Council Meeting
January 15th, 2020 - 6:00pm – Council Chambers, Student Union Building

Call to order at 6:09 pm by Chair

1. Roll Call

Councillors Present

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<td>Hasan Sinan – Vice President (Academic and External)</td>
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<td>Ruby Coles (she/her) – Vice President (Student life)</td>
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<td>Calista Hills (she/her) – Vice President (Internal)</td>
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<td>Fatima Beydoun - Board of Governors Representative</td>
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<td>Naomi Bird - Indigenous Students Community Representative</td>
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<td>Claudia Castillo-Prentt - Black Students Community Representative</td>
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<td>Meghan Faught - Faculty of Law Representative</td>
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Councillors Absent With Regrets

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<td>Isa Wright (she/her or they/them) - Vice President (Finance and Operations)</td>
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Others Present

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2. Land Acknowledgment

3. Adoption of the Agenda
   Motion 3.1
   **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as circulated.
   
   **Mover:** VP Academic and External  
   **Seconder:** Black Students Community Representative

   Motion 3.2
   **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda is amended to include a discussion period regarding the leave of the director of operations and continued operations at the Grawood under New Business.
   
   **Mover:** Faculty of Management Representative  
   **Proxy Seconder:** Faculty of Agriculture Representative  
   (17 – 0 – 3 abstentions)  
   **Motion Carries**

   Motion 3.3
   **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be amended to include the motion:
   **WHEREAS** The DSU Executive has not yet returned control of the DSU Health Plan office and storage to Sexton students despite promising on several occasions dating back to October 15th.
   **WHEREAS** There is limited study space on Sexton campus, and the Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society has the existing infrastructure and a concrete plan to use these currently under-utilized spaces to help Sexton students.
   **WHEREAS** The Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society will be able to implement the use of this space faster than the recently hired Sexton coordinator, who has not effectively communicated a plan for this office to Sexton students.
   **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The keys for the DSU Health Plan Office and storage space be handed over to the DUES President, Ian Kerr, as soon as possible.
   
   **Mover:** Faculty of Engineering Representative  
   **Seconder:** Faculty of Law Representative  
   (18 – 0 – 2 abstention)  
   **Motion Carries**

   Motion 3.4
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted with the amendments.

(20 – 0 • 0 abstentions)
Motion Carries

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 4th meeting be accepted as circulated.

Mover: Faculty of Health Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Computer Science Representative
(18 – 0 • 2 abstentions)
Motion Carries

5. Communications Received

Samantha Horne (Students with Disabilities Representative) sends regrets.
Ameir Yahia (Faculty of Management Representative) sends regrets and Madeleine Stinsen is acting as proxy.
Isa Wright (VP Finance and Operations) sends regrets.

6. Appointments

7. Presentations

8. Committee Reports
   a. IIC Committee Report

Motion 8.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move-in camera.

Mover: Faculty of Health Representative  Seconder: Women’s Community Representative
(20 – 0 • 0 abstentions)
Motion Carries

Motion 8.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves out of camera.

Mover: Faculty of Health Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Management Representative Proxy
(18 – 0 • 2 abstentions)
Motion Carries
Motion 8.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the life of the IIC be extended to interview some members of the executive who have confirmed that they will be able to meet within the week and the report will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mover: Faculty of Engineering Representative  Seconder: VP Academic and External
(15 – 0 – 5 abstentions)
Motion Carries

Motion 8.3

WHEREAS mental health of DSU Staff members has deteriorated

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the VPSL meet with Madeleine Stinsen before Thursday, the 23rd of January, to discuss bringing in David Pilon for a workshop for Grawood staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the VP Student Life be the point person for mental health until the end of the term.

Mover: VP Student Life  Seconder: Faculty of Computer Science Representative
(19 – 0 – 1 abstention)
Motion Carries

Motion 8.4

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Health and Wellness Centre has been deemed inadequate by students in discussion in council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU executive advocate that the centre improve its services to adequately support its students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT DSU Staff get priority support based on context.

Mover: President  Seconder: VP Academic and External

Claudia – Don’t agree with prioritizing DSU Staff. It has to be the more marginalized students that are prioritized if anyone.

Lenka – Have to take other students also into consideration and not just the most oppressed.

Motion 8.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 8.4 be amended to strike out prioritization of DSU staff to prioritizing students through an anti oppressive framework.

Mover: President  Seconder: Faculty of Engineering Representative
(19 – 0 – 0 abstentions)
Motion Carries

Motion 8.6
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 8.4 be further amended to include:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a report on what steps were taken for advocacy support be submitted by March 11th.

Mover: Faculty of Law Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Management Representative Proxy
(10 – 2 - 6 abstentions)
Motion Carries

Motion 8.7
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 8.4 be accepted with the amendments.

(18 – 0 – 0 abstentions)
Motion Carries

b. Strategic Planning Committee Update

President – Still are looking for committee members. If anybody is interested please send an email. We need councillors and non councillors in working in the proactive side of the DSU work and the work that will happen in the next 5 years with the DSU. Mental health is a huge part of the strategic plan. That work is already happening. Will continue to do that work and make the plan to say we’ll do that work.

