

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER at 6:04 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham	Chair
Abir Ayoub	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Amina Abawajy (she/her)	President
Alex Hughes (she/her)	Vice-President (Internal)
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)
Kati George-Jim (she/her)	BOG Representative
Ali Barnaby (she/her)	Aboriginal Students Representative
Mary Macdonald (she/her)	Students with Disabilities Representative
Ashley Farrel (she/her)	Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Arazoo Hoseyni (she/her)	Computer Science Representative
Kate Rumoldt (she/her)	Dentistry Representative
Chelsea Cox (she/her)	Law Representative
Chad LeClair (he/him)	Medicine Representative
Katie MacLellan (she/her)	Science Representative
Kamryn Findlay (she/her)	Agriculture Campus Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Yazan Khader (Engineering Representative) notified the Chair that he would be late. Rhys Macdonald (Graduate Students Representative) and Jeremy Ryant (BOG Representative) sent their regrets.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Katie Douglas (Women's Community Representative) attended the meeting at 6:25pm. Mary Macdonald (Students with Disabilities Representative) left the meeting at 6:30pm.

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-01-10: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2018-01-10: A01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from December 6, 2017 was not included in this week package but will be included in the meeting package for the next meeting. The minutes will be approved on January 24, 2018.

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

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The Chair received notification from Yazan Khader that he would be late to the meeting. He also received regrets from Jeremy Ryant and Rhys Macdonald.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Accessibility Fund Committee

The Accessibility Fund Committee provides bursaries based on needs for equipment and services around accessibility on campus. It is a low commitment committee.

Nominations:

Arazoo Hoseyni

MOTION 2018-01-10: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arazoo Hoseyni be appointed to the Accessibility Fund Committee.

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

MOTION 2018-01-10: N01 Failed

Objection to MOTION 2018-01-10: N01

Mary Macdonald objects to the motion

MOTION 2018-01-10: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move into camera to vote on this nomination.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-01-10: N02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-01-10: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move out of camera.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2018-01-10: N03 CARRIED

In a secret ballot vote, during the closed in camera session, Arazoo Hoseyni has been appointed to the Accessibility Fund Committee.

B. Budget and Finance Committee

Council takes a five minute Recess

i. Non-Council Member

Nominations:

Liam Finnegan

MOTION 2018-01-10: N04

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

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Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Farrell

MOTION 2018-01-10: N04 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board of Governors Caucus

Abawayj said that there has not been a Board meeting in the winter semester, yet.

George-Jim briefly talked about the Academic and Student Affairs meeting, she attended in December. A report distributed in that meeting had new statistics of the Mental Health services being used at Dalhousie University and the type of students using the services. The report results will help the Caucus understand how Mental Health services on campus will be different among different students experience.

The Caucus appointed three new deans for Engineering, Dentistry, and a third dean, George-Jim is not allowed to disclose. These deans are of the same demographic of most of the deans on campus, over 50 white and a man. There was difficult discussions about the hiring policies, however these discussions were helpful for board members as it provides them with a better understanding on how to move towards recognizing the institutional issues that the Caucus are facing. From the meeting, the Caucus created a long list of comments and questions for the Students Affairs department at Dalhousie and the Senate, as these departments are involved in working with the academic and hiring policies.

B. Senate Caucus

Khan said that the Senate haven't meet during the break. The Senate will be meeting about a week's time. Khan is arranging individuals to be on all sub-committees, through their schedule changes this semester. Khan hopes to fully tackle the Senate Structure and ensure that there are senators elected before the current Senate Caucus leaves.

C. Society Review

Hughes said that the committee has not met since the last council meeting. There are 305 societies with several pending. The Society Review will have their meeting in the upcoming weeks.

D. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that the committee will be meeting this coming Friday January 12, 2018.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

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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) (shorter report)

Khoury circulated her written report in the Council package. Budget and Finance now has a complete committee as the vacant position is filled. Also if anyone is interested in sitting on a food panel with Chartwell to serve their services to students, contact Khoury.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan circulated her written report in the Council package. The commissioners' positions have been posted and are going to be opened until Friday. Khan wants to hire three students.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen circulated his written report in the Council package. The Impact Award nominations are opened and the link to the nomination is in Larsen's report.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abawajy: Upcoming meeting to have more discrete conversation at the Council table and with the council members, in specific to last semester and reflections to move forward

Farrell: DASS is doing a Drag show on Friday January 26, 2018 from 7pm-12:00pm and it is in the Student Union.

Khan: DSAS would like to present at the next council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-01-10: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2018-01-10: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm