



AGENDA
MSU General Assembly 2022
McMaster Students Union
Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 4:00pm
Remote Meeting, Zoom

PROCEDURE

Announcements from the Chair, Adoption of Agenda, Report Period, Business, Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

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| 1. Welcome/Quorum | Zoe Tsai |
| 2. Rules and Proceedings | Zoe Tsai |

REPORT PERIOD

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| 1. President's Report | Denver Della-Vedova |
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BUSINESS

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| 1. Divestment Walkout | Mymoon Bhuiyan |
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MOTIONS

1. **Moved** by Mymoon Bhuiyan, **seconded** by _____ that the McMaster Students Union endorse the divestment walkout by releasing a formal letter of support indicating their commitment to divestment, formally publishing said letter, and by encouraging students to take part in the walkout occurring on March 25th 2022 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.



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

This was a non-quorate meeting of the General Assembly. Any motions made are non-binding on the organization.

Chair: Zoe Tsai, MSU Speaker

Recording Secretary: D. Stajcer, Corporate Secretary

Called to Order at 4:07pm

Members Present: 7

TERRITORY RECOGNITION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the General Assembly. They noted that 12 members were registered to attend the event and that approximately 7 or 8 were present. They informed that quorum for a General Assembly was 3% of the MSU population, equivalent to just over 800 members. The Chair explained that because the meeting did not meet quorum, any motions passed would not be binding and would be added to the next SRA meeting agenda for further discussion. They reminded everyone to be respectful, to mute their microphones when not speaking, and to turn on their video if comfortable for the sake of the livestream. They explained how the meeting would run procedurally, which included a brief explanation of a motion and how to vote on motions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Denver Della-Vedova, **seconded** by Mymoon Bhuiyan that the McMaster Students Union adopt the General Assembly Agenda, as presented.

- Denver Della-Vedova said although quorum was not met, there was still content to cover and wanted to proceed.
- Mymoon Bhuiyan noted the topic of discussion was important and hoped that with it being live-streamed in the McMaster University Student Centre, more people would be aware of the topic.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

REPORT PERIOD

1. President's Report – Denver Della-Vedova presented

- Della-Vedova went over their presentation.

BUSINESS

1. Divestment Walkout

Moved by Mymoon Bhuiyan, **seconded** by Aisha Baig that the McMaster Students Union endorse the divestment walkout by releasing a formal letter of support indicating their commitment to divestment, formally publishing said letter, and by encouraging students to take part in the walkout occurring on March 25th 2022 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

- Mymoon Bhuiyan advised they were leading the Climate Strike McMaster and would ensure it would be done safely and with the University's knowledge. They noted attendees would be gathering in front of University Hall at McMaster for speeches and that there were nearly 600-700 people projected to attend. They explained that divestment meant that McMaster University invests in various stocks and bonds and have invested into companies that extract fossil fuels. They noted that the ask was for McMaster to formally commit to divest all those holdings and reinvest into green renewable energy sources. They highlighted that almost every major Faculty Association has endorsed the walkout. They encouraged everyone to support the motion and to attend the strike.
- Aisha Baig said that Mymoon Bhuiyan outlined everything well in their presentation. Aisha noted that in 2021 there was a request for the Board of Governors to put in a plan for divestment, yet students had not yet been updated on that plan. They felt it important that students be informed as it was their tuition going towards it.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Denver Della-Vedova, **seconded** Mymoon Bhuiyan that the MSU General Assembly adjourn.

Vote on Motion

Favour: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Adjourned at 4:31pm

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