



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 21L
Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 5:00pm (EST)
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 5:08pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Baig, Behravan, Chan, U. Chui, Della-Vedova, Dhiloon, Fleming, Jayachandran, Haider Khan, Haya Khan, Liu, McCauley, Ohayon, Pereira, Schuurman, Sharia, Sheikh, Song, Tadrous, Talawala, Teel, Wong, Woo

Absent Excused:

Absent: Chelverajah, Chen, Choi, Devarapalli, Fernandes, He, A. Khan

Late: S. Chui, Laing, Matsuba

Others Present: Omar Shahid (SUSTAIN 3S03 student), Zain Siddiqui (SUSTAIN 3S03 Student), Ali Salman (SUSTAIN 3S03 student), Belani Wanniarachchi (SUSTAIN 3S03 Student), Brian Zheng (Chief Returning Officer), Nathan Auyeung (AVP (Finance)), Mymoon Bhuiyan (AVP (MA)), Halle Lawson (First Year Council Chair), Tirath Kaur (Incite), Madeleine Randmaa(Incite), V. Scott (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 Baig, **seconded** by Della-Vedova that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Della-Vedova, **seconded** by Baig to move Business Items #2, 3, and 4 to be right after Delegation from the Floor.

- Della-Vedova stated that it would make sense to move these to be right after the presentations.
- Baig stated that it will be great to have the conversations while everything was fresh.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Vote to Adopt

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Della-Vedova that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Fleming that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meeting 21J – October 31, 2021, and 21K – November 14, 2021, as circulated.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. They reminded the Assembly of the meeting rules. The Chair asked non-SRA members to please sign the Observer's List and if that they would like to be put on the Speaker's List that they will need an SRA member to cede time to them. They reminded the Assembly that they have a responsibility of making sure that reports were handed in on time and needed to be circulated well before the meeting if the report was late. The Chair welcomed Tyler Woo; Business, Michael Tadrous; Business, and Rivka Ohayon; Kinesiology, to the Assembly.

Delegation from the Floor

Set Parameters

Moved by Teel, **seconded** by Baig to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor #1 to be 10 minutes for presentation with 10 minutes for questions.

- Teel stated that this would be a great presentation and 10 minutes would be a great timeframe.

Vote on Parameters

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

1. Sustainability within the MSU – Belani Wanniarachchi, Omar Shahid, Syed Muhammad, Ali Salman, and Zain Siddiqui presented (presentation attached)

- The delegation summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Teel thanked the group for their presentation. They asked what the delegation thought was the biggest challenge of doing this project. Teel asked what the MSU should flag before presenting this model to another class. The group responded that speaking with the MSU services was their main barrier as there were conflicting times for meetings, but they all managed to get most of the interviews done over reading week.
- Della-Vedova thanked the delegation for focusing on the MSU services. They asked the delegation to expand on their findings with *The Silhouette*. Muhammad responded that there was only one full-time staff member at *The Silhouette* and was hoping to have more support to help with strategic planning. They added that having one full-time staff member that left each year wasn't much of a structured team.
- Baig asked if the delegation had any advice for future students about this specific project. Salman responded that everyone should have their schedules ready well in advance and be aware of how long meetings would be. Wanniarachchi added that students should ask in-depth and specific questions to target answers to the cause of problems, which would help with the effectiveness of the recommendations.

- Mymoon Bhuiyan asked the delegation to elaborate more on *The Silhouette* having problems with transitioning to paperless due to not having enough social media exposure. Muhammad stated that the media team mentioned that they would be slowly transitioning online. They stated that people who knew *The Silhouette*, knew it based on the visibility of the colourful papers on the stands. Muhammad added that they were looking at other universities and there was a lot more promotions with a restructuring of an online team.
- The Chair announced that out of fairness for the previous Bylaw 9 group presentations, the Assembly should set parameters for the next delegations to be 10 minutes for presentation with five minutes for questions.

Set Parameters

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Haya Khan to set parameters for Delegations from the Floor #2,3, and 4 to be 10 minutes for presentation with five minutes of questions, each.