9. Old Business
a. Update on legal counsel

Motion 9.1 (Tabled from last Council meeting)

WHEREAS the Judicial Board clearly determined that DSU Council has acted in breach of its bylaws and recommended the DSU seek legal counsel as soon as possible regarding the legal relationship with CFS;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President contact the currently retained legal counsel in order to organize a meeting in the DSU offices and an invitation extended to all councillors in order to ask questions in regard to this matter. This meeting will be held no later than January 31, 2019 and is to only be scheduled when school is in session (i.e. not during Christmas break).

Mover: Faculty of Law Representative
Calista – Isa found a lawyer who contributed to the overhaul of the DSU Bylaws a few years ago. That's the person who she is currently in touch with.

Meghan – Does that mean that we do not have legal counsel retained?

Aisha – We do have legal counsel, on retainer. They have let us know that the work that it would take to review and go over this is not in their area and also it would be too expensive. Looking for a lawyer who specifically works on Corporate Governance.

Motion 9.2
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 9.2 be tabled till the next council meeting.

Mover: Meghan
(18 – 0 – 0 abstentions)
Motion Carries

10. New Business
a. Elections Timeline

Ankit and Claire brought up the elections timeline and spoke about it.

Motion 10.1
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline be approved as presented by the CRO.

Mover: VP Student Life Seconder: President

Sandra – Want to highlight that the ‘Candidates submit campaign worker’ item in the timeline is during reading week.

Motion 10.2
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline be amended to change the date of the ‘Candidates submit campaign worker’ item from the 22nd to the 24th of February.

Mover: Residence Students Community Representative Seconder: VP Student Life
(17 – 0 – 1 abstention)
Motion Carries

Motion 10.3
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline be approved with the amendment.

(18 – 0 – 0 abstention)
Motion Carries

Motion 10.4
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Mover: Faculty of Engineering Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Management Representative Proxy

Julia – Sexton has two new buildings to address the lack of classroom space. There are a couple of new offices / study rooms. We rent these out to Engineering societies instead of libraries to keep them reserved for Sexton students. They are well used and there is a lineup of them. There is the DUES office. There is a space for the member services assistant of the DSU. There is one office that hasn’t been used that is labeled the Health Plan Office. We all agree that the space should be available instead of just being a locked room.

We came up with few different ideas with our first Sexton Advisory Council meeting to address what we should do with that room because when the person who deals with the health plan needs to do office hours, he can do it in the DSU office next door.

We are thinking maybe of using the space for sub constituents, people who are in societies, like the different engineering, to have their own office hours. However, since the summer there has been a new initiative brought forward by the Engineering society and faculty together to repurpose another unused space in another building. It has a full time staff person who sits there. We allow tutors to rent out the space, societies to rent out. It’s a well functioning space. Looking to make it a study room.

There is a storage locker that is for the DSU that is next to the DUES’s storage locker that is not being used for anything. It was being used for sometime and then abandoned. We would like people to use that space for storage for other societies. We have had some things go missing from an event, so it would be nice to have another storage locker as well because everyone goes in and out of the one that is there.

There is a sexton coordinator who is to act on behalf of the DSU on sexton campus which is a good idea but is in its early stages. It kind of replaces the need for the DSU exec for themselves to come down to Sexton during office hours if its not something that’s possible. This person will be the point person between this office and Sexton and can help out with things with the DSU that DUES can’t address. We have records of agreeing on the past with the Sexton Coordinator
to use these spaces in the meantime while he figures out his new position. To have these spaces just be used as a study room and for societies is what we are looking forward to.

Aisha – Agree with everything Julia said. I’ve been the point person working on sexton campus this year.

Motion 10.5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 10.4 be amended to remove the first WHEREAS clause as it is inflammatory and misleading and add ‘Until a sufficient protocol is set up by the Sexton Coordinator’ at the end of the last BE IT RESOLVED THAT clause.

Mover: President  Seconder: VP Academic and External

(15 – 1 – 1 abstention)

Motion Carries

Motion 10.6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 10.4 be amended to change ‘as soon as possible’ in the last BE IT RESOLVED THAT clause to ‘by the 24th of January’.

Mover: Faculty of Engineering Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Health Representative

(17 – 0 – 0 abstentions)

Motion Carries

Motion 10.7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion 10.4 be accepted with the amendments.

(17 – 0 – 0 abstentions)

Motion Carries

Madeleine – Inquired about there being a mitigation plan in place for the Director of Operations temporary vacancy.

Aisha – confirmed that a mitigation plan is in place and that this is all being handled internally.

Motion 10.8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be extended by 10 minutes.

Mover: Faculty of Engineering Representative  Seconder: Faculty of Agriculture Representative

(13 – 0 – 4 abstentions)

Motion Carries

Aisha – Council has no purview over specific individual HR of our staff. My plan was to update everyone at todays' council and let people know. A lot of the work I have been doing since getting this information that our staff has put in their resignation, is doing the work to make the transition smoother in the interim in a lot of the capacity and work that this individual took on.
11. Executive Reports
   a) President
   b) Vice-President (Internal)
   c) Vice-President (Financial and Operations)
   d) Vice-President (Academic and External)
   e) Vice-President (Student Life)

12. Councillor Reports

13. Notices of Motion

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment
   
   Motion 15.1
   
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council adjourns at 9:08 pm.
   
   Mover: Faculty of Health Representative  Seconder: Women's Community Representative
   (17 – 0 – 0 abstention)
   
   Motion Carries
   
   Meeting adjourned at: 9:08 pm
   Minutes submitted by Secretary: