



Council Meeting
February 12th, 2014 6:00pm
Room 303
Agenda

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
3. **New Business**

- a. **External Advocacy**

Motion: BIRT The Constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

By-law VII - Other Organizations

5. The union shall not enter into an agreement, partnership and/or membership with an external advocacy group where the external organization's by-laws, policy and/or constitution propose to supersede those of the Union.

6. The Union shall not renounce its full membership within an external advocacy group unless ~~a successful referendum is run according to By-law XIV of the Constitution in which the result is in favor of renouncing its full membership with its external federal advocacy group.~~ the appropriate process consistent with that organization's bylaws is followed.

7. The Union shall not enter into any new agreements or partnerships with external advocacy group including but not limited to, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), unless a successful referendum is run according to By-law XIV of the Constitution in which the result is in favor of joining an external ~~federal~~ advocacy group.

~~8. Any proposal to join an external advocacy group shall first be subject to a full review of legal, operational, and financial considerations by the Board of Operations prior to coming forward to Council.~~



8. The Union may change its existing membership level within an external advocacy group through a vote at Council, provided Council has been provided with thirty (30) days notice, and the information made public via the DSU website, and the Board of Operations has reviewed the proposal for operational, financial, and legal considerations.

b. Executive Records

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

10. Each member of the Executive shall keep accurate records and files concerning their activities and responsibilities **that shall be given to the Communications and Policy Manager 1 week before their last day in office.**

c. Executives returning to employment

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

17. No member of the Executive may work as an employee of the Union or in any other capacity during his/her tenure **neither** in office nor within three (3) months of the end of their term in office, **unless, they are returning to a part-time position which they held immediately prior to their appointment.**

d. Resignation and Vacancies

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

By-Law IV- The Council

Resignation and vacancies

11. All resignations of members of Council shall be made in writing to the President who shall bring the resignation before Council at the next regular meeting of Council.

12. Should a vacancy arise in the office of the **President an executive, excluding the Vice President Finance and Operations**, before October 31,



of the year in which that person was elected, a by-election shall be held to fill such vacancy.

13. Should a vacancy arise in the office of ~~President~~ an executive, excluding the Vice President Finance and Operations, after October 31, of the year in which that person was elected, Council shall appoint a person to occupy such office for the duration of the unexpired term.

14. Should a vacancy arise at any time in an office other than that of ~~President~~ an elected executive, the appropriate group or society, if any, shall appoint a person to fill that position for the unexpired portion of the term, or else Council shall make the appointment upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

e. Elections

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

By-Law VIII-Elections Policy Amendments

11. The Elections Policy shall be reviewed and revised accordingly following an election in any given year. The Elections Policy shall not be amended within the 4 months leading up to an election period.

f. Amendments and Revisions

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following way: (red denotes changes)

By-Law XI- Amendment and Revision

Proposed amendments from Council

2. Proposed amendments or revisions to these By-laws originating from Council shall not be considered by a General Meeting until:



(a) notice of motion of such proposed amendments or revisions has been given at a meeting of Council; and

~~(b) Council has referred such proposed amendments or revisions for the consideration of the Board, which shall consider the amendments or revisions within two (2) weeks of the original notice of motion; and~~

(b) Council has received and reviewed a report from the Board, and by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present at least two weeks (2) subsequent to the original notice of motion, voted to refer the proposed amendments or revisions to these By-laws for the consideration of a General Meeting, in accordance with By-law IX.

g. Board of Operations

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the following ways: (red denotes changes)

Membership

2. The Board shall include the following people, who must be members of the Union at the time of their recruitment or election and during their term with the Board with the exception of (h) and (i).

(a) President;

(b) Vice President (Internal);

(c) Vice President (Academic and External);

(d) Vice President (Student Life);

(e) Vice President, (Finance and Operations)

(f) Chair of the Board (The Chair of the Board shall be the only paid position on the Board of Operations)

(g) 5 Non-Executive Student Members



(h) General Manager;

and (i) Up to two Alumni.

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7. The Chair, with the assistance of the Union's legal representation and General Manager, shall organize and facilitate a formal and mandatory orientation workshop for the Board's members before the last day of May in each academic year. The workshop will educate members on the Union's policies, operations, mission and contractual obligations.

~~8. The Vice President (Finance and Operations) and the Chair of the Board shall organize the annual orientation of the Board.~~

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12. The Chair of the Board shall be responsible for reporting to council and the Vice President, Finance and Operations shall be responsible for taking notes during Board meetings. ~~The Chair of the Board shall be the only paid position on the Board of Operations.~~

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14. The Chair shall make a call for agenda items from Board members no less than ninety-six (96) hours prior to a scheduled meeting. Board members may add items with supporting documentation to the meeting agenda up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. The Chair shall provide the Board with a written agenda and supporting documents no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to a scheduled meeting.

h. Amendments in omnibus

Motion: BIRT The constitution be amended in the ways outlined (see external document- Constitutional Amendments in Omnibus)

i. Addition of a second International Students Rep to council

Motion: WHEREAS the international students on Dalhousie campus represent approximately 14% of the entire student body,



WHEREAS there is an increasing involvement of the Dalhousie International Students' Association (DISA) with other student-run governing bodies in Dalhousie University,

WHEREAS there are increasing issues being raised surrounding international students' life on campus, quality of education, funding opportunities and fees increases,

WHEREAS international students voted in favour of having an additional international student representative on DSU council during the Fall 2013 Annual General Meeting of DISA to further strengthen the representation of the voice of international students on DSU council,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an additional position is added to the DSU council for another international student representative, amounting to a total of two international student representations on the council.

- 4. Annual Report and Strategic Plan**
 - a. Presidents Report and Q&A
 - b. VPI Report and Q&A
 - c. VPFO Report and Q&A
 - d. VPAE Report and Q&A
 - e. VPSL Report and Q&A

- 5. Adjournment**