

# Dalhousie Student Union – Council Meeting

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## **CALL TO ORDER at 5:33 PM**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

#### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Chris Abraham (he/him)  
Julia Guk (she/her)  
Masuma Khan (she/her)  
Cory Larsen (he/him)  
Alex Hughes (she/her)  
Katie Rumbolt (she/her)  
Rhys MacDonald (he/him)  
Kamryn Findlay (she/her)  
Chad LeClair (he/him)  
Katie MacLellan (she/her)  
Mary MacDonald (she/her)

Chair (non-voting)  
Recording Secretary (non-voting)  
Vice-President (Academic and External)  
Vice-President (Student Life)  
Vice-President (Internal)  
Dentistry Representative  
Graduate Studies Representative  
Agriculture Representative  
Medicine Representative  
Science Representative  
Students with Disabilities Representative

#### **COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Amina Abawajy, Chantal Khoury, Jeremy Ryant, Ali Barnaby, Katie Douglas.  
Ashley Farrell and Yazan Khader will be coming late.

#### **COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

Kati George-Jim

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **MOTION 2017-08-23: A01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** MacLellan

#### **MOTION 2017-08-23: A01 CARRIED**

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the July 19, 2017 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

#### **A. Regrets**

Amina Abawajy, Chantal Khoury, Jeremy Ryant, Ali Barnaby, Katie Douglas.  
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### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **A. Elections Review Committee**

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## **i. LGBTQ2+ Rep**

Three rounds of nominations were closed, and this will come up again next meeting.

## **ii. Accessibility Rep**

Three rounds of nominations were closed, and this will come up again next meeting.

## **B. Chief Returning Officer**

### **MOTION 2017-08-23: N01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Alex Li be appointed as the Chief Returning Officer.

**Moved:** Mary MacDonald **Seconded:** Hughes

**MOTION 2017-08-23: N01 CARRIED**

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

## **7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **A. Senate Caucus**

The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) met with Khan to discuss senate seats. She has a meeting with the chair of Senate in September to talk about the proposal, and moving forward, they will likely go forward with the 11 seats and ask that faculty.

### **B. Society Review Committee**

Alex Hughes said that there's around 175 societies now, and around 40 pending that are being reviewed.

### **C. Grants and Sponsorship Committee**

LeClair said that people should really pay attention to their emails and submit their applications on time.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Transparency Motion**

#### **MOTION 2017-08-23: N02**

To be added to Union Rules and Procedures Policy, under item 8:

WHEREAS the Dalhousie Student Union council's purpose is to represent and be accountable to the students of Dalhousie University;

And whereas, meaningful representation requires transparent and accessible communication with the constituent students;

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And whereas, motions and materials discussed in Council may elicit responses from our membership and the public that require timely discussion or response;

And whereas, there is currently no efficient mechanism to obtain information from meetings, prior to the approval of the official minutes, to supplement the Council's live stream video of the open session of Council meetings, which Council acknowledges may be time consuming for an interested party;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dalhousie Student Union will publish the following: up-to-date council motions and documents viewed, discussed, or amended in open session to their website, all within 24 hours of these items being brought to or brought up in council.

**Moved:** MacLellan **Seconded:** Hughes

**MOTION 2017-08-23: N02 CARRIED**

## **B. Policy Development and Review Policy**

**MOTION 2017-08-23: N03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Policy Development and Review Policy be adopted as circulated.

**Moved:** Khan **Seconded:** Larsen

**MOTION 2017-08-23: N04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Policy Development and Review Policy be postponed to the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

**Moved:** Larsen **Seconded:** Khan

**MOTION 2017-08-23: N04 CARRIED**

## **10. BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

### **A. President**

Abawajy was not present at this meeting.

### **B. Vice-President (Internal)**

Hughes talked about things that she has been up at the Conference as well as plans for the next month.

### **C. Vice-President (Financial and Operations)**

Khoury was not present at this meeting.

### **D. Vice-President (Academic and External)**

Khan talked about things that she has been up at the Conference as well as plans for the next month.

### **E. Vice-President (Student Life)**

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Larsen talked about things that he has been up at the Conference as well as plans for the next month.

## **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chris Abraham adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm**