



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 23F
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:14pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Dodd, El-Kadi, Ellis, Forbes, Gono, Hannan, John, Khandelwal, Masudi, Otchere, Pacheco, Popovic, Qannam, Samuels, Su, Thusyanthan, Wang, Yang, Yao, Zakkar

Absence Excused:

Absent: Shouldice, Suganthan

Late:

Others Present: Piper Plavins, (AVP Internal Governance), Veronica Larrazabal Zea (AVP Services), D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Aiman Dhiloon (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 Popovic, **seconded** Samuels by that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly amend the agenda and add opening two (2) SRA seats on an ad hoc committee to review **Bylaw 4/A – Executive Remuneration** as Business Item #11.

- Popovic said that questions arose in the last few years regarding this Bylaw and noted that it came up again this year. He said that the goal is to strike up an adhoc committee to review the Bylaw. He added they can only open the seats but cannot close them because three days' notice was not provided.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Abbott, **seconded** Samuels that the Assembly amend the agenda to add opening an SRA seat on the Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee to Business Item #7 and closing an SRA seat on the Provincial & Federal Affairs committee to Business Item #8.

- Abbott said there is an open SRA seat on the committee that needs to be filled.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Samuels that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Thusyanthan that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meeting 23E – July 23, 2023, as circulated.

- Popovic said that the minutes from the previous meeting looked good.

Vote to Adopt

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting 23F. They reiterated that meetings will be at 5:00pm during the fall and winter terms. They asked any non-SRA members to sign the Observer’s List.

Report Period

1. Arts & Science – John presented

- John summarized the report.

2. Business – report circulated

- Pacheco summarized the report.

3. Engineering – report not circulated

4. Internal Governance – Piper Plavins presented

- Piper Plavins summarized the report.

5. Services – Veronica Larrazabal Zea presented

- Veronica Larrazabal Zea summarized the report.

6. President – Popovic presented

- Popovic summarized the report.

7. Executive Board – Arora presented

- Arora summarized the report.

8. Elections – report circulated

Information Period

- No information was shared.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from The Minutes

1. Close nominations for MSU members to Other Committees

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly postpone the following motion to SRA 23G: **Moved** by _____, **seconded** by _____ that the Assembly close nominations for MSU members to Other Committees, as listed:

- Teaching Awards (minimum 2)
- Popovic said it was logical to postpone the motion.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Business

1. Ratify Vice-Presidents (Administration) and (Finance)

Moved by Samuels, **seconded** by Popovic that Assembly ratify Adam El-Kadi as Vice-President (Administration) and Sefa Otchere as Vice-President (Finance) for the 2023-2024 term.

- Popovic noted this was procedural and that both VPs have been great so far.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: El-Kadi
Motion Passes

2. Policy Paper – Environmental Sustainability

Moved by Samuels, **seconded** by Popovic, that the Assembly approve the Environmental Sustainability policy paper, as circulated.

- Samuels reviewed the policy paper.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Policy Paper – Tuition and PSE Affordability

Moved by Samuels, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly approve the Tuition and PSE Affordability policy paper, as circulated.

- Samuels reviewed the policy paper.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Policy Paper – Student Engagement and Retention

Moved by Samuels, **seconded** by Popovic, that the Assembly approve the Student Engagement and Retention policy paper, as circulated.

- Samuels reviewed the policy paper.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

5. Caucus Year Plans

Moved by Ahmad, **seconded** by Zakkar that the Assembly approve the following Caucus Year plans, as circulated:

- Arts & Science
 - Kinesiology
 - Business
 - Engineering
- Popovic asked if all the year plans were received. Stajcer answered they were all received, except Engineering and that it was automatically added to the agenda as per standard procedure.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

6. Committee of the Whole - Department of BBS Representation on the SRA

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss Department of BBS Representation on the SRA.

- Masudi said the Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences is unique and feels that it falls through the cracks with representation on the SRA. They added that they are hoping to give context, provide a few resolutions, and open the floor to conversation.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by John that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and Rise and Report.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Rise and Report

- Hannan reported that many options for representation of this group were explored. They added that having these students represented in Science would be the easiest option, so as they transition into

Health Sciences, the idea is for them to remain in Science. Hannan added that Masudi has offered to consult additional parties regarding the Bylaw in order to review the proposed options.

7. Open nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees

Moved by Arora, **seconded** by Dodd that the Assembly open nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees, as listed:

- Finance (1)
 - Internal Governance (1)
 - Municipal Affairs (1)
 - Services (2)
 - Provincial & Federal Affairs (1)
- Arora wanted to proceed with opening the seats.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

8. Close nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees

Moved by Ahmad, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly open nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees, as listed:

- Finance (1)
 - Internal Governance (1)
 - Municipal Affairs (1)
 - Services (2)
 - Provincial & Federal Affairs (1)
- Ahmad wanted to proceed with closing the seats.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Acclamations

- The Speaker announced that Ahmad won the SRA seat on the Finance Committee by acclamation.
- The Speaker announced that Gono won the SRA seat on the Internal Governance Committee by acclamation.
- The Speaker announced that Abbott won the SRA seat on the Municipal Affairs Committee by acclamation.
- The Speaker announced that Ahmad and John won the SRA seats on the Services Committee by acclamation.
- The Speaker announced that Gono won the SRA seat on the Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee by acclamation.

9. Open MSU Seats on Elections Committee

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Otchere that the Assembly open three (3) MSU seat on the Elections Committee.

- Popovic wanted to continue with filling committee seats.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

10. Close MSU Seats on Elections Committee

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close three (3) MSU seat on the Elections Committee.

Nominations:

- Adrian Hou
- Jaimie Lai
- Daniel Lenarduzzi

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker announced that Adrian Hou, Jaimie Lai and Daniel Lenarduzzi won the MSU seats on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

11. Open Two (2) SRA Seats on an Ad hoc Committee for Bylaw 4/A - Executive Remuneration

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Yang that the Assembly open two (2) SRA seats for an ad hoc committee to review **Bylaw 4/A – Executive Remuneration**.

- Popovic said that they will only be opening the seats today and not closing. He added that the hope is for the committee to complete their review by October 8th.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly delegate closing 2 SRA seats for an ad hoc committee to review **Bylaw 4/A – Executive Remuneration** to the Executive Board meeting on September 18th.

- Popovic said that by delegating to Executive Board, the seats can be filled quicker. He said that three days' notice is required for committee seats and therefore, the seats would have to be closed at the Executive Board meeting on September 18th.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

Sunday September 24th, 2023

5:00pm (EDT)

Council Chambers, GH 111

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Dodd, El-Kadi, Ellis, Forbes, Gono, Hannan, John, Khandelwal, Masudi, Otchere, Pacheco, Popovic, Qannam, Samuels, Su, Thusyanthan, Wang, Yang, Yao, Zakkar

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Others Present: D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Aiman Dhiloon (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

Moved by Abbott, **seconded** by Samuels that the Assembly adjourn.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 6:49pm.

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