

Moved by Vice-President, Academic & External.

Seconded by Women Students Representative

MOTION 2021-12-13-11.1 **Passes**

MOTION 2021-12-13-11.2

WHEREAS there is a lack of student consultation on programming for the Dalhousie Mental Health Forum and other University wellness programming and services; and

WHEREAS there is a need for Union programming such as O-Week, as well as society events on campus, to be looked at with a mental health lens to continue working towards the improvement of mental health and well-being for students on campus; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council strike an ad-hoc committee to inform and guide programming for Dalhousie's Annual Mental Health Forum and other University programming, as well as Union and society programming on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee is named the Mental Health Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee is tasked with providing short-term and long-term recommendations for programming on campus to ensure that it reflects the mental health needs and concerns of students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these recommendations are utilized by the Executive Committee in the planning of DSU programming and events, and to advocate for the improvement of University mental health and wellness programming and broader University initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Union Committees such as the Student Life Committee, and DSU societies, can consult the Mental Health Committee on their programming and events either by attending meetings of the committee or by submitting a request to the Vice-President, Student Life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Committee is open to all members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Committee is chaired by the Vice-President, Student Life and includes at least 2 Councillors and 3 members-at-large; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT those who are interested in sitting as voting members of the Committee put their name forward to the Oversight Committee, who will then provide recommendations to Council regarding appointments; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee meet for a one (1) year term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee submit a report to Council at the end of the Winter, Summer, and Fall semesters of the 2022 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee's reports to Council include any recommendations regarding the improvement of Union and society programming, University programming such as but not limited to the Mental Health Forum, and other initiatives on campus.

Moved by Vice-President, Student Life.

Seconded by Residence Students Community Representative

MOTION 2021-12-13-11.2 *Passes*

Motion to Amend MOTION 2021-12-13-11.2 to state that: "2 councillors" be changed to "the Disabled Student Representative and 1 other councillor"

Moved by Disabled Student Representative

Seconded by the President

*Motion **Passes***

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

PDF Documents of All Reports are attached

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The Students with Disabilities Representative title will be known as the Disabled Students Representative moving forward. This change was brought forward by the current rep, Victoria Slipp, based on feedback from her constituency. Members of the constituency feel that changing the title to Disabled Students Rep more adequately represents the perspective of their community and that this change would make them feel better heard by their rep on council and by the DSU more generally. Other titles of community rep positions on council have also changed in the past, to reflect the most accurate and appropriate language for each community. A motion will be brought forward at the next General Meeting to officially update the councillor titles in the DSU Bylaws, based on current practice.

14.2 The DSU is engaging in a conversation around the in-house services of the Grawood, with hopes to increase turnout to events and make the space more engaging and inviting. Since the restructuring in 2019, the Grawood has not been as busy and we are looking to better understand students' perceptions and desires for the space!

Please share this survey link with your constituents! We'll share findings next semester for interest; operational decisions for the Grawood are under the purview of the DSU Bar Manager. Thank you!

14.3 The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022.

14.4 Council meeting dates for the Winter Term are as follows:

Jan 10	March 14
Jan 24	March 28 (Room 303 instead of Council Chambers)
Feb 7	April 11
Feb 28	April 25

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: January 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

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ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Patrick Oldfield - Faculty of Engineering Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Management Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-01-10-3.1

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

Moved by the Vice President, Academic & External

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-10-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-01-10-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on December 13, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2022-01-10-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

8.1 VPAA Winter 2022 Goal

Document attached

Presented by Vice-President, Academic and External

8.2 COVID-19 and DSU Operations Update

Presented by President

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of Council will be held virtually on Monday, January 24, 2022.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: January 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative
Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative
Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative
Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative
Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative
Bianca Morelli – Residence Students Community Representative
Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
None
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative

VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Engineering Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Management Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-01-24-3.1

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

Moved by Black Student Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2022-01-24-3.1 Passes

Motion to Amend Agenda to Include a Motion on the Proposed Budget.

Moved by President

Seconded by Women Students Representative

Motion Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-01-24-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 10, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Women Students Representative

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

6.1 The previous Faculty of Engineering Rep, Patrick Oldfield, has graduated. The Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society has appointed a new rep for the remainder of the 2021/22 term. The new rep is DUES VP Outreach, Zuhair Zaidi.

6.2 Due to the previous Faculty of Computer Science Rep being recalled to by-election, the DSU President reached out to the Computer Science Society and asked them to appoint a new representative for the remainder of the 2021/22 term. The new Computer Science Rep on Council is Heemal Morakhia.

Motion to Table MOTION 2022-01-24-7.3 – 7.5

Be it resolved that MOTION 2022-01-24-7.3 – 7.5 be deferred till the next council meeting

Moved by President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion Passes

Motion to Omnibus

Be it resolved that MOTION 2022-01-24-7.1 – 7.2 be voted upon in omnibus

Moved by President

Seconded by Student Living in Residence Representative

Motion Passes

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ be appointed to the Elections Committee for the 2021- 22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Ava Maleki

Albert Badey

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ be appointed to the Ad Hoc Emergency Housing Bursary Committee.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic and External

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Melisa Thang Choy

Jessica Telyzin

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.3

Whereas the membership of the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee includes at least three (3) general members; and

Whereas there is no limit imposed on how many additional general members may be appointed as voting members to the committee;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee: _____.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2021- 22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.4 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Nominations to be brought forward by Oversight Committee

MOTION 2022-01-24-7.5 Passes

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Fall 2021 Executive Review Report

Presented by Oversight Committee

Document attached.

Motion to Move In-Camera

Moved by Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Seconded by Indigenous Students' Representative

Motion Passes

Motion to Move Ex-Camera

Moved by President

Seconded by Women Students Representative

Motion Passes

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.1

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 premiums 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 current Health and Dental claims paid almost exceed premiums collected from the members; and

WHEREAS the DSU is required to keep a certain level of reserve funds in order to maintain a self-insured plan, and a self-insured plan allows the DSU to maintain lower overall rates for our members; and

WHEREAS in the past, the DSU Council has approved sudden and steep increases to the Health and Dental plan that were not sustainable for students, in order to compensate for years of poor Health and Dental plan management; and

WHEREAS this situation is best mitigated by year-to-year fee adjustments of several dollars at a time that prevent unsustainable plan costs for students; and

WHEREAS a fee adjustment of several dollars per student effectively spreads the cost of student medical care among our many members, subsidizing the cost of care for those who need it most; and

WHEREAS this fee adjustment would enable the DSU to continue to support its most vulnerable members during the Covid-19 pandemic by continuing to provide physical and mental health coverage to those that rely on it; and

WHEREAS all students are required to have health insurance coverage in order to attend Dalhousie; and

WHEREAS all students at Dalhousie, international and domestic, are enrolled in the DSU Health plan unless opted-out;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Health Plan single student fee be increased 1% (\$2.83), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Health Plan family fee be increased 1% (\$2.83), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these increases will take effect September 2022.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.2

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 premiums 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 the DSU executive committee continues to receive feedback from members detailing their experience with the Central Nervous System (CNS) stimulants claims cap (currently \$500.00 per annum) being too low to support their needs; and

WHEREAS CNS stimulants can be used to mitigate the symptoms of cognitive conditions like narcolepsy, depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and others that impact an individual's quality of life and ability; and

WHEREAS the DSU believes that the Health plan coverage should be reflective of the wishes of its membership; and

WHEREAS the DSU believes that healthcare should be accessible to everyone; and

WHEREAS CNS stimulants are the DSU Health Plan's most commonly claimed medicine; and

WHEREAS the DSU's Health plan provider, Student VIP, estimated that a 3% fee increase to the Health Plan will put the DSU on a financially sustainable path to removing the CNS cap entirely in the near future; and

WHEREAS increasing the CNS stimulant claims cap to \$1000.00 per annum would lower the out-of-pocket cost for the many members requiring these medications, increasing their quality of life; and

WHEREAS a 3% increase to the Health plan fee would allow the DSU to increase the CNS stimulant claims cap to \$1000.00 per annum for the 2022-23 academic year;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Health Plan single student fee be increased 3% (\$8.48); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Health Plan family fee be increased 3% (\$8.48); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these increases will take effect September 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT unless the claims for CNS stimulants during the 2022-23 academic year necessitate a further increase to the Health plan fee, that the DSU executive shall exercise their power to remove the CNS cap entirely by the end of 2023, if appropriate.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.3

WHEREAS in the 2021-22 academic year the DSU created a one-time wellness bursary, aimed at providing finances to enable students to engage in wellness activities; and

WHEREAS this bursary was very popular and applied to by many students, not all of whom received funds; and

WHEREAS the ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and latest Omicron variant wave continue to take a toll on the health and wellbeing of students;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an ad-hoc wellness bursary is struck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary is a total of \$15,000.00, allocated from Student VIP funds, a pool of monies provided by the DSU's health insurance provider on an annual basis that must be used for mental health initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the funding per limit applicant is \$500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the wellness bursary committee shall consist of the DSU President, one Councillor, and one Member at Large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the bursary's term extends until March 31st, 2022, or the time that the fund is exhausted, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad hoc wellness bursary will follow all other conditions as outlined in the Bursary Policy and the attached Terms of Reference for the wellness bursary committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.3 Passes

Document attached.

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee and Oversight Committee work together to develop a plan for how the Executive Committee will implement Oversight Committee's Recommendations from the Fall 2021 Executive Review Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU President and Chair of Oversight Committee develop this plan, in consultation with their respective committees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this plan be presented to DSU Council for final approval at the next council meeting on February 7th.

Moved by Chair of Oversight Committee

Seconded by Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.4 Passes

Document attached.

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council sign on to the attached statement responding to Dalhousie's 2022-23 Draft Operating Budget Plan

Moved by President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-01-24-11.5 Passes

Document attached

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022. Council meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: February 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

Land Acknowledgement

The Dalhousie Student Union acknowledges that Dalhousie University and the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kma'ki territory. The Dalhousie Student Union seeks to honour the relational treaty process in its programming, events, and meetings.

Equity Statement

Student union solidarity is based on the principle that all members should be able to participate equally in their union, recognizing that students have diverse experiences of privilege and marginalization. As members of the students' union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

It is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive space for discussion and dialogue. Any form or forms of discrimination and/or harassment will not be tolerated, nor will hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. If you violate this understanding, you will be asked to leave.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative
Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative
Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative
Bianca Morelli – Residence Students Community Representative
Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life
Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative
Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative
VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Architecture Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Engineering Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Faculty of Management Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-02-07-3.1

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

Moved by Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-02-07-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on January 24, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by President

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

6.1 The President received the draft meeting minutes from the Canadian Federation of Students' November 2021 National General Meeting. These minutes confirm that the DSU's prospective membership was **not extended**, as previously discussed. The meeting minutes are only in draft form and not yet public, and have therefore only been circulated to councillors at this time.

Motion to Omnibus

Be it resolved that MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1 – 7.4 be voted upon in omnibus

Moved by President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion Passes

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1

Whereas the membership of the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee includes at least three (3) general members; and

Whereas there is no limit imposed on how many additional general members may be appointed as voting members to the committee;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individual(s) be appointed to the general member seat(s) on the Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee: _____.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Jess Cobb-Lewis, Maria Maliougina, Kortney Adams, Meredith Brison-Brown, and Taylor Tingley

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2021- 22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Lauren Palmer

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to the Oversight Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Boluwatife Grace Abiola Amore

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ be appointed to councillor seats on the Ad-Hoc Emergency Housing Bursary Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Vice President, Academic and External

Nominated & Appointed: Stephen Abbott and Jonathon Frontain

MOTION 2022-02-07-7.4 Passes

8. Presentations

8.1 Implementation Plan for Fall 2021 Oversight Committee Recommendations

Presented by Chair of Oversight Committee and President

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Implementation Plan for Fall 2021 Oversight Committee Recommendations be approved.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1 Passes

Document attached.

Motion to Amend MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the deadline for the VPSL to provide the requested documentation to the Chair of oversight and the DSU President be set to February 15 at 5pm AST

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon receipt of these documents, either the Chair of oversight or the DSU President circulated them to the whole council via the Chair

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.2

WHEREAS the 2021-22 Operating Budget includes \$6000.00 for Black Students programming; and

WHEREAS there is no one democratically approved society that represents all Black Students on all campuses to advise on the use of these funds; and

WHEREAS previously active non-program specific Black Students Societies like BUSA and BIPOCUS are no longer active; and

WHEREAS these funds will move to the DSU's reserve budget on March 31st, 2022, if not spent; and

WHEREAS there are many Black Students at Dalhousie who face financial barriers to academic success and engaging in the student experience,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$6000.00 allocated towards Black Students programming be utilized for an ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary run until March 31st or whenever the funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT eligibility for this bursary be limited to students who self-identify as Black and who demonstrate any degree of financial need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary Committee consist of the Black Students Representative on Council, a staff member from the DSU Equity & Accessibility Office, the DSU Vice President Finance & Operations (chairing), and the DSU Vice President Student Life (non-voting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the maximum funds awarded to an individual be \$500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Black Students Assistance Bursary will have a single deadline, and the Committee will meet once to evaluate all applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary would follow all other terms as outlined in the Bursary Policy.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Documents attached.

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.3

WHEREAS students on Sexton campus have requested new furniture for the T-Room; and

WHEREAS new furniture will ensure the T-Room space is accessible and conducive to a welcoming study and lounge area for Sexton students; and

WHEREAS there is \$168, 504.00 still available to be used in the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget for 2021-22; and

WHEREAS a quote from Restaurant Furniture Canada estimates that new tables and chairs for the T-Room will cost \$28, 275.01; and

WHEREAS there may also be additional costs associated with furniture removal; and

WHEREAS section 2.7 of the DSU Financial Policy states that "Purchase orders for amounts over \$10,000 shall be approved by Council",

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$30, 000 from the Capital Projects line of the Operating Budget be approved for use by the Executive Committee to purchase new tables and chairs for the T-Room and cover any costs associated with furniture removal, if needed.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-02-07-11.3 Passes

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12.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 Nominations in the Winter General Election open today and close at 5pm on Feb 16th! Consider running for one of the five executive positions or a community rep position. If you have questions about the positions, how to run in the election, or what campaigning can look like, drop-in to the DSU Election Q&A tomorrow (Feb 8th) between 1:30-3:00pm. You can join online via Teams or drop by in-person to room 303 of the SUB. You can also reach out to the CRO directly at dsucro@dal.ca.

14.2 Reminder to councillors to please submit an interest form by February 21st if you would like to join the Mental Health Committee or Wellness Bursary Committee. There is 1 seat available on each.

