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Students’ Representative Council

Minutes

19th March Dalhousie 1f01

Attendance

Funmilayo Owa (Womens), Cynthia Christopher (Housing), Esther Ajayi-Akinsulire (First Year), Hamish Fraser (SRC Chairperson), Marcus Flucker (Learning & Teaching), Ian Buerger (IMC), , Samuel Lincoln-Bassey (Taught Postgraduate), Dae Al-Saeedi (RPG Rep), Tosan Akpituren (General)

School Presidents

Dominic Lee (Medicine), Erin MacInnes (HSSL), Marlon D'Ambrosio (Science and Engineering), Joanna Walke (DJCAD), Conor Heward (Business), Lucas Fonseca (Health Sciences), Ridvan Kucuk (Life Sciences).

Executive

Ash Mutembwa (President), Nicole Okoro (VP Representation), Mubarak Babalola (VP Academia), Manaswi Budhathoki (VP Community), Bernard Aihevba (VP Student Wellbeing), Parissa Robinson (VP Student Activities).

Observers

Blair Grubb (VP Education), Keith Winters (Rectors Assessor), Chris Gourley (Student Experience), Kellie Ioannou (Business Support Manager).

Apologies

Saga Hamdan (International), Matthew Fancourt (Dentistry), Dani McFawns (HSSL), Ridvan Kucuk (Life Sciences), Yaa Agyei-Akwa (VP Fundraising), Keith Harris (Rector), Alice Saville (SU President), Wadhhah Al Dehani (RPG).

Absent

Elise Coubrough (Disabilities) , Nicole Bryon (Environment & Sustainability), Zainab Adeleye (BME), Paul Eluwa (EDW), Seemab Zafar (General), Rafat Ahmed Imitiaz (Facilities), Kolev Oggy (Student Parent), Aniekeme Uwah (Mature), Prashant Kumar (Employability), Rajat Mittal (General).

Minute Taker:

Loukia Morari (Representation Officer)

1. Chair’s Welcome

1.1 Hamish welcomed the council and promptly started the meeting.

1. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 Proposer: Dominic

Seconder: Ian

1. Action Tracker

3.1 Proposer: Connor

Seconder: Ian

1. PGR reps introduction

4.1 Dae thanked the council for her invitation and introduced herself as a postgraduate dental student and ambassador for the Doctoral Academy on behalf of postgraduate dental students.

1. Elections

5.1 Hamish reminded the council to vote in and promote the student leadership elections.

1. Interschool Competition Update

6.1 Ian updated the council and let them know that he was adapting the motion based on the feedback he had been given in the previous meeting. He highlighted the next steps that include speaking with Claire for her input and establish communication with school presidents and management. The council had no questions.

1. Sub-Committee Update

7.1 Education – updated by Dominic: mitigation circumstances extension proposal for on off “get out of jail free” system for reasobale adjustment mitigating circumstances extension (48-72hrs) in line with other Universities.

7.2 Engagement – updated by Nicole: games night in the Global Room on the 28th of March from 6-8pm.

1. Exec Update – Questions

8.1 VPR – Student engagement stalls, Commerce Fair and Climate Conference

8.2 VPA – Fundraiser for Palestine and PSW (Graduate) visa challenges with tuition and visa extensions.

9. AOCB

* Climate Conference breakout rooms for any councillors interested in environment and sustainability.
* There was detailed discussion around student engagement the following were proposed to increase student engagement for events:

9.1 Marlon suggested a physical pinboard to mitigate some of the social media spam. Dominic noted that when DUSA have utilised physical posters they are rarely updated they reminisced about “finding the oldest posters” game. Jo suggested that similar to DJCAD if the quality of the posters are good students will collect them which could mitigate that challenge.

9.2 Erin raised the issue of social media congestion and suggested that information gets lost when all social platforms (societies, SRC, exec and DUSA) post the same content and suggested more tailored content for each. Nicole argued that by utilising the collaboration feature posts have a wider reach with both number and demographic. Dominic suggested the ‘Highlights’ are better utilised on Instagram.

9.3 Chris mentioned that a focus group will be created to discuss matters of engagement further.