

# DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, February 23, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers

## Land Acknowledgement

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

## Equity Statement

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

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

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by the Council Chair.

## 2. Roll Call

| PRESENT   |
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| Mariam Knakriah – President                             |
| Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal       |
| Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance & Operations       |
| Omotayo Bankole - Vice-President, Academic and External |
| Ana Patton - Vice-President, Student Life               |

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| <p>Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1</p> <p>Nick d’Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</p> <p>Mustafa Zahid - Faculty of Engineering Representative</p> <p>Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative</p>  |
| <b>ABSENT WITH REGRETS</b>   |
| <p>Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2</p> <p>Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative</p> <p>Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative</p> <p>Anand Lo - International Students’ Community Representative</p> <p>Carmen Minnis - Women’s Students Representative</p> <p>Haileigh MacLeod - Faculty of Health Profession Representative</p>                            |
| <b>ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS</b>  |
| <p>Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students’ Community Representative</p> <p>Rowan Keith Menezes - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative</p>  |
| <b>VACANT POSITIONS</b>  |
| <p>Faculty of Management Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Architecture Representative</p> <p>Residence Students’ Community Representative</p> <p>2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative</p> <p>Disabled Student’s Community Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Dentistry Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Agriculture Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Computer Science Representative</p> |
| <b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>  |

**\*Quorum was met\***

Motion is moved to amend MOTION 2024-02-23-7.1 of the agenda to correct the purchase order from \$18,474.75 to \$19,217.85.

*Moved by Vice President Student Life*

*Seconded by Vice President Internal*

***Motion Passes***

Motion is moved to withdraw MOTION 2024-02-23-6.1 from the agenda.

*Moved by the Vice President Internal*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Engineering Representative*

***Motion Passes***

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

MOTION 2024-02-23-3.1

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

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Vice-President Student Life*

***MOTION 2024-02-23-3.1 Passes***

Motion is moved to amend the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February Council Meeting to include the attendance of the Faculty of Engineering Representative

*Moved by the Faculty of Engineering Representative*

*Seconded by the Vice President Student Life*

***Motion Passes***

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

MOTION 2024-02-23-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on February 09, 2014, February 13, 2024, February 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by the Vice President Student Life*

*Seconded by the President*

*MOTION 2024-02-23-4.1 Passes*

*Documents attached.*

## **5. Presentation**

5.1 CASA Observer ship Presentation

Presented by Wasiimah Joomun. CASA Executive Director

## **6. Appointment of Council**

None

## **7. New Business**

MOTION 2024-02-23-7.1

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 Food, labor and cleanup costs for the Society Appreciation Gala must be approved as soon as possible to ensure they can be ordered and delivered in time for society Gala in March;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$18,474.75 from the Student Life Programming Budget be approved for use by the Vice President, Student Life to purchase Food, labor, and cleanup from RCR Hospitality Group.

*Moved by the Vice President, Student Life*

*Seconded by the President*

*MOTION 2024-02-23-7.1 Passes*

MOTION 2024-02-23-7.2

WHEREAS according to DSU policy 8.18, if any Faculty Level Society or Levy Society has not applied for ratification for three years and the Society Review Committee has called at least two open meetings as described in this policy, the Society Review Committee will recommend to Council that the fee collected on behalf of the society be reviewed; and

WHEREAS it is proposed that Council be recommended to suspend the levies for Howe Hall, LeMarchant Place, and Mini Residence Councils; and

WHEREAS although Howe Hall was last ratified in 2021-2022, it is deemed prudent to seek Council's approval given the circumstances; and

WHEREAS the suspension of these levies aligns with the intention to ensure fair and equitable operations of societies within the DSU;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society Review Committee recommends to Council the suspension of levies for Howe Hall, LeMarchant Place, and Mini Residence Councils;

*Moved by the Vice President Internal.*

*Seconded by the Vice President Student Life*

*MOTION 2024-02-23-7.1 Passes*

MOTION 2024-02-23-7.3

WHEREAS, The Election Committee is currently functioning smoothly with a composition of three members.

WHEREAS, The Election Committee would rather prefer appointments of two new active members.

WHEREAS, it has been observed that Junior Rafi Diwan, a member of Elections Committee, has demonstrated a lack of participation, missed meetings, and unresponsiveness during the Fall by-election period; and

WHEREAS, the continued lack of participation and responsiveness compromises the effectiveness and integrity of the Elections Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Committee urges DSU Council to terminate the appointment of the Junior Rafi Diwan from the Elections Committee.

*Moved by Council Chair*

*Seconded by the President*

*MOTION 2024-02-23-7.3 Passes*

## **8. Executive reports**

8.1 Report of the President

8.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal

8.3 Report of the Vice-President, Finance & Operations

8.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External

8.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

## **9. Announcements**

9.1 The next meeting on the DSU Council will be held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers (SUB).

9.2 Society Appreciation Gala, March 2.

9.3 According to Bylaw 4.4.g, "Councilors are required to submit a written report to the council summarizing the work of their respective faculties and communities by the academic year-end."

9.4 Mental Health Forum at the Romero Room on Sexton Campus in the Emera Building, on February 28 at 4 PM.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM by the Council Chair.