Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER 6:10 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham Chair
Julia Guk Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Aaron Prosper President
Chantal Khoury Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Cory Larsen Vice-President (Student Life)
Kathleen Olds BOG Representative
Mulenga Kasutu Black Students’ Representative
Hannah Drake LGBTQ Students’ Representative
Fatima Beydoun Arts and Social Science Representative
Laura Cutmore Graduate Students Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal) Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students Representative), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Students’ Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative), Sandra Sunil (Science Representative)

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-12-05: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated, with an amendment to add an additional appointment of someone to the Budget and Finance Committee, and another amendment to add a motion to confirm the Elections Timeline.

Moved: Larsen Seconded: Drake

MOTION 2018-12-05: A01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
MOTION 2018-09-26: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the November 21, 2018 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Cutmore Seconded: Olds

MOTION 2018-09-26: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Masuma Khan (Vice-President Academic and External), Annie Shannon-Dwyer (Vice-President Internal) Lovepreet Singh Dhillon (International Students Representative), Laura Woodworth (Law Students’ Representative), Catherine Van Helden (Management Students’ Representative), Moyin Adesanya (Medicine Representative), and Sandra Sunil (Science Representative).

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Accessibility Fund Committee

i. One General Member

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

B. Sexton Advisory Committee

i. Sexton Campus Director

Nominations:
Ted Stuart (by Chantal Khoury)

Council appointed Ted Stuart as the Sexton Campus Director on unanimous consent.

C. Budget and Finance Committee

i. Tabasa Shimada
Nominations:
Tabasa Shimada (by Chantal Khoury)

Council appointed Tabasa Shimada to the Budget and Finance Committee on unanimous consent.

D. Dalhousie Student Union Standing Committee Appointments

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. DSU Budget Revisions: Chantal Khoury, Vice President Finance and Operations

Khoury gave a presentation on the revised budget and summarized the key points from the detailed spreadsheet that she sent out to councillors in the council package.

There were no nominations this meeting and the appointment will come up again at the next meeting.

MOTION 2018-12-05: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation be extended by 5 minutes.

Moved: Prosper Seconded: Ryant

MOTION 2018-12-05: N01 CARRIED

MOTION 2018-12-05: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT New Business be moved up in the agenda.

Moved: Ryant Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2018-12-05: N02 CARRIED
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Caucus

Cutmore said that BIPOCUS did a presentation and that Senate did a farewell to Florizone party.

B. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Khoury said that all of their funds have been distributed for the Fall semester. She said that they may be able to give some remaining grant money to students who have just applied but there are no guarantees.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Revisions

MOTION 2018-12-05: N03 CARRIED

WHEREAS, unforeseen circumstances can impact DSU operations throughout the year thereby necessitating a mid-year review with revisions annually;

BE IT RESOLVED, Council adopts the presented revised DSU budget for the 2018-19 year.

Moved: Khoury Seconded: Prosper

MOTION 2018-12-05: N03 CARRIED

B. DSU Elections Timeline

Council had a robust discussion around the proposed Elections Timeline. Several concerns were raised, such as the fact that the candidate café is during reading week, that the campaign period was too long and would be draining for candidates, that voting is set to end on a weekend with worries about student turnout, and so on. Thus, this motion will be discussed again at the next meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS
Councillors circulated their reports in the council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM by the Chair