

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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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
Chad LeClair (he/him)	Medicine Rep
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

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Kati George-Jim (she/her)	BOG Representative
Arazoo Hoseyni	Computer Science Representative
Chelsea Cox	Law Student Representative
Kamryn Findlay	Agricultural Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2017-11-15: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Rhys MacDonald

MOTION 2017-11-15: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-15: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add the appointment of a councillor to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-15: A02 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2017-11-15: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 1, 2017 be accepted as circulated.

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Moved: Douglas **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-11-15: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Mary MacDonald let the Chair know that she would be late. Two councilors have notified the Chair that they have to leave the meeting tonight early. Kati George-Jim, Arazoo Hoseyni, Chelsea Cox, and Kamryn Findlay sent their regrets.

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

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

C. Budget and Finance Committee

Nominations:

Ali Barnaby

MOTION 2017-11-15: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ali Barnaby be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-11-15: N01 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Verity Turpin, Assistant vice-provost, Student Affairs, on Dalhousie's Alcohol Policy

Verity Turpin gave a background of the Alcohol Policy and spoke about the commitment that the University has to reducing alcohol harm. Her presentation was circulated to Councilors. She talked about how the policy changed, where it can be found, and penalties for violating the policy.

MOTION 2017-11-15: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Verity Turpin's presentation be extended by 5 minutes.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-11-15: N02 CARRIED

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board Caucus

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Abawajy said that there has not been a Board meeting since the last Council meeting.

Ryant briefly talked about the Banner system and software and updates that are coming along with that.

B. Senate Caucus

Khan said that the Senate has been working on the Sexual Violence Policy and will be able to release it soon. She also said that the Student Code of Conduct is being revisited, and consultations and adjustments will be made to it. Khan also discussed the Student Self Declaration of Absence that she sent in her report.

C. Society Review

Hughes said that things are moving slow and steady with roughly 297 societies.

D. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that they were able to work together during Reading Break, and given some funding to Trips by Transit as well as the MedBall. She also said they are reviewing the policy that says students have 6 months to pick up their grant funding.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vacant Council Seats Discussion

MOTION 2017-11-15: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the passing of the November 23, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes be reconsidered.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-11-15: N03 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-15: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 23, 2016 Council Meeting be amended (see Abawajy's full motion)

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-11-15: N04 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-15: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 23, 2016 Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

Moved: Hughes **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-15: N05 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-11-15: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Committee be instructed to reach out to societies and groups to get their recommendations.

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Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-11-15: N06 CARRIED

B. Spring Elections Timeline

Nominations: February 27 – March 6

Candidate Verification: March 7 – 8

Candidate Info Session: March 9

Campaign Period: March 12-19 (8 calendar days, 6 school days)

Voting Period: March 20-March 25

MOTION 2017-11-15: N07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the discussion be postponed to the December 6, 2017 Council meeting so that the Elections Committee can take Council's recommendations into account.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Abawajy

MOTION 2017-11-15: N07 CARRIED

C. Mary MacDonald's Motion

MOTION 2017-11-15: M01

Whereas Dalhousie students past and present have served in various combat missions on behalf of the Canadian government;

Whereas those in uniform past and present include members of multiple marginalized groups;

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union does not speak on behalf of its members who served in uniform during conflicts; nor on behalf of marginalized group members who did so while engaged in missions overseas;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union shall not exploit for partisan purposes the experiences of certain servicemen and women, living or dead, while negating the experiences of others whose lived experience is deemed irrelevant.

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

MOTION 2017-11-15: M01 FAILED

8. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Abawajy circulated her written report via email to Councillors.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Hughes circulated her written report via email to Councillors.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

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Khoury said most of her time has been spent doing budget revisions, and ensuring that there are adequate supplies for the Food Bank and the Market. She said she has been working hard with the Budget and Finance Committee, as well as sustainability and green programs at Dalhousie University.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan circulated her written report via email to Councillors.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen circulated his written report in the Council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-11-15: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Farrell

MOTION 2017-11-15: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm