



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22L
Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 5:00pm (EST)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:10pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Ashraf, Bek, Bizjak, Black, Burton, Caputo, Chowdhry, Chui, Dawdy, Dodd, Garfield, Hannan, Hu, Larrazabal Zea, Lu, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Moth, Singh, Sivackumar, Suganthan, Vinu, Wang, Yeom

Absent Excused: Lum

Absent: Abdallah, German, Hassan, Lee, Pittari, Raza, Tadrous, Wong

Late:

Others Present: Priya John (Student), Aiman Dhiloon (AVP Internal Governance), Justin Phung (AVP Services), Daniela 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 Larrazabal Zea, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly add opening all MSU and SRA seats on the following Awards Committees as Business Item #5:

- Honour M (1 SRA, 1 MSU)
 - J. Lynn Watson (1 SRA, 1 MSU)
 - MSU Merit Scholarship (1 SRA, 1 MSU)
 - MSU Spirit (1 SRA, 1 MSU)
 - Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence (1 MSU)
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- Singh informed that the Assembly had to open seats on various awards committees. They noted that both SRA members and MSU members sit on these committees. They said they are awards that exist in the McMaster community, and it was the committee members' duties to select each award winner.
 - Chui noted that being on a selection committee is very fun and low effort.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Vote to Adopt

Moved by Larrazabal Zea, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Burton that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meetings 22J – November 13, 2022 and 22K – November 27, 2022, as circulated.

- Singh said that the minutes looked great.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting 22L and said they were excited to see everyone. They asked for non-SRA members to sign the Observer's List at the back of the room. The Chair reminded that SRA graphics for this meeting would be due on Tuesday. The Chair informed they would be doing outreach hours again this semester and asked Caucus Leaders to gather Caucus availabilities by Friday, January 20th.

Report Period

1. Arts & Science Caucus – report not circulated

- Yeom reported that the Caucus has four objectives for this year. The first is to provide support to the Okanagan Committee for their initiative on free menstrual products in MUSC. The second is to collect data to add more HSR/GO busses if possible. The third is to keep silent study spaces silent, by attempting to collect data on when disruptions happen, specifically at Mills 6th floor. Yeom said the fourth objective is to add more study areas on campus. They noted that their SRA Special Projects Fund application was approved and were hoping to use these funds toward this initiative. Yeom added that they had two long-term goals – to gather opinions and thoughts from the outside community and to create a transitional session for those interested in their position.

2. Business Caucus – report not circulated

- Dawdy reported that December was successful, as they initiated a program with the Food Collective Centre to work with residence buildings to collect all food and canned goods from residences after students left for the break. They added they were happy to have a new caucus member.

3. Engineering Caucus – Arora presented

- Arora summarized report.

4. Internal Governance Committee – report circulated

- Aiman Dhiloon summarized the report.

5. Services Committee – Justin Phung presented

- Justin Phung summarized the report.

6. Executive Board – report circulated

- Singh summarized the report.

7. Vice-President (Finance) – Chui presented

- Chui summarized the report.

8. OUSA Student Advocacy Conference (Provincial Lobby Week) – report circulated

- Singh presented the report.

Information Period

- Singh informed the Assembly that there is a drop-in event tomorrow which is a collaboration between the MSU and Housing and Conference Services. They added that the event was for individuals to share their views and experiences on off-campus housing and that Housing and Conference Services would like feedback on their website. Singh encouraged Assembly members to attend the event and noted it will be taking place in MUSC 318 from 2:00-4:00pm.
- Chui informed the Assembly that it is currently house-hunting season which means that in some instances, landlords are not being reasonable and not abiding by the law. They asked Assembly members to forward any information/data they may have related to this topic - for example, a landlord that is increasing rent (beyond the mandated amount).
- Chui informed the Assembly that Charity Ball is one of the largest formals hosted by Campus Events for MSU students. They added that the MSU hasn't been able to host this event throughout the pandemic and the hope is to rebuild the branding behind Charity Ball. They encouraged Assembly members to attend and bring a guest.
- Yeom informed the Assembly that for their year plan objective of collecting data for Mills Library, they're looking for volunteers to collect data. They asked Assembly members to record disruptions, if any, if they attend the silent study space at Mills Library.

Question Period

- Yeom asked for clarification on caucus reports and year plans.
- Chui explained that there is a set reporting schedule for submitting reports. They added that a year plan is list of yearly goals, while a report is a short summary of what the caucus has been working on.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Caucus Year Plans

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly approve the following Caucus year plans, as circulated:

- Arts & Science
- Kinesiology

- Singh said that both year plans were circulated via email.
- Chui felt both caucuses worked hard on their year plans and felt they should be approved.
- Yeom reviewed the Arts & Science caucus year plan.
- Bek reviewed the Kinesiology caucus year plan.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Business

1. Open one (1) seat on Executive Board

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

- Singh said there was one vacancy that needs to be filled.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

2. Close one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Singh, **seconded** Yeom by that the Assembly close one (1) seat on Executive Board.

- Singh noted the seats needed to be closed to accept nominations. They explained that Executive Board is a small body that manages the day-to-day operations of the MSU and meets weekly throughout the term. Singh went over the typical process of a meeting and what is generally discussed.
- Hu asked what the time commitment was. Singh answered that it would be approximately three hours per week. Singh elaborated and said the meeting itself is a maximum of two hours, but that an hour should be allocated to review documents prior to the meeting.
- Dodd asked if Executive Board meets during the summer as well. Singh answered yes and added that meetings are biweekly in the summer and weekly during the academic year.
- Larrazabal Zea said they believed the times of meetings were Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-11:30am for those interested. Larrazabal Zea ceded their time to Chui. Chui clarified that after the new member is elected, all availabilities would be reviewed, and a new date/time would be set.

Nominations

- Hu nominated themselves.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Set Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Hu that parameters for the Executive Board election are one minute opening statements, two minutes of pooled questions per candidate, and thirty seconds for closing statements.

- Singh felt this was a reasonable set of parameters and should be sufficient for them to showcase why they are a qualified candidate.

- Hu agreed with the proposition.

Vote on Parameters

**In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes**

- The Candidates spoke during the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Confidence	No Confidence
Hu	23	2
Spoiled		1
Abstained		0

- Hu won the SRA seat on Executive Board.

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

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

- Singh said there was one vacancy on this committee and that an SRA member could nominate themselves. They added that the Elections Committee oversees the Presidential election and FYC/SRA elections.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes**

4. Close one (1) MSU seat on Elections Committee

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

- Singh said they had a candidate and wanted to move forward.

Nominations

- Dodd nominated themselves.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes**

- The Speaker stated that Dodd won the seat on Elections Committee by acclamation.

5. Open MSU and SRA Seats on Awards Committees

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- Singh said these are important committees as committee members decide which individual will receive each award.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Time of Next Meeting

January 29, 2023
5:00pm (EST)
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Call of the Roll

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Chair: Piper Plavins

Adjournment

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

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Adjourned at 6:19pm.

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