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**DAWSON STUDENT UNION W2022AGA-18
DSU ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING NO. 18
MEETING TYPE: REGULAR
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 @6:00PM ET
VIA ZOOM**

5. New Business

a. Union Positions

i. **Bill 96**

Preamble: In winter 2021, the Quebec government, under Coalition Avenir Quebec, tabled bill 96. Throughout the remainder of the year, DSU worked to inform its members via media relations and a statement prepared in collaboration with four other English college student associations. In early 2022, additional information concerning the bill's impacts on education came to light. In response, the DSU has increased media visibility on the matter, participated in webinars and press conferences in hopes to bring clarity to its membership. DSU collaborated with partner organizations and labour unions to organize two large public demonstrations for Bill 96. The May 5, 2022 interassociation campus rallies were organized with the help of Champlain Student Association, Marianopolis Student Union, Vanier College Student Association and John Abbott Student Association, as well as the Dawson Teachers Union. The May 14, 2022 city-wide protest is being organized by the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN), a partner of the DSU, along with numerous other groups including the English Parents Committee Association, English School Boards Association, student groups and CEGEPs, etc.

Union Position: The Union opposes Bill 96 as it harms Indigenous communities and other marginalized minority groups, limits access to higher education, places enrollment caps on English colleges, includes additional course curriculum and examination requirements for various groups of students, limits and overhauls the business operations of the union, limits public services including legal and health care services for non-French speaking minority groups, creates strict

categories of college students based on their family background or place of origin and creates further job insecurity for members of faculty, especially in the English and French language departments of Dawson College.

Submitted by: Student Council

Action required: Ratification

ii. **Collective Insurance**

Preamble: In May 2021, Dawson students voted overwhelmingly in favour of implementing a comprehensive collective insurance plan for all Dawson students, despite pushback and lack of collaboration from the Dawson College administration for the implementation process. In April 2022, l’Autorite des Marches Financiers invited the DSU and other student associations from the CEGEP and universities sectors to a series of consultations regarding collective insurances for students, in particular the current system of the “opt-out” mechanism common to all student insurance regimes.

Union Position: The Union opposes the proposed changes from l’Autorite des Marches Financiers to student collective insurance regimes which would make the insurance fees unaffordable for students and negatively affect their health or wellbeing.

The Union opposes and condemns the Dawson College administration’s delays, pushback and disinterest in implementing the collective insurance plan for all Dawson students, which would grant them coverage for health care, dental care and access other essential services for students’ wellbeing.

Submitted by: Student Council

Action required: Ratification

iii. **Sustainability and Climate Action (Campus Infrastructure)**

Preamble: Dawson College has won numerous accolades for environmental and sustainable initiatives on campus yet continues to deny implementation of key infrastructure and landscaping projects that have been designed and proposed

by community stakeholders including students.

Union Position: The Union supports the funding and facilitation of sustainable practices and infrastructure by Dawson College.

The Union supports campus improvement infrastructure projects including but not limited to: rooftop rainfall collection facilities, green house facilities, expansion and improved access to rooftop urban gardens, improved maintenance and additional areas for insect species preservations (Beehives, Monarch Butterfly Nursery etc) and additional funding for the purposes of exploring new landscaping projects that centres Dawson's campus as a biodiversity zone and refuge for wildlife.

The Union supports socially responsible infrastructure projects such as gender neutral washrooms, changing rooms and shower rooms for gym or P.A.R.C facilities and calls on the Director of Facilities Management Services to improve options for the privacy, safety and security of students while using gym facilities at Dawson College.

Submitted by: Student Council

Action required: Ratification

iiii. **Bylaw 6**

Preamble: In May 2022, the Dawson College Senate will discuss recommendations from the Bylaw 6 subcommittee. The current composition proposal supported by the Association of Dawson Professionals, Dawson Support Staff Union and the DSU Student Council is as follows:

Proposed composition

- 8 Student Representatives, 8 Faculty Representatives, 4 Support Staff Representatives, 4 Professionals Representatives and 8 Administrative Officials

Current composition

- 18 Faculty Representatives, 4 Student Representatives, 3 Professional Representatives, 1 Support Staff Representative and 8 Administrative Officials.

Union Position: The Union supports the Senate composition recommended by 2021-2022 student Senators, as follows: 8 Student Representatives, 8 Faculty Representatives, 4 Support Staff Representatives, 4 Professionals Representatives and 8 Administrative Officials.

Submitted by: Student Council

Action required: Ratification

iiii. Dawson College and Dawson College Foundation Investment Portfolios

Preamble: N/A

Union Position: The Union formally requests Dawson College and the Dawson College Foundation to immediately issue a statement detailing their complete portfolio of investments that will be easily accessed by the student body and the public.

Submitted by: The Green Earth Club

Action required: Ratification