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1. **ROLL CALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

- Aaron Prosper (he/him) Chair/President
- Abir Ayoub Recording Secretary (non-voting)
- Masuma Khan (she/her) Vice-President (Academic and External)
- Chantal Khoury (she/her) Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
- Cory Larsen (he/him) Vice-President (Student Life)
- Annie Shannon-Dwyer (she/her) Vice-President (Internal)
- Jeremy Ryant (he/him) BOG Representative
- Fatima Beydoun (she/her) Arts and Social Sciences Representative
- Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (he/him) International Students Representative
- Mulenga Kasutu (she/her) Black Student Representative

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

- Kathleen Olds (she/her) BOG Representative
- Catherine Van Helden (she/her) Management Representative
- Candyse Brisk (she/her) Students with Disabilities Community

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION 2018-06-06: A01**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Khoury

**MOTION 2018-06-06: A01 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2018-06-06: A02**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a Notice of Motion to Boycotting Pride for the 2018 year.

**MOTION 2018-06-06: A02 CARRIED**

**MOTION 2018-02-21: A03**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION 2018-02-21: A03 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting (April 18th, 2018) was not submitted to the Chair, but will be submitted for approval for the next council meeting (July 25th, 2018).

MOTION 2018-06-06: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the April 18th meeting will be referred to the next council meeting.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer.

MOTION 2018-06-06: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Society Review Committee

Nominations:
Mulenga Kasutu

MOTION 2018-06-06: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mulenga Kasutu be appointed to the Society Review Committee

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Beydoun

MOTION 2018-06-06: N01 CARRIED

B. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

Nominations:
Jeremy Ryant

MOTION 2018-06-06: N02
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jeremy Ryant be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-06-06: N02 CARRIED

C. Budget and Finance Committee

Nominations: Lovepreet Singh

Fatima Beydoun

MOTION 2018-06-06: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lovepreet Singh ad Fatima Beydoun be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee, as the committee accepts two council members.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Kasutu

MOTION 2018-06-06: N03 CARRIED

D. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Nominations: Fatima Beydoun

Lovepreet Singh

MOTION 2018-06-06: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lovepreet Singh ad Fatima Beydoun be appointed to the Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Singh

MOTION 2018-06-06: N04 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MOTION 2018-06-06: N05
BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the agenda by adding the Senate Caucus Report and Board Caucus Report under Reports of Committees.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-06-06: N05 CARRIED

A. Senate Caucus

Khan said the last Senate meeting was May 14 and at that meeting they passed the Sexualized Violence Policy that the committee has been working on the past year. The policy has been rated with an A+. Khan thanks everyone who has put a lot of work in creating this policy. The Policy will be presented at the Board on June 26.

The committee put a call out for the remaining Caucus positions that are opened. Societies have not communicated yet on whom they have elected as their Senate Reps. There also has been call out for students to join the Student Discipline Committee, which is an open committee for councillors and non-councillors.

B. Board Caucus

Prosper said that they didn’t have a recent meeting but Ryant will speak about the past BOG meetings.

Ryant welcomes Prosper and Olds to BOG. The Board passed the tuition and fee increase, however no board members were happy with the change. With student pressure, most individuals sitting on the board are actually aware and note that this increase isn’t a sustainable effect. There are allies on the board that are supporting students. On June 26, the Board will approve the financials of the increase. Ryant asks councillors to be present at that meeting and to also bring students along to attend. Whether the meeting is ‘in camera’ or not, the meeting is better conducted with students present.

Prosper mentions that both Caucuses, Senate and Board, are looking into setting up dates where they will have open Caucus meetings to allow students to ask questions and the Caucuses to meet with the students.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of DSU Council Meeting Schedule

In summer, council meetings are every 4 weeks while in the fall and winter semester, council meetings are every 2 weeks.

MOTION 2018-06-06: P01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next council meeting will be earlier than the fourth week. Prosper will suggest the dates for the upcoming council meeting through DoodlePool.

MOTION 2018-06-06: P01 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Prosper will circulate his written report this evening. The following expectations from Prosper is mentioned in his report.

Prosper reminds Council that DSU is unique and independent from external advocacy bodies so DSU is not a member of Canadian Federation of Students or Canadian Alliance of Students, or Students Nova Scotia. So the Prosper and Khan are doing a lot of work to revamp DSU advocacy.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Shannon-Dwyer will circulate her written report this evening.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Khoury will circulate her written report this evening.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan circulated her written report in the Council package.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen circulated his written report in the Council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Boycotting Pride in the 2018 year

Whereas Halifax Pride has not met the conditions mentioned in the DSU’s 2017 Pride Motion.

Be It Resolved That the Dalhousie Student Union boycott Halifax Pride for the 2018 Year.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Proper will be chairing the council meetings as interim chair. The nominating committee has come to a decision but the transition has delayed the process of nominating a chair. The executive committee decided to continue the process of nominating of the year. The new chair will be nominated either next or next following meeting.
The nominating committee has been removed and the task of nominating a chair has been given to the bylaw and policy committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-06-06: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-06-06: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm
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CALL TO ORDER at 6:07 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Aaron Prosper (he/him) President/Chair
Abir Ayoub Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Masuma Khan (she/her) Vice-President (Academic and External)
Chantal Khoury (she/her) Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Fatima Beydoun (she/her) Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (he/him) International Students Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGrets

Cory Larsen (Vice President, Student Life), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice President, Internal), Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative), Kathleen Olds (BOG Representative), Mulenga Kasutu (Black Student Representative) and Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative) sent their regrets.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Candyse Brisk (Students with Disabilities Community Representative) was absent during this meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-07-30: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

MOTION 2018-07-30: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-07-30: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to include “Bylaw Amendments” in the Notices of Motion.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Singh Dhillon

MOTION 2018-07-30: A02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: A03
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION 2018-02-21: A03 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meetings (April 18 and June 6, 2018) was submitted but not circulated by the chair, but will be circulated for approval for the next council meeting (August 22, 2018).

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Cory Larsen (Vice President, Student Life), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice President, Internal), Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative), Kathleen Olds (BOG Representative), Mulenga Kasutu (Black Student Representative) and Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative) sent their regrets.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Bylaw Policy and Review Committee

Nominations:
Jonothan Frontaine as a non-councilor

MOTION 2018-07-30: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jonothan Frontaine be appointed to the Bylaw Policy and Review Committee

Moved: Khan Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-07-30: N01 CARRIED

B. Budget and Finance Committee

Nominations:
Aaron Sophocleous

Liam Finnegan
MOTION 2018-07-30: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Aaron Sophocleous and Liam Finnegan be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Singh Dhillon

MOTION 2018-07-30: N02 CARRIED

C. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

No nominations

D. Society and Review Committee

Nominations:
Savannah Greene

MOTION 2018-07-30: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Savannah Greene be appointed to the Society and Review Committee

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-07-30: N03 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Senate Caucus

Khan mentioned that the Senate has yet to meet but she is seeking students to fill the students seats. 11 student seats need to be filled by September. She advises the councillors to seek to their constituents and to reach out to her for more inquiries.

B. Board Caucus

Prosper said that their first committee was on June 26. There was a vote to increase tuition by 3% and it was passed. All student representatives voted against the increase. Also the Sexualized Violence Policy had passed at the board level. The university has begun rolling out the new policy.
Prosper states that the next Board Caucus meeting is October 16 2018. He plans on getting the university to define fiduciary duty in their commitment of BOG members as he has a fiduciary duty to hold both the university and the union as a first priority. Proper also mentioned that he has been asked to sit on a hiring committee as a student rep for the University’s President search.

C. Budget and Finance Committee

Khoury mentioned that the committee had their first meeting today, July 30. During the meeting they approved several capital expenditures including an accessible print station for campus copy. They also plan on meeting with Sexton Students once the space is has been determined.

D. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Khoury stated that the committee voted to go over budget by 8%. 49 Grants and Sponsorships have been awarded since May 2018.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Prosper circulated his written report in the Council package. He informs councillors that he will be in Iqualit August 15 to meet with the Iqualuit college students who are technically Dal students.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Shannon-Dwyer circulated her written report in the Council package.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Khoury circulated her written report in the Council package.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan circulated her written report in the Council package.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)
Larsen circulated his written report in the Council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

   a. Communications Policy
   b. Consultation Policy
   c. Oversight Committee
   d. Bylaw Amendment

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

   MOTION 2018-07-30: A04

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

   MOTION 2018-07-30: A04 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm
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CALL TO ORDER at 6:11 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Aaron Prosper Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Ryant BOG Representative
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Catherine Van Helden Management Representative
Laura Cutmore Graduate Students’ Representative
Mulenga Kasutu Black Students’ Community Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon International Students’ Community Representative
Moyin Adesanya Medicine Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan - Vice-President (Academic & External)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-09-12: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to move Bylaw Amendment 9 as the first agenda item in New Business.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: A02
Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-12: A02 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2018-09-12: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes as defined in Agenda Item #3 be tabled to the September 26, 2018 meeting of Council.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Khan sent in her regrets to the Chair.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

Nominee: Olds
Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-12: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kathleen Olds be chosen for the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee committee.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: N01 CARRIED

B. External Committee

There were no nominations at this meeting, so the next round of nominations will continue at the next meeting.

C. Society Review Committee
Nominee: Moyen  
Seconded: Sunil

**MOTION 2018-09-12: N02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Moyen be chosen for the Society Review Committee committee.

Moved: Sunil  Seconded: Olds

**MOTION 2018-09-12: N02 CARRIED**

### D. Student Life Committee

Councillors:

Nominee: Van Helden  
Seconded: Khoury

Nominee: Singh Dhillon  
Seconded: Beydoun

Nominee: Beydoun  
Seconded: Khoury

**MOTION 2018-09-12: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Singh Dhillon and Beydoun be chosen as the Councillors for the Student Life Committee.

Moved: Shannon-Dwyer  Seconded: Khoury

**MOTION 2018-09-12: N03 CARRIED**

Non-Councillors:

Nominee: Michael Davis-Cole  
Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

**MOTION 2018-09-12: N04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Michael Davis-Cole be chosen as a Non-Council Member for the Student Life Committee.
Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-09-12: N04 CARRIED

E. Offices Steering Committee

Nominee: Kasutu
Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2018-09-12: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kasutu be chosen for the Offices Steering Committee.

Moved: Olds Seconded: Singh-Dillon

MOTION 2018-09-12: N05 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Prosper and Cutmore said that there are not many updates from Senate Caucus, and if people are interested in learning more about senate to contact Khan who was absent from the meeting.

B. BOG Caucus

Ryant announced that on Tuesday October 16th there will be an annual student-and-board mixer at the Grawood at 5:45 PM. The purpose of the mixer is for students and board members to interact in a cooperative manner. Food will likely be covered but drinks will not be.

Olds has a position on the Investment committee and said that she is working on a project about climate change.

C. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that the Grants and Sponsorship Committee have not been able to meet because of not being able to achieve quorum and so there has been a backup with some of the applications.

D. Society Review Committee
Shannon-Dwyer said that they had a backup during the summer as well because of inability to reach quorum, however, they were just able to meet and successfully ratify several Faculty and Levy societies. There are currently around 200 societies ratified now.

F. Budget and Finance Committee

Khoury said that the committee is now fully formed and will be meeting on Tuesday to go over goals and procedures for the year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bylaw 9 Amendment

MOTION 2018-09-12: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hold a five minute recess.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Van Helden

MOTION 2018-09-12: N06 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council pass Bylaw Amendment 9.1 a. to read as presented: This Bylaw shall govern elections for all Executive Officers and those Councillor positions without a ratified representative Society.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: N07 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council ratify the Science Society Representatives and Medicine Representatives and DAGS Representatives.

Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: N08 CARRIED

B. Communications Policy

MOTION 2018-09-12: N09
BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council pass the Communications Policy as distributed.

Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-12: N09 CARRIED
Cutmore abstained from MOTION 2018-09-12: N09.

C. Consultation Policy

MOTION 2018-09-12: N10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council pass the Consultation Policy as distributed.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-09-12: N10 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council approve the amendment so that 3.1 reads as follows: “tools which can be used in the Consultation Process may include”.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-12: N11 CARRIED
Cutmore and Sunil abstained from MOTION 2018-09-12: N11.

MOTION 2018-09-12: N12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended so that it reads F. Bylaw 6.9 amendment instead of 6.2 amendment

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Van Helden

MOTION 2018-09-12: N12 CARRIED

D. Oversight Committee and Amendment 6.9

MOTION 2018-09-12: N13
BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council omnibus the Oversight Committee and Bylaw Amendment 6.9.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-12: N13 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N14

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council move straight to the discussion rather than explaining the motion, assuming councillors have read it.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: N14 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council pass the Oversight Committee motion and Bylaw Amendment 6.9 as presented.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-12: N15 CARRIED

E. Bylaw 11.2 Amendment

MOTION 2018-09-12: N16

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council pass Bylaw 11.2 as amended.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-09-12: N16 CARRIED

F. DSU Council Dates

MOTION 2018-09-12: N17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DSU Council confirm the DSU Council dates as distributed.
Moved: Larsen Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2018-09-12: N17 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-12: N18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council dates be amended so that October 17th’s meeting takes place on October 10th, and October 31st’s meeting takes place on October 24th.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2018-09-12: N18 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Council made the decision to move to Announcements and agreed that everyone had read the documents that were distributed to Councillors.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next council meeting: September 26, 2018

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-09-12: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-12: A03 CARRIED/FAILED

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM
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CALL TO ORDER 6:11 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer Vice-President (Internal)
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore Graduate Students’ Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative)
Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students’ Community Representative)
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students’ Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Catherine Van Helden

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-09-26: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-26: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-26: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add Financial Audit Statements to Presentations.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer
MOTION 2018-09-26: A02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-26: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Laura Woodworth be ratified as the Law Students’ Representative.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-26: N01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2018-09-26: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from April 18, 2018 be tabled to next meeting

Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-26: M01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-26: M02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from June 16, 2018 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-26: M02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-26: M03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from July 25, 2018 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-26: M03 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-09-26: M04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from September 12, 2018 be accepted as circulated.
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Moved: Larsen Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-26: M04 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Khan sent in her regrets to the Chair.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Chair of Council

Nominations:
Chris Abraham – nominated by Khan

MOTION 2018-09-26: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Abraham be appointed as the ‘Chair of Council’ for the 2018-2019 DSU council year.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2018-09-26: N02 CARRIED

B. Recording Secretary

Nominations:
Julia Guk – nominated by Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-26: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Julia Guk be appointed as the ‘Recording Secretary of Council’ for the 2018-2019 DSU council year.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-09-26: N03 CARRIED

C. CRO

MOTION 2018-09-26: N04
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CRO appointment be postponed to the next meeting.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-09-26: N04 CARRIED

D. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

E. External Committee

Nominations:
Laura Cutmore
Kathleen Olds
Laura Woodworth

The Chair automatically appointed these three nominees to the 3 council spots that were available, since the spots were acclaimed.

F. Society Review Committee

There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

G. Student Life Committee

Nominations (councilors):
Sandra Sunil

The Chair automatically appointed this nominee since she was the only nominee.

Nominations (non-councilors):
Jessica Lynn Kempton
Olivia Ward
Karan Sharma

There was no opposition to these appointments and the nominees were automatically appointed.

H. Offices Steering Committee

Nominations:
Laura Cutmore
The Chair automatically appointed this nominee by acclamation.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dalhousie University Presidential Search Committee

Prosper described the process of searching for a new Dalhousie President and asked councilors to direct any questions about the committee to him.

B. Audited Financial Statements

Khoury presented a draft of the audited financial statements that were circulated to Councilors.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Khan said that the Senate Caucus met on 9th and 23rd of September. She said that there was lots of good feedback from faculty and administrative bodies saying that the senate caucus is doing really well. Khan and Prosper had a DSU report at the last meeting.

B. BOG Caucus

Prosper said that there were no updates and that their next meeting is October 16. Prosper reminded everyone about the BOG Grawood Mixer that Ryant sent out invitators for.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Society Policy

MOTION 2018-09-26: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society Policy motion be postponed to the next meeting.

Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2018-09-26: N05 CARRIED

B. DSU Audited Financial Statements

MOTION 2018-09-26: N06
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council accept the DSU Audited Financial Statements 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU council approve the DSU Audited Financial Statements 2018 to be presented at the next DSU AGM.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-09-26: N06 CARRIED

C. DSU AGM

MOTION 2018-09-26: N07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council approve the DSU Annual General Meeting to occur on November 7th, 2018.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-09-26: N07 CARRIED

D. Minimum Wage

MOTION 2018-09-26: N08

Whereas many Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) members work in minimum wage jobs; and

Whereas the DSU strives to push for the interests of its members; and

Whereas well-paying positions provide incentive for members to get more involved in the DSU;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the DSU support campaigns that seek to raise the minimum wage to a living wage, and participate in such campaigns;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice President Finance and Operations be tasked with drafting available strategies and timelines for the DSU to provide a wage of no less than $15 an hour to its employees, and to report their findings back to DSU Council no later than January 20th, 2019.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Khoury
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MOTION 2018-09-26: N08 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive sent out their reports to Councilors.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-09-26: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-09-26: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM
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Wednesday, October 10, 2018 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer Vice-President (Internal)
Masuma Khan Vice-President (Academic and External)
Jeremy Ryant BOG Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Catherine Van Helden Management Representative
Sandra Sunil Science Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon International Students’ Representative
Moyen Adesenya Medicine Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Aaron Prosper (President), Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students’ Representative), Laura Cutmore (Graduate Students’ Representative), Kathleen Olds (BOG Representative), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-10-10: A01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.
Moved: Khan Seconded: Larsen
MOTION 2018-10-10: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-10-10: A02
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to remove the appointments of the Chief Returning Officer and Elections Committee.
Moved: Khan Seconded: Larsen
MOTION 2018-10-10: A02 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2018-10-10: M01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the April 18, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated, with an adjustment to Jeremy Ryant’s position title which was listed incorrectly.
Moved: Khan Seconded: Larsen
MOTION 2018-10-10: M01 CARRIED
MOTION 2018-10-10: M02
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the September 26, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated, and that Sunil, Singh-Dhillon and Adesenya’s names be added to the ‘Councillors Present’ list.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2018-10-10: M02 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets
The Chair received regrets from Aaron Prosper (President), Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students’ Representative), Laura Cutmore (Graduate Students’ Representative), Kathleen Olds (BOG Representative), and Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Oversight Committee
   i. 2 Faculty Representatives (councillors)
      There were no nominations during the meeting.
   ii. 2 Community Representatives (councillors)
      There were no nominations during the meeting.
   iii. 2 Members at Large
      There were no nominations during the meeting.

B. Grants and Sponsorship Committee
   i. 1 General Member
      There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

C. External Committee
   i. Open
      There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

D. Student Life Committee
   i. Open
      There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

E. Offices Steering Committee
   i. 1 Community Representative (councillor)
      There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.
   ii. 1 General Member (councillor or non-councillor)
      MOTION 2018-10-10: N01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hold a 5 minute recess for councillors to get food.
Moved: Ryant Seconded: Khoury
MOTION 2018-10-10: N01 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dalhousie University Presidential Search Committee
Prosper described the process of searching for a new Dalhousie President and asked councilors to direct any questions about the committee to him.

B. Audited Financial Statements
Khoury presented a draft of the audited financial statements that were circulated to Councilors.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus
Khan said that the next Senate meeting is on the 22nd of September. She said that there are two more vacant Senate spots, and the biggest barrier for students to be Senators is that many students have class at 3-5 on Mondays. She said that other Senators have said students are doing very well and are very organized. She said they have learned a lot from last year and feels that being part of Senate Caucus is more engaging this year.

B. BOG Caucus
Ryant reminded the importance of attending the BOG Mixer at 5:45 pm in the Grawood. He reminded everyone that there will be food available and encouraged all councillors to bring their friends as it is open to every student.

C. Dalhousie Student Union Standing Committee Reports
There were no reports at this meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Society Policy
MOTION 2018-10-10: N02
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society Policy be approved as amended.
Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Khoury
MOTION 2018-10-10: N02 CARRIED
Khan abstained from voting on MOTION 2018-10-10 N02.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President
Prosper circulated his report in the council package.
B. Vice President (Internal)
Shannon-Dwyer circulated her report to councillors and encouraged students to tell their friends to apply for the Society Engagement Commissioner position that is posted on the DSU Jobs website.

C. Vice President (Finance and Operations)
Khoury circulated her report and noted that they stuck a Food Committee for Chartwells to gauge student satisfaction. They will be meeting 2-3 times per semester to send out the survey to students. She also reminded councillors that Levied and Faculty Societies have their audits due on October 12th.

D. Vice President (Academic and External)
Khan circulated her report discussed her meeting with the liberal government and the tuition freeze, and encourages councillors to email her if they have questions. She noted that the University wants to increase the percentage of funding that they receive from the government to make a tuition freeze possible. She is also working with other groups to highlight the need for MSI for International Students.

E. Vice President (Student Life)
Larsen circulated his report and encouraged councillors to come see Craig Cardiff and that there is a song-writing workshop with the artist as well prior to the show.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM by the Chair
CALL TO ORDER 6:06 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham
Bell
Julia Guk
Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper
President
Masuma Khan
Vice-President (Academic and External)
Chantal Khoury
Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer
Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Ryant
BOG Representative
Kathleen Olds
BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu
Black Students Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon
International Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun
Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore
Graduate Students Representative
Catherine Van Helden
Management Representative
Moyin Adesanya
Medicine Representative
Sandra Sunil
Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Cory Larsen (Vice President Student Life), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-10-17: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Dhillon Singh
MOTION 2018-10-17: A01 CARRIED
The Chair amended the agenda to include 2 councillors on the Accessibility Committee appointments and this was carried on unanimous consent.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2018-10-17: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the October 10, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated, with an amendment to fix the spelling of Moyin Adesanya’s name.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Singh Dhillon

MOTION 2018-10-17: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets
The Chair received regrets from Cory Larsen (Vice President Student Life) and Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Chief Returning Officer

i. Member
Nominations:
Nathan Little (nominated by Aaron Prosper)

On unanimous consent, Nathan Little is appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union Council as the new Chief Returning Officer for the 2018-2019 academic year.

