

# DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, April 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Location: MS Teams

## Land Acknowledgement

*The Dalhousie Student Union acknowledges that Dalhousie University and the Dalhousie Student Union Building are located on traditional, unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kma'ki territory. The Dalhousie Student Union seeks to honour the relational treaty process in its programming, events, and meetings.*

## Equity Statement

*Student union solidarity is based on the principle that all members should be able to participate equally in their union, recognizing that students have diverse experiences of privilege and marginalization. As members of the students' union, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.*

*It is our collective responsibility to create an inclusive space for discussion and dialogue. Any form or forms of discrimination and/or harassment will not be tolerated, nor will hate speech rooted in, but not limited to, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic or transphobic sentiments and/or remarks. We all have an obligation to ensure that an open and inclusive space, free of hate is established. If you violate this understanding, you will be asked to leave.*

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by the Council Chair

## 2. Roll Call

PRESENT
Mariam Knakriah – President
Thomais (Tammy) Maniou – Vice-President, Internal
Henry Amin – Vice-President, Finance & Operations
Ana Patton - Vice-President, Student Life
Eshan Arora – Board of Governor Representative 1

<p>Ryan Dee - Board of Governors Representative 2</p> <p>Anand Lo - International Students' Community Representative</p> <p>Haileigh MacLeod - Faculty of Health Profession Representative</p> <p>Nick d'Entremont - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative</p> <p>Sydney Forbes - Faculty of Medicine Representative</p> <p>Mustafa Zahid - Faculty of Engineering Representative</p> <p>Carmen Minnis - Women's Students Representative</p> <p>Victoria Slipp - Faculty of Science Representative</p>
<b>ABSENT WITH REGRETS</b>
<p>Omotayo Bankole - Vice-President, Academic and External</p> <p>Eni Oguntona – Faculty of Law Representative</p> <p>Kailey Simon - Indigenous Students' Community Representative</p>
<b>ABSENT WITHOUT REGRETS</b>
<p>Rowan Keith Menezes - Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative</p>
<b>VACANT POSITIONS</b>
<p>Faculty of Management Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Architecture Representative</p> <p>Residence Students' Community Representative</p> <p>2SLGBTQIA+ Students Community Representative</p> <p>Disabled Student's Community Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Dentistry Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Agriculture Representative</p> <p>Faculty of Computer Science Representative</p>
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>

Laya B. – Incoming Council Secretary

Alexa C. Incoming Council Chair

**\*Quorum was met\***

Motion is moved to amend the agenda to include motions in new business.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Vice President Internal*

*Motion **Passes***

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION 2024-04-19-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the present meeting be adopted as presented.

*Moved by the International Student Rep*

*Seconded by Vice President Finance & Operation*

*MOTION 2024-04-19-3.1 **Passes***

### **4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOTION 2024-04-19-4.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting on March 22, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by Vice President Internal*

*MOTION 2024-04-19-4.1 **Passes***

*Documents attached.*

### **5. Communications Received**

### **6. Presentations**

6.1 Faculty of Science Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty of Science Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.2 Faculty of Health Professions Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty Health Professions

*Document attached.*

## 6.3 International Students Community Representative Councilor Report

Moved by International Students Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.4 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty Arts and Social Sciences Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.5 Faculty of Engineering Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty Engineering Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.6 Faculty of Law Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty Law Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.7 Faculty of Women's Student Councilor Report

Moved by Women's Student Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.8 Faculty of Medicine Councilor Report

Moved by Faculty Medicine Representative

*Document attached.*

## 6.9 Board of Governors Update

Moved by DSU President

*Document attached.*

## **7. Committee Report**

7.1 Oversight Committee Report

Presented by Oversight Committee

*Document Attached*

## **8. New Business**

MOTION 2024-04-19-8.1

WHEREAS the Domestic Students Housing Bursary serves as a vital resource for students in need of financial assistance to secure housing.

WHEREAS the current academic year is concluding, leaving students with limited time to explore housing options and apply for the bursary.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds allocated for the Domestic Students Housing Bursary for the current fiscal year be transferred to the 2024/25 fiscal year budget.

*Moved by the DSU President*

*Seconded by Women's Students Representative*

*MOTION 2024-04-19-8.1 Passes*

MOTION 2024-04-19-8.2

WHEREAS the EDIA Society Grant plays a crucial role in promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility initiatives within the academic community.

WHEREAS the present academic year is reaching its conclusion, leaving limited time for students to review grant opportunities and submit applications.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds allocated for the EDIA Society Grant for the current fiscal year be transferred to the 2024/25 fiscal year budget.

*Moved by DSU President*

*Seconded by the Vice President Internal*

*MOTION 2024-04-19-8.2 Passes*

MOTION 2024-04-19-8.3

WHEREAS, as evidenced in the supporting document from March 2022 about the Board of Governor Representatives titles, it was intended for there to only be one 1-year term offering and to return to alternating 2-year terms afterward,

WHEREAS, due to an internal error after the Winter 2023 election, the roles Board of Governor Representative 1 and Board of Governor Representative 2 were assigned to the wrong individuals,

WHEREAS, for purposes of continuity in Council minutes and internal documents following the winter 2023 error, both Board of Governors Representatives keep their current assigned titles,

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Dalhousie Board of Governors Secretary, it was noted that these titles are internal to the Union, and this rectification does not require the Dalhousie Board's approval,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the title of Board of Governors Representative 1 ([dsubog1@dal.ca](mailto:dsubog1@dal.ca)) be posited to the councillor elected for a 2-year term to the Board of Governors during the DSU Winter 2024 election.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the title of Board of Governors Representative 2 ([dsubog2@dal.ca](mailto:dsubog2@dal.ca)) be posited to the councillor elected for a 2-year term to the Board of Governors during the DSU Winter 2023 election.

*Moved by the President*

*Seconded by the Board of Governor Representative 2*

*MOTION 2024-04-19-8.3 Passes*

## **9. Executive reports**

- 9.1 Report of the President
- 9.2 Report of the Vice-President, Internal
- 9.3 Report of the Vice-President, Finance & Operations
- 9.4 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & External
- 9.5 Report of the Vice-President, Student Life

## **10. Announcements**

- 10.1 Councilors must submit a written report to the council summarizing their faculties and communities' work by the end of the academic year. (April 19, 2024), according to Bylaw 4.4.g.

10.2 Councillors must submit Councilor Account Login Information Submission Form by 11:59 PM on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM by the Council chair.