



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 24D
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 12:00pm (EDT)
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams

Called to Order at 10:00am

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Black, Dodd, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Hu, Khan, Mahmoud, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Olejarz, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sogaokar, Sweeney, Wang
Absent Excused: Abbott (LOA), Bolca (LOA), Jeyakumar (LOA), Long (LOA), Qannam (LOA)
Absent: Chan
Late:
Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Abigail Samuels (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 Mahmoud that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Newman that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meetings 24A – April 6 & 7, 2024 and 24B – April 14, 2024, as circulated.

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. They stated that the Board of Directors and they have been planning the upcoming SRA retreat, and that updates for that will come out Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The Chair congratulated the BoD for surviving their first month. They reminded everyone about yearplans being due soon, and hoped they were coming along well.

Report Period

1. President – Popovic presented

- Popovic summarized the report. Popovic also announced that Michael Wooder will be the incoming General Manager. They stated that it was a lengthy process and difficulty decision, but they are eager to work with him.

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

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

3. Vice-President (Education) – Hobbs presented

- Hobbs summarized the report.

4. Vice-President (Finance) – Sweeney presented

- Sweeney summarized the report.

5. OUSA Conference – Hobbs presented

- Hobbs summarized the report.

6. CASA Conference – Hobbs presented

- Hobbs summarized the report.

Information Period

- No information was shared.

Question Period

- McLean asked the President if anything was addressed about the pictures with the Prime Minister the MSU advocacy page, as there were a lot of criticisms in the comments.
- Popovic responded that they were not aware of the criticism, but there is always difficulty in making these types of decisions. They explained that the decision made was about student priorities, one of which was housing. Popovic explained that the event was about housing, and all MSU representatives were able to have one-on-one time with certain individuals. They added that the prep work was done through CASA, with preparing the asks, wants, and priorities of the student body. Popovic explained that they understand the criticism but through the MSU lens it was important to hone on those other student priorities. Popovic stated that the MSU felt that it was good to advocate on behalf of students and everyone in the community.
- Mahmoud asked Hobbs if there were any real priorities or promises that the Prime Minister made to make it worth the MSU's time and effort.
- Hobbs responded that conversations were held with some politicians more than the others. They stated that the significant part of the meeting was that they were able to deliver a document to MP Tassi about the mental health budget as there is nothing clear in there about how they're supporting PSE for mental health issues. Hobbs felt that this was a major win.
- McLean asked Popovic if there was a way for the MSU to directly address the comments left on the social media pages. They explained that the approach taken wasn't clarifying that the main focus was housing. McLean added that they were hoping to explore a way to address the student body who were disturbed by the meeting.
- Popovic responded that they were open to suggestions. They stated that the MSU wouldn't be making something up on the spot, but would consider speaking on it especially if McLean and others thought it was necessary. Popovic stated that it was important for clarification and advocating for as many priorities as possible for students.

- Khan asked Hobbs if there was a way to deliver the information on the mental health budget to MP Tassi without going to the event.
- Hobbs responded that they all went into the meeting with the recommendations prepared by CASA. They added that those recommendations were then given at the event via conversations with the politicians, and everyone was prepped on them. Hobbs explained that the previous Vice-President (Education) was helping with this as it was very early on in Hobbs's term.
- Khan asked Popovic what steps the MSU could take to address the students' concerns on the social media posts.
- Popovic stated that the MSU does try to tackle student concerns, but it can be done in different ways. They explained that it happens in the format most appropriate, with it being public or private messaging. Popovic added that there isn't a standardized solution to this and the MSU will find appropriate ways of navigating it.
- Mahmoud asked what the Board's plans were to tackle future housing issues. They stated that there are a lot of things that are still to be done, and that the City of Hamilton was responsible for building housing. Mahmoud asked Hobbs what the next steps were and what could be done, beyond meeting the Prime Minister.
- Hobbs responded that housing will be the priority at all levels. They stated that at the upcoming OUSA conference, housing will be one of the main priorities. Hobbs added that they don't have a concrete answer now, but it will be a priority internally with advocacy and the external organizations that the MSU is a part of.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Close nominations for one (1) MSU member to the Teaching Awards Committee

- The Speaker announced that there weren't any nominations. They recommended to postpone closing.
- Scott asked that everyone please reach out to their constituents to get nominations.

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by Black to postpone closing one (1) MSU seat to Teaching Awards Committee to SRA 23E.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Business

1. Recess into meetings of MSU and CFMU Incorporated

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

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Recessed 1:07pm

Called to Order 1:45pm

Call of the Roll

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Absent Excused: Abbott (LOA), Bolca (LOA), Jeyakumar (LOA), Long (LOA), Qannam (LOA)
Absent: Chan
Late:
Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Moved by Khan, **seconded** by Sweeney to recess for 15 minutes.

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 1
Opposed: Mahmoud, Hu
Abstained: Newman
Motion Passes

Recessed 1:50pm
Called to Order 2:09pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Black, Dodd, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Hu, Khan, Mahmoud, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Olejarz, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sogaokar, Sweeney, Wang
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2. Close nominations for SRA members to standing committees:

- **Finance (4)**
- **Internal Governance (4)**
- **Municipal Affairs (4)**
- **Provincial & Federal Affairs (4)**
- **Services (4)**
- **University Affairs (4)**

Moved by Black, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly close nominations for SRA members to Standing Committees, as listed.

- The Speaker read out the nominations.

Nominations:

Finance Committee

- Bolca
- Pickering
- Olejarz
- Qannam
- McKay
- Hu

Internal Governance Committee

- Begun
- Arora
- Modi
- Khan

Municipal Affairs Committee

- Black
- McLean
- Batusic
- Dodd

Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee

- McLean
- Long
- Arora
- Jayakumar
- Khan

Services Committee

- McLean
- Long
- Pickering
- Rahman
- Modi

University Affairs Committee

- Black
- Jeyakumar
- McLean
- Newman
- McKay
- Hu

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 20 Opposed:0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

- The Speaker announced that the following seats on Committees have been acclaimed:
 - Arora, Begun, Khan, and Modi won the SRA seats on the Internal Governance Committee by acclamation.
 - Batusic, Black, Dodd, and McLean won the SRA seats on the Municipal Affairs Committee by acclamation.

Set Parameters

Moved by Hu, **seconded** by Popovic to set parameters for the Standing Committee Elections to be 30 seconds for opening statements, five minutes total for questions, and 30 seconds for closing statements.

- Hu stated that the timing was reasonable and short enough to get through everything.
- Popovic also felt that the timing was reasonable.

Vote to set Parameters

**In Favour: 20 Opposed:0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes**

Finance Committee Election

Nominations

- Bolca
 - Hu
 - McKay
 - Olejarz
 - Pickering
 - Qannam
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- The Candidates spoke within the time allotted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

| Candidate | Vote |
|------------------|-----------|
| Bolca | 5 |
| Hu | 16 |
| McKay | 14 |
| Olejarz | 18 |
| Pickering | 19 |
| Qannam | 7 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 3 |

- Hu, McKay, Olejarz, and Pickering won the SRA seats on the Finance Committee.

Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee Election

Nominations

- Arora
 - Jeyakumar
 - Khan
 - Long
 - McLean
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- The Candidates spoke within the time allotted.
 - The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

| Candidate | Vote |
|---------------|-----------|
| Arora | 20 |
| Jeyakumar | 7 |
| Khan | 18 |
| Long | 11 |
| McLean | 17 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 1 |

- Arora, Khan, Long, and McLean won the SRA seats on the Provincial & Federal Affairs Committee.

Services Committee Election

Nominations

- Long
- McLean
- Modi
- Pickering
- Rahman

| Candidate | Vote |
|------------------|-----------|
| Long | 6 |
| McLean | 14 |
| Modi | 18 |
| Pickering | 19 |
| Rahman | 19 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 1 |

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

- McLean, Modi, Pickering, and Rahman won the SRA seats on the Services Committee.

University Affairs Committee Election

Nominations

- Black rescinded their nomination
- Hu
- Jeyakumar
- McKay rescinded their nomination
- McLean
- Newman

- Hu, Jeyakumar, McLean, and Newman were acclaimed to the University Affairs Committee.

3. Close nominations for SRA members to other committees:

- **Clubs Advisory Council (5)**
- **EFRT Advisory (1)**
- **Elections (3)**
- **First Year Council (1)**
- **General Assembly Planning (1)**
- **MSU Governance & You (1)**
- **Information Technology Advisory Committee (1)**
- **Information Technology Student Advisory (University Committee) (1)**
- **Interfaith Council (1)**
- **MUSC Board of Management (1)**
- **The Silhouette Board of Publication (1)**
- **Sponsorships and Donations (1)**

- **MSU Sustainability Education (2)**
- **Teaching Awards (3)**
- **Welcome Week Faculty Cup (1)**

Moved by Newman, **seconded** by Black that the Assembly close nominations for SRA members to Other Committees, as listed.

- The Speaker read out the nominations.

Nominations

Clubs Advisory Council

- Bolca
- McLean
- Batusic
- Hu
- Modi

EFRT Advisory Committee

- Olejarz

Elections Committee

- Long
- Abbott
- Khan

First-Year Council

- Batusic

General Assembly Planning Committee

- Abbott

MSU Governance & You

- Black

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Olejarz

Information Technology Student Advisory (University Committee)

- McKay

Interfaith Council

- Batusic

MUSC Board of Management

- Batusic

Silhouette Board of Publications

- Jeyakumar

Sponsorship & Donations Committee

- Jeyakumar
- Hu

MSU Sustainability Education Committee

- Begun
- Khan

Teaching Awards Committee

- Batusic
- Abbott
- Modi

Welcome Week Faculty Cup Award Committee

- Long
- Parth
- Sogaokar
- Bolca

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

- The Speaker announced that the following seats on Committees have been acclaimed:
 - Batusic, Bolca, Hu, McLean, Modi won the SRA seats on the Clubs Advisory Council by acclamation.
 - Olejarz won the SRA seat on the EFRT Advisory Committee by acclamation.
 - Abbott, Khan, and Long won the SRA seats on the Elections Committee by acclamation.
 - Batusic won the SRA seat on the First-Year Council by acclamation.
 - Abbott won the SRA seat on the General Assembly Planning Committee by acclamation.
 - Black won the SRA seat on the MSU Governance & You Committee by acclamation.
 - Olejarz won the SRA seat on the Information Technology Advisory Committee by acclamation.
 - McKay won the SRA seat on the Information Technology Student Advisory (University Committee) by acclamation.
 - Batusic won the SRA seat on the Interfaith Council by acclamation.
 - Batusic won the SRA seat on the MUSC Board of Management by acclamation.
 - Jeyakumar won the SRA seat on the *Silhouette* Board of Publications by acclamation.
 - Begun and Khan won the SRA seats on the MSU Sustainability Education Committee by acclamation.
 - Abbott, Batusic, and Modi won the SRA seats on the Teaching Awards Committee by acclamation.

Set Parameters

Moved by Hu, **seconded** by Arora to set parameters for the Standing Committee Elections to be 30 seconds for opening statements, five minutes total for questions, and 30 seconds for closing statements.

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

The *Silhouette* Board of Publications Election Nominations

- Jeyakumar
- Newman

- The Candidate spoke during the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

| Candidate | Vote |
|---------------|-----------|
| Jeyakumar | 3 |
| Newman | 16 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 0 |

- Newman won the SRA seat on *The Silhouette* Board of Publications.

Sponsorship & Donations Committee Election

Nominations

- Hu
- Jeyakumar

- The Candidate spoke during the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

| Candidate | Vote |
|-----------|-----------|
| Hu | 15 |
| Jeyakumar | 3 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 0 |

- Hu won the SRA seat on the Sponsorship & Donations Committee.

Welcome Week Cup Award Committee Election

Nominations

- Arora
- Bolca
- Long
- Sogaokar

- The Candidate spoke during the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

| Candidate | Vote |
|--------------|-----------|
| Arora | 13 |
| Bolca | 1 |
| Long | 0 |
| Sogaokar | 2 |
| Spoiled | 0 |
| Abstained | 0 |

- Arora won the SRA seat on the Welcome Week Cup Award Committee.

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Arora to recess for five minutes.

- El-Kadi stated that Scott needed to step away for a few minutes.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Recessed 4:16pm

Called to Order 4:21pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Dodd, Hobbs, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sweeney, Wang
Absent Excused: Abbott (LOA), Bolca (LOA), Jeyakumar (LOA), Long (LOA), Qannam (LOA)
Absent: Chan, Mahmoud, Sogaokar
Late: Black, El-Kadi, Hu, Khan, Olejarz
Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Business Arising from General Assembly

1. MSU Elections Department – Online Voting Periods

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Pickering that the Student Representative Assembly directs the MSU Elections Department to investigate the feasibility of ending its various online voting periods, to conclude on the last day of polling at 11:59pm instead of 5:00pm.

- Popovic stated that any time a motion passes at General Assembly that fails to reach quorum, it will get brought forward to the SRA to decide upon. They stated that quorum was 800, but GA only had three people attend, including himself. He explained that this motion passed with two people in favour, one opposed, however the mover of this motion did not end up attending GA. Popovic spoke against the motion.
- The Speaker announced that the mover cannot speak against the motion that they have moved.
- Popovic rescinded their moving the motion.
- The Speaker asked for a new mover for the motion.
- Hu volunteered.

Moved by Hu, **seconded** by Pickering that the Student Representative Assembly directs the MSU Elections Department to investigate the feasibility of ending its various online voting periods, to conclude on the last day of polling at 11:59pm instead of 5:00pm.

- Hu explained that they didn't have anything to add.
- Pickering stated that it was them and their friend who were the other attendees who voted to pass this motion. They added that they don't agree with the motion.
- Popovic added that ending the voting time to be at midnight would create issues with elections and discussing fines once voting closes. They explained that by ending voting at 5:00pm, it allows the MSU to release the results within the same day. Popovic added that if this motion were to pass then

it would force the Elections Committee to meet through the night or meet the next day, and then there would be a 12-20 hour gap from the election ending and fines being discussed, and results being released. They stated that the voting period was already 48 hours and recommended Assembly members to vote against this motion.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 13 Abstentions: 1

Opposed: El-Kadi, Olejarz, Newman, Popovic, Sweeney, McKay, Dodd, Wang, Pickering, Arora, Begun, Hobbs, Rahman
Abstained: McLean
Motion Fails

Committee Business

1. Proposed Changes to Operating Policy – Role of the MSU in Elections

Moved by El-Kadi that the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Role of the MSU in Elections**, as circulated.

- El-Kadi summarized the memo circulated.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Time of Next Meeting

TBD
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Black, Dodd, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Hu, Khan, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Olejarz, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sweeney, Wang
Absent Excused: Abbott (LOA), Bolca (LOA), Jeyakumar (LOA), Long (LOA), Qannam (LOA)
Absent: Chan, Mahmoud, Sogaokar
Late:
Others Present: V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Hu that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 4:40pm

/vs