

DSU

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 1997 - 6 pm.
Shirreff Hall

AGENDA

MOTION:

By-Law X - General Meetings, Referenda, and Plebiscites: Amendment

BIRT By-Law X, sec. (4) should be amended to read:

Where the General meeting is called to consider business arising out of By-Law XII, notice of the General Meeting and copies of the text of any proposed amendments or revisions to the Act of Incorporation or these By-Laws, must be published at least two weeks before the General Meeting is convened. The Executive must make every reasonable attempt to publicize the time, date, and location of the General Meeting. The Chief Returning Officer will be responsible for monitoring the publicizing of the General Meeting.

BIRT By-Law X, sec. (6.1) be added:

6. In the event that quorum is not made, or that quorum is lost during the General Meeting:

(a) The Chief Returning Officer and one Officer of the Union will meet with the Judicial Board, within 72 hours of the General Meeting, to determine whether or not every reasonable effort was made to publicize the General Meeting. (b) In the event that the Judicial Board rules that every reasonable effort was not made to publicize the General Meeting, then a second General Meeting will be rescheduled, and quorum will remain at 75. (c) In the event that the Judicial Board rules that every reasonable effort was made to publicize the General Meeting, then the second General Meeting will take the place of the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, and quorum will be that of Council.

MOTION:

By-Law IV - The Council: Amendment:

Whereas the Educational Department no longer exists at Dalhousie University;

BIRT By-Law IV, sec. 3 (v) be struck.

MOTION:

By Law IV - The Council: Amendment:

BIRT in the event that the Dalhousie Student Union is amalgamated with the TUNS (Technical University of Nova Scotia) Students Union, By-Law IV, sec. 3 (h), (v), and (x) be amended to read:

(h) Two (2) Engineering Representatives;
(v) One (1) Architecture Representative;
(x) One (1) Computer Science Representative; and

BIRT the selection of the recipients of the DSU scholarship fund will be the responsibility of the Honor Awards and Valedictorian Committee.

MOTION:

Section 6 - Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook.

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook is not a Regulation of the Union; and,

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook is listed between the Executive Regulation and the Financial Regulation which can cause one to confuse the Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook as a Regulation of the Union:

BIRT the Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook be placed after the Constitution as the last section; and, that the order of the sections be amended to read:

Section 1 - Act of Incorporation
Section 2 - By-Laws
Section 3 - Committee Regulations
Section 4 - Constitution Regulation
Section 5 - Executive Regulation
Section 6 - Financial Regulation
Section 7 - Student Union Building Policy & Procedures
Section 8 - Nominations and Election
Section 9 - Administrative Policy Regulations
Section 10 - Union Rules and Procedures
Section 11 - Dalhousie Student Union Staff Handbook

MOTION:

By Law VII - Finance

BIRT By-Law VII - Finance be amended to read:

5 (a) The Board of Governors is authorized to collect from each full-time and part-time students in every year, a sum, the amount of which shall be approved at a General Meeting of the Union, during the preceding fiscal year, to be paid by the Board of Governors to the Union;

(b) section (a) shall apply to all DSU levies;

(c) The Board of Governors is only authorized to collect-fees for a DSU Society that has passed the fee amount through approval at a General Meeting of the Society;

(d) A General Meeting on all DSU fees, levies, and Society fees shall only occur if the amount is to increase and shall not apply to the current amount collected by the Union as of May 1, 1996.

MOTION:

Section 5 - Executive Regulation

BIRT section 9 of the Executive Regulation be struck; and,

BIRT the numbers of the following Sections in the Executive Regulation be

amended to read:

Section 9: Transition Period
Section 10: DSU Part-time Staff Orientation
Section 11: Executive Goals

MOTION:

Executive and Governing Review Committee

BIRT the Executive Review Committee be replaced with an Executive and Governing Review Committee:

1. There shall be an Executive and Governing Review Committee, hereafter called the "committee", consisting of three non Executive Council members and two non councillors appointed by non-Executive members not earlier than April 1 and not after May 1 in the year in which Council is elected.

(a) One of the non-Executive members of the Committee will be appointed as the Chair.

(b) The Chair will coordinate the Executive and Governing Review, and submit the Executive and Governing Review Committee Report to Council.

(c) The Committee will conduct performance evaluations on each of the DSU executive members, and on the DSU governing systems by December 5 and April 1 each year.

(d) The report will include the evaluations of the executive and, if warranted, suggestions for improvement.

2. The Committee will evaluate each Executive member on the Executive member's job requirements within the By-Laws, Regulations and goals set for the year.

3. The Committee will evaluate each member's portfolio, and the structure of the Executive, and make suggestions, if warranted, for improvement.

4. The committee will report its evaluations to Council at the following Council meeting.

5. Council has the authority, if deemed necessary, to exercise its right under By-Law XI, if an Executive member's evaluation is unsatisfactory.

MOTION:

BIRT societies from A to E be amended in the Constitution to reflect the changes made this year.

MOTION:

BIRT the Vice President Community Affairs shall:

Additions:

be responsible for organizing the University's annual Homecoming and Winter Carnival celebrations act as one of the Dalhousie Shinerama Campaign Director

Deletions:

(ji) phone information service

MOTION:

BIRT By-Law IV, The Council, Section 5 (c), be amended to read:

Three (3) Members-at Large - one

of whom shall be appointed in September, the second shall be a First Year Student and shall be appointed in January, and the third shall be appointed by the incoming Council within the months of March or April for a one year period.

MOTION:

Academic and External Affairs Committee

Delete: 3.2 (d)(e) Academic and External Affairs Committee

(d) one member of council, who shall be appointed by October 1st of the year they are elected;

(e) two members of the Union, preferably non-Council members.

Add: 3.2 (d)

(d) at least one member of the Union to a maximum of six.

MOTION:

BIRT: the following section be included under Committee Regulations

Grants Committee

1. This regulation may be referred to as the "Grants Committee Regulation."

2. There shall be a Grants Committee, hereinafter called "the Committee," that shall be composed of:

(a) the Treasurer, who shall Chair the committee,

(b) two non-Executive members of the Council, and

(c) the Executive Vice- President, who shall be a non-voting member.

3. The Committee shall be appointed by the incoming Council on or before May 1 in each year.

4. An "applicant" shall be defined as:

(a) any society ratified by Council;
(b) any Dalhousie student, whose application will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

5. The Committee shall meet according to the schedule as defined by the Committee at the beginning of each academic term. Meetings shall be scheduled at least once every three weeks during the regular academic year.

6. The Committee shall:
(a) review and evaluate applications, and

(b) make recommendations to Council on grant requests.

7. All applications shall include the following:

(a) detailed description of all revenues and expenditures of any programme, event, or undertaking for which the grant is requested,

(b) where the applicant is an organization that exists on an on-going basis, details of its overall financial situation be included in the application,

(c) details of alternate fundraising undertaken in the past and those proposed for the future,

(d) details of any anticipated benefit to the Dalhousie community or the greater community.

8. Additionally:
(a) Grantees agree in accepting any

grant, that the grantee shall report subsequently on the expenditure of the grant,

(b) any applicant who received a grant in the preceding fiscal year and failed to adhere to all clauses in the Grants Committee Regulation may only apply for a grant equal to or less than 50% of the amount received in the previous year.

(c) any society which receives a grant, shall explicitly mention the support and sponsorship of the Dalhousie Student Union.

9. The deadline for submission of grant applications for consideration by the Committee shall be March 1 in each year.

10. Additional guidelines may be voted upon by the Committee at the first meeting in May.

11. Applicants not observing those guidelines adopted by the Committee in accordance with Section 7 above shall not be eligible for a grant under this Regulation.

12. Grants allotted under this Regulation shall be drawn from the line item for Unallocated Grants in the Council department budget.

13. The Committee shall provide an Annual Report which shall include a list of the grants made by the Committee during its term and recommendations for future guidelines to be considered under Section 7 above.

BIRT: The following Committee under Section 5 be amended:

Budget And Finance Committee

Be amended such that 4(h) be removed from the constitution under "Budget and Finance Committee" and 4(i) become 4(h).

4. (h) review all grant requests and make recommendations to Council;

MOTION:

Section 6 - Union Rules and Procedures

BIRT: Section 5 of Union Rules and Procedures have the following addition:

5. The Chair shall have the power to remove any individual, or group, from a meeting if their conduct is disruptive or inappropriate, the person(s) may challenge the chair as per section 22.

BIRT: Section 7 of Union Rules and Procedures be amended to read:

7. Members of Council d) inform the Chair as to the circumstances that may, from time to time, cause a member to be unable to attend a meeting. Regrets must be submitted in writing to the Chair, twenty-four hours in advance, or/ and a phone message must be left at the DSU offices.