



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22F
Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:05pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Burton, Caputo, Chowdhry, Chui, Dawdy, Garfield, German, Hassan, Larrazabal Zea, Lum, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Pittari, Singh, Suganthan, Wang, Wong

Absent Excused:

Absent: Abdallah, Tadrous

Late:

Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary), Aiman Dhiloon (AVP (IG)), Justin Phung (AVP (Services))

Chair: Piper Plavins

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 Caputo, **seconded** by Middaugh Cifuentes that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

- Caputo stated they were excited to be meeting in person.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Middaugh Cifuentes, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meeting 22D – June 26, 2022 and 22E – July 17, 2022, as circulated.

- Middaugh Cifuentes was excited to adopt the minutes.
- Wong thought that the minutes were well done.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed the Assembly to meeting 22F. They stated that it was great to see everyone in person for the first time. They informed everyone that Council Chambers was newly renovated and asked that

they all respect the space by cleaning up after themselves. The Chair asked that the observers to please sign the Observer's List at the back of the room.

Report Period

1. Business Caucus – Dawdy presented

- Dawdy summarized the report.

2. Engineering Caucus - report circulated

- Arora presented the report.

3. Internal Governance Committee – report circulated

- Aiman Dhiloon presented the report.

4. Services Committee – Phung presented

- Phung summarized the report.

5. Executive Board - Arora presented

- Arora summarized the report.

6. President – report circulated

- Singh presented the report.

7. Elections Department – Election Cycles - William Liu presented

- Liu summarized the report.

Questions

- Caputo asked if they were allowed to promote the SRA seats yet. Liu responded that they would get back to Caputo about that.

Information Period

- Scott let everyone know that the MSU Health and Dental opt-out was happening now and would be going on until September 30.

Question Period

- Chui asked Dawdy to speak to Financial Transparency Week. Dawdy said that the week will be focused on transparency and that there will be tables set up to showcase Bylaw 9 groups, as well as promoting MSU services.
- Singh asked German if they liked Bikes. German responded that they do.
- German asked Singh if there were any upcoming promotion initiatives for selling cheap bikes. Singh responded that there will be a bike auction September 12-14 in MUSC Mills Plaza.

- German asked Singh if they could explain where the bikes were coming from. Singh responded that many of these bikes were refurbished by a previous MSU service, MACycle. They asked the Assembly to let their constituents know about the auction.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Close Nominations for MSU members to other Committees:

- **Teaching Awards Committee (min. 2 MSU seats)**

- The Speaker announced that there were no nominations.

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German to postpone the motion to SRA 22G.

- Singh stated that since there were no nominations they will need to postpone. They explained that this was a low commitment committee and asked that the Assembly please share this on their socials and with friends.
- German agreed with Singh. They highlighted the importance of the SRA's role to be disseminating information to their constituents and student body.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Business

1. Recess into MSU Inc.

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly recess for a meeting of the Full Members of MSU Incorporated.

- Singh stated that they must move into MSU Inc to do some capital expenditures.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 5:37pm

Called to Order at 5:49pm

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2. Open one (1) MSU seat on Elections Committee

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

- Wong stated that it was important to get the seat open so that the Committee can be complete and could help with FYC and the SRA by-election.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Close one (1) MSU Seat on Elections Committee

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

Nominations

- Fatima Gulab
- Singh stated that it would be great to have this person on the Committee.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Fatima Gulab won the MSU seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

4. Open one (1) Seat on Executive Board

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) Executive Board seat.

- Singh strongly encouraged an Assembly member to please come forward and serve on this Board.
- German explained that a lot of services report to EB and if any Assembly members were interested in learning more about the organization to nominate themselves.
- Chui stated that the meetings are Fridays in person from 10:30-12:30pm in the MSU Boardroom.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

5. Close one (1) Seat on Executive Board

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) Executive Board seat.

Nominations

- Larrazabal Zea – nominated themselves

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Mothe to set parameters for the Executive Board Confidence Vote to be one minute of opening statements, three minutes for questions, and one minute for closing statements.

- Singh stated that they felt that this was a reasonable time frame to assess whether the candidate is qualified.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Candidate spoke within allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by Secret Ballot.

Candidate	Confidence	No Confidence
Larrazabal Zea	17	1
Abstained	0	
Spoiled	1	

- Larrazabal Zea won the seat on Executive Board with confidence.

6. Proposed Changes to Bylaw 7/A – Electoral Procedures

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Mothe that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Bylaw 7/A – Electoral Procedures**, as circulated.

- Singh went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Mothe agreed with Singh and stated that this would give students more access to join the SRA.
- Dawdy asked if this was really a barrier to those who were uncontested. They asked if there were any instances of no-confidences.
- Singh stated that when running for a position, there should be an election for it. They explained the time expectations and that there are other different factors, such as creating campaign materials even if there were no competitors. Singh stated that removing this expectation will remove the barrier and make things easier.
- Wong clarified that anyone can still run in the election. They explained that the bylaw was changed after the President was acclaimed, but it didn't take into account how it would be for electing SRA members as well. They stated that it's a logistical issue and to have 31 seats open is a big strain on the department. Wong added that the election would still require the previous system in place, just that instead of the vote the seat would be acclaimed.
- Dawdy explained that with the process of gaining signatures in previous elections, there would be endorsements from your student body members and this method was to form confidence in their student body. Dawdy explained that the current system shows that as long as the candidate believed in themselves, then they could get the seat.
- Scott explained how nominations were to be submitted, and that the expectation of signatures being gathered was still required. The Assembly had a quick discussion about how that wasn't the case for a few of the elected members for this year.
- Singh felt that this change would bring in more interest from the student body and it would still allow the opportunity to run a proper election.
- Caputo stated that FYC was acclaimed and how it worked well for them and that there was a positive outcome with that as well.
- Arora asked how the new system would work. Arora ceded their time to Singh.

- Singh explained that if there were equal or less people running than there were available SRA seats, then those people would be acclaimed to those seats instead of going to a vote of confidence.
- Chui pointed out that the Presidential Elections would stay the same with a vote of confidence if only one candidate ran.

Vote on Motion

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Mothe that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Bylaw 7/A – Electoral Procedures**, as circulated.

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Arora, Dawdy
Motion Fails

Time of Next Meeting

September 25, 2022
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Burton, Caputo, Chowdhry, Chui, Dawdy, Garfield, German, Hassan, Larrazabal Zea, Lum, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Pittari, Singh, Suganthan, Wang, Wong

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Adjournment

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Middaugh Cifuentes that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 6:29pm

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