

# DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, March 22, 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 6:39 pm by the Council Chair.

## 2. Roll Call

PRESENT
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

Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1  
Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2  
Mustafa Zahid - Faculty of Engineering Representative  
Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative  
Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative  
Anand Lo - International Students' Community Representative  
Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative  
Haileigh MacLeod - Faculty of Health Profession Representative  
Rowan Keith Menezes - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Nick d'Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Carmen Minnis - Women's Students Representative  
Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative

**ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS**

**VACANT POSITIONS**

Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Architecture Representative  
Residence Students' Community Representative  
2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative  
Disabled Student's Community Representative  
Faculty of Dentistry Representative  
Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
Faculty of Computer Science Representative

<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>

**\*Quorum was met\***

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

MOTION 2024-03-22-3.1

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

*Moved by the Faculty of Law Representative*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-3.1 Passes*

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

MOTION 2024-03-22-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 8, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by the Faculty of Law Representative*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Science Representative*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-4.1 Passes*

*Documents attached.*

### **5. Presentation**

5.1 Society Elections Guide and Annual General Meeting Guide

Presented by Vice President, Internal

*Document attached.*

### **6. Appointment of Council**

MOTION 2024-03-22-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **\_Victoria Slipp\_** is appointed to the Councillor seat on the Domestic Students Housing Bursary Committee for the year 2023-24.

*Moved by the DSU President*

*Seconded by the Vice President Student Life*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-6.1 Passes*

MOTION 2024-03-22-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Gevonna Samuel** is appointed as the DSU Chief Returning Officer for the year 2023-24.

*Moved by Chair of Council*

*Seconded by Vice President Internal*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-6.2 Passes*

## **7. New Business**

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024 – 2025 budget to be adopted as circulated.

*Document attached.*

Recommended for approval by the Board of Operations on February 22, 2024.

*Moved by the Vice President, Finance and Operations*

*Seconded by the President*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-7.1 Passes*

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.2

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

WHEREAS \$19,217.85 from the Student Life Programming Budget was approved by Council on February 23, 2024 for use by the Vice President, Student Life, to purchase Food, labor, and cleanup from RCR Hospitality Group.

AND WHEREAS an additional charge of \$1, 313.76 has been levied, necessitating approval by Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$1,313.76 from the Student Life Programming Budget be approved for use by the Vice President Student Life to purchase food for, labor, and cleanup from RCR Hospitality Group, this will ensure we cover up for the required expense. The total expenditure amounts to \$20, 531.61

*Documents attached.*

*Moved by the Vice President Student Life*

*Seconded by the Vice President Internal*

*MOTION 2024-03-22-7.2 **Passes***

Motion is called to move in-camera.

*Moved by the Board of Governors Representative 2*

*Seconded by the President*

*Motion **Passes***

Motion is moved to amend the MOTION 2024-03-22-7.3 Call to action in the agenda.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Faculty of Law Representative*

*Motion **Passes***

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.3

Call to Action

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Palestinian Society, in support of 22 other societies (as listed in Appendix A of the supporting document), have identified shortcomings of Dalhousie University in addressing the “.... Genocidal campaign on Gaza, murdering at least 31, 490 Palestinians, including more than 12,300 children, 8,400 women, and 96 journalists at the time of writing.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Palestinian Society urges the Dalhousie Student Union to:

1. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to urge that Dalhousie University immediately cut ties with and divest from the corporations, including those listed in Appendix B.
2. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to urge that Dalhousie University pause [ or maintain the ongoing pause of] the Israel Exchange Program [under the Faculty of Management in collaboration with Tel Aviv University] until a peaceful or mutual resolution has been reached.
3. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to request that Dalhousie University immediately and publicly support Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students through fundraising for crisis relief in collaboration with the DSU.
4. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to request that Dalhousie University release an immediate and public statement condemning the ongoing loss of life, including the death of over 30,000 Palestinians, by the end of the 2023/24 academic year.
5. Stand in solidarity with the Dalhousie Palestinian Society and groups in Appendix A to DEMAND that Dalhousie University immediately implement security measures on campus to protect all students on Dalhousie University's campus to ensure the safety and equity of all.

*Document attached.*

*Moved by Faculty of Law Representative*

*Seconded by the President*

MOTION 2024-03-22-7.3 **Passes**

Motion is moved to move out of camera.

*Moved by the Faculty of Science Representative*

*Seconded by the Board of Governors Representative I*

*Motion **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. Notice of Motion**

The following motion will appear on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on April 5, 2024.

- 9.1 Motion to approve amendments to the Society Policy, Grants Policy, and Bursary Policy

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

Document attached.

Moved by the DSU President

- 9.2 Motion to approve the Terms of Reference to the Ad Hoc Student Concerns on Sustainability Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council formally establishes the Ad Hoc Student Concern on Sustainability Committee, as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference, as approved by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

*Document attached.*

Moved by DSU President

## **10. Announcements**

- 10.1 The next meeting on the DSU Council will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM via MS Teams.

- 10.2 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."

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 PM by the Council Chair.

