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The Winter General Assembly of the Dawson Student Union was held on Tuesday the 27th of April 2021 at 18:00 by videoconference. The Chair, Miara Solivo, presided over the assembly. Secretary Abril Meza Naranjo recorded the minutes.

Directors present: Kevin Contant-Holowatyj (Chairperson), Alexandrah Cardona (Deputy Chairperson), Noah Lemaire (Treasurer), Danahé Orduna Martinez (Director of Mobilization & Communications), Amelie Chornet (Director of Clubs & Services), Nicole Vega Rivas (Director of Student Life), Leana Ramirez (Director of Internal Affairs & Advocacy), Sarah Bensemana (Director of Sustainability), Valeria Sygal (Director of External Affairs)

Guests present: Miara Solivo (Chair), Abril Meza Naranjo (Secretary)

Members in attendance: 60

Quorum: (50) Yes

Majority: 30

Agenda

1. Land Recognition
2. Adoption of the minutes (Fall 2020 General Assembly)
3. Presentation
 - 3.1 General Elections 2021
4. Reports
 - 4.1 Executive Committee Annual Report
 - 4.2 Financial Statements (FY ending in 2020)
5. Special Orders
 - 5.1 Appointment of the Auditor (FY ending in 2021)
 - 5.2 Ratification of the New Constitution
 - 5.3 Request for Supplementary Letters Patent
 - 5.4 Reclassification of Policies
 - 5.5 Ratification of Policy on Land Recognition
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Position on In-Person Final Exams
7. Adjournment

Assembly called to order at 16:07

1. Land Recognition

- Mia Solivo presented the land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of the minutes (Fall 2020 General Assembly)

- Kevin Constant motioned for adoption of minutes of the Fall 2020 General Assembly
- Motion passed by unanimous consent.

3. Presentation

3.1 General Elections 2021

- Presentation by Kessy Simbi (CEO).
 - Nomination period for General Election: new committee, new student council and demographic representatives. May 3rd end of nomination.

4. Reports

4.1 Executive Committee Annual Report

- Kevin Constant-Holowatyj presented annual report
 - DSU 2020/2021 has successfully hosted both a Fall and Winter GA which has not occurred in 2 years.
 - Budget passed in Fall 2020 General Assembly and union has been able to make considerable savings for future us. The union has not previously had any savings.
 - New constitution has been worked on to increase accountability, fixing certain contradictions in bylaws.
 - Hiring a new staff member to take over secretarial duties for consistency
 - Rebuild DSU image with the college, establishing better relationship
 - Sustainability policy started, to be continued by following executives
 - Digitization of documents and transition entirely online
 - New health and mental plan for students
 - Referendum vote: May 13-14
 - Mandate short (Beginning of October-May) but very productive

4.2 Financial Statements (Financial Year ending in 2020)

- Noah Lemaire presented financial statement report



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- Statement of revenues, expenditures and net assets showcased
 - Advertising and promotion rolled over from last team’s expenses. Due to this, decision was made not to purchase any more merch and liquidate the rest of merch
 - Covid Relief: last year’s union bought gift card for students in need due to the pandemic
 - Balance sheet available for review which contains more information on the amount of spending per category

5. Special Orders

5.1 Appointment of the Auditor (Financial Year ending in 2021)

- Noah Lemaire moved to appoint auditor for financial year of 2021
 - “Be it resolved that FL Fuller Landau LLP be appointed as the Dawson Student Union external auditor for the financial year ending May 31st, 2021 with the mandate of completing a full audit at a fee ranging from \$10,000 to \$12,000 before applicable sales taxes.
- Motion passed by unanimous consent

5.2 Ratification of the New Constitution

- Kevin Constant-Holowatyj moved to adopt New Constitution
 - “Be it resolved that the new Constitution unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee on April 26, 2021, as a replacement to the current Constitution and By-Laws of the Union, be ratified by the Assembly subject to a subsequent ratification vote in a referendum.”
- Motion passed by unanimous consent

5.3 Request for Supplementary Letters Patent

- Noah Lemaire moves to adopt the patent
 - “Be it resolved that the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee on April 26, 2021, to request Supplementary Letters Patent be ratified by the members of the Union.”
- Motion passed by unanimous consent

5.4 Reclassification of Policies

- Kevin Constant-Holowatyj moved adopt reclassification of policies
 - “Be it resolved that the reclassification of Union Policies as Positions adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee on Aprils 26th 2021 be ratified.”
- Motion passed by unanimous consent

5.5 Ratification of Policy on Land Recognition

- Leana Ramirez moved to adopt policy on land recognition
 - “Be it resolved that the Union Policy on Land Recognition adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee on Aprils 26, 2021, be ratified.”
- Motion passed by majority consent.

6.1 Position on In-Person Final Exams

- Inès Lamothe-Katrapani moved to adopt position on in-person final exams
 - “Be it resolved that the Dawson Student Union take a firm position against in-person final exams for the winter 2021 semester; [...] that online final exams be common across departments/courses and be worth as much as if they were in-person; that, in addition to their regular front camera, students be required to have a side-camera and keep their microphones open for the duration of the exam”

Amendment:

- Liam Gaither moved to remove “microphones being on”
 - Motion passed by majority consent.
- Alexandrah Cardona moved to adopt position on in-person final exams
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- Motion passed by majority consent.



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7. Adjournment

Winter 2021 General Assembly adjourned at **20:27**