

Dalhousie Student Union - Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 5:30 PM – Council Chambers, Student Union Building

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CALL TO ORDER at 5:35 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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| Mitchell Brown | Chair |
| Julia Guk | Recording Secretary (non-voting) |
| Kathleen Reid | President |
| Amina Abawajy | Vice-President (Academic and External) |
| Dylan Ryan | Vice-President (Finance and Operations) |
| Kelsey Keddy | Vice-President (Student Life) |
| Rhiannon Makohoniuk | Vice-President (Internal) |
| Anthony Sakaili | BOG Representative |
| Cassie Martel | Agricultural Representative |
| Vacant | Architecture and Planning Representative |
| Emma Sylvester | Computer Science Representative |
| Vacant | Graduate Studies Representative |
| Vacant | Health Professions Representative |
| Mackenzie Goodwin | Management Representative |
| Mary Purcell | Medicine Representative |
| Shauna Bulman | Science Representative |
| Vacant | Black Students' Community Representative |
| Vacant | International Students' Community Representative |
| Bart Soroka | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative |
| Vacant | Students with Disabilities Representative |
| Vacant | Residence Representative |

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

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| Kati George-Jim | BOG Representative |
| Alex Hughes | Arts and Social Science Representative |
| Ivit Yakub | Dentistry Representative |
| Daniel Tremblay | Engineering Representative |
| Mike Coady | Law Representative |

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

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| Aaron Prosper | Aboriginal Students' Community Representative |
| Katie Douglas | Women's Community Representative |

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OTHERS PRESENT

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2016-08-17: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Ryan **Seconded:** Purcell

MOTION 2016-08-17: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add an appointment to update the Bylaw and Policy Committee with a non counsellor who is interested in joining.

Moved: Reid **Seconded:** Ryan

MOTION 2016-08-17: A02: CARRIED

MOTION 2016-08-17: A01 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2016-08-17: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the July 20, 2016 Council meeting be accepted.

Moved: Reid **Seconded:** Ryan

MOTION 2016-08-17: M01 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Standing Committees

i. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee:

Nominations:
Max Vermeir

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MOTION 2016-08-17: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Max Vermeir be appointed to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Moved: Purcell Seconded: Makohoniuk

MOTION 2016-08-17: N01 CARRIED

ii. Executive Review Committee

Tabled to the September meeting.

iii. Student Life Committee

Tabled to the September meeting.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board of Governors Caucus

There were no updates this meeting – Looking to fill Anthony Saikali's seat.

B. Senate Caucus

Abawayj said that there were no updates this meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Voter Identification Policy

MOTION 2016-08-17: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Voter Identification Policy be tabled until the next meeting.

Moved: Soroka Seconded: Makohoniuk

MOTION 2016-08-17: N02 CARRIED

B. Council Policy

MOTION 2016-08-17: N03

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Reid said that Council Policies have been circulated in an email document to council where the highlighted parts are the edited parts that the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee have created.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reviewed Council Policy be accepted as they are submitted and then revised.

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Reid

MOTION 2016-08-17: N03 CARRIED

C. Standing Resolutions (Council)

MOTION 2016-08-17: N04

Reid said that Standing Resolutions (Council) have been circulated in an email document to council where the highlighted parts are the edited parts that the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee have created.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reviewed Standing Resolutions (council) be accepted as they are submitted and then revised.

Moved: Makohoniuk Seconded: Abawayj

MOTION 2016-08-17: N04 CARRIED

MOTION 2016-08-17: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Policy review will be reopened to discuss 6J on the document.

Moved: Reid Seconded: Keddy

MOTION 2016-08-17: N05 CARRIED

MOTION 2016-08-17: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Policy review will be accepted as rediscussed but not amended from the previous discussion.

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Keddy

MOTION 2016-08-17: N06 CARRIED

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D. Executive Policy

MOTION 2016-08-17: N07

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reviewed Executive Policy be accepted as they are submitted and then revised.

Moved: Ryan Seconded: Purcell

MOTION 2016-08-17: N07 CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Society Policy (proposed changes)

MOTION 2016-08-17: N08

Whereas Annual General Meetings are an excellent way for students to review how a year has gone;

And whereas the Dalhousie Student Union holds only one Annual General Meeting a year, and it is at or near the end of the winter semester;

And whereas 'list of goals or objectives for the coming year' would indicate that a general meeting would have to be held early in the fall semester;

BE IT RESOLVED the society policy 9(d)(iv) be amended to read:

'...include an opportunity for the general membership to review a summary of the financial statements of the society, and a presentation of achievements of the society for the previous year.'

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Moved: Reid Seconded: Ryan

MOTION 2016-08-17: N08 CARRIED

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MOTION 2016-08-17: N09

Whereas bloated documents are more difficult to access, and therefore keep students outside of the conversations;

And whereas unnecessary clauses cause bloat within documents;

And whereas every organization must always refrain from infringement upon laws, and operate within the Bylaws of the organization from which it comes;

BE IT RESOLVED the society policy 9(i) be deleted.

Bart has withdrawn this motion.

MOTION 2016-08-17: N10

Whereas the use of ‘general meetings’ and ‘annual general meetings’ is unnecessarily confusing;

BE IT RESOLVED that section 11(c) of the society policy be amended to replace the phrase ‘general meetings’ with ‘council/board meetings’

Moved: Reid Seconded: Ryan

MOTION 2016-08-17: N10 CARRIED

9. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Reid gave an overview of her written report to Council.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Makohoniuk gave an overview of her written report to Council.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Ryan gave an overview of his written report to Council.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Abawajy gave an overview of her written report to Council.

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E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Keddy gave an overview of her written report to Council.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Reid said that they will be appointing the new Board of Governors position next meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016-08-17: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Ryan **Seconded:** Abawayj

MOTION 2016-08-17: A02 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM