



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22G
Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:05pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Burton, Chowdhry, Chui, Dawdy, German, Hassan, Larrazabal Zea, Lum, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Pittari, Singh, Suganthan, Tadrous, Wang, Wong
Absent Excused: Garfield
Absent: Caputo
Late: Abdallah
Others Present: D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
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 Wong, **seconded** by Larrazabel Zea that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Chui, **seconded** by Singh that the assembly add a Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) report to Report Period as Item #7.

- Chui said Wong had written up a good report and felt it should be added.
- Singh said that the Board of Directors were expected to report for transparency purposes.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Singh that the assembly move the Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee (Report Period Item #3) to SRA 22H - October 16th, 2022.

- Wong advised that the Associate Vice-President Provincial & Federal Affairs was not aware that they were supposed to report, is currently out of town and is unable to attend the meeting to report.
- Singh did not speak to the motion.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Larrazabel Zea that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

- Wong said they went through the amendments and should move on.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed the Assembly to the meeting. They noted there was not a lot on the agenda today so the meeting should not be too long. They asked any observers who are not part of the Assembly to sign the Observer's List.

Report Period

1. **Health & Sciences Caucus – report not submitted**

- Hassan reported that they have set up the communication platforms amongst themselves and the Bachelor of Health Sciences society, where they have attended two meetings so far. They added that they have gained access to the caucus social media pages and have sent out messages to increase engagement and to disseminate information from SRA meetings and standing committees.

2. **Humanities Caucus – Middaugh Cifuentes presented**

- Middaugh Cifuentes summarized the report.

3. **Finance Committee – report not submitted**

- Dawdy reported on the student discount program summer initiative and noted it was a moderate success. They added that they got in contact with many local businesses and were going to run it again in second term as many businesses were not okay with a discount just yet. Dawdy informed of another initiative which was collaborating with Chui on Financial Transparency Week which took place in MUSC and social media. Dawdy informed of the Bylaw 9 Groups review and advised they were working with the groups currently and that the groups would be delegating at an upcoming SRA meeting.

4. **Executive Board – report not submitted**

- Hassan reported that from the September 16 and 23rd EB sessions, reports were presented by Diversity + Equity Network (DEN), EFRT, FCC, FYC, Macademics and Maccess. They added that they also approved a new Peer Support Coordinator role for DEN which will make it easier to coordinate volunteers for the service.

5. **Vice-President (Administration) – German presented**

- German summarized the report.

6. **Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) – Wong presented**

- Wong summarized the report.

Information Period

- Wong informed the Assembly that OUSA delegate applications closed tonight at midnight and encouraged Assembly members to apply. They reviewed the event and added that it was a great opportunity for individuals.

- Singh informed the Assembly of Mac Moves week which includes a frisbee game taking place on Wednesday October 5th and a bus pull on Thursday October 6th. They added that all Assembly members are welcome to attend and felt it would be a great opportunity for them to relax and take a break from studies.
- German informed the Assembly of the anticipation for FOCO occurring this upcoming weekend. They informed the Assembly of the new Nuisance Bylaw and explained the associated fines. They noted they were unsure of the impact of the new bylaw but noted it allowed fines to be increased to up to \$10,000.
- Wong informed of the Election Awareness event taking place in MUSC on Tuesday October 4th. They added that the City of Hamilton would be running it would be sharing most of the pertinent information. They added that the polling station would be ready to go on Tuesday October 18th. They encouraged the Assembly to advertise the polling station as the outcome would determine if the polling station returned in future years.
- Wong informed the Assembly that applications for Research Assistants were open. They added it was good position for one to get introduced to advocacy and a good opportunity to be an author on a paper. They noted that there were three positions open, and one did not have to have much experience to apply.
- Chui informed the Assembly that Clubs Training has been released on Avenue to Learn. They added that Clubs will have two weeks to complete training and three weeks to complete budget. They added that all clubs' budgets should be released by October 31st.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

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 that the Assembly postpone the following item to SRA 22H – October 16th, 2022:

Close Nominations for MSU members to other Committees:

- Teaching Awards Committee (min. 2 MSU seats)
- Singh encouraged the Assembly to advertise the position to their constituents.
- German did not speak to the motion.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Business

Moved by Burton, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly approve the Social Sciences Caucus year plan, as circulated.

- Burton apologized for the late circulation and said they were hoping to get on with the year.
- Singh did not speak to the motion.
- Burton summarized the year plan.
- Singh noted it was great to see some initiatives that were aligned with their own.

- Wong said they were happy to see the proposal to increase internship opportunities.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

**October 16, 2022
5:00pm (EDT)
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Adjournment

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

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 5:41pm

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