14.3 The next meeting of DSU Council is on February 28th.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: February 28, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2 Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Bianca Morelli – Residence Students Community Representative Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External Zuhair Zaidi – Faculty of Engineering Representative Anika Declan – Faculty of Health Professions Representative

VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-02-28-3.1

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

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-02-28-3.1 Passes

Motion to Amend Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 13.1 be added to item 13: Notice of Motion on the agenda

Moved by Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Seconded by Disabled Students Representative

Motion Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-02-28-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 07, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-02-28-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

Motion to Omnibus

Be it resolved that MOTION 2022-02-28-7.1 – 7.10 be voted upon in omnibus

Moved by President

Seconded by Women Students Representative

Motion Passes

7. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a general member seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Hafsa Abbasi

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.1 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a general member seat on the ad-hoc Wellness Bursary Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Kate Fiander

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.2 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the ad-hoc Wellness Bursary Committee.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Emilia Cordova

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.3 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the ad-hoc Mental Health Committee.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.4 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the Student Life Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Student Life

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Sydney Keyamo

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.5 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a community representative seat on the Offices Steering Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Emilia Cordova

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.6 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Internal

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Emilia Cordova

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.7 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the Grants Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Heemal Morakhia

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.8 Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed to a faculty representative seat on the Oversight Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Anika Daclan

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.9 Passes

Motion to add an extra blank to MOTION 2022-02-28-7.10

Moved by Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

Motion Passes

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____ be appointed to a councillor seat on the External Committee for the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by the Vice-President, Academic and External

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

Nominated & Appointed: Bianca Bella Morelli & Zuhair Zaidi

MOTION 2022-02-28-7.10 Passes

8. Presentations

8.1 Update on Implementation of Oversight Committee Recommendations

Presented by Chair of Oversight Committee and the President

Documents attached.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Board of Governor's Caucus Report

Presented by the President

Documents attached.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-02-28-11.1

WHEREAS the 2021-22 Operating Budget includes \$6000.00 for Indigenous Students programming; and

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Indigenous Students Collective Acting President has spoken to the society's interest in using these funds to create a bursary; and

WHEREAS these funds will move to the DSU's reserve budget on March 31st, 2022, if not spent; and

WHEREAS there are many Indigenous Students at Dalhousie who face financial barriers to academic success and engaging in the student experience,

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$6000.00 allocated towards Indigenous Students programming be utilized for an ad-hoc Indigenous Students Assistance Bursary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary run until March 31st or whenever the funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT eligibility for this bursary be limited to students who self-identify as Indigenous and who demonstrate any degree of financial need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Indigenous Students Assistance Bursary Committee consist of the Indigenous Students' Representative on Council, a staff member from the DSU Equity & Accessibility Office, the DSU Vice President Internal (chairing), and the DSU Vice President Student Life (non-voting); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the maximum funds awarded to an individual be \$500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ad-hoc Indigenous Students Assistance Bursary will have a single deadline, and the Committee will meet once to evaluate all applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this bursary follow all other terms as outlined in the Bursary Policy.

Moved by the President

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

Documents attached.

MOTION 2022-02-28-11.1 Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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12.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

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12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

WHEREAS Oversight Committee has determined through the Executive Review process and corresponding DSU Council MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1, that Mazen Brisha in his role as Vice-President Student Life of the DSU has failed to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, has failed to adhere to mandates from DSU Council in MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1, and has reported false information to Council in various reports throughout his term; and

WHEREAS failing to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, which the Vice-President Student Life chairs, violates section 5.8.f. of the DSU Bylaws which states that the Vice-President Student Life must "Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member," as well as section 6.5.a. of the DSU Bylaws which states that "Standing Committees shall meet as needed, but not less than once per semester"; and

WHEREAS failing to adhere to mandates from DSU Council violates sections 4.4.h. and 5.8.j. of the DSU Bylaws, which state that councillors shall "Carry out such other duties as Council may from time to time determine"; and

WHEREAS submitting false information to DSU Council through reports violates 4.4.a. of the DSU Bylaws, as well as section 1 of the DSU Code of Conduct Policy, which state that councillors shall "Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Union"; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.a. states that “Councillors may be disciplined for the following reasons:

- i. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Policies, or the Statement of Office;
- ii. Failure to attend Council meetings;
- iii. Failure to attend Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member;
- iv. Failure to attend Society meetings of which the Councillor is an ex officio member;
- v. Failure to attend meetings of University bodies or committees of which the Councillor is a member;
- vi. Theft, fraud, or embezzlement;
- vii. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest;
- viii. Breach of confidentiality;
- ix. Misuse of Union property; or
- x. Refusal to sign the Statement of Office”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. states that “Council may vote by Special Resolution to take disciplinary action against a Councillor, including a verbal warning, a letter of censure, or recall to by-election”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 1.2.b. confirms that “Use of the words “includes” and “including”, whether or not used with the words “without limitation” or “but not limited to”, shall not be deemed limited by the specific enumeration of items but shall in all cases be deemed to be without limitation and construed and interpreted to mean “includes without limitation” and “including without limitation”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. - 4.8.f. further outlines the procedure for disciplining members of DSU Council; and

WHEREAS the DSU Oversight Committee is recommending that Mazen Brisha be removed from office;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha be removed from office immediately and that his April honorarium be forfeited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha submit his DSU office keys, e-mail account passwords, and any equipment considered the property of the DSU to the Director of Facility Operations by 4pm Friday, March 18th.

14. Announcements

14.1 Campaigning in the DSU General Election begins tomorrow. Candidate debates are being held virtually in the evening from March 7-11. You can submit a question using the form at dsu.ca/elections. Attend to hear what your candidates have to say about key student issues.

Voting days are March 14 and 15! Remember to cast your vote and remind your peers/constituents to vote as well.

14.2 The next meeting of DSU Council is on March 14th. Councillors will be informed by March 7th as to whether the meeting will be held virtually or in a hybrid format.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: March 14, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by the Council Chair.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Mazen Brisha - Vice President, Student Life
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative
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Anika Declan – Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative

VACANT POSITIONS
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Daria Oanes – Oversight Committee general member
Avert Opalka – General Member
Adam Inniss – Dal Gazette
Lane Harrison – Dal Gazette
Phoenix Doucet-Bernard – General Member
Aparna Mohan – General Member
Mitch Archibald – General Member
Mary Kyle Telen – General Member
Mufeez Zohair – General Member

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-03-14-3.1

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

Moved by Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Indigenous Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-03-14-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-03-14-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 28, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Women Students Representative

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-03-14-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

8.1. 2022-23 Budget Presentation

Presented by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations.

Document attached.

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-03-14-11.1

WHEREAS Oversight Committee has determined through the Executive Review process and corresponding DSU Council MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1, that Mazen Brisha in his role as Vice- President Student Life of the DSU has failed to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, has failed to adhere to mandates from DSU Council in MOTION 2022-02-07-11.1, and has reported false information to Council in various reports throughout his term; and

WHEREAS failing to call a meeting of the Student Life Committee, which the Vice-President Student Life chairs, violates section 5.8.f. of the DSU Bylaws which states that the Vice-President Student Life must “Attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive Officers and any Committees of which they are a member,” as well as section 6.5.a. of the DSU Bylaws which states that “Standing Committees shall meet as needed, but not less than once per semester”; and

WHEREAS failing to adhere to mandates from DSU Council violates sections 4.4.h. and 5.8.j. of the DSU Bylaws, which state that councillors shall “Carry out such other duties as Council may from time to time determine”; and

WHEREAS submitting false information to DSU Council through reports violates 4.4.a. of the DSU Bylaws, as well as section 1 of the DSU Code of Conduct Policy, which state that councillors shall “Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Union”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.a. states that “Councillors may be disciplined for the following reasons:

- i. Failure to perform duties as outlined in the Bylaws, Policies, or the Statement of Office;
- ii. Failure to attend Council meetings;
- iii. Failure to attend Committee meetings of which the Councillor is a member;
- iv. Failure to attend Society meetings of which the Councillor is an ex officio member;
- v. Failure to attend meetings of University bodies or committees of which the Councillor is a member;
- vi. Theft, fraud, or embezzlement;
- vii. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest;
- viii. Breach of confidentiality;
- ix. Misuse of Union property; or
- x. Refusal to sign the Statement of Office”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. states that “Council may vote by Special Resolution to take disciplinary action against a Councillor, including a verbal warning, a letter of censure, or recall to by-election”; and

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WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 1.2.b. confirms that “Use of the words “includes” and “including”, whether or not used with the words “without limitation” or “but not limited to”, shall not be deemed limited by the specific enumeration of items but shall in all cases be deemed to be without limitation and construed and interpreted to mean “includes without limitation” and “including without limitation”; and

WHEREAS DSU Bylaw 4.8.b. - 4.8.f. further outlines the procedure for disciplining members of DSU Council; and

WHEREAS the DSU Oversight Committee is recommending that Mazen Brisha be removed from office;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha be removed from office immediately and that his April honorarium be forfeited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mazen Brisha submit his DSU office keys, e-mail account passwords, and any equipment considered the property of the DSU to the Director of Facility Operations by 4pm Friday, March 18th.

Moved by Disabled Students Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2022-03-14-11.1 Passes

N.B: All debates on the motion to discipline a councillor was held in-camera, as per By-law 4.8. The written response of the councillor was also read aloud before the debate began and is attached to the meeting minutes as Appendix 1.

Motion to Move In-Camera

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

Motion to Move Ex-Camera

Moved by Faculty of Law Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Internal

Motion Passes

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council meeting on March 28, 2022.

13.1 Motion to approve budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022-23 Budget be adopted as circulated.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee on February 28, 2022.

Document attached.

14. Announcements

None

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23pm

COUNCIL MINUTES APPENDIX I: WRITTEN RESPONSE TO DISCIPLINARY MOTION BY MAZEN BRISHA

Dear Councilors,

I am issuing this written letter in response to the unjust disciplinary motion launched against me. I ask that you carefully consider the points I make and attentively ask questions of me if needed.

The issues I have regarding this motion are as follows:

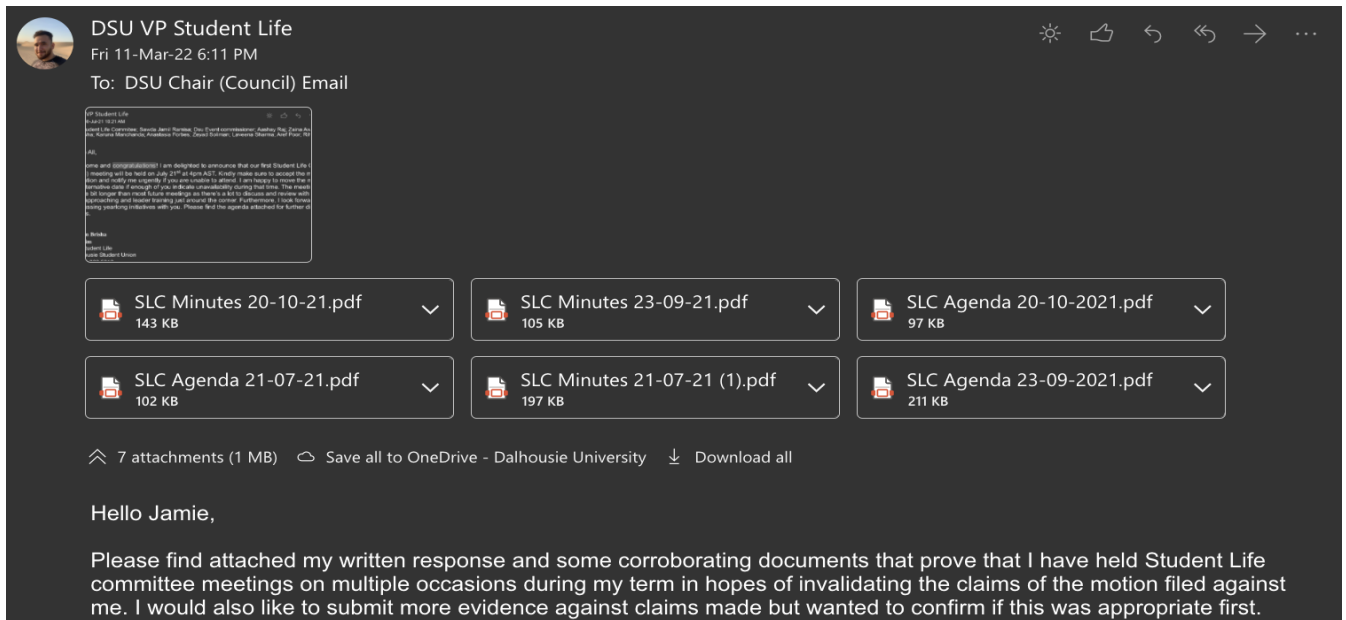
1. Student Life Committee (SLC) meetings have occurred over my term making the primary basis of the motion false
2. The motion stipulates an excessive form of discipline without reasonable escalation of other avenues cited in the bylaws (written warning, letter of censure).
3. Insufficient evidence or context has been provided to indicate that false information has been reported.
4. Passing this motion as it stands is harmful to the union and does not act in its best interest
5. Passing this motion is harmful to student life on campus and deprives the incoming VPSL of a transition report

Student Life Committee meetings

The primary basis of the disciplinary motion is entirely incorrect. The motion's primary claim to disciplinary action is as follows "Mazen Brisha in his role as Vice President Student Life has failed to call a meeting of the student life committee". This claim is entirely incorrect as I have called numerous meetings so far during my term with 3 of them successfully achieving quorum. **SLC meeting dates were as follows July 21st, 2021,**

September 23rd, 2021, and October 20th, 2021. I have submitted a collection of SLC meeting agendas and minutes as well as corroborating evidence of correspondence between myself and SLC members that highlights me calling meetings. This documentation was submitted to the DSU chair prior to council but was not circulated under the discretion of the chair. I ask That these documents be circulated in the interest of councilors right to freedom of information as well as this union’s commitment to transparency.

As per the list of reasons stated in Bylaw 4.8.a the only one that is applicable to the motion filed against me relates to the aforementioned SLC meetings claim which I have proved to be false. **Since SLC meetings have been called and hit quorum this claim is unequivocally invalid and hence there is no basis for disciplinary action according to the list of reasons provided by the Bylaw.**



Reporting false information

The motion also stipulated that I have reported false information to council on multiple occasions. This claim is utterly unfounded and extremely misleading. **I have never intentionally attempted to mislead the council or provide false information in reports. Furthermore, no details, explanation or evidence has been provided that can conclusively prove that I have falsified information in my reports.** However, it would be untruthful of me to claim that all reports submitted by during my term have been perfect, however, mistakes and human error is always a factor when typing up reports but what I can confirm is there has never been any intention to submit false information to council. Hence, assuming false information have existed in my reports, which is something I refute, launching a motion to remove an elected student representative on that basis is a gross over-reaction to say the least.

Acting in the union's best interests

I believe the purpose of every councilor in attendance is to act in the best interest of the union. Due to this I implore each of you to explore if passing this motion would truly be in the best interest of the union and its democratic processes. **To pass this motion, when the basis of it is false or lacks sufficient evidence devalues and ridicules the democratic processes of the DSU and furthermore sets a dangerous precedent that could be abused and exploited in the future. To remove an elected representative, I believe the least that should be expected is overwhelming evidence, or an abhorrent breach that requires**

immediate action. The bylaws clearly do not specifically mention any clauses for office removal for that exact purpose. Due to how easy it would be to manipulate and unjustly punish elected representatives and breach the sanctity of elections in the process. Because of this **I find the extreme interpretation of bylaw 4.8.a to include removal to be an extremely dangerous manipulation of policies that jeopardize the notions a student union stands for.**

I implore you to ask yourself, how does removing an executive from office a month before the end of their term really benefit the union? **The passing of this motion would result in VPSL vacancy in the impact awards planning and execution which is rapidly approaching, put a stop to current end of year programming initiatives, suspend the mental health forum for the rest of term and most impactfully prevents me from being able to compile a VPSL transition report which would only negatively influence union operations.** The bulk of the VPSL duties occur in the summer due to the intense amount of work necessary to host a successful Oweek, due to this having an effective and comprehensive transition report is essential for the next VPSL to be able to start their position on the right foot and be successful. Hence **passing this motion would conclusively not be in the unions best interest and as a result all councilors have a duty to vote against it.**

Furthermore, ask yourselves why no other disciplinary actions were discussed? Whether it be verbal warning letter of censure or even pay deduction? I believe the particular form of

disciplinary motion launched is the least constructive and the most harmful to the union's operations and best interests. Alternate disciplinary measures would have far more appropriate while also ensuring VPSL duties are maintained as to not harm union operations.

Excessive severity

while I would wholeheartedly like to believe that this motion and the correspondence I have received was conducted honestly and in good faith, I find certain aspects of these actions to be acrimonious to say the least. **It is pivotal to point out that this motion represents an unprecedented level of escalation from oversight committee for such relatively minor indiscretions or at the very least a first-time offense.** Considering that the bylaw only specifically stipulates “verbal warning, a letter of censure or recall to by-election” to instead opt to directly issue a motion for removal which is not directly referenced in any way WITHOUT first going through alternative disciplinary measures must be seen as excessive discipline, particularly for notions that are false (like not calling an SLC meeting) or severely lack evidence or context (like submitting false information). Furthermore, the passing of this motion opens the union to potential legal ramifications considering the unusual escalation of the situation. I would like to think that to remove a democratically elected student representative, that won an election with 2 thousand student voters, that there would be clear irrefutable evidence rather than conjecture. **I find it extraordinarily unreasonable that no other disciplinary actions were discussed or tabled first, to launch a first motion in the form of removal is excessive, unempathetic and bordering on abusive.**

I strongly question the oversight committee's decision to not explore alternate disciplinary measures first such as official warning, letter of censure or even pay deduction. The particular form of disciplinary motion launched is the least constructive and the most harmful to the union's operations and best interests. Alternate disciplinary measures would have far more appropriate while also ensuring VPSL duties are maintained as to not harm union operations.

Lastly, I would implore you all to remember why you ran for your respective seats on council, the responsibility you hold in upholding the democratic process of the union and the magnitude of passing such an unprecedentedly severe motion. Furthermore, I [redacted] urge you to consider the inconsistencies occurring here that establish an unjust and inequitable pattern of decisions. **I merely ask that you scrutinize the details of the motion, the inaccuracy of it, [redacted] and the lack of evidence provided by it. I ask that unless you're certain that passing this motion is the most reasonable and just outcome you vote vehemently against it.** Lest your enthusiasm and desire for student representation unintentionally [redacted] jeopardizes the union's notions of equity and democracy while opening up the DSU to legal action for wrongful dismissal.

I encourage you all to ask questions, I ran to serve students and I am here today to continue doing just that 😊

Best Regards,

Mazen Brisha

Vice President Student Life

Note from the Council Chair:

Portions of this response (in the last paragraph) have been redacted at the discretion of the Council Chair, in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order that govern DSU Council proceedings.

Response to or debate regarding a motion “must be confined to the merits of the pending question,” meaning the response must be directly relevant to the allegations in the motion itself. Furthermore, a response to a motion may not attack or make any allusion to the motives of members.



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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call

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Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
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Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
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Anika Declan – Faculty of Health Professions Representative
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Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative
Tam Pham - LGBTQ Students Representative
Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Madeleine Stinson – President
Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative
Brij Vaghani – International Students’ Representative
Zuhair Zaidi – Faculty of Engineering Representative
Bianca Morelli – Residence Students Community Representative
Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
VACANT POSITIONS
Vice President, Student Life

Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-03-28-3.1

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

Moved by Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Law Representative

MOTION 2022-03-28-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-03-28-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 14, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Women Students Representative

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-03-28-5.1 Passes

Note: Faculty of Science Representative sent regrets for the last meeting as such it should be noted they were absent with regrets.

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

MOTION 2022-03-28-11.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022-23 Budget be adopted as circulated.

Recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee on February 28, 2022.

Moved by the Vice-President, Finance and Operations

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-03-28-11.1 Passes

Document attached.

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of Council will take place on April 11.

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15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by the Council Chair

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Riley Lockhart - Faculty of Medicine Representative
Kathleen Cabillan - Faculty of Science Representative
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VACANT POSITIONS

Vice President, Student Life
Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-04-11-3.1

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

Moved by Black Students' Representative

Seconded by Faculty of Science Representative

MOTION 2022-04-11-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-04-11-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 28, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Women Students Representative

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-04-11-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

None

14. Announcements

14.1 The next meeting of DSU Council will be held on April 25th. This is the last meeting of the 2021-22 council term.

14.2 The Policy and Governance Coordinator will be in touch with outgoing councillors this week to discuss transition items, including: transition of your councillor email account, nomination of your community or faculty's incoming rep, and a quick survey to help improve council training and support for councillors overall.

Please note that the deadline for faculty and community societies to inform the P&G Coordinator of their nominations to faculty and community representative positions on Council and Senate Caucus is May 1st (with a hard deadline of May 31st). Reminder emails have been sent out to societies last week.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm



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DSU Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by the Council Chair

2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Madeleine Stinson – President
Truelee Love - Vice President, Internal
Frey Verth – Vice President, Academic and External
Jonathon Frontain – Board of Governors Representative 2
Stephen Abbott – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Miranda Walsh - Faculty of Dentistry Representative
Anika Declan – Faculty of Health Professions Representative
Graham Headley - Faculty of Law Representative
Micha Davies-Cole - Indigenous Students’ Representative
Sydney Keyamo - Black Students’ Representative
Victoria Slipp – Disabled Students Representative
Emilia Cordova – Women Students Representative
ABSENT WITH REGRETS
None
ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS
Mohab Brisha - Vice President, Finance and Operations
Muyu (Murray) Lyu – Board of Governors Representative 1
Heemal Morakhia – Faculty of Computer Science Representative
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VACANT POSITIONS
Vice President, Student Life

Faculty of Architecture Representative
Faculty of Agriculture Representative
Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2022-04-25-3.1

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

Moved by Women Students Representative

Seconded by Vice President, Academic & External

MOTION 2022-04-25-3.1 Passes

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION 2022-04-25-5.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on April 11, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Indigenous Students' Representative

Seconded by Black Students' Representative

MOTION 2022-04-25-5.1 Passes

6. Communications Received

None

7. Appointments by Council

None

8. Presentations

None

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Executive Reports

12.1 Report of the President

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

12.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

13. Notice of Motion

The following motions will appear on the agenda for the May Council meeting:

13.1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed amendments to the Bursary Policy circulated to Councillors on Monday, April 25th be approved as presented, and as recommended for approval by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Moved by the President

13.2 WHEREAS there were no candidates for the position of Vice-President, Student Life during the Winter 2022 DSU General Election, and the position is therefore currently vacant; and

WHEREAS section 4.6.c. of the DSU Bylaws states that “Should a vacancy arise in the office of a Councillor on or before October 31 of the year in which that person was elected, a by-election shall be held to fill such vacancy. In the case of a vacancy in the office of an Executive Officer, Council will appoint a Councillor to fulfill the duties of the position on an interim basis until a byelection is called, provided that while the Councillor holds the office of an Executive Officer on an interim basis while still retaining their original position as Councillor, they will fulfill both the original duties of Councillor and the additional duties of Executive Officer but will only be permitted one vote at meetings of Council”; THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed as the interim Vice President, Student Life until the conclusion of the fall 2022 by-election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the interim Vice President, Student Life continue to fulfill their councillor duties in addition to their executive duties but only be permitted one vote at meetings of Council for the duration of their interim appointment, in accordance with DSU Bylaws.

Moved by the President

13.3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the following appointments to Senate Caucus for the 2022-23 year:

Black Students' Representative: _____

Disabled Students' Representative: _____

Women Students' Representative: _____

Graduate Students' Representative: _____

Arts and Social Sciences Representative: _____

Continuing Education Representative: _____

Health Professions Representative: _____

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

13.4 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

13.5 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President

13.6 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Faculty Representative seat on the Oversight Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Community Representative seat on the Oversight Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a General Member seat on the Oversight Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President

13.7 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____, _____, and _____ are appointed to a General Member seat on the Judicial Board for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by the President

13.8 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

13.9 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

13.10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councillor seat on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2022-23 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a General Member seat on the Student Accessibility Fund Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

13.11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the International Student Emergency Bursary Fund Committee for the 2022-23 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

14. Announcements

None

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm