



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22H
Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:10pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abdallah, Arora, Burton, Caputo, Chowdhry, Dawdy, Garfield, Larrazabal Zea, Lum, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Suganthan, Wang, Wong

Absent Excused:

Absent: Chui, German, Hassan, Pittari, Singh, Tadrous

Late:

Others Present: Simran Dhindsa (AVP University Affairs), Mymoon Bhuiyan (AVP Municipal Affairs), Kiran Bassi (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs), Sharang Gagur (McMaster Student), 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 Caputo, **seconded** by Abdallah that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Chowdhry that the Assembly move Report Period item #6 to SRA 22I.

- Wong informed that Chui is on vacation and therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Dawdy, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly add a Delegation from the Floor for McMaster Solar Car as Business item #4.

- Dawdy informed that there are several groups that receive a direct fee from MSU members. He said one of the Assembly's responsibilities is to review the groups' budget annually. They noted that the Finance Committee has gone through a lot of the budgets but said that the last step was for the group to present to the Assembly then the Assembly discusses on whether they approve.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Dawdy to add “Committee a Whole” as Business item #5.

- Wong said that the purpose of this was for the Assembly to discuss what would be presented during the Delegation from the Floor and to ask questions and thus it will allow the Assembly make a decision based on information and facts provided.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Caputo, **seconded** by Abdallah to adopt the agenda, as amended.

- Caputo said it was important to get started.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meetings 22F – September 11, 2022 and 22G – September 25, 2022, as circulated.

- Wong said the minutes are great and should be adopted.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from The Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to SRA 22H. They asked non-Assembly members to sign the Observer’s List. They informed the two members who are doing the recap graphic for this meeting that the template was just sent out via email.

Report Period

1. Science Caucus – Suganthan presented

- Suganthan summarized the report.

2. Social Sciences Caucus – report not submitted

- Burton informed they started scheduling seminars to help educate students who are new tenants on what is acceptable behaviour from landlords and inform students of further steps they can take if they are being taken advantage of. They were hoping to have this completed by late January and have a meeting scheduled on November 4th. They added they have an upcoming meeting with McMaster Social Sciences Society with the intent of advancing the collaboration between the Social Sciences Caucus and other Social Sciences clubs. They are also looking to contact the Registrar’s Office with the goal of incorporating a new email service to limit the lengthy waiting times of their online chat.

3. Municipal Affairs Committee – Mymoon Bhuiyan presented

- Mymoon Bhuiyan summarized the report.

4. University Affairs Committee – Simran Dhindsa presented

- Simran Dhindsa summarized the report.

5. Executive Board – Larrazabal Zea presented

- Larrazabal Zea summarized the report.

6. Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee – Kiran Bassi presented

- Kiran Bassi summarized the report.

Information Period

- Wong informed that the official Municipal election day is on October 24th. They informed that a mayoral debate is taking place in the MUSC Atrium tomorrow from 2:00-4:00pm. They said they would be presenting mayoral candidates with questions. They added that there will be a polling station on the third floor of MUSC in CIBC Hall on October 18th and noted that anyone from across Hamilton could vote, regardless of which ward they resided in. They added that it was a great opportunity that the city has provided and highly recommended the Assembly to vote at this station to increase numbers and show engagement. They said that if voting numbers are kept high, the city would continue with the on-campus polling stations in the future. They clarified that individuals renting a house can vote in Hamilton in addition to voting in their hometown, as they are paying taxes into both. They said they were still looking for volunteers for the polling stations.

Question Period

- Caputo asked if someone could vote at the on-campus polling station if they were renting in Hamilton, even if they received a ballot in their hometown, but have not yet voted. Caputo ceded time to Wong. Wong answered that they could vote in both their hometown and in Hamilton at the on-campus station if they are renting in Hamilton or living on residence as they are paying into taxes in both areas.

Business Arising from The Minutes

1. Close Nominations for MSU members to other Committees:

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

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Abdallah that the Assembly close nominations for MSU members to Other Committees as listed.

- Wong said it was great that there were two nominations and wanted to close the seats.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker announced that Mymoon Bhuiyan and Tina Siying Lu won the MSU seats on the Teaching Awards Committee by acclamation.

Business

1. Open one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Larrazabal Zea that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) seat on Executive Board.

- Wong noted an EB member was needed to continue running daily MSU operations and encouraged Assembly members to nominate themselves.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. Close one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Larrazabal Zea that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) seat on Executive Board.

- Wong reiterated that the seat needed to be filled to run daily MSU operations.

Nominations:

- Burton – nominated themselves

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Caputo to set parameters for the Executive Board Confidence Vote to be thirty seconds for opening statement, one minute for questions and answers, and thirty seconds for closing statement.

- Wong felt this was sufficient timing to determine if the nominee would be a good fit.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- The Candidate spoke within the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Confidence	No Confidence
Burton	15	0
Abstained	0	
Spoiled	0	

3. OUSA Fall 2022 General Assembly – Delegate Ratification

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Suganthan, that the Assembly ratify the following MSU delegates for OUSA's Fall 2022 General Assembly:

- Simranjeet Singh
- Sarphina Chui
- Myra Godara
- Akanksha Sharma

- Yusra Hassan
 - Jazzlyn Abbott
 - Kerry Yang
 - Trisha Y
 - Kiran Bassi
 - Elizabeth Wong
- Wong informed that the individuals mentioned will represent the MSU at the upcoming OUSA 2022 Fall General Assembly at Laurentian University in Sudbury. They added that they would be editing and ratifying papers that would become policy stances for the year. Wong provided context and said that in addition to themselves, they are awarded nine delegates from McMaster in which the MSU President is automatically included and then eight others are hired. They noted there would be a second General Assembly in March 2023 and this process would open again. They added that they would share a report on GA to the Assembly. They would be grateful if these members were ratified and was excited to see the work that would be done.
 - Suganthan felt the candidates would do a great job at representing the MSU.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Abdallah
Motion Passes**

4. Delegation from the Floor – McMaster Solar Car

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Dawdy that the Assembly postpone Business Item #4 to SRA 221 – October 30, 2022.

- Wong informed that the presenters were unfortunately in an accident and were therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

5. Committee of the Whole – McMaster Solar Car

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Caputo that the Assembly postpone Business Item #5 to SRA 221 – October 30, 2022.

- Wong noted that the Assembly could not move into Committee of the Whole without having a Delegation from the Floor first, and therefore it must be postponed.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

**October 30, 2022
5:00pm**

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Call of the Roll

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Adjournment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Larrazabal Zea the meeting be adjourned.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 6:06pm

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