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Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2019; 6:00pm – Room 307

Call to order at 6:10pm by Chair – Aisha Abawajy (Stand-in).

1. ROLL CALL

Councillors Present

Aisha Abawajy (she/her)- President - Gemini
Isa Wright (she/her or they/them)– Vice President (Finance and Operations) -
Ruby Coles (she/her) – Vice President (Student Life) -
Calista Hills (she/her)– Vice President (Internal) – Sagittarius
Fatima Beydoun (she/her)– Board Of Governors Representative - Cancer
Claudia Prent-Castillo – Black Student Rep - Pisces
Sandra Sunil (she/her) – Residence Representative
Sarah Goswami (she/her)– International Student Representative - Virgo
Hannah Drake – 2SLGBTQ+ Representative
Lenka Wich (she/her) – Agricultural Representative - Gemini
Hassan Snan (he/him) – Arts and Social Sciences Representative - Cancer
Shivam Mahajan – Computer Science Representative - Aquarius
Julia Sarty – Engineering Representative (non-voting) - Aquarius
Fallen Matthew – Graduate Studies Representative - Leo
Joshua Yousef (he/him) – Health Professions Representative - Pisces
Bakhmala Khan – Science Representative - Aries

Councillors Absent With Regrets

Hannah Doolan – Management Representative

Councillors Absent

Others Present

Charity -

Lianne Xiao (they/them) – Sagittarius

Graham MacNeil (he/him) – Leo

Alicia Aikens- Gemini

(Note from VPI (as stand-in secretary) Since I was taking minutes I noted my vote as yes for all motions unless I opposed or abstained – so if you didn't see me raise my hand but the vote is listed as unanimous (15-0) that's why!)

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion 2.1 - Be It Resolved That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Chair (Aisha) opens the floor for alternative motions or amendments. All amendments will be presented prior to any vote being held.

VPFO (Isa) proposes the following amendments.

2.1.1 - The addition of Motion – Whereas, a Chair and Secretary of Council has yet to be determined for nomination to Council; Be It

Resolved that the President, Aisha Abawajy, be appointed as acting Chair and the Vice-President Internal, Calista Hills, be appointed as acting Secretary – **immediately following the adoption of the agenda (as motion 2.4).**

2.1.2 -The addition of Motion - Whereas, almost the entirety of the Committees Policy is in contravention of bylaws and/or no longer applicable to DSU operations; Be It Resolved That Council repeal the Committees Policy – **under New Business.**

2.1.3 - The addition of Motion - Whereas, the role of Commissioner in the DSU has been changed from an honorarium position to a part-time employee position; And whereas, the Commissioner roles and responsibilities have changed; Be It Resolved That Council repeal the Commissioner Policy – **under New Business.**

2.1.4 - The addition of Motion - Whereas, the replacement of two printers will significantly improve the print capabilities of Campus Copy and are necessary to continue normal operation of the service; And whereas, Konica can no longer supply needed parts to keep two existing printers operational; Be It Resolved That \$31,766.89 of capital funds be used to purchase the two proposed printers and any associated electrical work – **under New Business.**

2.1.5 The addition of items, a) Agricultural Campus Representative; b) Arts and Social Science Representative; c) Computer Science Representative; d) Graduate Student Representative; and Vice President Academic and External – under item 5(Appointments) as items 5(a)(iv-vii).

BOG Rep (Fatima) proposes the following amendment.

2.1.6 - The addition of Motion - Be It Resolved that Dalhousie Student Union apply for immediate prospective membership of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) and the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia – **immediately following item 6.2 – CFS presentation.**

Chair (Aisha) informs council that these amendments may be voted on individually, in omnibus, or otherwise depending on the will of council.

Motion 2.2 Be It Resolved That Council vote on all agenda amendments (2.1.1-2.1.6) in omnibus.

Moved: VPFO (Isa) Seconded: BOG Rep (Fatima)

Point Of Information: Grad Rep (Fallen): Inquires why the opportunity to propose amendments all in one document hasn't been provided – or in advance over email.

- President/Chair (Aisha) responds that typically there would be better organization of amendments but it was difficult without a Chair and Secretary in place – in the future there will be a better process and set-up.

Motion 2.2: Carries (15-0)

Amendments in Motions 2.1.1 to 2.1.5 are added to the proposed agenda and council returns to altered motion 2.1 (2.3)

Motion 2.3 Be It Resolved That Council adopts the amended agenda.

Motion 2.3: Carries (15-0)

Motion 2.4 - Whereas, a Chair and Secretary of Council has yet to be determined for nomination to Council; Be It Resolved that the

President, Aisha Abawajy, be appointed as acting Chair and the Vice-President Internal, Calista Hills, be appointed as acting Secretary.

Mover: VPFO (Isa) **Seconder:** Comp-Sci Rep (Shivam).

Motion 2.4: Carries (15-0)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion 3.1 Be It Resolved That the minutes of April 3rd, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Motion 3.2 Be it Resolved That council strike motion 3.1 as the minutes of the previous meeting were not available for the executive to circulate.

Moved: VPSL (Ruby) **Seconded:** Black Students Rep (Claudia)

Chair (Aisha) speaks on this motion – that the previous meetings minutes were not turned in to the Chair or executive and they can be sent out if/when we have them.

Motion 3.2: Carries (15-0)

Motion 3.1: Struck from agenda.

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

a) The Chair received notification from Kenyan Nagy that he has resigned from the VP AE position.

5. APPOINTMENTS

a. Elections Review Appointments

- Chair (Aisha) explains that society representatives that were not elected through the general election need to be ratified through council to be officially in place – since minutes confirming their appointment have been provided to the Chair.

(i) LGBTQ2+ Rep (Hannah)

(ii) DISA Representative (Sarah)

(iii) Science Representative (Bakhmala)

(iv) Agricultural Campus Representative (Lenka)

- (v) Arts and Social Science Representative (Hasan)
- (vi) Computer Science Representative (Shivam)
- (vii) Grad Student Representative (Fallen)

Motion 5.1 - Motion to vote on Elections Review Appointments i) through vii) in omnibus.

Moved: VPFO (Isa) Seconded: FASS Rep (Hassan)

Motion 5.1: Carries (15-0)

Motion 5.2 Vote to pass Elections Review Appointments (i-vii) in omnibus.

Moved: VPSL (Ruby) Seconded: Black Students Rep (Claudia)

Motion 5.2: Carries (15-0)

viii) Vice President Academic and External

Chair (Aisha) notes that council can motion on how to do VPAE appointments, as it is not directly outlined in policy – what can be done is an election-style process where nomination period is opened, each candidate has an opportunity to speak about their qualifications, and then a discussion period may be held (typically in-camera). Votes can be held by hand or ballot.

Motion 5.3 Be It Resolved That council appoints the interim VPAE with vote by ballot with a 20 minute total election time – comprised of 5 minute speaking times and a question period.

Mover: 2SLGBTQ+ Rep (Hannah) Seconder: Agriculture Rep (Lenka)

Motion 5.3: Carries. (15-0)

Floor opens for nominations.

Nominations:

Hassan Snan

Nominator: BOG Rep (Fatima) Secunder: VPFO (Isa)

Shivam Mahajan

Nominator: Comp Sci Rep (Shivam) Second: Science Rep (Bakhmala)

- Each candidate gives a <5 minute speech.
 - Question period – approx. 10 minutes.

Motion 5.4 to move in-camera for discussion.

Mover: VPFO (Isa) Secunder: 2SLGBTQ+ Rep (Hannah)

Motion 5.4: Carries (15-0)

- Both nominees leave the room for an in-camera discussion.

Motion 5.5 to move ex-camera.

Mover: BOG Rep (Fatima) Secunder: Health Promotions Rep (Joshua)

Motion 5.5: Carries (15-0)

Recess to vote. Opportunity is given for candidates to appoint scrutineers – Chair and VPFO as scrutineer count ballots.

Through a majority ballot vote Hassan is appointed as interim VPAAE.

Chair (Aisha) notes that to officially hold this position Hassan would need to be ratified through council.

Motion 5.6 - Be It Resolved that Hassan as is ratified as interim Vice President Academic and External.

Mover: Grad Rep (Fallen) Second: Health Promotion Rep (Joshua)

Motion 5.6: Carries. (15-0)

Point of Order – VPFO (Isa) notes that we've gone over time for when our presenters would arrive –

Motion 5.7 to move agenda item **6**(Presentations) above the remainder of committee appointments.

Mover: VPFO (Isa) – Seconder: BOG Rep (Fatima)

Motion 5.7: Carries (15-0)

The remainder of committee appointments are subsequently moved to item **7, titled [Remainder of Committee Appointments].**

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Canadian Federation of Students

a. Lianne and Graham give presentation. See powerpoint attached

b. Questions

a. Fallen – Asks why DAGS is currently a part but not the rest of Dal students?

i. Graham - It was determined by CFS to allow smaller student organizations to have representation and support – specifically recognizing the unique needs of graduate students.

b. Hannah – During a one year trial, how would the DSU go about reaching students concerning this? How do we let students know what's going on beyond council?

i. Graham – Some of it will come from the work that the CFS organizers in their office do – allowing the DSU to access space and resources. The approach can be informed by issues on our campus – how can they be addressed through CFS frameworks. Building up organizers and a culture on campus in the DSU – letting people have access to training opportunities.

Presenters (Lianne & Graham) leave following end of question period.

Motion 6.1 Be It Resolved that Dalhousie Student Union apply for immediate prospective membership of the Canadian Federation of

Students(-Services) and the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia

Mover: BOG Rep (Fatima) Second: VPSL (Ruby)

5 minutes allotted for discussion,

- VPFO (Isa) – Previously worked in SUNSCAD (NSCAD Student Union) under CFS and found it very helpful – had access to two full-time staff people to help with issues.
- FASS Rep (Hassan) – Worked with CFS to fight tuition hikes and found them helpful– even moreso than the DSU – gave them space in protests and resources. Spoke in favor of the organization.
- Health Promotions Rep (Joshua) – We’re representing the students – if they don’t have an opportunity to vote on this referendum we’re not effectively representing students.
- Agriculture Rep (Lenka) – Asked how this would affect Truro students, would DASA be under CFS as well? Spoke in favor of the organization.
 - Chair (Aisha) – Fairly certain that all students under the DSU would be covered.
- Claudia – Stated that as a community representative they feel that CFS does significant work in raising students voices and representing the voices of marginalized communities.
- Fatima – Agreed with Claudia.
- President (Aisha) – For context Masuma and Aaron reached out last year to many external student organizations to see what potential partnership options are and did research into them– but the results of that search are unclear.

Discussion period end.

Motion 6.1: Carries (15-0)

7. Remainder of Committee Appointments

Point or Order – BOG Rep (Fatima) – stated that councillors may need more time to consider the committees they want to be a part of – in the past they've gone over the descriptions in advance.

- Papers with committee information and membership lists are circulated for councillors to read about each specific committee and nominate themselves for any that they're interested in.

Motion 7.1 – Be It Resolved That councillors recess for 10 minutes.

Passed by consent.

Motion 7.2 – Be It Resolved That council votes on the self-appointments made by councillors on all committee registration papers – or through online correspondence for those calling in - (for items 7(b) through 7(i) in omnibus.

First: VPSL (Ruby) Second: Black Students Rep (Claudia)

Motion 7.2: Carries (15-0)

Motion 7.2 Motion to ratify all committee self-appointments for items 7(b) through 7(i) in omnibus..

Mover: VPI (Calista) Second: BOG Rep (Fatima)

- b. Presidential Committee
- c. Budget and Finance Committee
- d. Grants and Sponsorship Committee
- e. Accessibility Fund Committee
- f. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

- g. Society Review Committee
- h. Offices Steering Committee
- i. Ethical Investment Committee

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Schedule –
 - i. Aisha lets councillors know we have a schedule of dates for each council meeting throughout the year – the next one is June 19th.
 - ii. VPI – This schedule will be circulated with minutes.
- b. Motion 8.1 – Whereas, almost the entirety of the Committees Policy is in contravention of bylaws and/or no longer applicable to DSU operations; Be It Resolved That Council repeal the Committees Policy
Mover: VPFO (Isa) Seconder: 2SLGBTQ+ Rep (Hannah)

Chair (Aisha) – Explains that this policy is outdated and contradictory with our committees outlined in the bylaws.

VPI (Calista) – Notes that Sexton Advisory Committee and the Accessibility Fund Committee will continue to exist and we aim to integrate them fully into bylaws through an AGM later in the year.

Motion 8.1: Carries – (15-0)

- c. Motion 8.2 - Whereas, the role of Commissioner in the DSU has been changed from an honorarium position to a part-time employee position; And whereas, the Commissioner roles and

responsibilities have changed; Be It Resolved That Council repeal the Commissioner Policy

Mover: VPFO (Isa) Seconder: VPI (Calista)

Motion 8.2: Carries (15-0)

- d. **Motion 8.3** - Whereas, the replacement of two printers will significantly improve the print capabilities of Campus Copy and are necessary to continue normal operation of the service; And whereas, Konica can no longer supply needed parts to keep two existing printers operational; Be It Resolved That \$31,766.89 of capital funds be used to purchase the two proposed printers and any associated electrical work

Mover: VPFO (Isa) Seconder: FASS Rep (Hassan)

VPFO (Isa) speaks on this motion. Says it may seem like a lot of money – which is why it is going to council. We have \$80,000 set aside for capital projects which this fits under - and Campus Copy is in need.

- Health Promotions Rep (Joshua) – Inquired about the possibility of financing a printer instead?
- VPFO (Isa) – We looked at it both ways and it made more sense to do it under a lump-sum. Last year we didn't come close to spending all of it and this year there aren't many big projects planned.

Motion 8.3 – Carries (15-0)

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

11. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

- a. President (Aisha)

- i. Waived – Announced that for the sake of time executive reports will be sent alongside the minutes. In the future they'll be circulated in advance alongside the council agenda package before every meeting.
- b. Vice President Internal (Calista)
 - i. Will be sent with minutes.
 - ii. List of ratified societies [here](#)
- c. Vice President Finance and Operations (Isa)
 - i. Will be sent with minutes.
- d. Vice President Student Life (Ruby)
 - i. Will be sent with minutes.

Floor opens for questions on exec reports.

Residence Rep (Sandra) notes that last year it was hard to report to representative societies because the DSU agenda would be released on the day of their meetings, asks if it could be released earlier?

- Chair (Aisha) – Indicated that this is something the exec are planning to work on and so councillors can know what's happening and be able to contribute well in advance of meetings.

12.NOTICES OF MOTION

- a. None.

13.ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VPI (Calista) – Hoping to get councillor photos at the next meeting on June 19th, either before or after council!

14.ADJOURNMENT

Motion 13.1 Be It Resolved That that DSU council adjourns.

Mover: Health Promotions Rep (Joshua) Seconder: Agriculture Rep (Lenka)

Motion 13.1: Carries (15/0)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:36pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary: May 28th, 2019