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CALL TO ORDER at 6:04 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham
   Chair
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
Chad LeClair (he/him)
   Medicine Representative
Kate Rumbolt (she/her)
   Dentistry Representative
Katie MacLellan (she/her)
   Science Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGrets

Mary MacDonald (Students with Disabilities Representative), Yazan Khader
   (Engineering Representative), Rhys MacDonald (Graduate Studies Representative),
 Chelsea Cox (Law Students Representative), Ashley Farrell (Arts and Social Science
   Representative), Ali Barnaby (Indigenous Students Representative), Katie Douglas
   (Women’s Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   MOTION 2017-12-06: A01

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

   Moved: Larsen Seconded: Hughes

   MOTION 2017-12-06: A01 CARRIED

   MOTION 2017-12-06: A02

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended as per Chris’s
   recommendations.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2017-12-06: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 15, 2017 be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2017-12-06: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Mary MacDonald (Students with Disabilities Representative), Yazan Khader (Engineering Representative), Rhys MacDonald (Graduate Studies Representative), Chelsea Cox (Law Students Representative), Ashley Farrell (Arts and Social Science Representative), Ali Barnaby (Indigenous Students Representative), and Katie Douglas (Women’s Representative).

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. Recording Secretary

Nominations:
Abir Ayoub
MOTION 2017-12-06: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Abir Ayoub be appointed as Recording Secretary starting January 10th.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Khan

MOTION 2017-12-06: N01 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Revisions 2017/2018

Khoury gave a presentation to Council about the budget revisions that have been made, and compared them to the budget that was drafted by the last Executive. She told Councilors to email her if she had any questions.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board Caucus

Abawajy said that she circulated their package that was sent to all Board members. She said that they have taken a different approach to reporting. For this package, they put forward three recommendations, and Ryant and George-Jim also gave reports. She also said that they passed the Banner program, and passed the increase to student Senate seats. Divest Dal was also granted 10 minutes of speaking time, and as a result of that, there will be more conversations about this at the next board meeting.

Ryant talked about the Budget Consultations and asked Councilors to fill out the survey that Carolyn Waters has emailed to all Dalhousie University students. Abawajy added that there will also be a presentation about this to Councilors in the future.

Abawajy talked about a Committee that was struck to examine various financial plans to stop tuition increases, and that Khoury and Abawajy presented to that Committee.

B. Senate Caucus

Khan said that the Senate met on November 28, 2017. She said that the two big things are the Sexual Violence Policy that came to Senate for discussion, and they have also finalized the four extra student seats on Senate. Their student percentage for representation has gone up by 2%.
C. Society Review

Hughes said that they have 301 societies and 18 pending, closer to their goal of 365 societies. She said that they dealt with some special society issues and were able to resolve some problems.

D. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that they gave two sponsorships, one for a resilience workshop in 16 Days of Activism.

E. Bylaw and Policy Review

Abawajy said that they have completed a first review of the bylaws and discussed some changes that may be brought to Council soon for further review.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Spring Elections Timeline

Nominations: February 9-18
Candidate Verification: February 20-27
Candidate Info Session: February 25
Campaign Period: February 28 - March 11
Voting Period: March 12 - 24

MOTION 2017-12-06: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Timeline be amended so that voting takes place on the 12th and 13th of March.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Abawajy

MOTION 2017-12-06: N02 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-12-06: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this schedule be adopted as the elections timeline.

Moved: George-Jim Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2017-12-06: N03 CARRIED

B. Revised Budget
MOTION 2017-12-06: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget for the Dalhousie Student Union for fiscal year 2017-2018 is approved.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: George-Jim

MOTION 2017-12-06: N04 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Abawajy circulated her written report in the Council package.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Hughes 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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-12-06: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Khan
MOTION 2017-12-06: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm