



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 23G
Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH 111**

Called to Order at 5:01pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Ellis, Forbes, Gono, Hannan, Khandelwal, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Su, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Yang, Yao
Absent Excused: El-Kadi, Otchere, Popovic, Samuels
Absent: Begun, John
Late: Zakkar
Others Present: Talha Yuksel (MSU Member), Marisa Croce (MSU Member), Omer Choudhry (Clubs Administrator), Maheera Choudhury (AVP (Finance)), 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 Hannan, **seconded** by Dodd that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Dodd that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 23F – September 10, 2023, as circulated.

- Hannan stated that they were great minutes.

Vote to Adopt

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. They asked that those who are not SRA members to please sign the Observer's List at the back. The Chair asked everyone to please project their voices for the livestream.

Report Period

1. Health Sciences Caucus – Su presented

- Su summarized the report.

2. Humanities Caucus – Hannan presented

- Hannan summarized the report.

3. Kinesiology Caucus – Ahmad presented

- Ahmad summarized the report.

4. Provincial and Federal Affairs Committee – Abbott presented

- Abbott summarized the report.

5. Finance Committee – Maheera Choudhury presented

- Choudhury summarized the report.

6. Executive Board – Suganthan presented

- Suganthan reported that services have reported to Executive Board over the past two weeks. They stated that FCC's report explained that they were looking for a new Assistant Director and that they're in the process of switching back to in-person Lockers of Love. Suganthan reported that Diversity has hired their executives and volunteers and are now working on training. They added that WGEN's physical space isn't currently open but there has been good engagement online. Suganthan reported that Maccess is preparing to open their space soon and is currently running online peer support. They added that the FYC Coordinator has been helping Elections with the First-Year Council elections, and nominations have been extended for certain positions. Suganthan reported that SHEC will have their volunteers trained for peer support by October 1. They added that two members from the SRA were recruited for the Bylaw 4/A Ad Hoc Committee during the last EB meeting.

7. Vice-President (Administration) – report circulated

- Arora presented the report.

Information Period

- No information was shared.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Close nominations for MSU members to Teaching Awards (min 2)

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Arora that the assembly postpone closing nominations for MSU members to Teaching Awards Committee to SRA 23H.

Passes Unanimously

Business

1. Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Business Related Expenses

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Yang that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Business Related Expenses**, as circulated and attached.

- Masudi went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Yang stated that they have travelled before with the previous limit. They felt that \$80 was a large amount for a one-day expense but felt that it was better to have a higher ceiling as there are those with dietary restrictions. They stated that it comes down to approximately \$26 per meal, which they felt wasn't excessive. Yang stated that having the daily expense be \$80 a day wasn't misusing student money as everyone has to eat, and felt that it was possible to go above the \$65 amount each day if they bought coffees, breakfast, lunch, and dinners.
- Abbott agreed with Yang. They stated that they have been on other daily expense budgets when working with the school board and members would be fighting to stay within their budget. They added that going to conferences someone might want to account for buying snacks for other students. Abbott felt that \$80 was not an excessive amount to budget for each day, and a lot of conferences are held in bigger cities and those meals become more expensive.
- Hannan felt that this was an interesting motion to be made now as it was just recently passed with the \$80 limit. They felt that this was a good learning moment for the SRA and felt that this was a very fiscally responsible choice that Popovic brought forward.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 1 Opposed: 15 Abstentions: 5

Opposed: Khandelwal, Ellis, Yao, Su, Yang, Gono, Ahmad, Shouldice, Pacheco, Forbes, Thusyanthan, Suganthan Arora, Abbott, Qannam

Abstained: Hannan, Dodd, Wang, Zakkar, Masudi

Motion Fails

2. Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Clubs Financial Procedures

Moved by Shouldice, **seconded** by Masudi that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Clubs Financial Procedures**, as circulated and attached.

- Shouldice went over the memo that was circulated. They stated that the main change was a tiered system for how to distribute MSU funds.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Open nominations for MSU members to Standing Committees

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Zakkar that the Assembly open the following MSU member seats on Standing Committees:

- Internal Governance (2)
- Services (1)

Passes Unanimously

4. Open nominations for MSU members to Other Committees

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly open one (1) MSU member seats on the Clubs Advisory Council.

Passes Unanimously

5. Open nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees

Moved by Yang, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly open one (1) SRA member seat on the Finance Committee.

Passes Unanimously

6. Open nominations for SRA members to Other Committees

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly open the following SRA member seats on Other Committees:

- EFRT Advisory
- Elections
- Information Technology Advisory
- Interfaith Council
- Sustainability Education Working Group

Passes Unanimously

7. Close nominations for MSU members to Standing Committees

Moved by Gono, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly close the following MSU member seats on Standing Committees:

- Internal Governance (2)
- Services (1)

Nominations:

Internal Governance Committee

- Haram Akram
- Jasmeet Benepal
- Marisa Croce
- Omolade George
- Luke Shuurman
- Anish Warriar

Services Committee

- No nominations

Amendment

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Zakkar to amend the motion to read: "**Moved** by Gono, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly close the MSU Member seats on Internal Governance Committee (2), and postpone closing the Services Committee seat to SRA 23H."

- Hannan stated that they can't close the seats without nominations. They asked everyone to speak to their friends about the opportunity.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Gono, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly close the MSU Member seats on Internal Governance Committee (2), and postpone closing the Services Committee seat to SRA 23H.

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Abbott, **seconded** by Hannan to set parameters for the Internal Governance Committee Election to be one minute for opening statements, 30 sections for questions; per candidate pooled, and one minute for closing statements.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

Internal Governance Committee Election for MSU Members (2)

Nominations

- Haram Akram
 - Jasmeet Benepal
 - Marisa Croce
 - Omolade George
 - Luke Shuurman
 - Anish Warriar – withdrew their nomination.
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- The Candidate spoke within time allotted.
 - The Speaker read out provided statements.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Akram	5
Benepal	8
Croce	20
George	5
Shuurman	1
Spoiled	0
Abstained	0

- Marisa Croce and Jasmeet Benepal won the MSU seats on the Internal Governance Committee.

8. Close nominations for MSU members to Other Committees

Moved by Gono, **seconded** by Ahmad that the Assembly close one (1) MSU member seats on the Clubs Advisory Council.

Nominations

- Talha Yuskel

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Talha Yuksel won the MSU seat on the Clubs Advisory Council by acclamation.

9. Close nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees

Moved by Masudi, **seconded** by Hannan that the Assembly close one (1) SRA member seat on the Finance Committee.

- Masudi stated that the Finance Committee was the best committee.

Nominations

- Qannam nominated themselves.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

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

10. Close nominations for SRA members to Other Committees

Moved by Hannan, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly close the following SRA member seats on Other Committees:

- EFRT Advisory
- Elections
- Information Technology Advisory
- Interfaith Council
- Sustainability Education Working Group

Hannan stated that it would be awesome for everyone having the seats open to become a part of the committees.

Nominations

- Thusyanthan nominated themselves for the Elections Committee
- Hannan nominated themselves for the Sustainability Education Working Group

Amendment

Moved by Arora, **seconded** by Hannan to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by Hannan, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly close the following SRA member seats on Other Committees, except for EFRT Advisory, Information Technology Advisory, and Interfaith Council and to postpone until after the October by-election:

- EFRT Advisory

- Elections
- Information Technology Advisory
- Interfaith Council
- Sustainability Education Working Group”

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Motion

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- EFRT Advisory
- Elections
- Information Technology Advisory
- Interfaith Council
- Sustainability Education Working Group

Passes Unanimously

- Thusyanthan won the SRA seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.
- Hannan won the SRA seat on the Sustainability Education Working Group by acclamation.

Committee Business

1. Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Role of the MSU in Labour Disputes

Moved by Arora that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – The Role of the MSU in Labour Disputes**, as circulated and attached.

- Arora went over the memo with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

**October 15, 2023
5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, GH111**

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Ahmad, Arora, Batusic, Ellis, Forbes, Gono, Hannan, Khandelwal, Masudi, Pacheco, Qannam, Shouldice, Su, Suganthan, Thusyanthan, Wang, Yang, Yao, Zakkar
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Chair: Aiman Dhiloon (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

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

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 6:15PM

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