B. Elections Committee

i. 5 Members
Nominations:
Gaurav Bamania
Dong Ngo
Kaixing Wan
Danyia Zia
Jesse Fash
Mary Kate Picketts
Seun Ayodele

MOTION 2018-10-17: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council take a 5 minute recess.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-10-17: N01 CARRIED
MOTION 2018-10-17: N01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-10-17: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move in camera.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-10-17: N02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-10-17: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council interprets Bylaw 9.5.a so that Council is not prevented from appointing more than 5 members to the Elections Committee.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2018-10-17: N03 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-10-17: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move back into camera.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-10-17: N04 CARRIED

C. Accessibility Bursary Committee

i. 2 Councillors

Kathleen Olds – nominates herself

Fatima – nominates herself

On unanimous consent, Kathleen Olds and Fatima Beydoun are appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union Council as councillors on the Accessibility Bursary Committee for the 2018-2019 academic year.

ii. 2 General Members

There were no nominations for this committee during the meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections Policy

MOTION 2018-10-17: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Policy be approved as circulated to councillors.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2018-10-17: N05 CARRIED

B. Referenda Policy
MOTION 2018-10-17: N06
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Referenda Policy be tabled to the next Council meeting.
Moved: Khan Seconded: Prosper
MOTION 2018-10-17: N06 CARRIED

C. Representative Society Policy

MOTION 2018-10-17: N07
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following motion appear on the agenda of the DSU 2018 Annual General Meeting:
Whereas, the current bylaws do not define “representative Society” as stated in bylaw 9.1;

Be It Resolved, the following definition be put forward to the Membership at the upcoming AGM as a bylaw amendment:

“A Society ratified by the Dalhousie Student Union with the constitutional objective to be the representative voice of a particular community or faculty to the Dalhousie Student Union.”

Moved: Khan Seconded: Prosper
MOTION 2018-10-17: N07 CARRIED

D. Community Representative Motion

MOTION 2018-10-17: N08
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following motion appear on the agenda of the DSU 2018 Annual General Meeting:

Whereas, Dalhousie student community populations for a number of Community Representative seats cannot be determined for the purposes of quorum;

And Whereas, some of these communities may not comprise the currently required 10% quorum thereby making it impossible to meet the 10%quorum requirement;

Be It Resolved, the following addition to bylaw 9.10 be put forward to the Membership at the upcoming AGM as a bylaw amendment:

“. . . with the exception of any Community Councilor seats requiring self-identification appearing in a DSU election. There shall be no quorum requirement for Community Councilor seats requiring self-identification.”

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan
MOTION 2018-10-17: N08 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

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Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM by the Chair
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CALL TO ORDER 6:07 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer Vice-President (Internal)
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu Black Students Representative
Laura Coldmore International Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Woodworth Law Students’ Representative
Sandra Sunil Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Cory Larsen (Vice President Student Life), Masuma Khan (Vice-President (Academic and External)), Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-10-24: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-10-24: A01 CARRIED

The Chair amended the agenda to have a presentation from the AVP Academic, and Academic Quality Assurance Manager before the Appointments on unanimous consent.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2018-10-24: M01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the October 17, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2018-10-24: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Cory Larsen (Vice President Student Life), Masuma Khan (Vice-President (Academic and External)), Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative). Additionally, Kathleen Olds (BOG Representative) and Laura Cutmore (Graduate Students’ Representative) have to leave the meeting early.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. AVP Academic, and Academic Quality Assurance Manager

Dr. Pemberton Cyrus, who is the acting Associate Vice-President Academic, and Courtney Sutton, who is the Academic Quality Assurance Manager, gave a presentation about their recent in work in evaluating academic programs at Dalhousie University. The Chair has circulated their contact information to councillors.

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Oversight Committee

i. Two Faculty Representatives (councillors)

There were no nominations at this meeting.

ii. Two Community Representatives (councillors)

There were no nominations at this meeting.

iii. Two Members at Large

There were no nominations at this meeting.

MOTION 2018-10-24: N01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all appointments be postponed due to a lack of nominations, except for the appointments to the Grants and Sponsorship Committee and the Accessibility Fund Committee.

Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2018-10-24: N01 CARRIED

B. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Nominations:
Fan Yang (nominated by Chantal Khoury)

Fan Yang is appointed to the Grants and Sponsorship Committee on unanimous consent.

C. Accessibility Fund Committee

i. Two General Members

Nominations:
Selamawit Abtella (nominated by Fatima Beydoun)

Selamawit Abtella is appointed to the Accessibility Fund Committee on unanimous consent.

MOTION 2018-10-24: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to put New Business ahead of Committee Reports.

Moved: Beydoun Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2018-10-24: A02 CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Referenda Policy

MOTION 2018-10-24: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Referenda Policy be postponed to the next meeting.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Cutmore
MOTION 2018-10-24: N02 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Prosper said that Senate is looking to grant academic amnesty for students in a policy, like religious holidays that are not granted by the University.

B. BOG Caucus

Olds said that the administration is planning to increase recruitment for international students and double PhD students. She said this could be influential for developing council policy about how to serve these students. She let councillors know that the university sustainability plan is mostly focused on LEED certification, so this is an area where we could emphasize student involvement and consultation (some students on Sexton I've talked to are unhappy with the IDEAS building). The interim president has been appointed, council should know that he could be in place for up to a year so it will be important to start the foundations of a new relationship.

Prosper said that there are plans to proceed with interviews into the new year for the new Dalhousie University President.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Prosper said that they will be launching an annual DSU member survey likely in November. This survey will also have the opportunity to win prizes for participants. He also said that he will take the survey and review it with a commissioner to review the data and then will release the data to students as well as the report over the course of 50 days (50 days due to the SUB’s 50th anniversary).

B. Vice President (Internal)

Shannon-Dwyer circulated her report to councillors.

C. Vice President (Finance and Operations)

Khoury circulated her report to councillors.

D. Vice President (Academic and External)
Khan circulated her report to councillors.

E. Vice President (Student Life)

Larsen circulated his report to councillors.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM by the Chair
CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham
Guardian and Chair
Julia Guk
Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper
President
Chantal Khoury
Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer
Vice-President (Internal)
Kathleen Olds
BOG Representative
Fatima Beydoun
Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore
Graduate Students Representative
Laura Woodworth
Law Students’ Representative
Catherine Van Helden
Management Students’ Representative
Moyin Adesanya
Medicine Students’ Representative
Sandra Sunil
Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Cory Larsen (Vice-President Student Life), Jeremy Ryant (Board of Governors Representative), Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students’ Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students Representative)
OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
   MOTION 2018-11-21: A01
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with moving the presentation from Human Resources and the appointment of the LGBTQ+ representative up above Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
   Moved: Shannon-Dwyer Seconded: Van Helden
   MOTION 2018-11-21: A01 CARRIED

   MOTION 2018-11-21: A02
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fifteen minute presentation rule be waived for the Human Resources presentation.
   Moved: Prosper Seconded: Olds
   MOTION 2018-11-21: A02 CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS
   A. Human Resources
   Jasmine Walsh, Assistant Vice-President of Human Resources, and Barbara Hamilton-Hinch, Assistant Professor in Recreational and Leisure Studies, presented on the new Diversity and Inclusiveness Strategy. They described their four pillars, which are climate and intergroup relations, student access and success, education and research, structures-institutional viability and vitality. The entire Diversity and Inclusiveness Strategy 2018 report can be found on the Dalhousie website.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
   MOTION 2018-09-26: M01
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from October 24, 2018 be accepted as circulated.
   Moved: Khoury Seconded: Adesanya
   MOTION 2018-09-26: M01 CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
   A. Regrets
   Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Cory Larsen (Vice-President Student Life), Jeremy Ryant (Board of Governors Representative), and Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students’ Representative) all sent in their regrets to the Chair.

6. APPOINTMENTS
   A. LGBTQ+ Representative
   MOTION 2018-11-21: N01
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hannah Drake be appointed to Council as the LGBTQ+ Representative.
   Moved: Prosper Seconded: Sunil
   MOTION 2018-11-21: N01 CARRIED

B. Budget and Finance Committee
   Nominations:
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1. Claire Guatto
2. Tabasa Shimada
   Claire Guatto was appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee on unanimous consent.

C. Sexton Advisory Committee
   MOTION 2018-11-21: N02
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT these appointments be postponed to the next council meeting.
   Moved: Khoury Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer
   MOTION 2018-11-21: N02 CARRIED

D. Accessibility Fund Committee
   Nominations:
   1. Laura Woodworth
      Laura Woodworth was appointed to the Accessibility Fund Committee on unanimous consent.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   There were no significant updates for the committees.

8. NEW BUSINESS
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS
    Councillors circulated their reports in the council package.

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    Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM by the Chair
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CALL TO ORDER 6:10 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham C Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu Black Students’ Representative
Hannah Drake LGBTQ Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore Graduate Students Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal) Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students Representative), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Students’ Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative), Sandra Sunil (Science Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-12-05: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to add an additional appointment of someone to the Budget and Finance Committee, and another amendment to add a motion to confirm the Elections Timeline.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Drake

MOTION 2018-12-05: A01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
MOTION 2018-09-26: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 21, 2018 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2018-09-26: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal) Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students Representative), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Students’ Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative), and Sandra Sunil (Science Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Accessibility Fund Committee

i. One General Member

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

B. Sexton Advisory Committee

i. Sexton Campus Director

Nominations:
Ted Stuart (by Chantal Khoury)

Council appointed Ted Stuart as the Sexton Campus Director on unanimous consent.

C. Budget and Finance Committee

i. Tabasa Shimada
Nominations:
Tabasa Shimada (by Chantal Khoury)

Council appointed Tabasa Shimada to the Budget and Finance Committee on unanimous consent.

D. Dalhousie Student Union Standing Committee Appointments

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. DSU Budget Revisions: Chantal Khoury, Vice President Finance and Operations

Khoury gave a presentation on the revised budget and summarized the key points from the detailed spreadsheet that she sent out to councillors in the council package.

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

MOTION 2018-12-05: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation be extended by 5 minutes.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-12-05: N01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-12-05: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Business be moved up in the agenda.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2018-12-05: N02 CARRIED
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Cutmore said that BIPOCUS did a presentation and that Senate did a farewell to Florizone party.

B. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Khoury said that all of their funds have been distributed for the Fall semester. She said that they may be able to give some remaining grant money to students who have just applied but there are no guarantees.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Revisions

MOTION 2018-12-05: N03 CARRIED

WHEREAS, unforeseen circumstances can impact DSU operations throughout the year thereby necessitating a mid-year review with revisions annually;

BE IT RESOLVED, Council adopts the presented revised DSU budget for the 2018-19 year.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2018-12-05: N03 CARRIED

B. DSU Elections Timeline

Council had a robust discussion around the proposed Elections Timeline. Several concerns were raised, such as the fact that the candidate café is during reading week, that the campaign period was too long and would be draining for candidates, that voting is set to end on a weekend with worries about student turnout, and so on. Thus, this motion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS
Councillors circulated their reports in the council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM by the Chair
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CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Masuma Khan Vice-President (Academic and External)
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu Black Students’ Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon International Students’ Representative
Hannah Drake LGBTQ Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore Graduate Students Representative
Laura Woodworth Law Representative
Catherine Van Helden Management Representative
Moyin Adesanya Medicine Representative
Sandra Sunil Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal), Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2019-01-16: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to move New Business ahead of Committee Reports to allow for the representative from the Elections Committee to present the Elections Timeline.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2019-01-16: A01 CARRIED
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2019-01-16: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Sunil

MOTION 2019-01-16: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal) and Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Accessibility Fund Committee

i. One General Member

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections Timeline

MOTION 2019-01-16: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline be approved as circulated to Councillors.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2019-01-16: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline Campaign Period start March 4 instead of February 28 and end March 10.
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 Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Khoury

 MOTION 2019-01-16: N02 FAILED

 MOTION 2019-01-16: N01 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Khan said that their Senate Meeting for January 14 was cancelled to allow students to get back into their schedules. She has circulated the dates for all of the Senate Caucus meetings.

B. BOG

Prosper said the next meeting is February 12 and he will be presenting to the Board on the DSU Survey Results. Prosper said that in December he met with the Academic and Student Affairs committee of the Board. He also said that the Dalhousie Presidential Search is still ongoing.

Olds said that students can meet the Interim President next Monday at 3:30-5:00 pm at an introduction event to Peter MacKinnon.

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 on January 27 if they applied for a grant.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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
CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

1. ROLL CALL
COUNCILLORS PRESENT
Chris Abraham
Chair
Julia Guk
Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper
President
Masuma Khan
Vice-President (Academic and External)
Chantal Khoury
Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen
Vice-President (Student Life)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer
Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Ryant
BOG Representative
Kathleen Olds
BOG Representative
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon
International Students’ Representative
Hannah Drake
LGBTQ Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun
Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore
Graduate Students Representative
Laura Woodworth
Law Representative
Moyin Adesanya
Medicine Representative
Sandra Sunil
Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Mulenga Kasutu (Black Students’ Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT
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
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;
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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;
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;
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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
    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
CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM
1. ROLL CALL
COUNCILLORS PRESENT
Chris Abraham
   Chair
Julia Guk
   Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper
   President
Masuma Khan
   Vice-President (Academic and External)
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Chantal Khoury  Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen  Vice-President (Student Life)
Jeremy Ryant  BOG Representative
Kathleen Olds  BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu  Black Students Community
Lovepreet Singh Dhillon  International Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun  Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore  Graduate Students Representative
Laura Woodworth  Law Representative
Catherine Van Helden  Management Representative
Sandra Sunil  Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS
Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice President – Internal), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative), Hannah Drake (LGBTQ Students’ Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2019-03-13: A01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to add a brief discussion item about NSPIRG.

Moved: Ryant  Seconded: Khan
MOTION 2019-03-13: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2019-03-13: A02
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation about the Budget be allowed 60 minutes to present total.

Moved: Khoury  Seconded: Sunil
MOTION 2019-03-13: A02 CARRIED

MOTION 2019-03-13: A03
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation about the Budget be allowed 30 minutes to present and then 30 minutes of allotted discussion.

Moved: Khan  Seconded: Beydoun
MOTION 2019-03-13: A03 CARRIED
MOTION 2019-03-13: A02 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets
The Chair received regrets from Annie Shannon-Dwyer, Hannah Drake, and Moyin Adesanya.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Advisory Committee
Dr. Teri Balser, new Provost and VP Academic and Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, came to present about the 2019 Budget Update.

This is the third of the four sessions they have had to consult about the budget. They had forums previously and have received important feedback about the consequences that the BAC is making. The intent of this meeting is to try to get input and feedback from Councillors.
Dr. Balser’s update was mostly the same presentation that she gave to Senate, with a few extra considerations at the end that she has added as a result of the feedback she has received from students. She explicitly reminded Councillors that the goal for today was to receive input from them.

The main areas for University expenditures fall into Direct support (salaries and benefits, teaching supplies and materials, strategic initiatives and investment funding), and Central support (IT, building maintenance, libraries, administration, grounds keeping, graduate studies and international divisions, cybersecurity, support services for students and staff).

She stated that costs are rising. She said challenges are that there are increasing numbers of regulations and reporting requirements; new rules around safety, security, animal welfare, employment practices, and human subjects. She also said that students have increasing needs for facilities and supports, insurance (aging buildings, cybersecurity), the unfavourable exchange rate (USD vs Canadian, for example – research labs depend on supplies that are mostly produced in the US, and the Canadian dollar against the US dollar is a cost that must be factored in), faculty (salaries and increases, demographic profile), technology and technical staff (requirement for more). She reminded us that there are mandatory requirements for pay increases that provoke increases in salaries, and that as faculty become senior, their pay scale also tends to increase.

Dr. Besler stated that the two main revenue sources, tuition and government funding, do not keep pace with the required expenditures. She said that the expenditures are expected to increase by 23.1 million dollars in 2019-20. She stated that the government grants are decreasing (70% to 52% government support for government education across Canada and the US) which means that tuition must increase. Because of the expected increase in tuition revenues related to enrolment growth in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 of 8.65M, and a 2.0M (1%) increase projected for the University’s provincial operating grant. This leaves a nearly 12.5M shortfall.

University operating budget models are built on an assumption of constant enrolment growth to offset rising tuition and declining government support, Dr. Besler said. The operations of universities have become dependant on chasing revenue and bodies, she further stated, which she told Councillors is ultimately not sustainable. She reminded us that she acknowledges education is not a commodity and universities should not act as businesses; however, she recognizes that the operations of universities have become dependant on chasing markets. Part of the conversation that they have been having at the BAC has been: should they stop trying to grow, and should they be finding ways to sustain revenue at the current size of the university?
Without an increase intuition, they must focus on a large increase in enrolment, which comes with its own consequences, Dr. Besler said. She let Councillors know that Dal needs 1000 more students than expected to enroll in the University to prevent tuition increases, which simply won’t be possible based on current enrolment rates. Larger enrolment affects everyone as well, she said, with bigger class sizes, workload, crowding, parking, and need for services and support.

She said that the increases mostly come from international students, and many more are enrolling at Dalhousie. She recognizes population growth in Canada is coming from a lot of non-domestic folks, and that the domestic pool of students to draw from is limited.

She said that they have been asking the question; are we providing the right environment that promotes diversity and also supports diversity, are they enrolling students to have representation vs. just thinking about international student populations in a haphazard way?

Dr. Besler stated that Dalhousie clearly needs a long term solution, built around quality of experience vs. revenue generation. She said that there needs to be more thought put into a model for a deliberate approach to growth (or not – a decision must be made on what the growth target is), and to address sustainability of the whole system.

Dr. Besler said that currently, they are making choices, because they have to. The BAC draft report and recommendations represent their best effort to balance the range and complexity of competing needs and priorities across the university. It cannot please everyone, she said, but they have attempted to respond to the most dominant concerns and requests.

She let Councillors know that the BAC is representative of faculty, students, and admin staff. Their goal is to obtain input related to spending priorities (survey), and to involve stakeholders in creative and collaborative problem solving around longer-term challenges and consequences related to different choices made (forums).

She highlighted results for the following:

- Infrastructure and facilities (wide range of opinions)
  - Classroom size and renovation status
  - Building status (leaks, heat/cooling issues)
  - General wear and tear and/or damage
  - Some downplay or dismiss concerns
  - She said that the reality is that Dalhousie is a physical campus. Deferred maintenance is real and costly, where there are currently >$350M in deferred costs.
  - The recommendation for this is to focus some expenditures here. Facilities renewal, IT capacity and infrastructure, etc.
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- Student experience and support
  - Focus on wellbeing: advising, mental health
  - Focus on experience and success: e.g. experiential learning
  - Affordability (PhDs especially)
  - Accessibility (physical)
  - Impact of increased enrolment
  - Recommendation: Raise tuition in some places (international and domestic non-PhD); reduce international PhD tuition; allocate additional resources to student financial support and to strategic funds for general support.

- Facility budget allocations and renewal
  - Number of faculty members
  - Direct allocations for faculties
  - Reality: the entire university as a whole is needed for academic operations. Direct allocations to Faculties have increased every year, but they have not quite closed the cost-revenue gap. Faculty renewal has been increasing as well, as people retire.
  - Recommendation: Increase direct allocations so that the gap is only 0.5% (down from 2.4% and 1.5% in previous years), continue to support deans in budget planning and provide strategic funds that allow hiring of new faculty, and other local initiatives.

- Strategic investment and innovation
  - Support for research/grad students
  - Investment in EDI initiatives
  - Other needs: alignment of our strategic priorities, staff support equity
  - Reality: We need to be able to support new things and grow forward. Needs aren’t always predictable
  - Recommendation: Focus here a modest amount more. Specific funding for student support, and possible funds for other strategic initiatives.

So far, she said that they have received concerns about international student tuition, specifically impact on recruitment, going against their desire to promote diversity, concerns about the pace of the increase and the timing of it, and concerns about the impact on the competitiveness of Dalhousie against other schools.

Dr. Besler said that there have also been concerns raised about international student support, like the allocation of funds for support and the amount of them, and the type of support that is being provided for international students.

She also said that they have received concerns about faculty numbers in terms of program continuity and workload associated with increased enrolment.
Other concerns question the impact of the PhD fee changes on STEM researchers (as grants must pay for these types of PhD research programs). Getting rid of international fee for PhD students allows more recruitment. She mentioned that FASSS students tend to take longer to complete PhDs and lowering fees for international students may disproportionately affect FASSS by increasing fees there.

Questions and Answers from the Q & A Period

The following are brief summaries of the questions asked by students, and summaries of the responses provided by the Budget Advisory Committee.

**Question 1**: Is there any other way to structure how the tuition hike happens and who it affects? For example, you mentioned that maintenance for buildings is one of the big expenditures, and you said that those maintenance costs would mostly be allocated to Sexton and the School of Health and Performance. Should that not be considered when allocating hikes rather than putting a hike on the entire Faculty of Science? Could there be a way to target tuition hikes around building maintenance on what programs use the buildings and classrooms that are experiencing maintenance?

**Answer**: Theoretically, it would be very complicated to do this. Also, the cost for providing labs and space for science students to learn is more expensive to maintain over time than costs to just maintain classrooms that are attributed to other faculties. The way that we approach maintaining campus now is targeting areas in greatest need.

**Question 2**: You mentioned that funds will be allocated to equity and diversity initiatives. Have you thought about including financial equity as well? These are not mutually exclusive because racialized folks face more issues around financial aid. Do the equity and diversity initiatives that you are funding include financial aid for marginalized groups?

**Answer**: Yes, we are thinking about these specific allocations and we are happy to have these types of discussions. These conversations would be open to students.

**Question 3**: It seems like this is creating a divide between undergraduate international and domestic students; why is there such a big increase?

**Answer**: The big increase for international students is to balance Dalhousie with other U15 schools. It not an intent to create a greater divide; Dal has some of the highest undergrad fees of all Canadian schools and bringing up the international fees can offset even larger increases for domestic students.
Question 4: I am concerned about grad students who are non-thesis based international students. Both undergrad and graduate international students are shaken by potentially being exploited to make up a 12.5M budget shortfall. These students are often structurally disadvantaged to access financial opportunities, with limits on financial aid access and employment on campus, and less opportunities to get funding the way domestic students can. This is shifting the burden onto students that can already not afford these increases. I get emails from students that are struggling to pay tuition from these programs who are terrified of what is to come. Half of the DSU foodbank users are international students and the $500 000 of financial aid that you’re offering would be covering $6000 of funds for 83 students, which is entirely insufficient for the projected increase in tuition. How will this feedback be used to re-evaluate the budget proposal to put graduate students as a priority and ensure that they aren’t continually forced to make budget shortfalls? I know that $17.5M budget shortfalls have been made up before, and this has not been put onto the backs of students before.

