

**Local 113 of the Canadian Federation of Students**

**Council Meeting: Wednesday June 29th 3:00 PM, In-Person/Microsoft Teams**

1. CALL TO ORDER 3:07 PM
2. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY (Hari/Geeta)
3. PRESENT:

Hariprashanth Deivasigamani - DAGS President;

Geetanjali Bommera - DAGS VPA;

Het Shah - DAGS Director Science and Computer Science;

Gabriella Luongo;

Parvez Mahbub - DAGS VPE;

Fallen Matthews - DAGS VPSL;

Mohammad Ramezani -DAGS VPFO;

Office Coordinator.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Hari/Geeta)

Hari reviewed the agenda and began discussing Community Representative positions Update.   
Hari: Fallen has been working on this. If we can fill these positions, we will be in a good place for the Fall.  
Hari: There are also two reps to DSU - one to Council and one to Senate, acting as intermediary between DAGS and DSU.  
Geeta did not receive the Senate caucus meeting information. VPE will attend DSU Council. Hari will follow up with DSU regarding Senate meeting schedule.   
Hari: Also in discussions with Coordinator to finalize contract.   
Hari: Also need to look into tabling.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS DAGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Geeta/Parvez)
2. OLD BUSINESS
   1. DAGS Finance Update
      1. CRA account access and tax repayments

Hari: In talks with Jackie at DSU to get three new names added to the CRA account.

* + 1. DSU debt repayment

Hari briefly explained the Grad House issues from past years and the debt repayment plan the DSU offered DAGS.

Hari explained the funding held by DSU on DAGS’s behalf until DAGS is re-ratified and re-registered under NS Joint Stocks. A portion of these funds are going to be used to repay the DSU debt in full.

* 1. Community Representative positions Update
     1. Finalize descriptions of each position
     2. Establish application requirements and timeline

Tabled to next meeting.

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. DAGS Executive Updates

Hari provided the President Update:

- Working on the CRA issues listed above

- Attended RISE conference  
 - Working on DAGS Office Coordinator contract

- No updates from the Governance Committee so the extra DAGS AGM should be postponed to the Fall. Hari and Mohammad are working on templates for roles and responsibilities for positions such as these. Also need to add a few new members to the Governance Committee to be able to have meetings.

Mohammad provided the VPFO Update:

- Most of the VPFO update was covered by Hari

- Attended RISE Conference in Pictou, thinking to have a similar event for DAGS as a one-day trip, hike, etc

* + Office Coordinator contract is nearly finalized
  + CRA account access update
  + DSU debt repayment approval
  + Paid grants and current expenses
  + DAGS tabling - we could send an email asking for volunteers for tabling events for DAGS at various locations - Studley campus, entrance of Killiam Library, Sexton campus, etc. Coordinator will be in touch with Fallen
  + Access to email addresses for all grad students. Office coordinator will check with DSU again about getting access to all grad student emails
  + Would be good to have a report template for executives attending meetings and reporting back to DAGS

Geeta provided VPA update:

* + Would be good to start a LinkedIn account and keep up with the other platforms
  + Doesn’t have access to platforms yet

Fallen provided the VPSL Update:

* + Attended RISE Conference
  + Is also TA for VP for Studley for CUPE and gave an update that a strike is likely to happen, and graduate students should keep an eye on communications and reach out with any concerns.

Parvez provided the VPE Update

* + Attended RISE Conference
  + Looking forward to learning about DAGS and attending meetings

Fallen: I wanted to put forward a proposal to do a Student Life Committee. Participants would be given an honorarium and would be required to write a report before the end of their term.

Hari: Right now the request is approved to create these positions. Perhaps we could create a template and ask Coordinator to send email

- Can we appoint the applicant for the Director?

- Vote to appointment of Beatrice Chiang (YES)

Coordinator will reach out to Beatrice to confirm this.

* 1. DSU Representative Updates - VPA

Already covered above

* 1. Senate Caucus Updates - Geeta

Nothing to report

* 1. Governance Committee Updates

Hari: We will have a Governance Committee meeting in mid July

* 1. Office Coordinator Contract

Hari: We have made adjustments to the contract and will be adding DAGS employees to the DSU payroll

Coordinator explained the offer from the DSU and outlined the mandatory benefits package fees

Hari: Motion to approve changes made to payroll for Office Coordinator and add it to the DSU payroll (Fallen/ Geeta)

* 1. Grant Approvals
     1. Erik Nelson - approved (both grants)
     2. Aleks Budarick - approved
     3. Ali Keyvandarian - approved
     4. Fatemeh Rahbari Manesh -approved
     5. Jianan Lin (Travel) - approved
     6. Jianan Lin (Professional Development) - approved
     7. Krista Collier-Jarvis - approved
     8. Mahya Ghaffari - approved
     9. Morteza Hajati - approved
     10. Sajjad Fanaee - approved

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coordinator: Talked about the importance of monthly reports, and a reminder about the previously discussed written reports given in advance.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes approved at meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Moved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_