

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham

Julia Guk

Aaron Prosper

Masuma Khan

Chantal Khoury

Cory Larsen

Annie Shannon-Dwyer

Jeremy Ryant

Kathleen Olds

Lovepreet Singh Dhillon

Hannah Drake

Fatima Beydoun

Laura Cutmore

Laura Woodworth

Moyin Adesanya

Sandra Sunil

Chair

Recording Secretary (non-voting)

President

Vice-President (Academic and External)

Vice-President (Finance and Operations)

Vice-President (Student Life)

Vice-President (Internal)

BOG Representative

BOG Representative

International Students' Representative

LGBTQ Students' Representative

Arts and Social Science Representative

Graduate Students Representative

Law Representative

Medicine Representative

Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students' Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2019-01-30: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to add two presentations – one on the Definition of a Student, and one on the DSU Survey Results; as well as a New Business item on the Fight for Fifteen, and a brief chat on the NSPIRG Levy Question.

Moved: Prosper **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2019-01-30: A01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2019-01-30: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Prosper

MOTION 2019-01-30: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students' Representative) and Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Definition of a Student

Andy Cochrane (Dean and Professor, College of Continuing Education) and Mike McAllister (Registrar's Office in Student Affairs, Associate Professor, Faculty of Computer Science) gave a presentation on behalf of the "Definition of a Student" working group. There was a document pertaining to this presentation circulated to councillors. Andy Cochrane and Mike McAllister talked about the opportunity for the DSU to broaden its membership and implications for students.

B. DSU Survey Results

Prosper gave a presentation highlighting the results of the DSU survey, which he also circulated to councillors. He said that these results will be made public shortly.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. DSUSO Breakfast Club

MOTION 2019-01-30: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Breakfast Club Motion be moved to after Fight for Fifteen since Khan left the meeting temporarily.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Sunil

MOTION 2019-01-30: N01 CARRIED

MOTION 2019-01-30: N02

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Where as Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office is an office of the Dalhousie Student Union;

Where as Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office has started the Breakfast Club on Sexton Campus to address the needs of Sexton students around food accessibility;

Where as DSUSO's Breakfast Club initiative is supported by the Loaded Ladle, and the DSU Food Bank;

Where as Sexton Campus students do not have affordable and accessible food options;

Where as the Sexton Director was hired at the end of the fall semester 2018;

Where as the Equity and Accessibility Office director was hired at the end of the fall semester 2018;

Where as food access on Sexton Campus could be addressed through a student position created within DSUSO's Breakfast Club;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$1000 from The Equity and Accessibility Office budget be given for The Breakfast Club

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice President of Finance and Operations create a Breakfast Club budget line in the Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office annual operating budget, to ensure continuity of The Breakfast Club initiative until accessible food is made available at Dalhousie University Sexton Campus.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Beydoun

This motion will be postponed to a future council meeting once the Equity and Accessibility Office director has been consulted.

B. Fight for Fifteen and Fairness

MOTION 2019-01-30: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the discussion be postponed to the next council meeting after Chantal circulates a report on the Fight for Fifteen and Fairness with updates and her analysis tonight.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2019-01-30: N03 CARRIED

C. NSPIRG Levy Question

Whereas Nova Scotia Public Research Interest Group (NSPIRG) has not increased its levy since 2013;

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Whereas an increase in levy funding would allow NSPIRG to increase capacity for projects, campaigns, funding student research, student employment and outreach to diverse groups of students;

Whereas this levy increase will support the sustainability and future growth of NSPIRG;

Whereas NSPIRG provides an Opt-out option to reimburse students the levy fee in fall and winter semesters;

Whereas King's Student voted in favour of a Levy increase to \$4.50 per semester in 2018;

Do you support increasing the levy for Nova Scotia Public Research Interest Group (NSPIRG) from \$3.00 per semester to \$4.50 per semester for full-time Dalhousie students and from \$0.50 per Semester to \$2.00 per semester for part-time Dalhousie students? This question applies only to Halifax campuses for Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional students.

MOTION 2019-01-30: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this discussion be deferred to the next council meeting.

Moved: Prosper **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2019-01-30: N04 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Khan said that they met recently and said that there were a few student Senators that left really upset by the words of the Interim President. They will be meeting to have a debrief session about what happened at Senate and working to rectify it to ensure that there is some sort of justice. Olds said that there is a motion on climate change that will be discussed at the next meeting of Senate.

B. BOG

Olds and Ryant gave some updates related to the Board of Governors meeting and agenda.

Ryant told councillors. that the next meeting for BOG is on the 12th.

C. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Khoury said that they are meeting for the first time this semester on January 25, and that students will receive an update around January 27 if they applied for a grant.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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The Executives circulated their detailed reports to councillors and talked about the highlights during the meeting.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM by the Chair