Answer: Feedback has been taken and discussions have been had about changes and trade-offs. One of the conversations we had was to either have a 25$ reduction in fees across the board, or a $500 000 increase in support for international students. This was a decision that was made on a trade-off. For 19-20 there will be an increase in endowment support for students. We are unsure of the proportion that will be available for grad students, but we estimate a 1.7 million increase overall in student assistance for 19-20.

Question 5: Just to clarify: the increase for non-thesis masters students, is it 11% increases, or 8.1% increases?

Answer: 11.1%.

Question 5 Follow Up: Okay, so the justification is to bring international fees closer to U15 average. So the natural question to ask is, is Dalhousie’s support striving to be as supportive as other U15 schools? Also, what does this mean for continuing PhD students, like 1st year into their 2nd year, will they still have to pay the differential fee, particularly international students?

Answer: Based on advice received from students from years ago, students who are in program said “if you are going to implement changes, don’t implement them for students who are in-program”. We identified those students. The major changes in fees will only affect students who are just coming to Dalhousie to begin their academic careers here. As for the support, BAC will hear these discussions specifically.

MOTION 2019-03-13: N01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation about the Budget be allowed 30 minutes to present and then 30 minutes of allotted discussion.
Moved: Khan Seconded: Beydoun
MOTION 2019-03-13: N01 CARRIED

Question 6: Every time we have to pay extra fees (as international students), you must consider that minimum wage in Nova Scotia is only $11 per hour. Faculty and staff are getting pay increases every year, so student staff should be seeing pay increases as well. My second concern is that in the internetworking program, most students are international, and so this program is bringing a lot of funding. Still, the quality of service for this program is poor; one professor is teaching 4 courses, there are no proper labs, so how would the 11% change this situation?

Answer: Fees for internetworking are set through the Faculty, so they are not automatically going up by these prescribed increases. I urge you to speak to the Dean because these are administered through the Faculty of Engineering (the decentralized funding model gives some autonomy to Faculties to apply additional auxiliary fees that would not otherwise be through regular tuition in the university).

Question 7: Engineering students pay some of the highest tuition rates, and for that they get less services than almost every other campus does. 11.1% over a 4 year period is roughly $2500 extra. Engineering students who have 6 courses as part of their full course load, 8 hours of homework per course, 6 hours to sleep - there’s an extra 14 hours a week leftover after courses, labs, and sleep. If they have to pay $2500 more and minimum wage won’t change much in 4 years, let alone that housing goes up every year, and getting scholarships through top-tier opportunities isn’t possible since the program is hard and demanding. It doesn’t seem reasonable to increase tuition by that much, where international students are paying so much more than domestic, and make up a big population on Sexton. 50% of Sexton students don’t have time to work, and outside of that, they will not have more than 15 hours a week to work, since mandatory classes go until 9 at night. People are in positions of high risk for mental health due to stress, and now they are going to be even more stressed with these budgetary problems being put on the backs of students. Engineering mental health is one of the most severe issues that you will see in the industry. (Also, 25% of the students in Engineering are international, and overall Engineering students are 12.5% of the whole student body).

Answer: I hear what you are saying, and will take note of these issues.

Question 8: I’ve been feeling disrespected about how this has been going down. First, you made it seem like an 8.1% increase and did not incorporate accessible language for students. You should have made it clear that it’s actually an 11.1% increase, considering this is an academic institution. Also, there are no international students on the Budget Advisory Committee. Every year the DSU puts forward names of people that should get put on BAC and they get ignored. Lobbying with the University is still not happening despite attempts to reach out to them. We should be working together to have a strategy. There are many international students would not be able to eat. They can only work 20 hours a
week on campus, and the amounts of stress pushing on international students makes it painful for them to exist; it’s demoralizing and diminishing. Academics are being sacrificed. The Writing Centre does not have the capacity to help students with language barriers, and there is a lack of funding toward the International Centre. Additionally, there’s only one orientation for international students. These students are in the dark. I don’t appreciate how you are pulling a shady move and playing on the marginalization of students.

**Answer:** I’d like to state that the fee raise is for new students early. International students who are already here won’t be affected by this fee raise, and future students have a choice in whether to come here or not. Also, I’d appreciate it if people could be careful about assuming intent. We had some long conversations about how to roll out this plan and how to discuss the recommendations and the memo that went out. We had purposeful dialogue about how to do this, we were not pulling a shady move or playing on the marginalization of students.

**Question 9:** According to this mathematical formula, different faculties get their own funding and it’s up to them to decide how they spend it. There has been a lack of transparency and have not been seeing how it’s been sent. Could this formula be changed for international students and allow the international centre to have more capacity? They mainly do immigration work and sometimes have a few events. Also, how much does Dalhousie spend on International Student recruitment? I know that staff go abroad recruiting students to places like the Philippines and Vietnam?

**Answer:** I don’t have that number but it’s an important question and we will get back to you about it. The answer will be in the minutes of the next council meeting. The money going to faculties has been assumed to be used effectively but it’s important to think about.

**Question 10:** Do incoming international students know that they will be paying higher fees?

**Answer:** Because the way the BAC works, final recommendation won’t be made until after the decision goes through the board. We will have to make sure that we have the info for incoming students.

**Question 11:** What efforts have been made to find alternative ways to fund and make up for this shortfall? Have you had students and faculty in Economics and Sustainability consulted about potential other ways to obtain funding? Why are administrative staff making so much, with the current university President making more than the Prime Minister?

**Answer:** Since the beginning we have tried to create processes to consult with students and faculty to use some of their brilliance in solving these problems. I
recognizesthat we haven’t done as much as we could have. As for the question about administrative staff salaries, I am unsure as I do not set salaries for the President.

**Question 12:** You mentioned a point about how you are comparing Dal to the U15. I see this as being unfair, as the only 2 universities that charge less differential fees than Dal are U of M and U of S, and they have the 2nd highest and 3rd highest minimum wages in the country. Yes, Dalhousie may be in the U15, but you can’t ignore the local context that students have to face; like that minimum wage is so low. Dalhousie’s International Strategy (2017-2020) is to examine the impact of differential fees for grad and undergrad programs, and this does not seem to have been sufficiently researched. We need more transparency. Where are the $750 000 allocated towards international students going?

**Answer:** I agree that international countries should not be seen as markets, and agree on transparency – attempts have been made on the front end, but this is a good point.

**B. Quick Life at Sexton Campus**

Jen gave a presentation on life at Sexton Campus and current issues there. She said that the Design and IDEA buildings are pretty but are not ideal for students who are on Sexton. The IDEA Building is a huge hallway. She suggested incorporating sound baffles, because she said that you can hear people on the other end, and can’t study there or be there for anything public.

She also brought concerns about the DSU office hours. They are currently handwritten, change every week, and not attended by execs. She said that the DSU Health Plan Office hours are 10-12 every day of the week. Study rooms are booked solid and this room would be good to have for other purposes and put DSU office and health plan office together. She further explained that societies don’t have offices or spaces to host office hours. She highlighted a lack of outlets in the Design building, space could be used for studying if cushions were added so that people could sit there, because the stairs are uncomfortable, putting more outlets in there.

Her next concerns were about the T-Room. She said that students have suggested that during the week reallocated as a study space potentially to cover the actual bar so that people could sit there to study. She said that supplemental furniture is needed that won’t break when sat on. She highlighted that there are only two microwaves on campus. There is a lack of food options and they are at high cost; 3 strawberries are sold for $3.25.

She also described that there is a lack of security staff. There are also no nurses, the international centre has short hours. Several doors are not accessible and one whole building without wheelchair friendly access.

