



**DAWSON STUDENT UNION SC202111-5
 DSU STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING NO. 5
 MEETING TYPE: REGULAR
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 @7:15PM
 DAWSON COLLEGE, BOARD ROOM 5B.13**

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS

	ACADEMIC SECTOR	NAME	
1	Creative & Applied Arts	Marisa Mitchell	Apologies
2	Creative & Applied Arts	vacant	
3	Continuing Education	vacant	
4	Continuing Education	vacant	
5	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Adelka Felcarek-Hope	Present
6	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	Inès Lamothe-Katrapani	Present
7	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	vacant	
8	Science, Medical Studies & Engineering	vacant	
9	Social Science & Business Technologies	Daniela Diaz	Present
10	Social Science & Business Technologies	Richard Raphael	Present
11	Social Science & Business Technologies	Charlotte Pelletier-Burke	Present
12	Social Science & Business Technologies	vacant	
13	DSU President	Alexandrah Cardona	Present
14	DSU VP of Finance	Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga	Present

EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS

	ROLE	NAME	
1	VP of Internal Affairs and Operations	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	Apologies
6	Chair ¹	Samantha Morel	Present
7	Administrative Director ¹ (Corporate Secretary)	Rina Alma Arlegui	Present

GUESTS/OBSERVERS PRESENT

Tristan Boisvert-Larouche

Marischka Joseph

Madison O'Connell

The Chair did a role call and confirmed a quorum was present. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:25pm. She reminded the Student Council that voting would be done through hand-raising.

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 meeting held on October 25, 2021 Action Required

The minutes of the previous meeting as distributed were approved unanimously without question or comment.

3. Resolution to Appoint Student Councillors Action Required

In accordance with Section 7.9 of the DSU Constitution, the Student Council passed DSU Resolution No. 2021-2SC in order to fill the vacancies and appoint the following Student Councillors effective 29 November 2021:

ACADEMIC SECTOR	STUDENT COUNCILLOR
Science, Medical Studies and Engineering	Tristan Boisvert-Larouche
Science, Medical Studies and Engineering	Allen La
Social Science and Business Technologies	Marischka Joseph
Creative and Applied Arts	Amélie Druker
Continuing Education	Madison O'Connell
Continuing Education	vacancy

Note: There were 2 candidates for the Science, Medical Studies and Engineering Student Councillor position. The Executive Officers were unable to reach an agreement as to which candidate to

recommend for appointment, so the Student Councillors were asked to vote on this. At the meeting, the Student Councillors voted by secret ballot to appoint Allen La to fill the vacant Science, Medical Studies and Engineering. The ballots were counted by the VP of Internal Affairs & Operations and the Administrative Director.

ANNEX: DSU Resolution No. 2021-2SC

MOTION by Alexandrah Cardona *to approve the DSU Resolution No. 2021-2SC to fill the vacancies and appoint Student Councillors*

Seconded by Daniela Diaz Jimenez

The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

4. Appointment of Student Representatives

Action Required

As per Section 13.4 of the DSU Constitution states, the VP of Academics and Advocacy recommended to appoint the following Student Representatives Dawson College committees:

- i. Standing Committee – Policy on Sexual Violence: Alexandrah Cardona and Abril Meza Naranjo
- ii. Student Communications Committee: Yimaj Baharun
- iii. Sustainability Advisory Committee: Shirin Hinojosa Violante

The President asked the Student Council to note that the Standing Committee – Policy on Sexual Violence had a very irregular 2021 meeting schedule and that there may be a change in Student Representation in the new year (2022).

MOTION by Abril Meza Naranjo *to approve the appointment of the Student Representatives listed in the annex*

Seconded by Inès Lamothe-Katrapani

The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of 2021-2020 Revised Budget

The VP of Finance highlighted the following main changes to the DSU Budget:

- Additional expense of approximately 17K to purchase water bottles (in high demand by the DSU membership who have expressed they are willing to pay/purchase) with the possibility of selling them at a loss in order to sustain the provision of this service
- Increase budget for the DSU Hive from 12K to 18K
- Change in allocation of funds for Sustainability - The Swap and Sustainable Happiness Project
- Separated salaries for CRO and DRO from Elections Cost
- Added new Meetings budget of approximately 5K for food and beverage for SC and committees
- Added new Team building activities budget of approximately 3K
- Added new budget for Retreats of approximately 5K
- Ext. Affairs initiatives of approximately 4K – due to increase in political issues arising
- Student Group Space Improvement and Office Space Improvement – possibility of College to cover these costs

MOTION moved by Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga *to approve the revised 2021-2022 Revised Budget*

Seconded by Inès Lamothe-Katrapani
The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

6. Approval of the revised Clubs Standing Regulations

Action Required

Yimaj Baharun, VP of Student Life, informed the Student Council that the DSU Clubs Standing Regulations was due for a revision in November 2021.

Some of the revisions pertain to reimbursement procedures, Facebook funding and events as well as the differences in procedures for Interim Clubs and Official Clubs.

MOTION moved by Yimaj Baharun *to approve the revised DSU Clubs Standing Regulations*

Seconded by Yves-Jusslin Maniratanga

The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

7. Academic Dean's Online Teaching Pilot Project

No Action Required

The President addressed this agenda item which was officially announced during a Senate meeting (approximately 2 weeks ago). It is a new pilot project led by the Academic Dean with the intention to bring back components of online learning for the W2022 semester. This was done without consulting students or other stakeholders, even though students are the ones significantly impacted by this.

MOTION moved by Inès Lamothe-Katrapani *to hold a meeting/consultation for the Science, Medical Studies & Engineering Academic Sector (students and faculty) Tues, Dec 7 @2:30pm*

Seconded by Adelka Felcarek-Hope

The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

MOTION moved by Samantha Morel *to send a letter to the Science Dean and Academic Dean requesting the postponement of the Online Teaching Pilot Project and include the comments from the meeting*

Seconded by Alexandrah Cardona

The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

The President asked for feedback from the Student Councillors from the different Academic Sectors. Some comments included:

- Postpone implementation of pilot project – perhaps wait 1-2 yrs so it does not affect graduation requirements of certain programs
- Fear that Science Program will get last choice for courses which could result in a drop in grades
- Social Science & Business Technologies – most people prefer hybrid since classes are typically 4hrs long
- Exams easier online; open book, not as stressful
- Change from online to in-person is too sudden; not enough time to adapt; need to take in account mental state of students
- All exams/tests will be in person; panic over inconsistencies; evaluations; labs
- Rate of dropping out is higher due to sudden change
- Stick to 1 decision; difficult to continuously readapt; give students choice – maybe based on

program

- Anxiety extremely high; Administration should keep mental health of students as first priority
- Distance from school (travel time) – online allows for more time to do work
- Hybrid program – agenda needs to be modified
- Need to give students opportunity to make informed decisions and the best decision for them to learn depending on their program and learning style

8. Executive Reports

No Action Required

All reports were presented orally and noted by the Student Council members.

1. Executive Reports

No Action Required

a. President

- Welcomed new Council members; discussed training period required for new Councillors
- HR update – completed interview and selection process for The Hive – 2 new staff members
- Legal files – restructuring Union, external workshop supplier file dealt with
- StudentCare – tabling event 3 days; lunch meeting; CASAQ GA speaker; mental health crisis in Dawson community acknowledged by the College – implemented mental health hotline open to all Dawson students (announced at Senate) even though College denied students need for student care – College has refused to implement StudentCare services
- Sustainable Happiness training – training for Execs and Councillors (in future)
- DSU spaces – College offered to pay 30-40K for furniture
- Living Campus – major fundraising events; just won award; giftwrapping
- 2022 – long-term strategic plan – accepting feedback

b. Vice-President of Internal Affairs and Operations

- Club spaces – 90% okay with communal space
- Comms – regular meetings scheduled

c. Vice-President of Finance

- Audit – part 1 of audit completed; will be submitted by Fuller Landau tomorrow
- Special Project Funding – 1st project Mask Recycling boxes – working very well, will ask; have received many applications

d. Vice-President of Academics and Advocacy

- Indigenous Students Committee – in coordination with First Peoples Centre
- Swab the World – 3yr McGill; stem cell donors – more diversity required; want a partnership w/ Dawson – working w/ VP Ext Affairs
- Healthcare related technical program – unvaccinated
- Allyship
- ISEP and Sexual Violence Policy – Ombudsperson wants to address certain ambiguities to these policies
- Senate – create 2 committees each for; need more student representation; will lead to more just processes in decision making; grade review; academic grievances

e. Vice-President of External Affairs

- CASAQ GA (Nov 26) – Marianopolis, VCSA, Champlain, SUJAC, DSU; ~60 attendees; new intercollegiate collaborations
- Intercollegiate donation campaign – Marianopolis, Vanier, Lasalle College – U Atrium – Chez Doris; GEC – coats for Resilience Montreal (Cabot Square)

f. Vice-President of Student Life

- Updating Clubs Standing Regulations
- Collaboration w/ Athletics Dept – Fri (double header) – DSU raffling Blues merch

g. Vice President of Services and Sustainability - N/A

9. DSU Student Representatives & Committee Reports

No Action Required

DSU Student Representatives

h. Board of Governors (Alexandrah)

- Renovation of Oliver's – past due to be open
- Gym renovations – w/i 2yr timeframe (gyms and park area)

i. Senate (Alexandrah)

- Opening of By-law 6 Committee – Jan/Feb DSU presented motion to expand student seats-9 (shot down); 1st meeting today

j. Academic Calendar Committee (Abril)

- 2nd meeting (1st meeting 2 wks ago) – finalize; 5 fall calendars to go to voting at Senate – 2 have Fall break/3 don't; main issues start date – w/ break (Aug 18/19)/ Aug 22 – without break;

k. Institutional Student Evaluation Policy (ISEP)

- 2 new committees – Grade Review and Grievance

e. Health & Safety – Abril

- Oct 26 – dif complaints about students re: not cleaning up in cafeteria and classrooms; students being rowdy/not wearing masks; anyone can call security – Atwater and Forum
- Hand dryers – gradually being turned on
- Additional staff – security, cleaning

DSU Committees

l. Campus & Events Operations Committee

- Last week (Mon) – volunteer orientation and training
- Volunteer appreciation day ~50 attendees
- 2-Day stress free event (Zootherapy, Yoga, Chill Club); raffle for participation
- cannot hold events after Dec 1

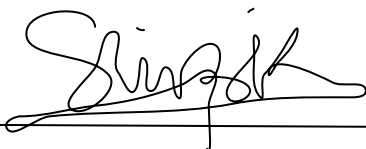
m. Finance Committee

- Have not had a meeting since last SC
- Discussed implementation of special projects; more reg mtgs planned for W2022

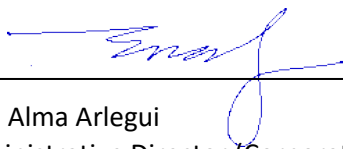
n. Student Representatives Caucus - None

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.



Kessy Simbi pp. Samantha Morel
Chair



Rina Alma Arlegui
Administrative Director (Corporate Secretary)