



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 23K
Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111**

Called to Order at 5:05pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Chan, Dodd, El-Kadi, Forbes, Hannan, Hu, Keka, Khan, Khandelwal, Mahmoud, Popovic, Qannam, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Abbott, Bolca, Ellis, Gono, John, Pacheco, Samuels, Shouldice, Su, Yao

Late: Otchere, Yang

Others Present: Maxwell Huang (FYC Chair), V. Scott (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** by El-Kadi that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Arora to amend the agenda and push the University Affairs Committee report to SRA 23L – January 7, 2024.

- Popovic stated that Samuels wasn't here to report and that they're in Toronto for OUSA Lobby Week.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by El-Kadi that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to SRA meeting 23K. They asked that everyone please speak up for the livestream, and to keep their placards up when voting. The Chair asked for the observers at the back to please sign the Observer's List for the meeting minutes.

Report Period

1. First-Year Council – Maxwell Huang presented

- Huang summarized the report.

Questions

- Popovic asked how the success of this year's first-year formal compared to previous years. Huang responded that they didn't know.
- Thusyanthan suggested looking into collaborating with the MSU for the information sessions for first-years for renting off-campus. Huang stated that they were planning on a collaboration.
- Forbes stated that with final exams and the term wrapping up, it would be important for students to be doing rental searches now. Huang stated that this was a good idea, and that they were planning on having the event immediately after the break.

2. Science Caucus Report – report circulated

- Arora presented the report.

3. Social Sciences Caucus Report - Wang presented

- Wang summarized the report.

4. Municipal Affairs Committee – Yang presented

- Yang summarized the report.

5. Executive Board – report not circulated

- Arora reported that the Executive Board heard reports from most services, and that everything has been going well with no immediate challenges. They added that EB approved some sponsorship & donations requests. They added that they were looking forward to Samuel's report being circulated.

6. Vice-President (Administration) – El-Kadi presented

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

Questions

- Arora asked El-Kadi to expand on the wellness week. El-Kadi responded that this will be held sometime in late January, and it will be a collaboration of services putting on events.

7. Elections Department – report circulated

Information Period

- Otchere let everyone know that the Holiday Market will still be happening on Monday. They explained that there was an emergency MSU Inc. meeting called, but since they didn't achieve quorum, the Board of Directors decided to move forward with the purchase based on a Bylaw.

Question Period

- Hu asked the President when Union Market was supposed to open.
- Popovic responded that it was mentioned in their report that the opening for UM has been pushed back, and it is supposed to open this coming Monday.
- Thusyanthan asked the Vice-President (Finance) if it was specified of where the donations from the resolution statement were coming from.

- Otchere responded that they were coming out of the SRA Special Projects fund. They explained that the decision came from the SRA so that was why it came from that budget line. They added that it doesn't wipe out the complete fund, so SRA members are still able to utilize it.
- Thusyanthan asked the Vice-President (Finance) how much money was left in the SRA Special Projects Line.
- Otchere responded that there was still around three to four thousand left.
- Batusic asked the President if they felt there was enough consultation to donate the \$15,000 out of the \$19,000 in the SRA Special Projects fund.
- Popovic responded that there was extensive consultation leading up to the donations, and it was slightly touched upon in the reports. They added that the Board has been spending the vast majority of their time drafting the motion, figuring out what the students were looking for, and ensuring that student priorities were heard.
- Suganthan asked about the Holiday market cabins, and the emergency MSU Inc. meeting. They stated that the Board of Directors made a decision about the cabins anyway. Suganthan asked Otchere what the protocol was that allowed them to bypass the proper procedures.
- Otchere responded that there is something stating that if it was an emergency situation then the Board of Directors can bypass procedures depending on the emergency. Otchere explained that it was an emergency due to already telling vendors that the event was taking place and promoting the event. They added that they tried their best to get the SRA to come out to the meeting to get it approved but couldn't get quorum.
- Yang asked one of the Board of Directors to clarify if the SRA was explicitly informed that the donations would be coming from the SRA Special Projects Fund. They explained that they thought it was coming from another fund.
- Otchere responded that they thought it was mentioned in the motion. They explained that it couldn't come from the capital expense fund as it was a one-time expense, and there wasn't a shelf life. Otchere added that it needed to come from an operational budget line and the SRA Special Projects one made sense.
- Thusyanthan stated that the holiday market was important to the MSU as it is an event people look forward to. They asked a Board member to respond that if it was important enough to hold an emergency meeting and the Board of Directors made an emergency executive decision, why wasn't it on the agenda for the previous SRA meeting. Thusyanthan added that if it was only to take 30 minutes, it could have been motioned to be added to the agenda, and then there wouldn't have been pressure on everyone.
- Otchere responded that they understood where Thusyanthan was coming from. They stated that items got pushed back due to all the hard work on the resolution statement and that they assumed the holiday market was already added to the agenda. Otchere responded that they put their attention on the resolution and the holiday market was missed.
- Suganthan asked Otchere where the money would come from for the SRA planned events, now that the line has taken a hit. They asked if there was a backup plan on what line the money would come out of.
- Otchere responded that there are other options to use for funding, such as SRA Summer Meetings. They explained that there will still be funds.
- Suganthan asked Otchere for a timeline on when the funds would be released to the charities.
- Otchere responded that they would be released within the next couple of meetings.
- Batusic asked a Board member about the SRA Summer Meetings line and if it was supposed to be used in the summer.
- El-Kadi responded that the budget lines are guidelines within accounting, they stated that they could funnel back afterwards and that it was a technicality.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Close nominations for MSU members to the Teaching Awards Committee

Moved by Zakkar, **seconded** by Yang that the Assembly close one (1) MSU member seat on the Teaching Awards Committee.

- Zakkar stated that they should close the seats.
- The Speaker announced that there were no nominations.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Business

1. Open one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee

Moved by Thusyanthan, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU member seat on the Elections Committee.

Passes Unanimously

2. Close one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee

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

Nominations

- Owen Quann

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Owen Quann won the MSU seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

3. Open one (1) SRA seat on the Finance Committee

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) SRA member seat on the Finance Committee.

Passes Unanimously

4. Close one (1) SRA seat on the Finance Committee

Moved by Yang, **seconded** by Hu that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) SRA member seat on the Finance Committee.

Nominate

- Mahmoud nominated themselves.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Mahmoud won the SRA seat on the Finance Committee by acclamation.

5. Open SRA seats on Other Committees

Moved by Zakkar, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly open nominations for SRA member seats to Other Committees, as listed:

- First-Year Council (1)
- Information Technology Advisory Committee (1)
- Interfaith Council (1)

Passes Unanimously

6. Close SRA seats on Other Committees

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Khan that the Assembly close nominations for SRA member seats to Other Committees, as listed:

- First-Year Council (1)
- Information Technology Advisory Committee (1)
- Interfaith Council (1)

Nominations

- Khan nominated themselves for First-Year Council.
- Khandelwal nominated themselves for the Information Technology Advisory Committee.

Amendment

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Mahmoud to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by Hannan, **seconded** by Khan that the Assembly close nominations for SRA member seats to Other Committees, as listed and postpone closing the seat on Interfaith Council:

- First-Year Council (1)
- Information Technology Advisory Committee (1)”

- Hannan stated that they should close the FYC and IT Advisory Committee seats and postpone Interfaith to the next meeting, as they don’t have any nominations for that committee.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Motion

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Khan that the Assembly close nominations for SRA member seats to Other Committees, as listed and postpone closing the seat on Interfaith Council:

- First-Year Council (1)
- Information Technology Advisory Committee (1)

Passes Unanimously

- Khan won the SRA seat on the First-Year Council by acclamation.
- Khandelwal won the SRA seat on the Information Technology Advisory Committee by acclamation.

7. Open SRA seats on SRN Awards Selection Committees

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Thusyanthan that the Assembly open nominations for SRA member seats to the following SRN Award Selection Committees:

- Honour M (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)

- Hannan stated that these were cool opportunities.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

8. Open MSU seats on SRN Awards Selection Committees

Moved by Thusyanthan, **seconded** by Suganthan that the Assembly open 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)

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

9. Close MSU Seats on SRN Awards Selection Committees

- The Speaker announced that they haven't received any nominations and suggested that a motion to postpone be brought forward.

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Otchere to postpone Business Item #9 to SRA 23L.

- Scott mentioned that these members are needed for the MSU to give out the annual student recognition awards. She stressed the importance of promoting to their constituents.

Vote to Postpone

Passes Unanimously

10. Close SRA seats on SRN awards selection committees

Moved by Thusyanthan, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close nominations for SRA member seats to the following SRN Award Selection Committees:

- Honour M (1)
- MSU Merit Scholarship (1)
- J. Lynn Watson (1)
- MSU Spirit (1)

Nominations

- Chan nominated themselves for the MSU Merit Scholarship Committee.
- Ahmad nominated themselves for the MSU Spirit Award Committee.
- Keka nominated themselves for the Honour M Award Committee.
- Batusic nominated themselves for the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Chan won the SRA seat on the MSU Merit Scholarship Committee by acclamation.
- Ahmad won the SRA seat on the MSU Spirit Award Committee by acclamation.
- Keka won the SRA seat on the Honour M Award Committee by acclamation.
- Batusic won the SRA seat on the J. Lynn Watson Award Committee by acclamation.

11. Open one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by El-Kadi that the Assembly open one (1) seat on Executive Board.

- Popovic stated that Executive Board needs another member. They stated that these are meetings held with the Board of Directors and four other SRA members, and that they make core decisions on running the MSU.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

12. Close one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly close one (1) seat on Executive Board.

Nominations

- Khan nominated themselves.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Hu, **seconded** by Hannan to set parameters for the Executive Board election to be one minute for opening statements, one minute for questions, and one minute for closing statements.

- Hu felt that this would be enough time.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

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

- Khan won the seat on the Executive Board with confidence.

Committee Business

1. Proposed changes to Bylaw 10/A – Delegate Selection

Moved by El-Kadi that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Bylaw 10/A – Delegate Selection**, as circulated.

- El-Kadi went over the memo with the Assembly. They added that they're amending the bylaw to reflect best practices.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

**January 7, 2024
5:00pm (EST)
Council Chambers, GH111**

Call of the Roll

Present: Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Begun, Chan, Dodd, El-Kadi, Forbes, Hannan, Hu, Keka, Khan, Khandelwal, Mahmoud, Otchere, Popovic, Qannam, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Yang, Zakkar

Absent Excused:

Absent: Abbott, Bolca, Ellis, Gono, John, Pacheco, Samuels, Shouldice, Su, Yao

Late:

Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Aiman Dhiloon (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

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

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 8:02PM

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