



**DAWSON STUDENT UNION SC202201-6  
DSU STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING NO. 6  
MEETING TYPE: REGULAR  
MONDAY, JANUARY 31 @7:15PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

	<b>ACADEMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
1	Creative & Applied Arts	Marisa Mitchell	Apologies
2	Creative & Applied Arts	Amélie Druker	Present
3	Continuing Education	Madison O'Connell	Present
4	<del>Continuing Education</del>	<del>vacant</del>	
5	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Adelka Felcarek-Hope	Present
6	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Inès Lamothe-Katrapani	Present
7	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Tristan Boisvert-Larouche	Present
8	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Allen La	Present
9	Social Science & Business Technologies	Daniela Diaz	Present
10	Social Science & Business Technologies	Richard Raphael	Apologies
11	Social Science & Business Technologies	Charlotte Pelletier-Burke	Apologies
12	Social Science & Business Technologies	Marischka Joseph	Present
13	DSU President	Alexandrah Cardona	Apologies
14	DSU VP of Finance	Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga	Present

**EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
1	VP of Internal Affairs and Operations/Acting Chair	Abril Meza Naranjo	Present
2	VP of Academics and Advocacy	Mia Hadley	Present

3	VP of External Affairs	Arwen Low	Present
4	VP of Student Life	Yimaj Baharun	Present
5	VP of Services and Sustainability	Shirin Hinojosa Violante	Present
6	<del>Chair<sup>1</sup></del>	<del>vacant</del>	
7	Administrative Director <sup>1</sup> (Corporate Secretary)	Rina Alma Arlegui	Present

Note: The President sent her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting due to personal matters and had asked the VP of Internal Affairs and Operations to act as Chair on her behalf.

In the absence of a Chair and the President, the VP of Internal Affairs and Operations chaired the meeting. The Administrative Director (Corporate Secretary) did a role call and confirmed a quorum was present. The Acting Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:25pm, starting with the land acknowledgement. She reminded the Student Council that voting would be done through hand-raising.

The Acting Chair informed the Student Council that the Chair accepted a job in her field and resigned as of 27 January, 2022 so the DSU is in search of a new Chair.

## AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda Action Required  
The agenda as distributed was approved unanimously without question or comment.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous Student Council Action Required  
meeting held on November 29, 2021  
The minutes of the previous meeting as distributed were approved unanimously without question or comment.

3. Student Groups Action Required

a. Club Accreditation

The VP of Student Life explained the process to become a fully accredited DSU Clubs. He confirmed that the following interim clubs have met the eligibility requirements, provided the necessary proof and completed the accreditation procedure in order to qualify for official club status.

- i. Dawson Film Club
- ii. Dawson Invests
- iii. Dawson Vocal and Instrumental Club
- iv. Japanese Cultural Appreciation Club
- v. We Ship Entrepreneurship

MOTION moved by Yimaj Baharun *to approve the above-listed interim clubs as accredited DSU clubs.*

Second: Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga

Voting count: In favour – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0

The motion to approve the 5 interim clubs as accredited DSU clubs was passed unanimously.

b. Clubs Standing Regulations

The VP of Student Life acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic put restrictions/limitations on events, which in turn affected the accreditation process for interim clubs. He recommended that the eligibility criteria be amended so that interim clubs would only need 2 college-wide events instead of 3 during the COVID-19 pandemic. This update, along with other changes, would be reflected in the revised DSU Clubs Standing Regulations (CSR) version 1.2.

MOTION moved by Yimaj Baharun *to approve the DSU Club Standing Regulations version 1.2 as distributed.*

Seconded by Daniela Diaz

Voting count: In favour – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0

The motion to approve the revised CSR was passed unanimously

4. Executive Reports

No Action Required

a. President – N/A

b. Vice-President of Internal Affairs and Operations

- DSU Club Spaces: 3 Communal club rooms (1 of which will be stationary room for DEA, Sci-Fi and Chill Club); cleaned up spaces; College to paint the rooms; receiving brand new furniture
- Comms: website design completed by Vortex; training session to add content was completed w/ Vortex and volunteers

c. Vice-President of Finance

- Hired new people for The DSU Hive – added to system and getting paid as regular employees
- Made public Student Awards post – receiving applications until end of Feb [Note: Deadline to submit applications was extended to March 31]

d. Vice-President of Academics and Advocacy

- Recommended changes to DSU committee names, as well as composition, in order to make them more universal and more reflective of their membership

ANNEX: Presentation on DSU Committees

e. Vice-President of External Affairs

- Successful intercollegiate clothing and food drive held in tandem with the Green Earth Club (GEC) clothing drive; VP of Finance and VP of Ext. Affairs doubled amount for non-perishable foods and menstrual products which benefitted Chez Doris (shelter for disenfranchised women)

- DataMatch – Service originated at Harvard; intercollegiate dating service; survey to sign up and find your match will be available from 7-14 Feb
- DSU is working on a visit to the UN in NY with the assistance of the Permanent Representative to Burundi
- Media – interviews took place today re: cancelled expansion funding

f. Vice-President of Student Life

- All Clubs meeting (27 Jan.22) – discussed new COVID-19 protocols; events will switch to online until we can re-evaluate situation around/after spring break
- CEOC – Had members present dif events that could be done as well as alternatives for on-line events due to COVID-19
- BLM Mtl – approached them to see if they are interested in doing online event (webinar) for BHM from Canadian viewpoint

g. Vice President of Services and Sustainability

- Sustainability book club (implemented last semester) will be starting within next 3 weeks; will receive reflection journal
- Opportunity to obtain Certificate for Sustainability Dept – being offered next month
- Sustainability Project by Executive Officers that will benefit everyone will be coming out soon (did not provide more info so it can be a surprise)
- Re: expansion of Dawson College outdoor campus to be presented to Board of Governors
- Participating in press conferences esp. during Earth Week; collaboration w/ CLL and Sustainability
- Dawson Dinin – trying to implement but more difficult because of COVID-19 restrictions
- The Hive – looking for activities for its 10yr anniversary
- Press interviews with CTV News and Global News
- Posts for sustainability volunteering to be published soon

5. DSU Student Representatives & Committee Reports

No Action Required

DSU Student Representatives

- a. Senate (18 Jan.22) – VP of Internal Affairs and Operations reported the following:
- DG – discussed Strategic Plan to reflect where Dawson should be in 5 yrs (will ask for feedback in Feb/Mar)
  - New building plans (started in 2014) have been stalled
  - Blended Teaching and Learning Support Team – pros of reversed classroom approach (students do learning on their own)
  - Senate voted on Academic Calendar and brought back the Fall break; VP of Academics & Advocacy informed Senate that this break is needed for mental health of the students

- b. Health & Safety Committee (8 Dec.21) – VP of Internal Affairs and Operations reported the following:
- Outdoor lighting (Atwater side) fixed, snow and ice removal – de Maisonneuve entrance open; library intercom replacement required
  - Julie Drolet (College nurse) – brought up concerns of symptoms and testing of COVID-19
  - Message sent to all teachers to wear masks; teachers’ responsibility to ensure students wear masks - confusion w/ messaging
  - If students do not wear masks, protocol is to call Security who will enter student info into database (Code of Conduct- students must ID themselves when asked by Security): 1st offence – Student Services are not notified; additional offences will be escalated
  - Protocol for those with COVID-19 symptoms: Go to Isolation Room (Security) or go home and get tested; if positive, then self-isolate; email results to Dawson Health Services; If in contact with someone who has tested positive, you may still need to quarantine – always contact Dawson Health Services
  - Committee chaired by Dan – recommendation to meet more frequently
  - Christmas Gathering – max 25 for office parties; recommended to do things off campus since do not have enough room to socially distance; no serving of alcohol since people forget to socially distance/wear masks
  - Evacuation Drill (end of Oct) – building emptied in 8min; better communication (signage) needed
  - Procedure for lockdown – needs to be addressed; need to do lockdown practices
  - DSU has been following COVID-19 protocols even better than the faculty
- c. Academic Calendar Committee (N/A) – VP of Internal Affairs and Operations reported the following:
- Voted on Fall break - included again
- d. Institutional Student Evaluation Policy (ISEP) [27 Jan.22] – VP of Internal Affairs and Operations reported the following:
- Filling in for VP of Academics and Advocacy – can no longer attend due to schedule conflict
  - Voting for subcommittees
- e. Sustainability Advisory Committee - None
- f. Dawson Foundation Board of Directors – VP of Finance reported the following:
- Showed interest in collaborating financially w/ DSU – Dawson Foundation can contribute financially to Special Projects Funding; shows good faith on their part; had meetings about investments – how they plan on doing future investments; VP of Finance is part of Investment Committee - focus is on sustainable investing (without harming environment)
- g. Science Pre-university Committee – SMSE Councillor, Inès Lamothe-Katrapani, reported the following:
- Discussed schedule; Academic Calendar - break; election day; reports (how many people stay in program); some points about Academic Dean’s Pilot Project – was not very relevant at the time

- Concern about multiple platforms for online learning
- h. CASAQ – VP of External Affairs said the meeting would take place next week so would have things to report on following the meeting

### DSU Committees

- i. Campus & Events Operations Committee – VP of Student Life reported the following:
  - Cut some events in order to avoid duplicating CLL events
  - Plan to collaborate with CLL for Pink Shirt Day
  - Grad – planning to plan prom-type event; Omnivox questionnaire to be sent to students next week
  - Trying new strategy for logistical planning to have more solid plans in advance, instead of week-to-week like in F2021
- j. Finance Committee – VP of Finance reported the following:
  - Special Projects Funding – Atwater Community Pantry
  - Established a way to follow-up on projects after funding has been given; reports – for accountability
  - Main mandate – to create financial regulations
- k. Student Representatives Caucus – VP of Academics and Advocacy reported the following:
  - Next meeting - provisional date of 9 Feb.22
  - Last meeting covered By-Law 6; open discussion on how students can be better represented at Senate; is the Student Body adequately represented in the different College bodies; demographic representation when it comes to seats; Grade Review Committee – created at an ISEP meeting – committee will review different processes to ensure they are unbiased; Academic Calendar approved

## 6. Strategic Discussion

### Action Required

#### a. DSU COVID-19 Task Force

The Acting Chair opened the floor to discussions regarding:

- Feedback on pros and cons of Dawson College’s preparedness for in-person classes
- Is Dawson College putting the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff as a top priority?
- Is Dawson College meeting the health and safety requirements as directed by the provincial and federal governments?
- What have/can we learn from F2021 reopening?

The following points were brought up:

- Concerns about the number of students and teachers recently infected
- Classroom space deficit – unable to socially distance properly (ex. 40 people in a classroom that can barely fit 30)
- People want the whole CEGEP experience but do not feel safe because the College does not have the right mitigative measures for COVID-19

- Concerns about poor ventilation - ventilation changes every hour/not frequent enough (ex. If 1 person sneezes in a classroom, that student will/can contaminate all students present); even classes w/ windows do not open
- Some students are in the same classroom for entire semester – no windows/ventilation, no room for distancing; students want to create a club for them to feel less worried
- Effect on mental health: Some students really worried about going in-person; some are happy to be back in-person and regain some sort of normalcy; possibility of polling students to see what they are feeling
- Possibly safer than if socializing privately in homes; on campus students are asked to wear masks
- Exaggerated restrictions become a detriment to mental health; need to be some sort of balance
- College should supply N95 masks; need to find ways to push for College to provide this so students do not have to pay for it
- College is responsible for making the campus a safe environment for students, teachers and staff

MOTION moved by Abril Meza Naranjo *to form a DSU COVID-19 task force which will assess (i.e.. on a biweekly basis) how the College and DSU are handling COVID-19 mitigative measures*

Seconded Marisa Mitchell

Voting count: In favour – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

b. Perspective Québec Scholarship Program

Daniela Diaz and Marischka Joseph, SSBT Councillors informed the Council provided the following [background info](#). While Premier Legault said there is a shortage of healthcare workers, only 6 of the 22 technical programs are eligible for the scholarship program – Social Service is not one of them despite shortage in staff in that sector – where students who have not graduated are currently being hired to fill the vacancies.

The SSBT Councillors requested support from DTU, CASAQ members, and DSU and encouraged the sharing and signing of the [petition](#)

The VP of Internal Affairs and Operations said she would set up a Communications meeting to discuss ways of sharing the petition.

The VP of External Affairs said she would bring this point up at the next CASAQ meeting that Friday.

c. DSU Student Insurance Task Force

The Acting Chair informed the Council that Studentcare (ASEQ) held a meeting in January to discuss the new laws concerning student insurance which may make it harder for the DSU to implement.

Motion moved by Abril Meza Naranjo *to form a DSU Student Insurance Task Force to assist in every stage of the implementation process.*

Seconded by Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga

Voting count: In favour – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7. Schedule of W2022 Student Council Meetings Action Required  
a. Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

The Acting Chair proposed to hold W2022 Student Council regular monthly meetings on the last Monday of every month at 7:15pm (similar to F2021 schedule). No consensus was reached so it was agreed that a Doodle poll would be sent to determine the best day to hold the meeting.


- b. Special Meeting: February

The Acting Chair informed the Council of the President's request to call a special meeting of the Student Council in mid-February to address additional agenda items (propose Wed, 16 Feb @7:15pm via Zoom)

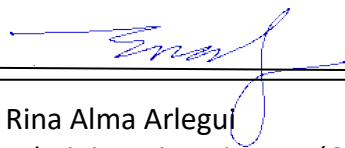
The proposed date and time were approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.



Kessy Simbi  
Chair



Rina Alma Arlegui  
Administrative Director (Corporate Secretary)





## Standing Regulations on Clubs of the Dawson Student Union v 1.2

### 1. Clubs

#### I. Purpose

Clubs shall be student-run groups dedicated to specific interests and activities. Unless otherwise stated, the term “Clubs” shall refer to both DSU Interim and Official Clubs.

#### II. Oversight

Clubs shall be legally and financially overseen by the Dawson Student Union and cannot be overseen by any external organization.

#### III. Membership

Club membership shall be open to all Dawson Student Union members, that is, all full-time and part-time Dawson College students.

### 2. Club Status Accreditation

#### I. Interim Status

##### Accreditation Requirements:

- 1) The initiative is unique, feasible, and institutionally and financially sustainable.

##### Accreditation Procedure:

- 1) Present a Club Constitution;
- 2) Present a list of three (3) executive members;
- 3) Present a petition in support of the recognition of the club by at least fifty (50) DSU members, highlighting at least ten (10) potential active members. If accredited, Interim Club Status will be granted for one (1) semester, after which an Interim Club may apply for Official Club Status.

#### II. Official Club Status

##### Accreditation Eligibility:

- 1) Must have held Interim Club Status for at least one (1) semester;
- 2) Must have held one (1) event open to the general Dawson College Student Body as Interim Club.

##### Accreditation Procedure:

- 1) Show proof of the event;
- 2) **Show proof** of bi-weekly meetings;
- 3) Present a list of three (3) executive members.
- 4)

### 3. Club Requirements

#### I. Constitution

All Clubs must have an up-to-date constitution. Any changes brought to the constitution throughout the year must be submitted to the VP of Student Life and approved by the DSU Executive Officers.

#### II. Elections

All clubs must hold Executive Team elections at least every two semesters. Further elections can be held as directed by the VP of Student Life. Elections may be overseen by a Dawson Student Union Executive or a proxy selected by the VP of Student Life.

#### III. Executive Team

All clubs are required to have an Executive Team of at least three (3) Executive Officers.

- a) The three (3) core officers include Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer;
- b) Clubs may take alternate forms of governance if the three (3) core components are somehow represented within the Executive Team (i.e., through sub-committees, rotations, etc.);
- c) In both cases of rotating and stationary executive positions, only one person is allowed to hold a position at a time. This entails a prohibition of "Co-Chairs", etc.
- d) Alternate forms of governance shall be discussed with and approved by the DSU Executive Officers.

All Clubs must designate two (2) signing officers within the Executive Team.

#### IV. Meetings

All Clubs must hold bi-weekly meetings.

All Clubs shall keep track of all minutes, specifically where financial, and other decisions are made. For the purpose of the corporate records as per the DSU Constitution, all Club minutes shall be submitted to the VP of Student Life and DSU Administrative Director.

#### V. Events

The VP of Student Life must approve all events at least 2 weeks prior to the event start date. Both Interim and Official Clubs can only hold a maximum of five (5) individual and/or joint events in an Academic Year. All Clubs wishing to reserve a space for an event must email the VP of Student Life at least 2 weeks prior to the event start date. Rooms requested cannot be guaranteed and will only be confirmed by Campus Life and Leadership (CLL).

##### a) Interim Clubs

Interim Clubs shall hold at least one (1) individual and/or joint event open to the general Dawson College student body in the semester in which they are active.

## b) Official Clubs

Official Clubs shall hold at least three (3) events open to the general Dawson College student body per school year. One (1) event may be held in collaboration with other Clubs to count towards the mandatory three events. Collaborations with Campus Life and Leadership (CLL) or the DSU directly can also count towards the mandatory three events at the discretion of the VP of Student Life.

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the minimum required number of events shall be two (2).

## VI. Consent Workshop

The three (3) core officers of the Club Executive Team must attend the Consent Workshop held by the DSU Hive Centre each semester.

- a) An executive having already attended the workshop twice within the period of one (1) Academic Calendar Year is not obligated to attend.
- b) Clubs for which any executive fails to attend the workshop will be suspended for one (1) semester.

## 4. Club Policies

### I. Elections

#### a) Election Period

All clubs must hold elections at the end of each Academic Year.

#### b) Quorum

A quorum must be established for the election and votes to be valid. Quorum is established at a simple majority, meaning 50% + 1.

#### c) Executives List

A completed executive list must be submitted to the VP of Student Life within one (1) week after the elections.

The executives list must include the executives' first and last names, positions, student IDs, email addresses, and phone numbers.

### II. Financial

#### 1) Official Clubs

##### a) Funding

Clubs are allocated \$750 CAD per semester (i.e. \$1500 CAD per Academic Year) with the DSU Executive Officers' approval. If ordained by the DSU Executive Officers, the remainder of a club's budget from the Fall Semester that has not been spent can be carried over into the Winter Semester. Clubs may apply to the Special Project Fund for initiatives that need additional funding by submitting an application.

## b) Expenditures and Reimbursements

Clubs must complete and submit a Cheque Requisition form and meeting minutes to approve the expenditure to be processed to the DSU's VP of Finance to pay expenditures, as per the Docusign form on the Dawson Student Union website.

Two (2) signing officers, designated within the Club's executive team, must sign each Cheque Requisition form. Funds will not be reimbursed unless they are accompanied by proof of payment, a Cheque Requisition form, and meeting minutes approving the expenditure to be processed.

### 01. Minutes

Minutes approving the expenditure must be submitted with each Cheque Requisition form. Minutes should include the Club Executive's name making the purchase and the estimated amount that the said executive would spend.

### 02. Receipts/Invoices

Only original receipts will be accepted. Debit and credit card notes will only be accepted if their itemized receipt accompanies them.

## c) Cheques

Club Executives processing the payments may give the DSU's VP of Finance void cheques and/or banking information for reimbursement to avoid pick-up at the College. All paper cheques awaiting pick-up will be kept at the DSU office in room 2F.2.

## d) Special Project Funding

The DSU allocates a certain amount per year to Special Project Funding (SPF). Clubs must complete and submit the Special Project Funding Request form to the DSU's VP of Finance. Special Project Funding allows for a maximum application amount of \$3000 CAD per application. To be eligible to apply for Special Project Funding, the project must:

- i. Be run by currently enrolled Dawson College student(s);
- ii. Target and be open to the general Dawson College student body;
- iii. Clubs must submit a formal proposal and a detailed budget; they must demonstrate a significant level of advancement in the planning and preparation of the project and have the realistic potential of being achieved in the timeframe given;
- iv. Clubs must have fundraised 20% of the project's finances. The DSU's VP of Finance will request proof of fundraising before the approval of the SPF;
- v. Clubs may not transfer their annual budget towards the SPF fundraising rule outlined in point 2.1.d.iv.

Special Project Funding acceptance is not guaranteed. The DSU's VP of Finance and the DSU Finance Committee will review the proposal and decide based on the project's legitimacy.

## 2) Interim Clubs

Interim clubs will also have access to Special Project Funding to fund club activities.

### 3) Event Funding

Club events will be paid for by a club from its allocated budget.

In the case of events held by a club in collaboration with other clubs or with the DSU itself, the DSU will cover certain costs as specified by the VP of Finance.

In the case of nighttime (6:00pm-10:00pm) events that require security, the DSU will cover security charges for three (3) events per Academic Year. All other nighttime events requiring extra security charges must be covered by the club budget.

## III. Club Spaces

### a) Responsibilities

Codes and/or keys to spaces, desks, filing cabinets, etc. can only be given to Club Executives by DSU Executive Officers. Club Executives possessing codes and/or keys are **prohibited from sharing the code and/or keys** with any unauthorized person. Only the DSU Executive Officers can authorize person(s) to receive the codes and/or keys to DSU spaces.

**At least one Club Executive must always be present in club spaces when they are being used/open.** Spaces are to be kept tidy and clean by those having access to said spaces.

Personal belongings are not to be left in club spaces overnight or unattended.

The DSU and Club Executives are not liable for any lost or stolen personal items left unattended in the club spaces.

### b) Furnishing and Decorations

Only DSU approved furniture is allowed. Office windows and heaters must remain unobstructed. Electrical appliances are prohibited unless specific approval has been granted by the DSU.

### c) Safer Space Policy

The DSU is dedicated to providing safer, harassment-free spaces for everyone.

The DSU will not tolerate any behaviors that perpetuate racism, sexism, classism, ableism, homophobia, and transphobia (i.e., discrimination on the basis of gender, race/ethnicity, age, class, religion, sexual identity, or ability). All DSU members must respect the Safer Space Policy.

## IV. Advertising

### a) Approbation

All advertisement material must be approved by the DSU and stamped by CLL.

Clubs are only permitted to hang posters in designated areas as indicated by CLL.

Clubs **must remove posters** after their expiry date, which is a day after the event has occurred.

#### b) Content

All advertisement material must display the DSU logo, a title, the location, the date and the time of the event. Advertisements displaying any wording, symbol, or sign deemed to be discriminatory shall not be permitted.

Advertisements promoting profane language shall not be permitted.

Advertisements containing false or misleading information shall not be permitted.

Advertisements promoting illegal or abusive consumption of drugs or alcohol shall not be permitted.

Only advertisement material announcing activities to be held at the College or of interest to the general Dawson College student body shall be permitted.

Advertisement material posted by external organizations shall not be permitted unless granted special approval by the DSU and CLL.

Should any advertisement material not be approved before being displayed, advertisement material shall be removed without further notice

#### c) Dimensions

Posters shall not exceed the **size limit of 11” by 17”**, after which posters become banners which can be hung around the railings in the Upper Atrium [space needs to be booked at least two (2) weeks in advance].

#### d) Jurisdictions

Posters shall only be displayed within designated areas in order to meet the requirements of relevant municipal and fire safety bylaws. Doors cannot be blocked with furniture.

No more than 25 posters at once shall be authorized for any group due to sustainability policies, printing volume and usefulness.

### **V. Sustainability**

DSU Clubs must be in line with the Dawson College Sustainability Policy.

#### a) Events

The purchase of non-recyclable or non-compostable tableware will not be reimbursed. The purchase of non-fair-trade coffee will not be reimbursed.

### **5. Club Activity**

- i. All Clubs must adhere to Club Requirements to be considered active.
- ii. Clubs shall be considered inactive if they fail to adhere to Club Requirements.
- iii. Should a Club be considered inactive for more than one (1) semester, Club Status shall be revoked. If it is restarted, it must again undergo the process of becoming an interim club.

## **6. Club Status Revocation**

Club Status, Interim or Official, may be revoked by the DSU Executive Officers for the following reasons:

- a) Inactivity period exceeding one (1) semester;
- b) Violation of Club Policies;
- c) Failure of the Club to adhere to its own constitution;
- d) Other reasons which may violate DSU or Dawson College regulations and/or policies as deemed by the VP of Student Life through consultation with members of the DSU Executive Officers.

### ***General Provisions***

The DSU Executive Officers shall review and revise the Clubs Standing Regulations on a regular basis which shall be voted on by the DSU Student Council.

The DSU Executive Officers reserve the right to enforce and apply amendments to the Clubs Standing Regulations in the interim so long as the amendments are ratified by the Student Council.

In the event of *force majeure* (an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled as defined by Merriam-Webster), the DSU Executive Officers reserve the right to change the minimum requirements to obtain or sustain Official Club Status.



# **The New Committees**



# Indigenous Students Committee & The Students of Colour Committee


These new committees serve an essential advisory purpose and identify opportunities for growth at Dawson College by evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of our institution. The committees are born out of the conviction that the voices of students of colour and Indigenous students should be valued at the center of the college's processes and priorities. The members are eager to exchange collaboratively with likeminded students and are passionate about bringing meaningful insight and change to Dawson College.



# The Meeting Style

## Decolonizing gatherings

The members of each committee would meet in an informal co-leadership style. This means that the agenda for each meeting is created collaboratively with the guidance of the members and that items are explored conversationally.





# **A BETTER NAME**

**Students of Colour Committee**

# Why the change?

## More Accuracy, Less Redundancy

- BIPOC includes Indigenous people, but we'll have the Indigenous Students Committee\*.
- Not all ethnic minorities agree that separating Black people and people of colour is a positive, necessary or helpful distinction.

# Why the change?

## Why “Students of Colour”?

- “People of African, Central/South American, Asian, Arab etc... descent Committee” is a mouthful
- Intention of the term POC is to unify people belonging to these groups for social justice and advocacy work and not to erase their individuality.

# For more info...

For the history and explanation of the term POC, I recommend this article:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/07/02/people-color-are-protesting-heres-what-you-need-know-about-this-new-identity/>



# Students of Colour Committee (SCC)

The term student of colour is used to designate people of African, Central/South American, Asian and Arab descent, regardless of skin colour. The goal is to find ways to better support the diversity of our community. The members will offer worldviews, intersectional cultural perspectives and expertise that can only come from their own unique lived experience as people of colour. Once again, the focus is on ethnic origin/identity and membership to a minority group rather than skin colour.



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# Indigenous Students Committee (ISC)

The committee is populated exclusively by self-identifying Indigenous students of Turtle Island and of the world. A global indigenous perspective can only enrich the community we are striving to build. The members will offer worldviews, intersectional cultural perspectives and expertise that can only come from their own unique lived experience as Indigenous people.



# **AGAIN, A BETTER NAME**

**Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee**

# *Why the change?*

*To keep up!*

*The term EDI is being used in circles of higher education across the country*

# Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee

The EDI Committee is where members of the aforementioned committees come together, twice in the semester. Members of both groups join to partake in broader discussions, explore intersectionality, foster empowerment, and stimulate collaboration. This means that members of both the SCC and the ISC are also members of the EDI Committee by default. (Two for one bonus: the enrichment of your personal/academic experience and of your CV!).



# A lil note...

It should be noted that indigenous people can also identify as POC, the two are not mutually exclusive. This is another reason why the joining of the SCC and the ISC to form the EDI Committee recognizes the intersectionality of identity. For example, a student who identifies both as indigenous and as a person of colour can have their voice heard in both spaces.



*Any Questions?*