Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 11, 2019; 6:00pm – Council Chambers

Call to order at 6:14 pm by Chair

1. ROLL CALL

Councillors Present

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<td>Aisha Abawajy (she/her)</td>
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<td>Isa Wright (she/her or they/them)</td>
<td>Vice President (Finance and Operations)</td>
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<td>Ruby Coles (she/her)</td>
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<td>Hasan Sinan (he/him)</td>
<td>Vice President (Academic &amp; External Interim) &amp; FASS Rep.</td>
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<td>Claudia Prent-Castillo</td>
<td>Black Student Community</td>
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<td>Sandra Sunil (she/her)</td>
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<td>Sara Goswami (she/her)</td>
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<td>Lenka Wicha (she/her)</td>
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<td>Joshua Yusuf (he/him)</td>
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<td>Herman Stubeda</td>
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<td>Meghan Faught</td>
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<td>Fatima Beydoun</td>
<td>Board Of Governors Representative</td>
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<td>Fallen Matthew</td>
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Councillors Absent With Regrets

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<td>Calista Hills (she/her)</td>
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Councillors Absent

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<td>Computer Science Representative</td>
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<td>Hannah Doolan</td>
<td>Management Representative</td>
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2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 3.1
Be It Resolved That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
Mover: President

Motion 3.2
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is amended to include the motion: Be It Resolved That council vote on the appointment of the interim secretary. Be It Further Resolved that council appoints Julia Kroon as the interim secretary for Sept 11, 2019.
Mover: President Seconder: Health Professions Representative
Motion Carries

Motion 3.1
Mover: President
Motion carries

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion 4.1 – Be It Resolved That the minutes of the July 24th meeting be accepted as circulated.
Mover: Seconder:
Motion 4.2 – Be It Resolved That motion 4.1 is amended to read as “Be It Resolved That the minutes of the July 24th meeting be accepted pending amendment by Agriculture Representative.”
Mover: President Second: Health Professions Representative
Motion Carries

Amended Motion 4.1
Motion Carries. Health Professions Representative abstains.

Motion 4.3 Be It Resolved That the minutes of the August 21st, 2019 meeting be accepted as circulated.
Mover: Seconder: 2SLGBQ+ Representative

Motion 4.4 – Be It Resolved That council table the acceptance of the August 21st, 2019 minutes until the following council meeting.
Mover: Agriculture Representative Seconder: Health Professions Representative
Motion carries.

5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

6. APPOINTMENTS
Motion 6.1 – Be It Resolved That all councillors be appointed to the respective committees under which they are listed in the attached DSU Committee Membership document.
Mover: President Seconder: Faculty of Medicine
All in Favor - Motion carries (15-0)

7. PRESENTATIONS
a. CFS - History of the Student Movement and Robert’s Rules (Lianne & Sarah & Mary)

POI from ?: Does our policy state that a presentation cannot be longer than 15 minutes?
- Chair: Yes, however it can be extended by a vote. Is there a ballpark timeline for the presentation?
- Lianne – With presentation and questions between an hour to an hour and a half.
- POI: President – Initially understood that the presentation was to be an hour maximum.
- Point of Privilege – VPFO: Could people speak up, and discuss using the guidance of the chair.
- BOG Rep – In the past there have been votes to extend dependent on how long is needed.

Motion 7.1 – Be It Resolved That the presentation is extended to 60 minutes with a question and answer period.
Mover: VPFO Seconder: VPSL
11-1-3 (Law, Engineering, and Health Professions abstain)
Motion Carries

b. Presentation is about the history of student movement - the powerpoint will be posted the following notes are not directly listed in the powerpoint.
   i. Federal Election
   ii. Kings has student representation on every committee in the University.

c. Summary of the history of CFS – created out of a combination of smaller student federations.
   i. Local, provincial, and national levels.
   ii. One representative per local on the provincial executive committee, dependent on local bylaws.

d. Annual General Meeting Slide
   i. Highest decision-making body at CFS. Subsidize the cost of one member of each local attending.
   ii. Approved Dalhousie’s prospective membership at this meeting.
   iii. Each local has one vote, regardless of size.
iv. Varying constituency groups hold focused conversations to bring motions and campaigns to the larger decision-making bodies.

e. Research

f. Time to be bold – Federal Elections Campaign
   i. Focusing specifically on student debt and accessible education, climate justice, Indigenous students rights to education, and fairness for International students.
   ii. Timetobebold.ca will have more information about voting.

g. Campaigns
   i. On-campus polling station at Dalhousie.
   ii. Expanding on past partnership with Elections Canada.
   iii. Webinar - Sept 18 at 5pm– more information about federal voting, will send out information to be dispersed to council.

h. Services
   i. A lot of talk about all the different services that are listed.
      1. Talked about ISIC card (free of charge - $20 when they are not a member)
         a. Both for international/local
      2. Ethically purchasing network
         a. Students can make suggestions about how to make services better.

i. Student movement victories.
   i. 2014 – Rights of International students to work on campus.
   ii. Standalone sexual violence policies at all schools in Nova Scotia.
   iii. More information on their website.

j. Getting Involved
   i. Workshops and events.
   ii. Racialized Indigenous Student Experience Summit – first Maritimes RISE last year.
   iii. Student activist training
      1. Sept 28 – free + free dinner
      2. Students that want to bring change to the world
3. Looking for students to come together to discuss issues that affect you.

k. Coalition partners

l. Finances

i. Member driven organization (each student would pay $9). Increases annually by CPI.

ii. Goes into campaign development, constituency groups, and local support.

m. Prospective members

i. First presentation was given on May 22nd. Prospective membership was approved at the national general meeting.

ii. Swag and campaign material is free of charge if you want to give it out, as well as all services available to official members.

iii. Every student gets a vote in the referendum.

Questions regarding membership/first portion of presentation.

- Law Representative – Just curious when Newfoundland Students Union joined the organization? They had a plan to lower student fees as of 2003.
  - Fairly sure most unions joined during 1981. When they dropped fees they had the minister of education on record saying that students gave them no choice.

- Law Representative – Is there a breakdown of where the fees go? And how much is it again exactly?
  - Breakdown on the website.
  - Budget is based on the priorities decided by national and provincial meetings – meeting minutes will have breakdowns of what amendments and priorities.
    - Ontario Student Choice Initiative has impacted the budget this year.

- Graduate students – Commented that if anyone has specific questions about fee collection, budget, and fee use they can reach out to specific members of CFS. Has looked into this before as DAGS are currently members of CFS.
  - CFS has a group of people that will direct and
  - Grad students are members
- **Agriculture Representative** – What would happen if we don’t hold a referendum? Do we have to have it 100%?
  - There will need to be a referendum – unsure what exactly would happen if a referendum was not held. Want to work closely with locals to ensure that they can happen. It’s not typical that one is held outside of the initial 12 month period, to push a referendum for any reason a motion can be submitted to extend the time can go to the national executive.
  - The decision is still left to membership so members can decide to go to a vote. Prospective membership fee, letter was delivered last council waiving the fee officially.
  - What specifically could happen would be up to the national executive.

- **Law Representative**: Has there been any contract signed or are we in a legally binding agreement?
  - President: From our end there has been no contract or agreement signed – only officially documented agreement is the ratification of our prospective membership vote through council and waiving of fee from national CFS executive.
  - **VPFO**: We have not entered any agreement for years to come – referendum will decide whether we enter a binding agreement with the CFS or we don’t.
  - **CFS**: Yes. For context, the agreement is we submitted prospective membership.
    - Then go into referendum to become actual members – both organizations will negotiate the dates and details of the referendum.

- **Engineering Representative**:
  - Referenced personal notes from July 24th meeting – understood at that time that prospective membership does not legally bind us.

- **LGBTQ2S+ Representative**: To clarify, it is not possible for CFS to begin collecting fees from students without a yes vote in the referendum?
  - If the vote does not go through – CFS wont be billing students
  - **AC Representative**: But it is up to the CFS executive to decide to waive the fee?
  - **CFS**: Yes. There is no fee we’re paying right now, the national executive would need to re-discuss if the referendum period was extended. The fee has historically always been waived.
- Law Students Representative: So, if Bylaws remain unchanged we’re still required to have the referendum? What happens if the vote is yes and nothing has changed?
  o **CFS:** Can’t necessarily speak to what would happen – it would be up to council to decide what to do. To the CFS we are prospective members, can’t necessarily speak to things on our end.

- Health Professions Representative: What happens if we no longer want to be prospective members?
  - **CFS:** It would be through the referendum vote as a decision-making body. As members would be paying fees they would be the decision-makers.
  - **CFS:** 2 ways to join the membership
    - 15% of local members can vote to trigger prospective membership.
    - Council can trigger prospective membership.

- Law Students Representative: Is our vote of council considered written application as referred to in their bylaws?
  o **CFS:** I believe so. Vote from council considered the request for prospective membership – we were ratified, then fees were waived
    - 13 minutes left at this point – if you come on the 28th feel free to ask more questions then and can directly talk to their Treasurer as well.

- POI: BOG Rep – How long is the Robert’s Rules presentation supposed to be?
  o 30 minutes but could be done in less! Or could just address particular questions anyone has.
  o Agriculture Representative: Don’t want to rush through it if we can have the full presentation done later.

Postponing presentation:
- Maybe have the meeting not during the council time because it takes up the time.
- Passed out Robert’s Rules cheat-sheets.
- Happy to come back next meeting to do the 30-minute presentation.
Last minute CFS message: Really want to engage with the variety of constituents, reach out if you want presentations, tabling, anything else.

Email: organiser@cfs-ns.ca

Sharing office space with KSU and DAGS – accessible to meet with students.
Feel free to add Lianne on facebook and message to meet up.

Office hours: 10am – 5pm → on the ground around campus a lot - Sub 10am – 2pm

Plastic ISCI cards → virtual cards (can still get plastic ones if needed)

Halifax all candidates debate at Kings College.

One final question: Health Professions Representative: Spoke to a few constituents about recurring questions, most only know CFS regarding controversies including allegations of anti-Semitism and past lawsuits.

- CFS: Lianne’s first year as chairperson, was not around during the time of lawsuits in the past. Knows a bit about Cape Breton University, are now working very closely with CBU.
- Have worked to create clearer communication with locals to ensure issues like that do not occur in the future. Allegations of anti-Semitism come in response to endorsement of BDS at an annual general meeting. But they have a direct campaign against anti-Semitism, currently working with Independent Jewish Voices and other organizations on these campaigns. Always open to collaborate with other organizations on these campaigns as well.
  - Only current legal challenge CFS is involved in is the challenge against the Ford government in Ontario.

DAGS President: Have been members of CFS for a couple of years – can get in contact to talk.

Motion 7.2 Be It Resolved That council take a 15 minute recess from 7:41pm until 7:55pm.
Mover: VPFO Seconded: Dentistry Representative
Motion Carries Unanimously.

Meeting start again at 7:55pm

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
   a. President: Supporting Charity to help with committee work – council meeting to give an update about the committee – meeting once a semester. Booking space, chairing meetings, any support you need reach out to Aisha.
      i. Every committee chair needs to send out emails and need to reply.
      ii. Can create ad-hoc committees to work on something that doesn’t already have a dedicated committee.
   b. Chair: Wanted to note that cross-talking is an accommodations issue and does not follow Robert’s Rules, will be more firm in ensuring all discussion follows the guidance of the Chair.

8. OLD BUSINESS
   Motion 8.1

WHEREAS the following policies per the Union Rules and Procedure Policy were not followed:
   - Policy 1. Notice of Meeting
   - Policy 5.1.4 Recording Secretary
   - Policy 8.8 Agenda, Reports and Presentations
   - Policy 19.1 Notice of Motion
   - Policy 28. Recognition of Mi’kma’ki Territory

AND WHEREAS council had not received adequate time to consult with their constituents

BE IT RESOLVED that motion 6.1 from council meeting on May 22nd be rescinded until adequate discussion and consultation is allowed along with proper procedure followed.

- Chair: Read aloud motion 6.1 from May 22nd, 2019.

- POI: Agriculture Representative – Would it be possible to table the motion until next meeting?

  • As the holder of the motion Agriculture Representative has the right to rescind or table the motion.
Motion 8.1 is tabled until the next meeting.

9. New Business

10. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS
a) Executive Reports
   a. President (Aisha)
      i. Reports are not strong suit, prefer giving verbal reports but will be catching up with written copies.
      i. Past two weeks have been busy with O-Week. Got to work on Anti-O sessions for leaders.
      ii. Revving up for the school year.
         iii. Creating year-round schedules, coordinating office hours.
      iv. Presidential Committee
         1. Looking for students interested in collaborating on projects.
         2. E-Sport – aiming to help the society turn into varsity
         3. Rugby: Working on safe drinking workshops, toxic masculinity, party staff
   v. Sub-committee
   b. Working with University Administration. Board of Governors committee meetings, most are in-camera.
   c. VPAE (Hasan)
   d. Preparing for and helping out with O-Week.
   e. Finalizing Senate information (email has been sent out)
   f. Member services to circulate info about Senate to student societies.
      i. Close to getting all student senators.
      ii. First Senate meeting is in 2 Mondays (Sept 23)
      iii. Scheduling one-on-one meetings with interested students.
   g. Admin Relations
      i. University has not had an Ombudsperson for about 6 months now. Sitting on the review committee – waiting to hear back on the report which has been delayed.
      ii. Following up on International Student Task Force report.
h. If you know anyone interested in joining Senate direct them to dsuvpae@dal.ca!

i. Vice President Internal (Calista)
   i. Not present

j. Vice President Finance and Operations (Isa)
   i. Will be sent with minutes.
      ii. Started making daily breakdowns on what she has been doing.
      iii. Treasurer training and tons of audit.

k. Vice President Student Life (Ruby)
   i. Will be sent with minutes.
   ii. O-week is done YAY!!!!!
   iii. Consent programming went great and was very well-received, if anyone wants a consent committee shirt feel free to ask.
   iv. Working on campaigns for November – mental health awareness week, Mowvember, exam programming.

l. Dalfest is this weekend (free two day concert!)

11. Councillor Reports
   a. Need to submit once a semester – Charity will determine the details on how that will work.
      i. President: Could poll on facebook to figure out what would work best for councillors.

   - Engineering Representative: Unsure what councillor reports necessarily need to be but got a list from society to announce.
      - Halifax Pier played at the T-Room on Friday Sept 6th, had a contract that they would be paid that night. Three weeks prior the DUES President reached out to the T-Room managers who reached out to the Productions staff and Jen. When the band arrived DUES had to pay the band because there was a contract signed previously that was not known about. Was asked to figure out what to do about that.
      - Believe that contact has been made with someone from the DSU.
President: Was involved in a bit of those conversations. Has a way forward, will be in touch with Engineering regarding this and the student will be paid as soon as possible.

Engineering Representative: It may have gone to the wrong email, but wanted to point out that there’s room for that error to occur as it appeared to be lost in changeover.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION
   a. None.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Next meeting September 25th, 2019 will be on Carleton campus.

14. ADJOURNMENT

   Motion 13.1

   BE IT RESOLVED THAT that DSU council adjourns.

   Mover: Graduate Students Representative Seconder: DalOUT Representative
   Motion carries. (0-0)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:18pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary: