



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 22N
Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:09pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Ashraf, Bek, Black, Burton, Chui, Dodd, German, Hannan, Hu, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Pittari, Raza, Singh, Sivackumar, Wang, Wong

Absent Excused:

Absent: Caputo, Chowdhry, Dawdy, Garfield, Larrazabal Zea, Lee, Lu, Lum, Pittari, Suganthan, Tadrous, Vinu, Yeom

Late: Hassan

Others Present: Kyle Sung, (FYC Chair), Simran Dhindsa (AVP University Affairs), 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 Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

- Singh said that there were several reports and changes to Operating Policies and wanted to get started.

Vote to Adopt

In Favour: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting 22N and wished everyone well on their midterms. They reminded non-SRA members to sign the Observer's List. They also reminded the Assembly that SRA meeting graphics were due on February 14th.

Report Period

- 1. First-Year Council – report circulated**
 - Kyle Sung summarized the report.
- 2. Nursing Caucus – report not circulated**
- 3. Science Caucus – Raza presented**

- Raza summarized the report.

4. Social Sciences Caucus – Burton presented

- Burton summarized the report.

5. Municipal Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Wong summarized the report.

6. University Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Simran Dhindsa summarized the report.

7. Executive Board – report circulated

- German summarized the report.

8. President – report circulated

- Singh summarized the report.

Information Period

- Wong informed the Assembly that the Valedictorian applications are out and can be found on the MSU web site. They added that they were still looking for people to sit on the selection committee.
- Singh informed the Assembly that the deadline for applying to MSU Awards is tonight at midnight and that the information could be found on the MSU website.
- German encouraged the Assembly to apply for the MSU Awards. They also informed the Assembly that there were a lot of open positions within services which are listed on the MSU web site and encouraged everyone to review the positions.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Motion to Postpone

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly postpone the following motion to SRA 220:

"**Moved** by ____, **seconded** by ____ that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) MSU member seat on the Elections Committee. "

- German said that it made sense to postpone the election since there were no nominations. He briefly explained what the committee entails.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

Business

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly adopt Business Items #1-7, omnibus.

- German explained that he was putting forward a lot of different Operating Policies that included edits to hiring boards for consistency purposes. He explained that it was the same changes to all policies. German explained that the term 'omnibus' means passing them altogether, instead of one-by-one.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

1. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy - Maccess**
2. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Emergency First Response Team**
3. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Diversity + Equity Network**
4. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Food Collective Centre**
5. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Pride Community Centre**
6. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Student Health Education Centre**
7. **Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Women + Gender Equity Network**

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Maccess**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Emergency First Response Team**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Diversity + Equity Network**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Food Collective Centre**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Pride Community Centre**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Student Health Education Centre**, as circulated.

Moved by German, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly approves the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Women + Gender Equity Network**, as circulated.

- German reviewed the memo with the Assembly.
- Wong noted that German worked very hard on the changes and stated that she agreed with them.

Vote on Motions

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

8. Open one (1) MSU seat on Internal Governance Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU seat on the Internal Governance Committee.

- German informed the Assembly that the committee recently lost one member. He reviewed the duties of the Internal Governance committee.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

9. Close one (1) MSU seat on Internal Governance Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Raza that the Assembly postpone the following motion to SRA 220: "**Moved** by ____, **seconded** by ____ that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) MSU member seat on Internal Governance Committee. "

- German said the seat cannot be closed if there are no nominations. He encouraged the Assembly to reach out to constituents regarding this opportunity.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

10. Open one (1) MSU seat on General Assembly Planning Committee

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU seat on General Assembly Planning Committee.

- Singh said that General Assembly was approaching in March and hoped to have the seat filled.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

11. Close one (1) MSU seat on General Assembly Planning Committee

Moved by German, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly postpone the following motion to SRA 220: "**Moved** by ____, **seconded** by ____ that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) MSU member seat on General Assembly Planning Committee.

- German said the seat cannot be closed if there are no nominations. He encouraged the Assembly to reach out to their constituents regarding the opportunity and said that this committee member would help plan General Assembly alongside the Speaker.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

12. Open SRA seats on other Committees

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) SRA seat on the following committees:

- General Assembly Planning Committee
- Sponsorships & Donations Committee
- Teaching Awards Committee

- Singh said it is important to have an SRA member on each of these committees and noted they are all low commitment.
- Chui said that these committees are very fun, and small. She said the commitment is approximately 30 minutes per week.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

13. Close SRA seats on other Committees

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Chui that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) SRA seat on the following committees:

- General Assembly Planning Committee
- Sponsorships & Donations Committee
- Teaching Awards Committee

- Singh reiterated that General Assembly was approaching and that it is the highest governing body of the MSU where student insight is received. He added that the Speaker has already put in a lot of work into it, and it would be great to have the opinion of an SRA member. Singh said it is low commitment and would be wrapped up by mid-March.
- Chui said that it is important that General Assembly is planned smoothly this year and encouraged Assembly members to attend. She reviewed the duties of the Sponsorship & Donations committee.

Nominations

- Pittari nominated themselves for the General Assembly Planning Committee.
- Hassan nominated themselves for the Sponsorships & Donations Committee
- Ahmad nominated themselves for the Teaching Awards Committee.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

- Pittari won the seat on the General Assembly Planning Committee by acclamation.
- Hassan won the seat in the Sponsorships & Donations Committee by acclamation.

- Ahmad won the seat on the Teaching Awards Committee by acclamation.

Committee Business

1. Proposed changes to Operating Policy - MSU Governance and You Committee

Moved by German that the Assembly approve the changes to **Operating Policy - MSU Governance and You Committee**, as circulated.

- German reviewed the memo with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes

2. Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Interfaith Council

Moved by German that the Assembly approve the changes to **Operating Policy – Interfaith Council**, as circulated.

- German reviewed the memo with the Assembly.
- Chui asked how the membership status is determined and who picks the groups that are listed in the policy. Chui ceded her time to German. German explained that no groups were removed from the policy and said he personally did not select the groups, nor did the Internal Governance committee, that is just what the policy states. He said that if Chui felt a major religious group was being excluded, she could voice her concerns to the Internal Governance committee and changes could be made if necessary. He clarified that all of the same groups were kept, with the exception of the Catholic Students Association (CSA) being replaced with Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church & Chaplaincy, as the CSA no longer exists.
- Chui asked if it was possible to review the membership status as there are 19 religious clubs on campus. She understood that it was fair to pick a religious group from each religion but thought within each religion there are contrasting values. She suggested a rotational system so that each year, a different club from that religion would have a seat at the table. She added that if a club did not finish the ratification process and got de-ratified, they wouldn't be able to sit on this council.
- German felt that a rotating basis of groups would make the policy extremely complex/outdated as policies are reviewed approximately every three years. He added that if they consistently needed to be updated, they would be breaking the policy, or it would be outdated and would also put a strain on administrative capacities. German clarified that those listed are voting members and others could still sit in on the committee.
- Singh personally felt that the changes were administrative in nature and thought the point Chui brought up was reasonable.
- Chui said her concern was that the groups chosen to be voting members are not actually representative of their religion. Chui asked what the process is if the policy is referred back to the Internal Governance committee. Chui ceded her time to German.
- German explained that the Internal Governance committee would review the policy, and provide the Executive Assistant, Administrative Services Coordinator and Vice-President (Administration) with two days to also review the policy and then it would be sent to the SRA with five days' notice. German clarified that if the Internal Governance committee didn't agree with the changes, they did not have to make them.
- Chui stated she has no problem with the current changes and asked to motion to refer back to the Internal Governance committee.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes**

Time of Next Meeting

**February 26, 2023
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111**

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Ashraf, Bek, Black, Burton, Chui, Dodd, German, Hannan, Hu, Mannat, Middaugh Cifuentes, Mothe, Pittari, Raza, Singh, Sivackumar, Wang, Wong
Absent Excused:
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Late: Hassan
Others Present: Daniela Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Piper Plavins

Adjournment

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

**In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Motion Passes**

Adjourned at 6:13pm.

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