

Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER at 5:36 PM

1. ROLL CALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Chris Abraham	Chair (non-voting)
Julia Guk	Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Amina Abawajy (she/her)	President
Masuma Khan (she/her)	Vice-President (Academic and External)
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
Vacant	Agricultural Representative
Vacant	Architecture and Planning Representative
Ashley Farrell (she/her)	Arts and Social Science Representative
Vacant	Computer Science Representative
Katie Rumbolt (she/her)	Dentistry Representative
Yazan Khader (he/him)	Engineering Representative
Rhys MacDonald (he/him)	Graduate Studies Representative
Vacant	Health Professions Representative
Vacant	Law Representative
Vacant	Management Representative
Chad LeClair (he/him)	Medicine Representative
Katie MacLellan (she/her)	Science Representative
Ali Barnaby	Aboriginal Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Black Students' Community Representative
Vacant	International Students' Community Representative
Vacant	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Students' Community Representative
Mary MacDonald (she/her)	Students with Disabilities Representative
Vacant	Residence Representative
Katie Douglas (she/her)	Women's Community Representative

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Kati George-Jim will be 30 minutes late.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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Kamryn– she/her

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2017-07-19: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Moved: Abawajy **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-07-19: A01 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-07-19: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Halifax Typographical Union item be removed from the agenda.

Moved: Leclair **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-07-19: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appointments of the Agriculture and Indigenous Representatives be completed before the other appointments.

Moved: Farrell **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-07-19: A03 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-07-19: A04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-07-19: A04 CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION 2017-07-19: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the June 28, 2017 meeting to be approved.

Moved: LeClair **Seconded:** Larsen

4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A. Regrets

Ali Barnaby will be here late, Yazan Khader sent his regrets.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Indigenous Rep

MOTION 2017-07-19: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ali Barnaby be appointed to DSU council as the Indigenous Rep.

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Moved: Khan **Seconded:** Abawajy

MOTION 2017-07-19: N01 CARRIED

B. Agriculture Rep

MOTION 2017-07-19: N02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kamryn Findlay be appointed to DSU council as the Agriculture Rep.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Khan

MOTION 2017-07-19: N02 CARRIED

C. Executive Review Committee

Nominations (council members):

Chad LeClair nominates himself.

Katie Douglas nominates herself.

MOTION 2017-07-19: N03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chad Leclair and Katie Douglas are appointed.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-07-19: N03 CARRIED

Nominations (non-council member):

Emma Power

MOTION 2017-07-19: N04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emma Power be appointed as the non-council member.

Moved: LeClair **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-07-19: N04 CARRIED

D. Elections Review Committee

i. LGBTQ+ Rep

Nominations are closed, no nominations -will come up at next meeting.

ii. Accessibility Rep

Nominations are closed, no nominations -will come up at next meeting.

iii. Indigenous Rep

Nominations:

Aaron Prosper □ nominated by Khan

Allie Barnaby □ nominated by Abawajy

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MOTION 2017-07-19: N05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council move in-camera.

Moved: Ryant **Seconded:** Larsen

MOTION 2017-07-19: N05 CARRIED

Aaron Prosper is appointed as the Indigenous Rep.

MOTION 2017-07-19: N06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots from the vote be destroyed.

Moved: Khan **Seconded:** LeClair

MOTION 2017-07-19: N06 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-07-19: N07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council moves out of camera.

Moved: LeClair **Seconded:** Ryant

MOTION 2017-07-19: N07 CARRIED

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Board Caucus

Abawajy talked about the interesting meeting and she talked about the Draft Gift Policy. Florizone gave a presentation about his 4 years. Abawajy said that the Chair of the board was very dismissive to Kati George-Jim and was very patronizing and acted out of frustration in a way that was not very appropriate. She has been talking to the university about this. Kati will be here next meeting to talk about the particulars. Abawajy met with the financial planning committee on June 22nd where they looked at the current ways that funding is being allocated and looking at creating a strategic 3-year vision and hopefully that includes in ways to look at tuition improvements.

Jeremy Ryant said the biggest thing is learning how to work with senior administration in a productive way from a student perspective. He said that he is trying to work with the board and coming to an agreement of what they'd like to see at the next meeting.

Kati George-Jim said she felt silenced and is looking at ways to go about the future meetings and described her experience at the last meeting.

B. Senate Caucus

The Senate Caucus still hasn't met. Orientation is September 6th so they will be appointing senators by the first council meeting in September.

B. Society Review Committee

Alex Hughes said that they have ratified a lot of societies, and are at 157 societies so far.

C. Grants and Sponsorship Committee

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Chad LeClair said that they had a meeting last week and are going through different grants. He says they started to look at applications to make sure they're filled out properly, and will have another meeting soon.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendment to Canada Day Motion

MOTION 2017-07-19: N08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council takes a short recess to fix a technical issue.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** MacLellan

MOTION 2017-07-19: N08 CARRIED

MOTION 2017-07-19: N09

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.

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

MOTION 2017-07-19: N10

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 majority of Canada Day and Canada 150 celebrations do not adequately reflect the historical and ongoing inequitable treatment of indigenous people and the impacts of colonialism on indigenous people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dalhousie Student Union will partake in Canada 150 by offering alternative programming that explores marginalized perspectives in consultation with those communities.

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Hughes

MOTION 2017-07-19: N11

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

Moved: Larsen **Seconded:** Hughes

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MOTION 2017-07-19: N11 FAILED

MOTION 2017-07-19: N10 CARRIED

Those who voted in favour of Motion N10 were Allie Barnaby, Jeremy Ryant, Chad LeClair, Kate Rumbolt, Katie MacLellan, Cory Larsen, Kamryn Findlay, and Katie Douglas.

Those who voted against this motion were Masuma Khan, Amina Abawajy, Kati George-Jim, Mary MacDonald and Rhys MacDonald.

Those who abstained from the above motion were Alex Hughes and Ashley Farrell.

MOTION 2017-07-19: N09 CARRIED

B. Policy Development and Review Policy:

Meghan gave a rundown about the policy and some proposed changes to be further discussed during the next council meeting.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE

A. President

Abawajy talked about things she has been up to in the past three weeks.

B. Vice-President (Internal)

Hughes talked about things she has been up to in the past three weeks.

C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)

Khoury emailed out her written report in the council package.

D. Vice-President (Academic and External)

Khan talked about things she has been up to in the past three weeks.

E. Vice-President (Student Life)

Larsen emailed out his written report in the council package.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017-07-19: A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council be adjourned.

Moved: MacLellan Seconded: Abawajy

MOTION 2017-07-19: A03 CARRIED

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Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm