

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER at 6:01 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)
Jeremy Ryant (he/him)	BOG Representative
Kati George-Jim (she/her)	BOG Representative
Ali Barnaby (she/her)	Aboriginal Students Community
Katie Douglas (she/her)	Women Students Community
Ashley Farrell (she/her)	Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Arazoo Hoseyni (she/her)	Computer Science Representative
Kate Rumoldt (she/her)	Dentistry Representative
Yazan Khader (he/him)	Engineering 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
Alexandra Erb (she/her)	Management Representative
Liam Finnegan (he/him)	LGBTQ2+ Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan (Vice-President, Academic and External), Alex Hughes (Vice-President, Internal), Katie Douglas (Women Students Community Representative), Ashley Farrell (Arts and Social Sciences Representative), Rhys Macdonald (Graduate Students Representative), Chelsea Cox (Law Representative) and Nikunj Kachhadiya (International Students Representative) sent their regrets

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Neda Alizedah (Health Representative) was absent during this meeting.
Amina Abawajy (President) left the meeting at 7:40pm.

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-03-28: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Barnaby **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2018-03-28: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-03-28: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a new motion “H. SGM Cancellation” under New Businesses. The second amendment is to move “Hiring Policy” and “Accommodation Policy” to the top of New Businesses.

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MOTION 2018-03-28: 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 2018-03-28: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the February 28th, 2018 Council meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2018-03-28: M01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-03-28: M02

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

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2018-03-28: M02 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Masuma Khan (Vice-President, Academic and External), Alex Hughes (Vice-President, Internal), Katie Douglas (Women Students Community Representative), Ashley Farrell (Arts and Social Sciences Representative), Rhys Macdonald (Graduate Students Representative), Chelsea Cox (Law Representative) and Nikunj Kachhadiya (International Students Representative) sent their regrets.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Accessibility Fund Committee

Nominations:

Rhys Macdonald

MOTION 2018-03-28: N01

Postpone to next meeting: Cory, seconded: Ali: Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT appointment for the Accessibility Fund Committee be postponed to the next Council Meeting April 4, 2018.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-03-28: N01 CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

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7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board Caucus

Abawajy said that at their last meeting they approved the motion to have more discussion around divestment. Beyond that meeting, they had many other meetings. She mentioned that Academic Students Affairs committee looks at sexual violence, which is an important step for the committee.

Ryant mentioned that there are exciting things happening however, they cant mention anything yet due to confidentiality.

B. Senate Caucus

Khan was not present at this meeting

C. Society Review

Hughes was not present at this meeting

D. Grants and Sponsorship

Khoury said that they exhausted their funds for this semester, so they will not be accepting requests from societies for this semester. However the committee will start accepting application for the Spring/Summer Semester on May 1st.

8. NEW BUSINES

A. Hiring Policy

MOTION 2018-03-28: P01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hiring Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2018-03-28: P01 CARRIED

B. Accommodation Policy

MOTION 2018-03-28: P02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accommodation Policy be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Khader

MOTION 2018-03-28: P02 CARRIED

C. Greek Council Motion

***WHEREAS**, the Society Review Committee has been made aware that Halifax Greek Council, a DSU Ratified Society, has breached the DSU Society Policy, the DSU Equity Policy, as well as the terms of the DSU Meetings and Event Management Contract;*

MOTION 2018-03-28: P03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) As advised to Council by the Society Review Committee, Halifax Greek Council's societal booking privileges be revoked, including the ability to book space in the SUB, as well as other rentable DSU assets (popcorn machine,

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snowcone machine, barbeque) and will not be granted Event ID numbers to book space elsewhere on campus effective immediately, until Winter Semester 2019.

2) Halifax Greek Council provide apology letters to the University Club Bartending staff who were experienced verbal harassment at a Halifax Greek Council event, namely: Samantha Farnham, Francis Parker and Leslie Palaheimo, and Julia Charboneau no later than March 31st, 2018.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khader

MOTION 2018-02-28: P04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend *the Whereas clause* by removing the phrase “**DSU EQUITY policy**” proceeding the phrase “has breached the DSU Society Policy,”

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2018-02-28: P04 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-28: P05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the BIRT part 1) by adding “**until the end of Winter 2018 semester**” after “to be revoked” and to also amend the last part of part 1) by adding add “**until the end of Winter 2018 semester and be placed on probation until the end of**” before “Winter Semester 2019”

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Finnegan

MOTION 2018-02-28: P06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the amendment P05 to add “**If there is a breach of probation, society privileges will be revoked for a full year**” at the end of part 1).

Moved: Finnegan **Seconded:** No second

MOTION 2018-02-28: P06 No debate since no Second FAILED

MOTION 2018-02-28: P05 FAILED

MOTION 2018-02-28: P07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the BIRT clause part 1) by adding “**or until they can provide adequate constitutional amendments to Council**” to end of the clause.

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Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2018-02-28: P07 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-02-28: P08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the amendment P07 to add “**The Halifax Greek Council shall present to Council a reflection of their time on suspension and how they are working with their members to establish an anti-oppressive environment and practices.**” after “**or until they can provide adequate constitutional amendments to Council**”

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

MOTION 2018-02-28: P08 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-03-28: P03 CARRIED

D. York and Carlton Motion

WHEREAS, the Dalhousie Student Union’s solidarity with other student organizations and faculty unions helps create and maintain relationships needed to effectively advance student causes provincially and federally;

MOTION 2018-03-28: P09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union express support for the graduate assistants, teaching assistants, and contract faculty at York University, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees’ Local 3903, who are on strike demanding greater job security for contract faculty, more stable funding for graduate students’ research, improved equity and accessibility, better childcare services on campus, and a support fund for survivors of sexual violence on campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union express support for the administrative, technical, and library workers at Carleton University, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees’ Local 2424, who are on strike demanding continued pension security.

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** Barnaby

MOTION 2018-03-28: P09 CARRIED

E. Justice for Janitors Solidarity Motion

WHEREAS cleaners at Founders Square were terminated and banned for exercising their legal right to file a complaint with the NS Human Rights Commission;

MOTION 2018-03-28: P10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU stand in solidarity with Justice for Janitors.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Khader

MOTION 2018-03-28: P10 CARRIED

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F. USSA Solidarity Motion

WHEREAS multiple women have come forward disclosing acts sexualized violence perpetrated by incoming USSA President;

WHEREAS the University of Saskatchewan has responded by effectively shutting student support services;

MOTION 2018-03-28: P11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dalhousie Student Union stands in solidarity with survivors on the University of Saskatchewan campus and with all survivors on university campuses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dalhousie Student Union stands in solidarity with USSA members demanding the re-opening of student support services.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** George-Jim

MOTION 2018-03-28: P11 CARRIED

G. Barista Solidarity Motion

WHEREAS baristas at Smiling Goat have experienced pay interruptions since December 2017;

WHEREAS they have voted to unionize and join the Employees International Union;

MOTION 2018-03-28: P12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU stand in solidarity with the unionized baristas at Smiling Goat

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** George-Jim

MOTION 2018-03-28: P12 CARRIED

H. SGM Cancellation

MOTION 2018-03-28: P13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Special General Meeting scheduled for March 29, 2018 be cancelled.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2018-03-28: P14

BE IT RESOLVED THAT to amend the motion by adding a **BIFRT clause** stating that *“the incoming Executives provide information to Council about their strategies by which to improve attendance, interest, and engagement with Members about the General Meeting.”*

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2018-03-28: P14 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-03-28: P13 CARRIED

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9. OLD BUSINESS

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Abawajy was absent during this part of the meeting.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Hughes was absent during the meeting.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Khoury did not circulate her written report in the Council package. Her primary focus is to work and to finalize the budget especially with societies on Grants and Sponsorships.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan was absent during the meeting.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen circulated his written report in the Council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1) Code of Conduct and amended Statement of Office: BIRT The Code of Conduct is adopted as circulated. BIFRT The statement of office is amended to the circulated text.
- 2) Consultation Policy: BIRT The Consultation policy is adopted as circulated.
- 3) Amendments to the Committee Policy: BIRT The Committee policy is amended as circulated.
- 4) Judicial Board Policy: BIRT The Judicial Board Policy is adopted as circulated.
- 5) Bylaw 4.6: Full text in the package
- 6) Motion for Issues Policy: Full text in the package
- 7) 2018/2019 Budget: BIRT the Dalhousie Student Union Budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 is adopted as circulated.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Council meeting is April 4, 2019.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-03-28: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

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MOTION 2018-03-28: A03 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm