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DSU Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual – 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

2. Roll Call

3. Ratification of Chair and Secretary

MOTION 2024-05-16-3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alexa Colwell is appointed as Council Chair for the 2024-2025 Council term.

Moved by the DSU President

Recommended for adoption by the Hiring Committee Report

Hiring Report attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-3.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Laya Balakumar is appointed as Recording Secretary for the 2024-2025 Council term.

Moved by the DSU President

Recommended for adoption by the Hiring Committee Report

Hiring Report attached

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2024-05-16-4.1

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None as this is the 1st DSU Council meeting of the year 2024-25.

6. Communications Received

6. Appointments by Council

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to the Faculty of Management Councilor seat on the Board of Operations for the 2024-25 year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to the Faculty of Law Councilor seat on the Board of Operations for the 2024-25 year.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to a Councilor seat on the Grants and Sponsorship Committee for the 2024-25 year;

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ and _____ are appointed to the Councilor seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2024-25 year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to a General Member seat on the Society Review Committee for the 2024-25 year.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

Document attached

MOTION 2024-05-16-6.4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ is appointed to the Councilor seat on the Domestic Students Housing Bursary Committee for the year 2024-25.

Moved by the DSU President

Document attached

7. New Business

MOTION-2024-05-16-7.1

WHEREAS, ensuring accuracy and clarity in DSU policies is essential for effective governance,

WHEREAS, the Policy and Governance Coordinator (PGC) is responsible for maintaining DSU policies,

WHEREAS, grammatical and spelling errors may exist within DSU policies and updates are needed to reflect the current DSU structure,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby authorizes the Policy and Governance Coordinator to make grammatical and spelling corrections, as well as edits necessary to reflect the current DSU structure, in all DSU policies.

Moved by DSU President

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.2

WHEREAS the current allocation of \$6000 for the International Student Emergency Bursary is insufficient to cover bursaries throughout the summer,

WHEREAS there is a total of \$240,000 in reserves from the International Student Fund,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes up to \$20,000 be allocated from the reserves of the International Student Fund towards the International Student Emergency Bursary Committee to support the continued provision of bursaries for Summer (May to August) 2024.

Moved by Vice President, Finance & Operations

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.3

WHEREAS according to DSU policy 8.18, if any Faculty Level Society or Levy Society has not applied for ratification for three years and the Society Review Committee has called at least two open meetings as described in this policy, the Society Review Committee will recommend to Council that the fee collected on behalf of the society be reviewed; and

WHEREAS it is proposed that Council be recommended to suspend the levies for Gerard, Risley, and Sheriff Hall; and

WHEREAS the suspension of these levies aligns with the intention to ensure fair and equitable operations of societies within the DSU;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council authorizes the suspension of levies for Gerard, Risley, and Sheriff Hall

Moved by the Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.4

WHEREAS, the Dalhousie Outdoors Society, the Dalhousie Nursing Society, the Dalhousie Medical Students Society, and the Dalhousie Law Students Society have all submitted applications for ratification under the society policy;

WHEREAS, according to Society Policy 8.1, societies must apply annually to be registered societies, with the ratification term running from May 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year;

WHEREAS, by applying for ratification with the Union, each society agrees to abide by the terms outlined in this Policy, as stated in Society Policy 8.1.1;

WHEREAS, ratification of these societies would enable them to access necessary resources, funding, and administrative support to fulfill their objectives.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council hereby ratifies the Dalhousie Outdoors Society, the Dalhousie Nursing Society, the Dalhousie Medical Students Society, and the Dalhousie Law Students Society under the DSU Society policy.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

MOTION 2024-05-16-7.5

WHEREAS, South House is being displaced from their office space on June 30th and lacks a proper board of directors until at least the fall term,

WHEREAS, students are continuing to pay the South House levy fee for services that are not being provided,

WHEREAS, Sexual Education Resource Centre (SERC) is a suitable replacement for South House,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSU Council authorizes a fee suspension for South House for the year 2024-25.

Moved by Vice President, Internal

8. Executive Reports

8.1 Report of the President

8.2 Report of the Vice President, Internal

8.3 Report of the Vice President, Finance and Operations

8.4 Report of the Vice President, Academic and External

8.5 Report of the Vice President, Student Life

9. Notice of Motion

10. Announcements

10.1 The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm via MS Teams.

11. Adjournment