

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham	Chair
Abir Ayoub	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Amina Abawajy (she/her)	President
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
Ali Barnaby (she/her)	Aboriginal Students Community
Arazoo Hoseyni (she/her)	Computer Science Representative
Yazan Khader (he/him)	Engineering Representative
Rhys Macdonald (he/him)	Graduate Students Representative
Katie MacLellan (she/her)	Science Representative
Alexandra Erb (she/her)	Management Representative
Liam Finnegan (he/him)	LGBTQ2+ Representative
Ashley Farrell (she/her)	Arts and Social Sciences Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan (Vice President, Academic and External), Katie Douglas (Women Students Community Representative), Kate Rumoldt (Dentistry Representative) and Chad LeClair (Medicine Representative) sent their regrets.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Chelsea Cox (Law Representative), Kamryn Findlay (Agriculture Campus Representative), and Nikunj Kachhadiya (International Students Representative) were absent during this meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-02-21: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Hughes

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MOTION 2018-02-21: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a new motion “Elections Committee” under New Businesses. The second amendment is to add “b. Health Representative” under appointments. The last amendment is to add “Pharmacy, NSPIRG, CKDU and Commerce” under 8.a. Referendum Questions.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-02-21: 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

MOTION 2018-02-21: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the January 24, 2018 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Farrell

MOTION 2018-02-21: M01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: M02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Hughes **Seconded:** Farrell

MOTION 2018-02-21: M02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: M03

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting be amended to alter the spelling of Rhys Macdonald's name, by adding a 'h' to his first name.

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2018-02-21: M03 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: M04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meetings be accepted as amended.

MOTION 2018-02-21: M04 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Masuma Khan (Vice President, Academic and External), Katie Douglas (Women Students Community Representative), Kate Rumoldt (Dentistry Representative) and Chad LeClair (Medicine Representative) sent their regrets.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Election Appeals Committee

Abawajy informed Council that The Election Appeals committee position was opened in the summer of 2017 and has been formed over the past few weeks. There was an interview process that included executive and staff. The nominees were asked scenario questions to understand their reasoning and logic. These two nominees, Ellen Wang and Angela Danko, were available, interested and answered the interview questions to satisfaction.

The Chair mentioned that there are only two candidates in the time being but there will be a third candidate in the future.

Nominations:

1. Ellen Wang

2. Angela Danko

MOTION 2018-02-21: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ellen Wang and Angela Danko be appointed to the Election Appeals Committee

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Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2018-02-21: N01 CARRIED

B. Health Representative

Nominations:

1. Caroline Straub

2. Neda Alizedah

MOTION 2018-02-21: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move into camera to discuss the vote of the Health Representative.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Khader

MOTION 2018-02-21: N02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move out of camera

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2018-02-21: N03 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Neda Alizedah be appointed as the Health Representative. This was voted by a secret ballot during an in-camera session.

MOTION 2018-02-21: N04 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Elections Committee

The Election Committee circulated their written report in the Council package. The Chair mentions that the report is a free standing document that council members should read and internalize.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 2018-02-21: P01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council have a ten-minute recess.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Finnegan

MOTION 2018-02-21: P01 CARRIED

A. Referendum Questions

- i) Pharmacy
- ii) NSPIRG
- iii) CKDU
- iv) Commerce

MOTION 2018-02-21: P02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move in camera to discuss the consideration of the referendum questions

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

MOTION 2018-02-21: P02 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move out of camera

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

MOTION 2018-02-21: P03 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to temporarily suspend point 19.4 under the section of Notice of Motion in the Unions Rules and Procedures Policy.

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

The Chair states that the motion is not debatable and not amendable. The motion requires a 2/3 vote. Since there are 14 council members present, the motion would need 10 people to vote towards it. However, Khader

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and Erb refuse themselves from voting, so the motion would need 8 people to vote towards it.

The rule being suspended is under Notice of Motion “19.4 Business requiring a notice of motion includes, but is not limited to, proposed changes to the Constitution, policies, or levies.”

MOTION 2018-02-21: P04 CARRIED

Macdonald informs the Chair that Motion P04 goes against the bylaw 10.3 Policies Are Binding, “a. Policies are binding on Executive Officers, Union staff, Council, and Members. b. Policies remain in effect until such a time that they are amended or repealed as per these Bylaws”.

Chair states that Bylaw 4.5 Meetings of Council reads “a. All meetings of Council shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.” This Bylaw means that when bylaws come into contact with Robert’s Rules of Order, the bylaws supersede. 10. 3 Policies are Binding reads “b. Policies remain in effect until such a time that they are amended or repealed as per these Bylaws.”

The Chair rules that Bylaw “4.5 a. All meetings of Council shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, ” creates a clear case in which Roberts Rules are superseded by the Bylaws. The Bylaws do describe the policies as binding except until they are amended or repealed as per these bylaws. The Chair rules that Motion P04 requires 48 hours of Notice before the meeting, so Motion P04 Is invalid as it contravenes with the bylaws.

MOTION 2018-02-21: P04 Failed

Votes on the Referendum Questions cannot occur today because of Union and Rules Procedures section 19.4. Council can have discussion about the questions but can’t approve any referendum questions.

MOTION 2018-02-21: P05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to postpone the referendum questions discussion to February 28, 2018, the next general council meeting.

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

MOTION 2018-02-21: P05 CARRIED

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MOTION 2018-02-21: P06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the representatives from the Societies to speak in regards to their referendum questions, their experiences, what they have heard or what has been communicated to them.

MOTION 2018-02-21: P06 CARRIED

B. Society Policy Amendments

MOTION 2018-02-21: P07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to postpone the Policy amendment until the next special council meeting, Wednesday February 28, 2018.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-02-21: P07

C. Elections Committee

MOTION 2018-02-21: P08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Robert's Rules Section 12 is suspended and the elections time line previously passed is amended as follows: Campaign period starts on March 5, 2018 and ends on March 18, 2018. Voting will take place in the days to follow, March 19-20, 2018.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** No one seconded this motion

MOTION 2018-02-21: P08 FAILED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P09

Whereas the potential electoral candidates typically received the elections regulation several days prior to the Candidate Café so as to ideally allow candidates the opportunity to prepare questions and begin creating an acceptable election campaign materials. Whereas this is the last council meeting preceding the Candidate Café and to date there has not been an approved set of regulations for distribution.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the election regulations from the 2017-2018 general election will be used for the 2018-2019 general election.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Khoury

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MOTION 2018-02-21: P09 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move in camera

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-02-21: P10 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move out of camera

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Finnegan

MOTION 2018-02-21: P11 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-21: P12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a detailed list addressed to the 2018 CRO and the elections committee detailing immediate tasks, duties, and a timeline within which these are to be done be created by the DSU President and presented to the CRO and the Elections Committee by the Chair.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Barnaby

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that if the duties are not performed, as judged by Council, the CRO is removed from their position.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-02-21: P12 CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

a. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT* the Pharmacy referendum questions be approved as circulated.

b. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT* the NSPIRG referendum questions be approved as circulated.

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- c. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT* the CKDU referendum questions be approved as circulated.
- d. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT* the Commerce referendum questions be approved as circulated.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The next special council meeting is Wednesday February 28, 2018.
- 2. Budget Consultation will happen on March 2 at the Sexton Campus and March 5th on the Studley Campus. Location and time will to be determined. More information will be given through email.
- 3. On the next council meeting, council members will be considering bylaw amendments that were sent around in previous weeks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-02-21: A04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Finnegan **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2018-02-21: A04 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm