



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 211
Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams

This meeting was done remotely through Microsoft Teams, due to the unusual circumstance laid out by the response to COVID-19.

Called to Order at 5:05pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Behravan, Chan, Chelverajah, Chen, Choi, Chui, Dhiloon, Fernandes, Fleming, He, Laing, Liu, Matsuba, McCauley, Mehta, Pereira, Sharia, Sheikh, Song
Absent Excused: Della-Vedova, Devarapalli, Jayachandran, Teel
Absent: Khan
Late: Baig
Others Present: D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Zoe Tsai

Territory Recognition

- The SRA would like to recognize today that we are situated on traditional Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe territories through the 'Dish with One Spoon Wampum Treaty'.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Dhiloon, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote to Adopt

Favour: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Pereira, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meetings 20Q – March 21, 2021 and 21H – September 26, 2021, as circulated.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to SRA meeting 211. They reminded Assembly members to mute themselves if they were not speaking and to turn on their video if they were speaking for the sake of the live stream. The Chair reminded all non-Assembly members to fill out the Observer's List. The Chair reminded that movers and seconders of motions must speak to the motions.

Delegation From the Floor

Set Parameters

Moved by McCauley, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly adopt the following parameters:

- Three-minute presentation, followed by a five-minute question and answer period.

- McCauley noted they would be speaking and if anyone had any questions to please ask.
- Baig felt five minutes of questioning was adequate.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

1. Open Educational Resources (OERs)

- McCauley presented to the Assembly.

Questions

- Pereira asked if there were any graphics that McCauley would like circulated to constituents. McCauley answered that Underground made graphics which were used on the MSU Advocacy Instagram page. They advised Assembly members to share that post but noted they would also share the additional graphics via email.
- Baig asked if there were targets that McCauley was aiming to reach in terms of the number of respondents. McCauley answered there was not a hard target to meet and noted they were leaving the survey open until the end of the semester to get as many responses as possible.

Report Period

1. Nursing Caucus – Liu presented

- Liu summarized the report.

2. Science Caucus – Dhiloon presented

- Dhiloon summarized the report.

3. Social Sciences Caucus – report circulated

4. Municipal Affairs Committee – report not circulated

5. University Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Hargun Kaur summarized the report.

6. Executive Board – report not circulated

- McCauley advised that the past two meetings included listening to reports from various services. They noted there was also discussion on safety issues around Homecoming and Covid-19 measures that the University has put in place.

7. Vice-President (Finance) Report – report not circulated

- The Vice-President (Finance) was not in attendance to give their report.

Information Period

- The Chair informed that seats were now officially open for the SRA by-election and listed the number of seats open for each caucus: two for Business, four for Engineering, one for Kinesiology, one for Science, and two for Social Science. They noted that a by-election would be held this month. They encouraged Assembly members to spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Close one (1) SRA seat on Internal Governance Standing Committee

Moved by Dhiloon, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on the Internal Governance Committee.

Nominations:

- No nominations

Motion to Postpone

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Dhiloon that the Assembly postpone the motion to SRA meeting 21J.

- Baig felt the motion should be postponed as there were no nominations. They added that hopefully there would be more interest with the by-election approaching.
- Dhiloon agreed with Baig and hoped that new SRA members would be willing to take the seat.

Vote to Postpone

Favour: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Business

1. Open one (1) SRA seat on the Clubs Advisory Council

Moved by Pereira, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on the Clubs Advisory Council.

- Peireira informed that they were on this committee and encouraged others to look into it.
- Baig said it sounded like an interested committee.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

2. Close one (1) SRA seat on the Clubs Advisory Council

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on the Clubs Advisory Council

- Baig said they hoped an Assembly member could take on the role.
- Chui advised Assembly members to nominate themselves if they were interested.

Nominations:

- No nominations

Motion to Postpone

Moved by Dhiloon, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly postpone the motion to SRA meeting 21J.

- Dhiloon said it would make sense to wait for the by-election to garner more interest.
- Baig agreed with Dhiloon.

Vote to Postpone

Favour: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

3. Open one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee

Moved by Chui, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly open one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee.

- Chui said if there was a nomination that the seat could be filled.
- Baig agreed with Chui.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

4. Close one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly close one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee.

- Baig said it was exciting that there was a nomination.
- Chui agreed with Baig.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

- The Chair announced that Roaa Shahbaz won the seat by acclamation.

5. Operating Policy – Education and Advocacy Department – Proposed waiving of Section 5.4.2.

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly waive section 5.4.2 of Operating Policy – Education and Advocacy Department for the 2021-2022 academic year, as outlined in the memo circulated.

- Baig noted that a memo was circulated and felt waiving this section would be helpful with ongoing affairs.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

6. Bylaw 8 – Policy Approval Process – Proposed waiving of Section 10.1.3.2

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Pereira that the Assembly waive section 10.1.3.2 of Bylaw 8 – Policy Approval Process for the 2021-2022 academic year, as outlined in the memo circulated.

- Baig advised that this motion related to the number of policy authors required. They added that completing papers was hard to accomplish with such few people working on them.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

7. Bylaw 8 – Policy Approval Process – Proposed waiving of Section 10.1.2

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Pereira that the Assembly waive section 10.1.2 of Bylaw 8 – Policy Approval Process for the 2021-2022 academic year, as outlined in the memo circulated.

- Baig advised this motion related to policy papers and given to the limited number of people interested in writing, there was not enough time to get the papers done. They added that waiving the section and postponing would be very helpful.
- Pereira encouraged those interested to get involved as there were only 8/23 committee members currently participating. They added that writing research papers was fun and would be very impactful for constituents.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Committee Business

1. Proposed amendments to Operating Policy – Space Allocation & Audit Committee

Moved by Pereira that the Assembly approve the proposed amendments to Operating Policy – Space Allocation & Audit Committee, as circulated.

- Pereira said most of the changes related to grammar structure, but some were based on the recommendations from the previous IG committee. They said it was necessary motion to put forward.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passes

Time of Next Meeting

**October 31, 2021
5:00pm (EDT)
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams**

Call of the Roll

Present: Baig, Behravan, Chan, Chelverajah, Chen, Choi, Chui, Dhiloon, Fernandes, Fleming, He, Laing, Liu, Matsuba, McCauley, Mehta, Pereira, Sharia, Sheikh, Song
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Absent: Khan
Late:
Others Present: D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Zoe Tsai

Adjournment

Moved by Chelvarajah, **seconded** by Baig that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 6:00pm

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