



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22M
Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 5:00pm (EST)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:08pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Bek, Burton, Caputo, Chowdhry, Dawdy, Dodd, Garfield, German, Hannan, Hassan, Hu, Larrazabal Zea, Lee, Lu, Lum, Mannat, Pittari, Raza, Singh, Suganthan, Vinu, Wang, Wong, Yeom

Absent Excused:

Absent: Bizjak, Black, Chui, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Sivackumar

Late: Tadrous

Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary), Kiran Bassi (AVP (PFA)), Meghan Rego (Ombuds Office), Carolyn Brandon (Ombuds Office), Malika Dhanani (OUSA), Jessica Look (OUSA)

Chair: Piper Plavins (MSU Speaker)

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 German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Wong to add to Business "CASA Observership"

- Singh explained that they would like to add this to the agenda to seek observership at CASA.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh to strike "Bike Share Project" from Delegation from the Floor.

- German stated that this group was looking to present to the SRA about bringing forward a referendum, but they did a petition instead.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Singh to add "UCRU Federal Lobby Week" to Report Period.

- Wong stated that they wanted to update the SRA on behalf of the Advocacy Department.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by German to add “SRA Seat Allocation 2023” to Report Period.

- Wong stated that they were asked to add this on behalf of the Elections Department.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh to add “SRA November By-Election” to Report Period.

- German stated that they were asked to add this on behalf of the Elections Department.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair asked those who are observing the meeting to please sign the Observer’s List, at the back of the room. The Chair reminded the Assembly that they are to submit their outreach hours ASAP.

Delegations from the Floor

Set Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor #1 to be 20 minutes for presentation, and 15 minutes for questions.

- Singh felt that this would be a reasonable timeframe.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

1. Ombuds Office – Carolyn Brandon & Meghan Rego presented

- The Ombuds Office summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Hannan asked if they dealt with accessibility and Residence. Brandon responded that she assists with whomever is having difficulty. She stated that if someone was having difficulty getting accommodations, she would be the one to look into why they would be having these difficulties.
- Pittari asked what resources were exclusive to this office. Brandon responded that their office gives the highest level of impartiality and confidentiality and provides the service of generating options. She explained that the Ombuds Office was an oversight office that helps the student navigate the bureaucracy, and to ensure that everyone has been treated fairly.

Set Parameters

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by German to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor #2 to be 15 minutes for presentation, and 10 minutes for questions.

- Wong stated that this was the agreed upon timeframe with OUSA.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

2. OUSA – Jessica Look and Malika Dhanani presented.

- OUSA summarized the presentation.

Questions

- Hannan asked who their competing organizations were. Dhanani responded that they're not competing with other advocacy groups, and that they're all working for student needs.

Report Period

1. Health Sciences – report circulated

- Hassan summarized the report.

2. Humanities – report circulated

- Hannan presented the report

3. Kinesiology – Bek presented

- Bek summarized the report.

4. Provincial and Federal Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Kiran Bassi presented the report.

5. Finance Committee- Dawdy presented

- Dawdy summarized the report.

6. Executive Board – report circulated

- German presented the report.

7. Vice-President (Education) – Wong presented

- Wong summarized the report.

8. UCRU Federal Lobby Week – report circulated

9. SRA Seat Allocation 2023 – report circulated

- Wong quickly summarized the report.

10. Elections Dept – November By-Election – report circulated

- German quickly summarized the report.

Information Period

- German stated that they forgot to mention during the report from Executive Board, that the MSU was in the process of PTM hiring and that all SRA members on EB are being very helpful. They stated that hiring for the Student Life Enhancement services are completed, then it will be Peer Support and then Assistant Directors. German encouraged everyone to please promote. German informed the Assembly that Student Recognition Night would be March 8 and to please save the date.
- Singh informed the Assembly that meeting with caucuses will start up again soon, and this was a great opportunity to have collaborations.
- Wong stated that there was more information on student renting rights on the MSU's Instagram and asked all Assembly members to share with their constituents.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business

1. Open SRA seats on Clubs Advisory Council

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly open nominations for two (2) SRA Members on the Clubs Advisory Council.

- Singh explained what CAC does.
- German added that if anyone was interested in clubs, this was the committee to sit on.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. Close SRA seats on Clubs Advisory Council

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly close nominations for two (2) SRA Members on the Clubs Advisory Council.

Nominations

- Hannan
- Dodd
- Lu

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh to set parameters for the CAC Election to be one minute for opening statements, five minutes for questions total, and one minute for closing statements.

- German stated that this was how it was traditionally done in the past.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

- The candidates spoke within the allotted time.
- The assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Dodd	14
Hannan	22
Lu	19
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Hannan and Lu won the SRA seats on the Clubs Advisory Council.

3. Open MSU Seat on Election Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Raza that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU Member on the Elections Committee.

- German stated that they've been trying to open a seat on the Elections Committee, and that this person would work with the CRO, DRO, and Scott. They added that it was a great opportunity if someone wanted to learn about the elections process in the MSU.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Close MSU Seat on Elections Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh to postpone “Close MSU Seat on Elections Committee” to SRA 22N.

- German stated that they haven’t received any nominations, so they won’t be able to close the seat.

Vote to Postpone

Passes Unanimously

5. Close MSU Seats for Awards Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close nominations for MSU members to the following award committees:

- Honour M (1)
- Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)

Nominations

- Leon Ji – for all committees
- German stated that as someone who oversees planning Student Recognition Night, if this motion is pushed to the next meeting there is a possibility that nothing would be ready for that night. They stated that they understood the hesitation of having one person nominated, but the SRA should be grateful someone nominated themselves. German added that this student wouldn’t be the only one sitting on the committees.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 2

Opposed: Singh, Tadrous

Abstained: Wong, Dawdy

Motion Passes

- Leon Ji won the MSU seats on the Honour M Award Committee, Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence Committee, MSU Merit Scholarship Award Committee, J. Lynn Watson Award Committee, MSU Spirit Award Committee by acclamation.

6. Close SRA seats on the Awards Committees

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly close nominations for SRA members to the following award committees:

- Honour M (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)
- Singh stated that they’re hoping to get nominations.
- German explained that they do need SRA involvement to select these awards.

Nominations

- Dodd nominated themselves for the Honour M Award Committee
- Hannan nominated themselves for the Merit Scholarship Award Committee
- Pittari nominated themselves for the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee
- Ahmad nominated themselves for the MSU Spirit Award Committee

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Dodd won the SRA seat on the Honour M Award Committee by acclamation.
- Hannan won the SRA seat on the MSU Merit Scholarship Award Committee by acclamation.
- Pittari won the SRA seat on the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee by acclamation.
- Ahmad won the SRA seat on the MSU Spirit Award Committee by acclamation.

7. CASA Observership Status

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approve the MSU's observership the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

- Singh went over the memo circulated with the Assembly.
- Wong felt that Singh summarized the memo very well. They explained that this took a lot of consultation and this has been a conversation since October. Wong stated that with this status the MSU will be able to attend CASA's conferences. They felt that this would help them cover all of their bases.
- Singh re-iterated that there wouldn't be any fees associated with being an observer with CASA, only if they join as members.
- Dawdy stated that the UCRU Lobby Week report and the CASA motion have a bit of tonal dissonance, where UCRU seemed great in the report but now not so much. Dawdy ceded their time to Singh.
- Singh responded that the reports were written by separate individuals and reflects their writing styles.
- Hu asked if UCRU has a better future in gathering and support. Hu ceded their time to Wong.
- Wong responded that UCRU looks great on the outside, but is internally struggling. They added that there wasn't a clause in policy that denies the MSU being a part of both. They explained that the BoD would like to be observers for the General Assembly for CASA, and that Western, Queen's, UBC, and Wilfred Laurier are putting in their observer requests too. Wong added UCRU was struggling, but that the MSU wasn't abandoning it, and that they are just making sure they can make the best decision on federal advocacy.
- German asked about what commitments would entail from the BoD, as well as any associated fees. German ceded to Singh.
- Singh responded that CASA does a series of yearly events, so the MSU will have to pay for items such as travel and accommodations.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2
Abstained: German, Dawdy
Motion Passes

Time of Next Meeting

**November 27, 2022
5:00pm (EST)
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Call of the Roll

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Adjournment

Moved by German, **seconded** by Burton that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 7:24pm

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