

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER at 6:07 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham	Chair (non-voting)
Julia Guk	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Amina Abawajy (she/her)	President
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)
Alex Hughes (she/her)	Vice-President (Internal)
Jeremy Ryant (he/him)	BOG Representative
Kati George-Jim (she/her)	BOG Representative
Ashley Farrell (she/her)	Arts and Social Science Representative
Kate Rumbolt (she/her)	Dentistry Representative
Yazan Khader (he/him)	Engineering Representative
Rhys MacDonald (he/him)	Graduate Studies Representative
Katie MacLellan (she/her)	Science Representative
Mary MacDonald (she/her)	Students with Disabilities Representative
Katie Douglas (she/her)	Women's Community Representative
Arazoo Hoseyni	Computer Science Representative
Chelsea Cox	Law Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Katie Douglas notified the Chair that she would be late. Chad LeClair (Medicine Representative) and Kamryn Findlay (Agricultural Representative) sent their regrets.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Ali Barnaby (Indigenous Representative)

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2017-11-01: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Abawajy

MOTION 2017-11-01: A01 CARRIED

The agenda is amended to add Appointments and Review of Elections Timeline as by-laws with no opposition.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2017-11-01: M01

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the September 27, 2017 Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Farrell

MOTION 2017-11-01: M01 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: M02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the September 27, 2017 Council Meeting be amended and accepted to include the Ethical Investment Policy motion.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-01: M02 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: M03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the October 11, 2017 Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-11-01: M03 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: M04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the October 11, 2017 Council Meeting be amended to correct the date in the minutes.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** MacDonald

MOTION 2017-11-01: M04 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received notification from Chad LeClair and Kamryn Findlay that they would not be here, and from Katie Douglas that she would be late.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Elections Review Committee

i. LGBTQ2+ Rep

Three rounds of nominations are closed and this will come up at the next meeting.

B. Accessibility Fund Committee

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C. Budget and Finance Committee

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Nominations:

Rhys MacDonald

MOTION 2017-11-01: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rhys MacDonald be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Hughes **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2017-11-01: N01 CARRIED

D. Student Life Committee

Nominations:

Chelsea Cox

MOTION 2017-11-01: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chelsea Cox be appointed to the Student Life Committee.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-01: N02 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board Caucus

Abawajy said that there was a board meeting on October 17th, 2017 where she gave a quick overview of a document that was also presented to Council, as well as updates about the DSU from the BOG representatives. She said that there was a commitment to passing them on to chairs of Committees.

Ryant said that he has been involved in there have been updates in the Banner software, and he met with the VP Finance of the University about buildings and everything about Capital Projects and Finance. Also, he said in their upcoming retreat there will be a commitment to doing a blanket exercise.

B. Senate Caucus

Khan said that Senate met on Monday where the Senate passed that they will be receiving four student seats on Senate. They are waiting for the Board to pass it but she believes this will be done. There will be four more seats by January, which she says is good because they are gaining representation. The Senate Caucus has been trying to making sure that it is structured in a way that is beneficial and has also been focusing on the Sexual Violence Policy.

Abawajy presented to Senate on Monday. She said they have moved towards a different way of reporting not just programming and events of the DSU, but also bringing forward relevant recommendations to governing bodies. They look at

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developing recommendations based on themes and present those to development bodies and she says they were well received on Senate as well.

C. Society Review

Hughes said that they had a meeting last week, and she said that they are well on their way to their goal of 365 societies by the end of the year. She says they are using the Committee to analyze constitutions of societies and help answer questions that societies have.

D. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that they are continuing meeting biweekly and are meeting again tomorrow morning, and that their meetings are going well.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ethical Investment Policy

MOTION 2017-11-01: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the text of the Ethical Investment Policy, as it stands, be replaced with the circulated text as amended by the bylaw and policy review committee.

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** Hoseyni

MOTION 2017-11-01: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT there was not enough notice for the Ethical Investment Policy.

Moved: Rhys MacDonald **Seconded:** Mary MacDonald

MOTION 2017-11-01: N04 FAILED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the question be called on Khader's Motion (2017-11-01: N03).

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-11-01: N05 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N03 CARRIED

B. Statement on Systemic Racism

MOTION 2017-11-01: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council take a 5 minute recess.

Moved: Hughes **Seconded:** George-Jim

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MOTION 2017-11-01: N06 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N07

WHEREAS, the DSU wishes to express love and concern for Katie George-Jim and Masuma Khan and all marginalized people on our campus, in a time when our university is failing us and needs to better support students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU will release the following statement.
[Statement on systemic racism, as circulated]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSU will draft an Issues Policy drawn from this statement and present it to Council for adoption.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** George-Jim

MOTION 2017-11-01: N08

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Motion 2017-11-01: N07 be postponed indefinitely.

Moved: Mary MacDonald **Seconded:** Rhys MacDonald

MOTION 2017-11-01: N08 FAILED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council take a 5 minute recess.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-01: N09 CARRIED

Council takes a vote on whether Mary MacDonald's amendment to the motion (as circulated) is germane, and this fails. Mary MacDonald's amendment is deemed not to be germane.

MOTION 2017-11-01: N10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves to call the question on Motion 2017-11-01: N07.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Khan

Yazan Khader abstains.

MOTION 2017-11-01: N10 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N07 CARRIED

C. Vacant Council Seat Discussion

MOTION 2017-11-01: N11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council take a 10 minute recess.

Moved: Douglas **Seconded:** Larsen

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MOTION 2017-11-01: N11 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-01: N12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council postpones this discussion until the next meeting on November 15, 2017.

Moved: Douglas **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2017-11-01: N12 CARRIED

D. Spring Elections Timeline

The Elections Committee presented their timeline recommendation and had a discussion with Council about their suggestions.

MOTION 2017-11-01: N13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the timeline be referred back to the Elections Committee for further consideration and then bring it for more feedback to Council.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Douglas

MOTION 2017-11-01: N13 CARRIED

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2017-11-01: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to remove Business of the Executive from the Agenda.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-11-01: A02 CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-11-01: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-11-01: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm