

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER at 5:36 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham
Julia Guk
Amina Abawajy
Masuma Khan
Chantal Khoury
Cory Larsen
Alex Hughes
Jeremy Ryant
Kati George-Jim
Vacant
Vacant
Ashley Farrell
Vacant
Katie Rumbolt
Yazan Khader
Rhys Macdonald
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Katie MacLellan
Vacant

Chair
Recording Secretary (non-voting)
President
Vice-President (Academic and External)
Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Vice-President (Student Life)
Vice-President (Internal)
BOG Representative
BOG Representative
Agricultural Representative
Architecture and Planning Representative
Arts and Social Science Representative
Computer Science Representative
Dentistry Representative
Engineering Representative
Graduate Studies Representative
Health Professions Representative
Law Representative
Management Representative
Science Representative
Aboriginal Students' Community
Representative
Black Students' Community
Representative
International Students' Community
Representative
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and
Queer Students' Community
Representative
Students with Disabilities Representative
Residence Representative
Women's Community Representative

Vacant

Vacant

Mary MacDonald
Vacant
Katie Douglas

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Chad LeClair

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2017-06-28: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-06-28: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to move Kevin Hewitt's Senate Presentation to after Communications Received.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: A02 CARRIED Unanimously

MOTION 2017-06-28: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add the Canada Day Motion under Old Business.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-06-28: A02 CARRIED by majority

MOTION 2017-06-28: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to add the ByLaw and Policy Review Committee appointment of a non-councillor.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: A03 CARRIED Unanimously

MOTION 2017-06-28: A04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted with these amendments.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-06-28: A04 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2017-06-28: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the April 5 meeting to be approved.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Rumbolt

MOTION 2017-06-28: M01 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: M02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the May 31 meeting to be approved with amendments to errors in spelling of people's names.

Moved: George-Jim **Seconded:** Ryant

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MOTION 2017-06-28: M02 CARRIED

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

The Chair received regrets from Ashley Farrell that she would be attending this meeting late.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Kevin Hewitt, Chair, Dalhousie University Senate

Hewitt talked about his efforts to strengthen relationships between Senate and Faculty Councils, as well as his work on campus. He spoke to what they are doing to try to enhance student voice on Senate. He also circulated a presentation to Councillors by email. He acknowledged the work students have done to bring forward student issues to Faculty and Administration. He discussed the issues with having 22 student senators. The current senate has 78. He answered many councillors' questions and encouraged others to contact him if they had any further inquiries.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N01

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

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** Abawajy

MOTION 2017-06-28: N01 CARRIED

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Elections Review Committee

MOTION 2017-06-28: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Review Committee Motion be amended in terms of composition to remove “a person of colour”, and to add a clause in that “all of the representatives need to identify as a person of colour, indigenous, or black to be eligible for this committee” and to clarify that “it is not mandatory to be the elected representative to council”, and also to remove “The Chair” and have “the chair to be appointed from members of the committee” to bring the number of the committee down to 9 members.

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

MOTION 2017-06-28: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Review Committee Motion be amended to change the “member of the Elections Committee 2016” to “member of the Elections Committee 2017”.

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

MOTION 2017-06-28: N03 CARRIED

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MOTION 2017-06-28: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Review Committee Motion be amended for the scope of the motion to include research oppressive practices in the Election Process, and to add “a person of colour member at large” and to take out “member of the Elections Committee 2017”.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-06-28: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Review Committee Motion be amended to divide the question so that each point is a separate question – so that each of these is its own question: adding oppressive practices, removing member of the elections committee, and adding a person of colour member at large.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-06-28: N05 FAILED

Yazan Khader abstained from Motion N05.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N03 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N04 CARRIED

Jeremy Ryant and Yazan Khader abstained from Motion N04.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N02 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council takes a 5 minute recess.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N05 CARRIED

i. Black Students’ Representative (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Michael Davies-Cole □ by Kati George-Jim

Michael Davies-Cole is appointed as the Black Students’ Representative on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

ii. Women’s Representative (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Aisha Abawajy □ by Kati George-Jim

MOTION 2017-06-28: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves in-camera.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-06-28: N06 CARRIED

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Yazan Khader abstains from Motion N06.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N08 CARRIED

Aisha Abawajy is appointed as the Women’s Representative on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

iii. Council Member (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Masuma Khan □ by Alex Hughes

Kati George-Jim □ by Amina Abawajy

MOTION 2017-06-28: N09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves in-camera.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-06-28: N09 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-06-28: N11 CARRIED

Masuma Khan is appointed as the Council Member on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

iv. Non-Council Member (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Jad Sinno □ by Kati George-Jim

Jad Sinno is appointed as the Non-Council Member on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

v. Person of Colour Member at Large (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Kati George-Jim nominates herself.

Chantal Khoury □ by Michael Davies-Cole

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MOTION 2017-06-28: N12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves in-camera.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N12 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N14

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: MacLellan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: N14 CARRIED

Kati George-Jim is appointed as the Person of Colour Member at Large on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

vi. International Member at Large (on Elections Review Committee)

Nominations:

Amr ElKhashab □ by Masuma Khan

Amr ElKhashab is appointed as the International Member at Large on the Elections Review Committee by majority vote.

B. External Action Committee

Nominations (council members):

Ashley Farrell

Kati George-Jim

MOTION 2017-06-28: N15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ashley Farrell and Kati George-Jim are appointed to the External Action Committee.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: N15 CARRIED

C. Student Life Committee

Nominations (non-council members):

Diane Farah □ nominated by Chantal Khoury

Kaetlin Fenton □ nominated by Jeremy Ryant

Mark Veysey □ nominated by Cory Larsen

Mariam Ragab □ nominated by Cory Larsen

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Diane Farah, Kaetlin Fenton, Mark Veysey and Mariam Ragab are all appointed to the Student Life Committee.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N16 CARRIED

D. Budget and Finance Committee

Nominations (council members):
Yazan Khader nominates himself.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yazan Khader is appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N17 CARRIED

Nominations (non-council members):
Rami Nassif □ nominated by Yazan Khader
Mariam Ragab □ nominated by Katie MacLellan
Allister Mason nominates himself.
Mark Veysey nominates himself.

MOTION 2017-06-28: A05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: A05 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council moves in-camera to discuss nominations.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Larsn

MOTION 2017-06-28: N19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2017-06-28: N19 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N20 CARRIED

Rami Nassif is appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee by a council majority vote.

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E. Bylaw and Policy Review Committee

Nominations (non-council members):

Camelia Salem nominates herself.

Qusai Alomari nominates himself.

Josh Caume nominates himself.

MOTION 2017-06-28: N21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves into camera.

Moved: Khoury **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: N21 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: N22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: N23 CARRIED

Camelia Salem is appointed to the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee by majority vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION 2017-06-28: P01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Masuma Khan's presentation is postponed to the next meeting.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2017-06-28: P01 CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ethical Investment Policy

MOTION 2017-06-28: R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yazan Khader's motion is postponed until the next meeting.

Moved: Khader **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: R01 CARRIED

B. Halifax Typographical Union Motion

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WHEREAS it is to the benefit of Dalhousie students that they have access to quality information on news, on political and educational news sources that impact their interests as post- secondary students;

This quality source of information has been absent for over 500 days since Halifax Typographical Union members began a strike at the Chronicle Herald, Nova Scotia’s primary newspaper. The Chronicle Herald had a dedicated journalist on topics related to post secondary students. A gap is apparent since the strike began. The lack of in - depth, quality journalism is having a negative impact on students at Dalhousie; their ability to make informed decisions is eroded, given this lack of information.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dalhousie Student Union on behalf of its membership supports the resolution of this labour dispute and requests that the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education for Nova Scotia intervene in this matter to seek a resolution; in a gesture of solidarity with the journalists who are members of the Halifax Typographical Union, the Dalhousie Student Union shall make a donation of \$5,000.00.

Moved: MacDonald **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-06-28: A06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council meeting is extended by 20 minutes, to end at 9:20 pm.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Khoury

MOTION 2017-06-28: A06 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: R03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT motion R02 be amended to take out everything after the semi-colon so that the motion would end after “to seek a resolution”.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-06-28: R03 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-06-28: R04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT motion R02 be postponed to the next meeting.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-06-28: R04 CARRIED

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10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Abawajy emailed out her written report in the council package.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Hughes emailed out her written report in the council package.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Khoury emailed out her written report in the council package.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan emailed out her written report in the council package.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen emailed out his written report in the council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

A. CANADA DAY MOTION

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union recognizes the struggles of Indigenous students and strives to advocate and support them.

And whereas, the Dalhousie Student Union recognizes the current celebration of Canada day as an act of colonialism.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union will not partake in the promotion and celebration of Canada day on Dalhousie Campus.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union will not have any events celebrating Canada day take place in the Dalhousie Student Union building.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union will not partake in the promotion or celebration of any Canada 150 programming.

B. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW POLICY

C. CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

D. SENATE CAUCUS ACCOUNTABILITY

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-06-28: A07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: Khan Seconded: Larsen

MOTION 2017-06-28: A07 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM