



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 23B
Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 10:00am (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 10:09AM

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Campbell, Chui, Dodd, Ellis, Fellman, Forbes, German, Hannan, Herzstein, John, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Singh, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Wong, Yang, Yao, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Begun, Hu, Khandelwal, Mohammed, Su, Yousef

Late: Gono, Zafar

Others Present: Jacob Metzler (MSU Member), Jovan Popovic (MSU President-Elect), Mahum Khawaja (MSU Member), Mohil Imran (MSU Member), Laura Jurgeleviciute (MSU Member), Maia Rousseau (MSU Member), Elimira Noohpisheh (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

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

- Singh stated that there were a lot of items to get through and that they were looking forward to having a productive day.

Vote to Adopt

Passes Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by German, **seconded** by Hannan to adopt the minutes of SRA meeting 22Q – March 26, 2023, as circulated.

- German stated that the minutes looked great.

Vote to Adopt

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. They asked that observers sign the Observer's List in the back. The Chair announced that it was their last meeting of the year, and asked the Assembly to make it a good one.

Special Orders of the Day

1. Recess into Meetings of MSU and CFMU Incorporated

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly recess into meetings of the Full Members of MSU and CFMU Incorporated.

- Singh stated that there were a lot of items to go through, and it was the perfect opportunity to ask questions.
- German added that it will be tedious, and thanked the Assembly for their patience.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 10:14am

Called to Order at 12:01pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Campbell, Chui, Dodd, Ellis, Fellman, Forbes, Gono, Hannan, Herzstein, John, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Singh, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Wong, Yang, Yao, Zafar, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Begun, Hu, Khandelwal, Mohammed, Su, Yousef

Late: German

Others Present: Jacob Metzler (MSU Member), Jovan Popovic (MSU President-Elect), Mahum Khawaja (MSU Member), Mohil Imran (MSU Member), Laura Jurgeleviciute (MSU Member), Maia Rousseau (MSU Member), Elimira Noohpisheh (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Piper Plavins (MSU Speaker)

2. Election of Vice-President (Education)

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Chui to postpone this item to SRA meeting 23C.

- Wong stated that, unfortunately, no one has nominated themselves for this position. They added that they're still talking to some people, but it's been hard to find someone who can commit to the whole year.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Close Nominations for MSU members to Standing Committees

- **Finance (2)**
- **Internal Governance (2)**
- **Municipal Affairs (2)**
- **Provincial and Federal Affairs (2)**
- **Services (2)**
- **University Affairs (2)**

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly close nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees, as listed.

- Singh stated that this will be great.
- German thanked everyone for their involvement.

Nominations

- The Speaker read out the nominations for each committee:

Finance Committee

- Aniruddh Arora
- Siying Lu
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Laura Jurgeleviciute
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Justin Phung

Internal Governance Committee

- Siying Lu
- Sana Ashraf
- Ayesha Zahid
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Maia Rousseau
- Sandra Biggar
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Brenda Lin
- Mahum Khawaja
- Jacob Metzler
- Trisha

Municipal Affairs Committee

- Ayesha Zahid
- Mannat Mannat
- Mohil Imran
- Mehar Sighat
- Sandra Biggar
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Saismetha Visnukumar
- Mahum Khawaja
- Matthew Ahn

- Trisha

Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee

- Siying Lu
- Callum MacLeod
- Ayesha Zahid
- Mannat Mannat
- Mehar Sighat
- Hayley Kupinsky
- Sandra Biggar
- Mahum Khawaja
- Matthew Ahn
- Jacob Metzler
- Trisha

Services Committee

- Siying Lu
- Ayesha Zahid
- Mannat Mannat
- Nabihah Malik
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Manya Malik
- Maia Rousseau
- Grace Cheung
- Trisha
- Justin Phung
- Kaia Madjus

University Affairs Committee

- Ayesha Zahid
- Nabihah Malik
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Stephanie Henry
- Manya Malik
- Sandra Biggar
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Mahum Khawaja
- Trisha
- Jasmin

Vote on Motion

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly close nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees, as listed.

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by German, **seconded** by Zakkar to set parameters for elections to be one minute for opening statements, two minutes for questions per candidate, pooled, with one minute to answer each question, and one minute for closing statements.

- German stated that this was standard, and it would be beneficial.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Finance Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Aniruddh Arora
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Laura Jurgeleviciute
- Siying Lu
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Justin Phung

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

Candidate	Vote
Arora	0
Desai	0
Jurgeleviciute	20
Lu	0
Noohpisheh	26
Phung	9
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Laura Jurgeleviciute and Elmira Noohpisheh won the MSU seats on the Finance Committee.

Internal Governance Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Trisha
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Sana Ashraf
- Sandra Biggar
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Mahum Khawaja
- Brenda Lin
- Siying Lu
- Jacob Metzler
- Maia Rousseau
- Ayesha Zahid
- Elmira Noohpisheh withdrew their nomination

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

Candidate	Vote
Trisha	0
Ahmed Eera	0
Ashraf	0
Biggar	0
Desai	0
Khawaja	24
Lin	1
Lu	0
Metzler	3
Rousseau	26
Zahid	0
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Maia Rousseau and Mahum Khawaja won the MSU seats on the Internal Governance Committee.

Municipal Affairs Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Trisha
 - Taskin Ahmed Eera
 - Matthew Ahn
 - Sandra Biggar
 - Mohil Imran
 - Mahum Khawaja
 - Mannat Mannat
 - Mehar Sighat
 - Saismetha Visnukumar
 - Ayesha Zahid
- The Candidates spoke within the time allotted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Trisha	0
Ahmed Eera	0
Ahn	9
Biggar	1
Imran	28
Khawaja	23
Mannat	0
Sighat	3
Visnukumar	0
Zahid	1
Spoiled	0

Abstain	0
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- Mohil Imran and Mahum Khawaja won the MSU seats on the Municipal Affairs Committee.

Provincial and Federal Affairs Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Trisha
 - Matthew Ahn
 - Sandra Biggar
 - Mahum Khawaja
 - Hayley Kupinsky
 - Siying Lu
 - Callum MacLeod
 - Mannat Mannat
 - Jacob Metzler
 - Mehar Sighat
 - Ayesha Zahid
- The Candidates spoke within time allotted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Trisha	0
Ahn	6
Biggar	0
Khawaja	12
Kupinsky	19
Lu	0
MacLeod	0
Mannat	0
Metzler	9
Sighat	7
Zahid	0
Spoiled	0
Abstain	1

- Hayley Kupsinsky and Mahum Khawaja won the MSU seats on the Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee.

Services Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Trisha
- Grace Cheung
- Siying Lu
- Kaia Madjus
- Manya Malik
- Nabihah Malik
- Mannat Mannat
- Maia Rousseau
- Justin Phung

- Ayesha Zahid
- Mahum Khawaja withdrew their nomination
- Elmira Noohpisheh withdrew their nomination

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

Candidate	Vote
Trisha	0
Cheung	14
Lu	0
Madjus	4
M. Malik	0
N. Malik	0
Mannat	0
Rousseau	17
Phung	22
Zahid	0
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Maia Rousseau and Justin Phung won the MSU seats on the Services Committee.

University Affairs Committee Election for (2) MSU Members

Nominations

- Jasmin
- Trisha
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Sandra Biggar
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Stephanie Henry
- Mahum Khawaja
- Manya Malik
- Nabihah Malik
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Ayesha Zahid

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

Candidate	Vote
Jasmin	20
Trisha	0
Ahmed Eera	0
Biggar	0
Desai	0
Henry	10
Khawaja	17
M. Malik	1

N. Malik	0
Noohpisheh	0
Zahid	2
Spoiled	0
Abstain	2

- Jasmin and Mahum Khawaja won the MSU seats on the University Affairs Committee.

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly recess for 45 minutes.

- Wong stated that they've been sitting for a long time, and that they ordered pizza for the break.
- Singh stated that it would be nice to have the time to eat and relax.

Amendment

Moved by Fellman, **seconded** by Abbott to amend the motion to read: "**Moved** by Wong, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly recess for 30 minutes."

- Fellman stated that 30 minutes would be sufficient.
- Abbott agreed that this would get them out sooner.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Zafar
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Wong, **seconded** by Singh that the Assembly recess for 30 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 2:24pm
Called to Order at 2:58pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Campbell, Chui, Dodd, Ellis, Fellman, Forbes, Germa, Gono, Hannan, Herzstein, Hu, John, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Singh, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Wong, Yang, Yao, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Batusic, Begun, Khandelwal, Mohammed, Su, Yousef

Late: Zafar

Others Present: Jovan Popovic (MSU President-Elect), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Piper Plavins (MSU Speaker)

4. Close Nominations for MSU members to other Committees

- **Child Care Centre Advisory (2 MSU/SRA)**
- **Clubs Advisory Council (5)**
- **Elections (5)**
- **General Assembly Planning Committee (1)**
- **MSU Sustainability Education Committee (2)**
- **MSU Governance & You Committee (minimum 2)**
- **Teaching Awards (minimum 4)**
- **University Book Store Committee (3 MSU/SRA)**
- **Welcome Week Faculty Cup (1)**

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees, as listed.

- Singh stated that these committees are different in nature with a variety of topics, but still very valuable.

Nominations

- The Speaker read out the nominations for each committee:

Child Care Centre Advisory (2 MSU/SRA seats)

- Siying Lu
- Nabihah Malik
- Manya Malik
- Sandra Biggar
- Nataly Ayoub
- Manhoor Moin

Clubs Advisory Council (5 seats)

- Nabihah Malik
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Manya Malik
- Eden Ryley
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Saismetha Visnukumar
- Grace Cheung
- Justin Phung

Elections Committee (5 seats)

- Sana Ashraf
- Ayesha Zahid
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Maia Rousseau
- Sandra Biggar
- Eden Ryley
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Brenda Lin
- Grace Cheung
- Trisha
- Justin Phung

General Assembly Planning Committee (1 seat)

- Siying Lu
- Mannat Mannat
- Nabihah Malik
- Manya Malik
- Trisha

MSU Governance & You Committee (min. 2 non-SRA seats)

- Siying Lu
- Stephanie Henry
- Nabihah Malik
- Elmira Noohpisheh
- Mohil Imran
- Maia Rousseau
- Sandra Biggar
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Mubashshirah Desai
- Saismetha Visnukumar
- Trisha

MSU Sustainability Education Committee (2 non-SRA seats)

- Ayesha Zahid
- Manya Malik
- Maia Rousseau
- Sandra Biggar
- Taskin Ahmed Eera
- Eden Ryley

Teaching Awards Committee (min. 4 seats)

- Sandra Biggar
- Eden Ryley

University Bookstore Committee (3 MSU/SRA seats)

- Manya Malik
- Sandra Biggar
- Laura Jurgeleviciute

Welcome Week Award Selection Committee - Faculty Cup (1 non-SRA seat)

- Nabihah Malik
- Manya Malik
- Annirudh Arora

Amendment

Moved by German, **seconded** by Singh to amend the motion to close all seats except two Teaching Award Committee seats.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees, with the exception of two (2) Teaching Award Committee seats, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker announced that the following seats were acclaimed:
 - Siying Lu, Stephanie Henry, Nabihah Malik, Elmira Noohpishah, Mohil Imran, Maia Rousseau, Sandra Biggar, Taskin Ahmed Eera, Mubashshirah Desai, Saismetha Visnukumar, and Trisha won their seats on the MSU Governance & You Committee by acclamation.
 - Sandra Biggar and Eden Ryley won their seats on the Teaching Awards Committee by acclamation.
 - Manya Malik, Sandra Biggar, Laura Jurgeleviciute won their seats on the University Bookstore Committee by acclamation.

Set Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German to set parameters for Other Committees Elections to be one minute opening statements, one minute for questions per candidate pooled, and one minute closing statements.

- Singh felt that this would be a reasonable time frame.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

Child Care Advisory Committee Election for (2) MSU/SRA Members

Nominations

- Siying Lu
 - Nabihah Malik
 - Manya Malik
 - Sandra Biggar
 - Nataly Ayoub
 - Manhoor Moin
- Statements were read aloud.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Ayoub	25
Biggar	2
Lu	7
M. Malik	0
N. Malik	3
Moin	0
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Nataly Ayoub and Siyang Lu won the seats on the Child Care Advisory Committee.

Clubs Advisory Council Election for (5) MSU Members

Nominations

- Grace Cheung
 - Mubashshirah Desai
 - Manya Malik
 - Nabihah Malik
 - Elmira Noohpisheh
 - Justin Phung
 - Eden Ryley
 - Saismetha Visnukumar
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- Statements were read aloud.
 - Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Cheung	26
Desai	6
M. Malik	8
N. Malik	9
Noohpisheh	17
Phung	24
Ryley	13
Visnukumar	7
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Justin Phung, Grace Cheung, Eden Ryley, Elmira Noohpisheh, and Nabihah Malik won the MSU seats on the Clubs Advisory Council.

Elections Committee Election for (5) MSU Members

Nominations

- Trisha
 - Sana Ashraf
 - Sandra Biggar
 - Grace Cheung
 - Mubashshirah Desai
 - Brenda Lin
 - Elmira Noohpisheh
 - Justin Phung
 - Maia Rousseau
 - Eden Ryley
 - Ayesha Zahid
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- Statements were read aloud.
 - Assembly voted by Secret Ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Trisha	0
Ashraf	14
Biggar	2
Cheung	25
Desai	1
Lin	28
Noohpisheh	8
Phung	26
Rousseau	9
Ryley	5
Zahid	9
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Sana Ashraf, Brenda Lin, Justin Phung, and Grace Cheung won four out of the five MSU Member Election Committee seats.
- Zahid and Rousseau tied for the last seat.

Run-off election for Elections Committee

- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Rousseau	19
Zahid	7
Spoiled	1
Abstain	1

- Maia Rousseau won the last MSU member seat on the Elections Committee.

General Assembly Planning Committee Election for (1) MSU Members

Nominations

- Siying Lu
 - Mannat Mannat
 - Manya Malik
 - Nabihah Malik
 - Trisha
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- No statements were submitted.
 - Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Lu	3
Mannat	21
M. Malik	0
N. Malik	1
Trisha	1

Spoiled	0
Abstain	2

- Mannat Mannat won the MSU seat on the General Assembly Planning Committee.

Sustainability Education Committee Election for MSU members

Nominations

- Taskin Ahmed Eera
 - Sandra Biggar
 - Manya Malik
 - Maia Rousseau
 - Eden Ryley
 - Ayesha Zahid
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- No statements were submitted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Ahmed Eera	5
Biggar	6
M. Malik	12
Rousseau	8
Ryley	4
Zahid	9
Spoiled	1
Abstain	3

- Manya Malik and Ayesha Zahid won the MSU seats on the Sustainability Education Committee.

Welcome Week Award Committee Election for MSU members

Nominations

- Aniruddh Arora
 - Manya Malik
 - Nabihah Malik
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- No statements were submitted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Arora	13
M. Malik	7
N. Malik	3
Spoiled	3
Abstain	2

- Aniruddh Arora won the MSU seat on the Welcome Week Awards Committee.

5. Close nominations for (5) SRA Members to Executive Board

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly close nominations for (5) SRA members to the Executive Board 2023-2024.

- Singh stated that EB was an important body, as they act as the SRA over the summer.

Nominations

- Dodd withdrew their nomination
- Hu
- Khandelwal
- Masudi withdrew their nomination
- Suganthan
- Wang
- Yang
- Zafar withdrew their nomination

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German to set parameters for the Executive Board election to be one minute for opening statements, two minutes for questions per candidate pooled, and one minute for closing statements.

- Singh felt that these were reasonable parameters.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

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

Candidate	Confidence	No Confidence
Hu	25	0
Khandelwal	21	4
Suganthan	27	0
Wang	27	0
Yang	26	0
Spoiled	0	
Abstain	0	

- Hu, Wang, Suganthan, Yang, and Khandelwal won their seats with confidence.

Information Period

- Singh informed the Assembly that they have already had meetings with most of the caucuses. Singh let the Assembly know that they will be sending out an email in the next coming days about the Ombuds Advisory Committee, which will need an SRA member.
- Wong asked the Assembly to keep looking out for a possible VP (Education) candidate.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Fellman that the Assembly postpone all items from Business Arising from the Minutes to SRA 23C.

- Masudi stated that they've had a constructive meeting but felt that the rest should be postponed due to exams.
- Fellman agreed and stated that they've been at the meeting for around 8 hours, and felt that these items can be postponed.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Business

1. Executive Board Parameters

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the Assembly delegate all of its authority to the Executive Board from May 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023, with the exception that the Executive Board shall not change any MSU Bylaws, nor shall it approve any SRA minutes.

- Singh explained that this was traditional protocol. They stated that EB would be delegated to act as the SRA in the summer due to not many Assembly members being able to come to meetings in the summer. Singh added that the Assembly will still meet twice in the summer, but EB meets every two weeks.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. Ratify Results from VP and Speaker Elections

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by Wong that the Assembly ratify Vithuyan Sugumar as Vice-President (Administration), Craig Dawdy as Vice-President (Finance), and Aiman Dhiloon as Speaker for the 2023-2024 term.

Passes Unanimously

Business Arising from General Assembly

1. Open Educational Practises

Moved by Singh, **seconded** by German that the McMaster Students Union should advocate to McMaster University for increased investment in Open Educational Practises (OEPs), such as Open Educational Resources (OERs), and other items that promote greater accessibility, higher quality, and equity within education.

- Singh stated that this was presented at General Assembly. They went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Masudi recommended advocacy for this item as it affects everyone.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

**April 30, 2023
10:00am (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111**

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Campbell, Chui, Dodd, Ellis, Fellman, Forbes, Germa, Gono, Hannan, Herzstein, Hu, John, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Singh, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Wong, Yang, Yao, Zafar, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Batusic, Begun, Chui, Khandelwal, Mohammed, Su, Yousef

Late:

Others Present: Jovan Popovic (MSU President-Elect), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Piper Plavins (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

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

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 4:57PM

/vs