



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 24F
Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall 111**

Called to Order at 5:12pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Black, Bolca, Dodd, Hobbs, Hu, Jeyakumar, Khan, Mahmoud, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Olejarz, Pickering, Popovic, Qannam, Rahman, Schaub, Wang

Absence Excused:

Absent: El-Kadi, Long, Sweeney

Late: Abbott

Others Present: Veronica Larrazabal Zea (AVP Internal Governance), Stephanie Henry (AVP University Affairs), Sarit Marmor (Elections Committee Nominee), Emily Yang (Society of Arts & Science Member), D. Stajcer (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 Olejarz, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Newman that the Assembly add the following motion as Business Item #11: "**Moved** by _____, **seconded** by _____ that the Assembly open one (1) seat on Executive Board."

Vote on Amendment

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

Vote to Adopt

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

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

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Mahmoud, **seconded** by Bolca that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 24E – July 21, 2024, as circulated.

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

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair welcomed everyone back to school. They thanked the Assembly members who helped with the SRA table during Clubsfest. They also asked everyone to stay back at the end of the meeting, if possible, to take a group photo.

Report Period

1. Arts & Science Caucus – Jeyakumar presented

- Jeyakumar summarized the report.

2. Business Caucus – report not submitted

- Mahmoud reported that they have been working on their year plan. They said they were looking forward to filling the open SRA seats on their caucus and transitioning the new members into their roles. Mahmoud added that they were looking to connect with the Greensuits. They added that DCS has a first-year orientation mentor program and was hoping to connect them with SRA and MSU services.

3. Engineering Caucus – Hu presented

- Hu summarized the report.

4. Internal Governance Committee Report – Veronica Larrazabal Zea presented

- Larrazabal Zea summarized the report.

5. Services Committee Report – Priya John presented

- John summarized the report.

6. Executive Board Report – Arora presented

- Arora summarized the report.

7. President Report – Popovic presented

- Popovic summarized the report.

8. Elections Department – Elections Schedule 2024/2025 Report – report circulated

Information Period

- No information was shared.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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

- The Speaker announced that there were no nominations and recommended postponing closing to the next meeting.

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** Begun by to postpone closing one (1) MSU seat to Teaching Awards Committee to SRA 24G.

- Popovic noted that with no candidate, the seat cannot be closed.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Business

1. Caucus Year Plans

Moved by Popovic, seconded by Arora that the Assembly approve the following Caucus year plans, as circulated:

- Business
- Humanities
- Popovic said that the Assembly should have been able to review the year plans.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

2. Standing Committee Year Plans

Moved by Hobbs, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly approve the following Standing Committee year plans, as circulated:

- Municipal Affairs
- Provincial & Federal Affairs
- University Affairs
- Hobbs thanked the AVPs for their work on the year plans and was looking forward to the year.
- Abbott summarized the Provincial & Federal Affairs year plan.
- Hobbs summarized the Municipal Affairs year plan.
- Stephanie Henry summarized the University Affairs year plan.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passes

3. Ratification of Members to the Ombuds Advisory Committee

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Hobbs that the Assembly ratify Kerry Yang, Rushan Jeyakumar, and Fares Qannam as members of the Ombuds Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 term.

- Popovic said that each year, the President appoints two SRA members and one MSU member to the Ombuds Advisory Committee, who are then approved by the Assembly. They added that Kerry Yang sat on the committee last year and approached them asking to be re-appointed for this year, as an MSU member. Popovic added that for the two SRA members, they put a call out via email to the Assembly and Jeyakumar and Qannam responded with interest.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

4. Ratification of Electoral Appeal Board Members

Moved by Hobbs, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly approve the following members of the Electoral Appeal Board: Dr. Nibaldo Galleguillos with Dr. Greg Flynn and Tuqa Al-Rammahi as the two alternates.

- Arora asked if this was for last year or this upcoming year as the memo said 2023-2024.
- Stajcer clarified that this was a typo, and that it was for the 2024-2025 year.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

5. Ratification of Additional Clubs

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Begun that the Assembly ratify the additional clubs for the 2024-2025 academic year as recommended by the Clubs Advisory Council, and as circulated.

- Popovic said that, to their understanding, there were a few initial errors made with these clubs and that they should be ratified with the others.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

6. Referendum – Request to Suspend Restrictions

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Hobbs that the Assembly suspend the restriction of holding a referendum with the same question within the current or previous academic year, as per **Bylaw 7, Section 3.5.1.1**, to

allow for the Food Affordability Initiative referendum to be re-run this academic year.

- Popovic explained that running this referendum was part of their platform. They reiterated the concept, which was to offer students soup and bread for potentially up to four days a week, for \$5 per year. Popovic said that the referendum ran last year but missed quorum by approximately 0.5% and therefore, they wanted to run it again. Popovic added that a student group approached them asking to run it again and expressed interest in being involved in campaigning. They explained that this motion is not to vote on the referendum itself, but to receive permission from the Assembly to proceed with running the referendum again.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

7. Open two (2) SRA seats on the Elections Committee

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by McLean that the Assembly open two (2) SRA seats on the Elections Committee.

- Popovic said that the seats need to be filled.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

8. Close two (2) SRA seats on the Elections Committee

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly open close (2) SRA seats on the Elections Committee.

Nominations:

- Mahmoud
- McKay

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

9. Open two (2) MSU seats on the Elections Committee

Moved by Begun, **seconded** by Bolca that the Assembly open two (2) MSU seats on the Elections Committee.

Amendment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Newman that the Assembly amend the motion to read:

“**Moved** by Begun, **seconded** by Bolca that the Assembly open three (3) MSU seats on the Elections Committee.”

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

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Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

10. Close two (2) MSU seats on the Elections Committee

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close two (2) MSU seats on the Elections Committee.

- The Speaker announced that there was only one nomination and suggested a motion to postpone closing the other seat.

Amendment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly amend the motion to read:

“**Moved** by Popovic, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee and postpone closing one (1) seat to SRA 24G.”

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly close one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee and postpone closing one (1) seat to SRA 24G.”

Nomination:

- Sarit Marmor

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

- Sarit Marmor won the MSU seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

11. Open one (1) seat on Executive Board

Moved by Black, **seconded** by Hobbs that the Assembly open one (1) seat on Executive Board.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes**

Time of Next Meeting

**September 22, 2024
5:00pm (EDT)
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Call of the Roll

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Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

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

**In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes**

Adjourned at 6:05pm

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