- Baig stated that in the interest of fairness, the parameters are set the same as the previous Bylaw 9 groups.

Vote on Parameters

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

2. Engineers without Borders – Satvik Bajaj presented (presentation attached)

- Bajaj summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Baig asked what the biggest challenges they were facing right now with planning the conference. Bajaj responded that it was the personnel and licensing. They stated that they were working with the Faculty of Engineering to make sure everything was good.
- Auyeung asked if there were any other associated fees with the Junior Fellowship conference. Bajaj responded that the fee was usually around \$10,000 but depended on the programming, as last year was smaller in scale and therefore the fee was \$5,000. They added that due to COVID-19 they couldn't send as many people and no students from McMaster attended based on the selection process with EWB Canada. Bajaj stated that the amount could be less but \$10,000 was the upper limit. They explained that they only pay half for the student to go and the national team covered the rest.

3. Incite Magazine – Tirath Kaur and Madeleine Randmaa Sarah Em presented (presentation attached)

- The delegation summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Baig asked about the launch party being in person. Kaur responded that it depended on restrictions but was hoping that it would be in person.
- Auyeung stated that the presentation was good and thanked Incite. They asked what the surplus would be utilized for this year. Kaur responded that they were hoping to use it for advertising on Facebook and Instagram, as well as printing costs.
- Auyeung asked if they were in progress of finding a Communications manager. Kaur responded that they were hoping to hire someone within the next week.

4. OPIRG – Henry Challen and Sarun Ballaranjan presented (presentation attached)

- The delegation summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Mymoon Bhuiyan stated that they worked with OPIRG as a volunteer. They asked how gender affirming products could be increased while working with WGEN and SHEC. Ballaranjan responded they had received funding for the Collective Care Initiative through working with SHEC, and that everything was online and anonymous.
- Auyeung asked which initiatives were carryovers as a continuation from this year, and what was new. Ballaranjan responded that new initiatives have been the film screenings during COVID-19, as well as the partnership with services to increase the use of the surplus. They stated that the Speaker Series started last year and iwa continuing this year, as well as the community garden.
- Auyeung asked for a breakdown of the leadership structure within the organization. Ballaranjan responded that the Board of Directors were elected each year, and that they used the consensus decision making model. They added that the employees were subject to the Board.

Business

2. Committee of the Whole – EWB

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Pereira that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Engineers without Borders Delegation from the Floor.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Matsuba that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Rise and Report

- Baig reported that the Assembly discussed the presentation from EWB, and that the AVP (Finance) spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee and there were no issues with the budget.

3. Committee of the Whole – Incite Magazine

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Haya Khan that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Incite Magazine Delegation from the Floor.

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Fleming that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Rise and Report

- Baig reported that the Assembly discussed the recommendations from the Finance Committee.

4. Committee of the Whole – OPIRG

Moved by Fleming, **seconded** by Haya Khan that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the OPIRG Delegation from the Floor.

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Moved by McCauley, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Rise and Report

- Fleming reported that they went over the Finance Committee Recommendations and that there weren't any concerns.

Report Period

1. First Year Council – Halle Lawson presented

- Lawson summarized the report.

2. Nursing Caucus – report circulated

- Liu presented the report.

3. Science Caucus – report circulated

- Behravan presented the report.

4. Social Sciences Caucus – report circulated

5. Municipal Affairs Committee – Mymoon Bhuiyan presented

- Bhuiyan summarized the report.

6. University Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Hargun Kaur presented the report.

7. Finance Committee – Nathan Auyeung presented

- Auyeung summarized the report.

8. Executive Board – Teel presented

- Teel summarized the report.

9. Vice-President (Administration) – report circulated

10. Elections – FYC and By-Election – report circulated

- Brian Zheng summarized the report.

Questions

- Chan asked if there was a timeline for returning the SRA deposits. Brian Zheng responded that they saw the emails, and that while it was to be done by the previous CRO, they were in progress to hopefully be returned soon.

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Haya Khan that the Assembly recess for 15 minutes.

- Baig stated that they had been in the meeting for two hours and would like a break before the other agenda items.
- Haya Khan agreed.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Recessed at 7:06pm

Called to Order at 7:21pm

Call of the Roll

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Absent Excused: Ohayon
Absent: Chelverajah, Chen, Choi, Devarapalli, Fernandes, He, A. Khan
Late: Chan, McCauley, Sharia
Others Present: Mymoon Bhuiyan (AVP (MA)), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Zoe Tsai

Business

1. Recess for meeting of MSU Incorporated

Moved by Della-Vedova, **seconded** by Baig that the Assembly recess into a meeting of the Full Members of MSU Incorporated.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Recessed at 7:26pm

Called to Order at 7:39pm

Call of the Roll

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Absent Excused: Ohayon

Absent: Chelverajah, Chen, Choi, Devarapalli, Fernandes, He, A. Khan

Late:

Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Zoe Tsai

5. Open all seats on Awards Committees

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Haider Khan that the Assembly open all MSU and SRA seats on the following Awards Committees:

- Honour M
- Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence
- MSU Merit Scholarship
- J. Lynn Watson
- MSU Spirit

- Baig stated that the seats needed to be filled.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

6. Close MSU seats on Awards Committees

Moved by Della-Vedova, **seconded** by Baig postpone the following motion to SRA 21M: **Moved** by ____, **seconded** by ____ that the Assembly close nominations for MSU members to the following award committees:

- Honour M (1)
- Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)

- Della-Vedova stated that they didn't have any nominations for this yet, so it was best to hold off until the next meeting.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

7. Close SRA seats on Awards Committees

Moved by S. Chui, **seconded** by Haya Khan that the Assembly close nominations for SRA members to the following award committees:

- Honour M (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)

Nominations

- Dhiloon nominated themselves for the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee
- U. Chui nominated themselves for the MSU Merit Scholarship Committee
- Baig nominated Ohayon for the Honour M Award Committee – accepted via email
- Talawala nominated themselves for the MSU Spirit Award Committee

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

- Dhiloon won the SRA seat on the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee by acclamation
- U. Chui won the SRA seat on the MSU Merit Scholarship Committee by acclamation
- Ohayon won the SRA seat on the Honour M Award Committee by acclamation
- Talawala won the SRA seat on the the MSU Spirit Award Committee by acclamation

Information Period

- Della-Vedova reported that the Campus Media Ad-Hoc Committee had been meeting regularly since the summer and that they had intentions to bring forward recommendations this week, but they were still finalizing the report. They stated that the report would be circulated from *The Silhouette* Board of Publication as the recommendations would aid in the long-term viability of *The Silhouette*. Della-Vedova stated that they would share the report and minutes over the break but advised the Assembly to reach out to them, John McGowan, or Andrew Mrozowski if anyone had questions.
- Teel reminded everyone on the MA, PFA, and UA standing committees to fill out the feedback survey.
- Singh stated that in January surveys would be circulated as part of the services reviews of FCC, Spark, Maccess, and EFRT. They asked that everyone be prepared to promote these surveys and circulate the information when released. They added that they would make a template for any class talks.
- Baig stated that the Tenant Rights Workshop would be held on December 8 and asked the Assembly to promote.

Question Period

- Liu asked the Speaker if the SRA meetings would be in person for the Winter Term. The Speaker responded that January meetings would be online for sure, and as for February onwards it hadn't been determined yet. They added that they need to make sure they were all on campus and that the meeting was accessible to all SRA members.

Time of Next Meeting

**January 9, 2022
5:00pm (EST)
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams**

Call of the Roll

Present: Baig, Behravan, Chan, S. Chui, U. Chui, Della-Vedova, Dhiloon, Fleming, Jayachandran, Haider Khan, Haya Khan, Laing, Liu, Matsuba, McCauley, Pereira, Schuurman, Sharia, Sheikh, Song, Tadrous, Talawala, Teel, Wong, Woo
Absent Excused: Ohayon
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Late:
Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Zoe Tsai

Adjournment

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

**In Favour: 24 Opposed: 1 Abstentions:
Opposed: Tadrous
Motion Passes**

Adjourned at 8:06pm

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