



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 23L**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 5:00pm (EDT)**  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**

**Called to Order at 5:15pm**

**Call of the Roll**

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Bolca, Chan, Dodd, El-Kadi, Ellis, Forbes, George, Gono, Hu, John, Keka, Khan, Mahmoud, Okosagah, Otchere, Qannam, Samuels, Su, Wang, Yang, Yao, Zakkar

Absence Excused: Popovic

Absent: Hannan, Khandelwal, Pacheco, Shouldice, Suganthan, Thusyanthan

Late:

Others Present: Piper Plavins (AVP Internal Governance), Alina Pace (Students for Bikeshare), Alisha Haseeb (Students for Bikeshare), Maia Rousseau (Services Committee Member), Joshua Bell (Canada's G100 Delegate Office), 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 Samuels, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

**Amendment**

**Moved** by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Otchere that the Assembly add the following motion to Business Item #1:  
"Moved by \_\_\_\_, **seconded** by \_\_\_\_ that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Jovan Popovic, MSU President, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024."

**Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Amendment**

**Moved** by Hu, **seconded** by Samuels that the Assembly add the following motion to Business Item #2:  
"Moved by \_\_\_\_, **seconded** by \_\_\_\_ that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Kevin Hu, SRA Engineering Caucus Leader, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024."

- Hu stated that as per the Bylaw, they were required to take a leave of absence.

**Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

### **Amendment**

**Moved** by Hu, **seconded** by Samuels that the Assembly add the following motion to Business Item #3:

**“Moved** by \_\_\_\_\_, **seconded** by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Zimo Wang, SRA Social Sciences Caucus Leader, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.”

- Wang stated that as a caucus leader, they need to take a leave of absence.

### **Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

### **Amendment**

**Moved** by Batusic, **seconded** by Zakkar that the Assembly add a Delegation from the Floor from McMaster Students for Bikeshare to the agenda.

- Batusic said they were approached by OPIRG and McMaster Students for Bikeshare regarding their initiative and felt it was important to give them time to present.

### **Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

### **Vote to Adopt**

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

**Passes Unanimously**

### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** by Samuels, **seconded** by Otchere that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA 23J – November 12, as circulated.

**Passes Unanimously**

### **Announcements from Chair**

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new term. They noted that there are no agenda packages today due to the MSU office being closed for the holiday break. They asked Assembly members to rise when providing their report and asked non-Assembly members to sign the Observer’s List.

### **Report Period**

#### **1. University Affairs Committee – Samuels presented**

- Samuels summarized the report.

### **Questions**

- Arora asked if Samuels had an introduction on making SAS accessible. Samuels answered that the campaign is to make awareness on what SAS has defined their eligibility criteria and translating that knowledge into tangible pieces for students.

**2. Arts & Science Caucus – John presented**

- John summarized the report.

**3. Business Caucus – report not circulated**

- Mahmoud said that they are trying to meet as a group, set shared goals and try to revive their socials.

**4. Engineering Caucus – report circulated**

- Hu summarized the report.

**5. Internal Governance Committee – Piper Plavins presented**

- Plavins summarized the report.

**6. Services Committee – report circulated**

- Maia Rousseau summarized the report.

**7. Executive Board – report circulated**

**8. Vice-President (Finance) – Otchere presented**

- Otchere summarized the report.

**9. Elections Department – November By-Elections – report circulated**

**10. CASA Advocacy Week – report circulated**

- Samuels summarized the report.

**Questions**

- Hu asked if lifting the limit on international student working hours was going to happen. Samuels answered that it was in the best interest of the country to permanently lift it, since international students recognize the good quality of education received in Canada. They added that it would be ideal for the prosperity of Canada as a growing/competitive country, but did not have an official answer.

**11. OUSA Student Advocacy Conference – report circulated**

- Samuels summarized the report.

**Delegation From The Floor**

**Set Parameters**

**Moved** by Batusic, **seconded** by Gono that the Assembly set parameters to be five minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions.

**Passes Unanimously**

**1. McMaster Students for Bikeshare – Alina Pace and Alisha Haseeb presented**

- McMaster Students for Bikeshare reviewed their presentation with the Assembly.

### **Questions**

- Abbott asked what the size of the petition was and if anything else was done. Pace and Haseeb answered that 900 signatures were collected over three days, and they also have a social media platform with regular engagement.
- Begun asked if Hamilton Bike Share will expand the number of bikes available for students. Pace and Haseeb answered that Hamilton Bike Share would expand the number of stations on campus.
- Hu noted this would be part of the MSU fees and asked what the latest time they would need for a referendum to be passed. Pace and Haseeb answered that they could hold a referendum outside of Presidential elections, but the concern is low student turnout for a single issue.
- El-Kadi stated that currently, there is no signed agreement between the McMaster Students for Bikeshare and Hamilton Bike Share and that there is a slight discrepancy in pricing. El-Kadi added that in order for this referendum to be discussed at the SRA level, ten school days' notice to the SRA is required, as this is outlined in our constitution, meaning that it should have been submitted by the end of November. Pace and Haseeb stated that the deadline for the referendum notice was November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the presidential election was not announced until November 30<sup>th</sup> and therefore they did not have enough time. El-Kadi understood that they were given an alternative option of having the referendum run alongside SRA elections in March.

### **Information Period**

- Samuels informed the Assembly that they will be hosting the Minister of Transportation soon. They added that the Minister wants to host a round table discussion with students. Samuels said that they wanted to involve the Assembly in these discussions and will send out an email to gauge interest.

### **Question Period**

- No questions were asked.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **1. Close SRA seats on Other Committees**

**Moved** by Abbott, **seconded** by John that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) SRA member seat to the Interfaith Council.

#### **Nominations**

- Batusic

#### **Vote on Motion**

#### **Passes Unanimously**

- The Speaker announced that Batusic won the SRA seat on Interfaith Council by acclamation.

#### **2. Close MSU Seats on SRN Awards Committees**

**Moved** by Samuels, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close nominations for MSU member seats to the following SRN Award Selection Committees:

- Honour M (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)

- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)
- Rudy Heinzl (1)

#### **Nominations**

- Samrit Rull (MSU Spirit)

#### **Amendment**

**Moved** by Otchere, **seconded** by Dodd to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by Samuels, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close nominations for the MSU Spirit Committee MSU member seat, and postpone closing the following SRN Award selection committees to SRA 23M:

- Honour M
- MSU Merit Scholarship
- J. Lynn Watson
- Rudy Heinzl”

#### **Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

#### **Vote on Main Motion**

**Moved** by Samuels, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close the MSU Member seat on the MSU Spirit committee, and postpone closing the Honour M, MSU Merit Scholarship, J. Lynn Watson, and Rudy Heinzl award committees to SRA 23M.

**Passes Unanimously**

- Samrit Rull won the MSU member seat on the MSU Spirit Award Committee by acclamation.

#### **Business**

##### **1. Leave of Absence Request – Jovan Popovic**

**Moved** by Yang, **seconded** by El-Kadi that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Jovan Popovic, MSU President, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

##### **2. Leave of Absence Request – Kevin Hu**

**Moved** by Hu, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Kevin Hu, SRA Engineering Caucus Leader, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- Hu reiterated that he was required to take a leave as per the Bylaw.

#### **Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

**3. Leave of Absence Request – Zimo Wang**

**Moved** by Wang, **seconded** by Samuels that the Assembly approve a Leave of Absence for Zimo Wang, SRA Social Sciences Caucus Leader, occurring January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Time of Next Meeting**

**January 21, 2024  
5:00pm (EST)  
Council Chambers, GH111**

**Call of the Roll**

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Bolca, Chan, Dodd, El-Kadi, Ellis, Forbes, George, Gono, Hu, John, Keka, Khan, Mahmoud, Okosagah, Otchere, Qannam, Samuels, Su, Wang, Yang, Yao, Zakkar  
Absence Excused: Popovic  
Absent: Hannan, Khandelwal, Pacheco, Shouldice, Suganthan, Thusyanthan  
Late: Joshua Bell (Canada's G100 Delegate Office), D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)  
Others Present: D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)  
Chair: Aiman Dhiloon (MSU Speaker)

**Adjournment**

**Moved** by Abbott, **seconded** by Otchere that the meeting be adjourned.

**Passes Unanimously**

**Adjourned at 6:18pm**

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