**MOTION 2019-03-13: A04**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to bring New Business up ahead of appointments and committee reports.
Moved: Sunil Seconded: Khoury
MOTION 2019-03-13: A04 CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Fight for $15 and Fairness Follow Up
   Chantal wanted to give a brief update about the Fight for $15. She mentioned that Council will have a motion by the next council meeting.

   B. NSPIRG
   MOTION 2019-03-13: N02
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in-camera for a discussion.
   Moved: Olds Seconded: Prosper
   MOTION 2019-03-13: N02 CARRIED
   MOTION 2019-03-13: N03
   BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move out of camera.
   Moved: Larsen Seconded: Kasutu
   MOTION 2019-03-13: N03 CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENTS
   A. Dalhousie Associate VP Academic Search Committee
   Nominations: Chantal Khoury

   Khoury was appointed on unanimous consent.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   A. Senate Caucus
   Prosper said that Senate met Monday, and they had the report presentation with regard to student declaration of absence and BAC. In the student declaration of absence, by submitting one the university is actually taking that and inputting it within the system and so they’re able to use it as a tracking tool for students who declare that they are absent and to follow up with them, Prosper told Councillors.

   B. BOG
   Olds said there will be a discussion about 5.2, Dal’s diversity and inclusiveness strategy, with the opportunity to ask questions to Peter MacKinnon and Jasmine Walsh.

9. OLD BUSINESS

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

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

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13. ADJOURNMENT
    Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM by the Chair
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CALL TO ORDER 6:13 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham  Chair
Julia Guk  Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Chantal Khoury  Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen  Vice-President (Student Life)
Annie Shannon-Dwyer  Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Ryant  BOG Representative
Jen Samson  Sexton Campus Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

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OTHERS PRESENT

2. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Lovepreet Singh-Dhillon (International Students’ Representative), and Fatima Beydoun (Arts and Social Sciences Representative).

3. PRESENTATIONS

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Katherine Harman gave an overview of plans to embed EDI across the curriculum, including several breakout sessions by Faculty, workshops, and curriculum retreats. She talked about ways in which students can engage with their representative societies (e.g. Dalhousie Science Students through the DSS) and consult with Deans and Faculty Representatives on how they can embed EDI across the curriculum and sustainability across the curriculum model.

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Larsen discussed how alcohol is a harm on campus and the commitments of the University through the Alcohol Policy. In September 2019, Student Affairs will introduce an Alcohol Harm Reduction (AHR) Strategy. Larsen elaborated on this, and talked about how Dalhousie follows the PEP-AH framework that is a partnership across 40+ institutions where information about best practices around alcohol harm reduction strategies is shared. He described the representatives that sit in this Working Group, such as Dalhousie Health Promotion, the International Centre, the Office of the Vice-Provost – Student Affairs, the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse and Nova Scotia Addictions and Mental Health Services, etc. Councillors can get a full breakdown of the inventory at www.dal.ca/alcoholsafety to see the work that has been done so far.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. DSU Budget

Khoury discussed how she incorporated feedback from students asking for better communication around the budget and presented new booklets this year that are accessible for students. The DSU operates on a 2.8 million dollar budget, most of the revenue is from student fees, business, and small profits from investments. Full time students pay 77.28 per semester, and part-time students pay 40.18 per semester. Most of the budget goes to levies for societies, levies for offices and services, facility improvement, the renovations fund, and general operations. She said that they are able to pay 170 students for part-time work. More details about the budget can be found in the booklet.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM by the Chair
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Kathleen Olds  BOG Representative
Hannah Drake  LGBTQ Students’ Representative
Laura Cutmore  Graduate Students Representative
Laura Woodworth  Law Representative
Moyin Adesanya  Medicine Representative
Sandra Sunil  Science Representative

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COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Catherine Van Helden (Management Representative)

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2019-04-03: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to move up Katherine Harman’s to be the first presentation, as well as two additional items of new business: the Health and Dental Plan,

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2019-04-03: A01 CARRIED
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2019-04-03: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Drake Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2019-04-03: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

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MOTION 2019-04-03: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU budget is adopted as circulated.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2019-04-03: N01 CARRIED

B. Health and Dental Fees

MOTION 2019-04-03: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an increase to the DSU Domestic Health and Dental Plan single student fee of $180.00 (to a total of $464 per year) for full-time domestic students at both the Halifax and Truro campuses.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an increase to the DSU Domestic Health and Dental Plan family fee of $360 (to a total of $928 per year) for full-time domestic students at both the Halifax and Truro campuses.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an increase to the DSU International Health Plan single student fee of $34 (to a total of $728 per year) for full-time international students at both the Halifax and Truro campuses.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an increase to the DSU International Health Plan family fee of $100 (to a total of $1104 per year) for full-time international students at both the Halifax and Truro campuses.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2019-04-03: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the VPFO is instructed to report to council on an annual basis on an annual basis before March 1 on the DSU Health and Dental Plan and the DSU International Health Plan, and any fee increases to those plans.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU executive review the opt in and opt out process for the DSU Health and Dental Plan and the DSU International Health Plan by November 1, 2019.

Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2019-04-03: N03 CARRIED

MOTION 2019-04-03: N02 CARRIED

Sandra Sunil abstained from voting in MOTION 2019-04-03: N02.

C. Commercial Space Policy

MOTION 2019-04-03: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commercial Space Policy is approved as circulated.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2019-04-03: N04 CARRIED

D. Performance Support Policy
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MOTION 2019-04-03: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Performance Support Policy is approved as circulated.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Samson

MOTION 2019-04-03: N05 CARRIED

E. Records and Archive Policy

MOTION 2019-04-03: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Records and Archive Policy is approved as circulated.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2019-04-03: N06 CARRIED

F. Tuition Fees Motion

MOTION 2019-04-03: N07

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union’s objective is to act as the official organization of the students of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia;

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union recognizes affordable post-secondary education as a student issue and a priority;

Whereas the rising cost of tuition is a barrier many students face in obtaining a quality education;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union reject the Dalhousie University’s tuition increase on all students affected, and that the Dalhousie Student Union will continue to advocate to the university and provincial government for the reduction and elimination of tuition fees.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Khoury

MOTION 2019-04-03: N07 CARRIED

G. Branding Motion
MOTION 2019-04-03: N08

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union currently does not abide by any branding guidelines; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union strives to produce promotional and branded material that is consistent and recognizable; and

Whereas it is important that the Dalhousie Student Union’s branding stays relevant to the membership that it represents; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union adopt the new Dalhousie Student Union Branding.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Shannon-Dwyer

MOTION 2019-04-03: N08 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Prosper said that he was unable to attend the last meeting. Cutmore said that the President’s Report talked about the event that happened a few weeks ago that was disappointing. She said that administrators were very defensive about what happened. Olds said that after MacKinnon came to Dal, there were some student responses. Olds said that she tried to act as an intermediary between administrators and students. She said there was a panel discussion where the students would be able to talk to him directly. Then, administration changed the event and didn’t allow students to air their concerns at all, and the event turned into a series of presentations rather than an opportunity to give students a chance for their voices to be heard.

B. BOG

Prosper said that there has not been a meeting of the board recently. Ryant said that on April 16th, at 3pm is the meeting where the board will vote on parts of the budget that will increase tuition. Ryant said that he had his last Capital Projects committee meeting the other day.

C. Elections Committee
The Elections results are posed on social media pages and the DSU website.

D. Dalhousie Student Union Standing Committee Reports

Khoury said that the Grants Review Committee have given out all of the grant money that they have budgeted for. Those who have applied for grants may still be getting partial grants. Additionally, the Offices Steering Committee is conducting hiring for coordinators of the office.

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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

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13. ADJOURNMENT

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