



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 24G
Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall 111

Called to Order at 5:04pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Arora, Batusic, Bolca, Dodd, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Hu, Jeyakumar, Long, Mahmoud, McKay, McLean, Modi, Olejarz, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sweeney, Wang

Absent Excused: Begun

Absent: Black, Pickering, Qannam

Late: Khan, Newman

Others Present: Tanya Collins (observer), Gabriel Kaplin (observer), Nimra Ahq (observer), Turjo Rafid (observer), Leah McMillan (observer), Ruby Carter Bradenbury (observer), Owen Quann (DRO), Lubna Ismail (observer), Jax Weaver (observer), Maria Jose Penaloca B (observer), Maxwell Price (observer), Maheera Choudhury (AVP (Finance)), Nazua Shaik (observer), Elorah Bennett (MSU Member), Olivia Argiraks (observer), Emilia Fenwick (observer), Ace Winters (observer), Joshua Azariah (EC Candidate), Emily Yang (observer), Nadia K (MSU member), Sarah Khan (MSU member), Malek Noor (MSU member), Philip Wong (MSU member), Kiran Oberai (MSU member), Juno Olsen (observer), Aicha Menad (MSU member), Koko K (observer), Alan Taks (observer), Ibrahim Mouca (observer), Adam Amar (observer), Jaden Patrick (observer), George Karkolous (observer), Ahmed Mohjer (observer), Michael Tharch (observer), Claire C (observer), Andy Montero (observer), 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 El-Kadi, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by El-Kadi to add “Operating Policy – Clubs Financial Procedures” as Business Item #3.

- Sweeney stated that they circulated the memo that outlined upcoming changes on Wednesday..

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by McLean, **seconded** by Mahmoud to add “Resolution Statement” as Business Item #1.

- McLean stated that they will keep their explanation brief. They stated that they have a great deal of respect for those elected to this Assembly and trusted that they knew how critical this was. McLean explained that while the MSU has been a BDS union for almost 10 years, amplifying and supporting students in equity and decolonization must continue. They added that this motion was coming at a time to show unity for the movement and to show the Board of Governors that justice was possible and necessary.
- Mahmoud urged the Assembly to vote to add it, so that there can be discussion. They stated that a lot of time, effort, and care was put into this.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 4
Abstained: Newman, Hu, Wang, Schaub
Motion Passes

Amendment

Moved by McLean, **seconded** by El-Kadi to move Business Item #1 to be directly after Report Period.

- McLean stated that the meeting had a lot of observers and that some people would like to be able to go home and have dinner.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 4
Abstained: Newman, Hu, Wang, Schaub
Motion Passes

Amendment

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Sweeney to move Business Item #4 to be Business Item #1 and to be right after Report Period.

- El-Kadi stated that the Operating Policy was important for Clubs and would like to have this be prioritized.
- Sweeney added that there were deadlines that they were working with for October, and trying to ensure there was notice and funding available.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Mahmoud, Jeyakumar
Abstained: Arora, Khan
Motion Passes

Vote to Adopt

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

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Newman
Motion Passes

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Long, **seconded** by Mahmoud that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 24F – September 8, 2024, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

Announcements from the Chair

- The Chair thanked everyone for their patience for the beginning of the meeting. They noted that there were a lot of observers today and outlined the process for ceding speaking time.

Report Period

1. Health Science Caucus – Long presented

- Long summarized the report.

2. Humanities Caucus – report attached

- Dodd summarized the report.

3. Kinesiology Caucus – Bolca presented

- Bolca 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.

Questions

- Sweeney stated that if anyone on the Assembly hasn't signed up for their courtesy card to please do so.

6. Executive Board – Long presented

- Long summarized the report.

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

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

Business

1. Operating Policy – Clubs Financial Procedures

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by El-Kadi that the Assembly approve the changes to **Operating Policy –**

Clubs Financial Procedures, as circulated.

- Sweeney went over the memo and changes with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. Resolution Statement

Moved by McLean, **seconded** by Popovic that the Student Representative Assembly adopt and release the following resolution in support of students' demands for McMaster University's divestment from stakeholders partaking in human rights violations, as noted:

Whereas, McMaster University should be a community free from hate-speech, harassment, and racism, wherein dialogue, events, protests, and discussion should be lawfully protected and peacefully undertaken; and

Whereas, the government of Canada has expressed its commitment to the goal of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and acknowledges the criticality of affording all communities security, dignity, and the opportunity to thrive, of which cannot be achieved without that recognizing the humanity of Israeli and Palestinian communities; [[source](#)] and

Whereas, this statement comes in light of the worsening severity and scope of attacks against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, and the continued perpetration of systematically oppressive practices against the Palestinian people, including the 1.9 million Palestinians internally displaced and the 41,000 Palestinians, including militants, murdered or wilfully killed in Gaza since October 2023 according to the United Nations' Independent Commission at time of writing; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#)] and

Whereas, the SRA acknowledges the breaches of international law and human rights violations perpetrated by Hamas, in which an estimated 1,200 civilians were murdered or wilfully killed in October 2023 and saw the taking of an estimated 240 individuals hostage from Israeli and various national backgrounds, and recognizes the humanitarian concerns raised by their captivity; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#)] and

Whereas, the UN recognizes a threat of famine occurring within Gaza and the decimation of healthcare infrastructure in Gaza with over 440 attacks on healthcare facilities and over 480 healthcare workers killed since October 2023 at time of writing. McMaster University serves as a leader in health and medicine research, and commits itself to creating a brighter world focused on advancing human and societal health and well-being in the local community and around the world; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#), [source #3](#), [source #4](#)] and

Whereas, the International Court of Justice has issued an interim ruling in January 2024 finding it plausible that irreparable prejudice will be caused to the rights of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, namely the right to be protected from acts of genocide and related prohibited acts, unless the State of Israel acts in accordance with its obligations under the Genocide Convention; [[source](#)] and

Whereas, a coalition of 70+ McMaster-affiliated groups and student clubs are signatories to a petitionary agreement under the name McMaster Apartheid Divest (MacAD) Coalition urging McMaster University engage in a full academic boycott and divest from the State of Israel's practices implicated in human rights violations by the United Nations' Independent Commission; [[source](#)] and

Whereas, student groups established an encampment on campus during May 2024 calling for McMaster University to divest from and end partnerships with companies involved in the State of Israel's practices implicated in human rights violations by the United Nations' Independent Commission, including but not limited to L3 Harris Wescam; call upon Investment Managers to undergo an external auditing process to assess University financial involvement in corporations profiting from human rights violations; condemn the ongoing perpetration of human rights violations and actions violating the Genocide Convention against the people of Palestine; terminate research collaborations and partnerships with institutions implicated in human rights violations; place the Arab Canadian Lawyers Association (ACLA) definition of anti-Palestinian racism within its institutional framework to support Palestinian students and their allies in their identities and advocacy; and to not only reject the attempt suppression of pro-Palestinian speech and narratives but to provide moral, financial, and academic support to Palestinian students via the provision of scholarships, hardship funds, fellowships, and placements; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#)] and

Whereas, 122 faculty signatories of McMaster University consequently urge the administration to agree to above demands; and

Whereas, at time of writing, 16 pro-Palestinian protest encampments demanding divestment from the State of Israel's practices implicated in human rights violations according to the United Nations' Independent Commission were initiated on Canadian post-secondary campuses beginning April 2024, including McMaster University, joining the international chorus of student protests. Groups have raised concerns over the safety and rights of the broader community and protestors, alleging instances of antisemitism, vandalism, and security concerns at or around these protests, as well as instances of mass arrest, forcible disbandments, administrative discipline including suspensions, police violence, and other forms of repression and restrictions deployed on protestors; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#), [source #3](#), [source #4](#)].

Be it resolved that the SRA will continue to support all students in the MSU community while amplifying their voices; be it further

Resolved, the SRA extends its support for the students peacefully protesting and their legal right to do so as they call for McMaster University's disclosure of and divestment from all corporations funding oppressive structures locally and abroad; be it further

Resolved, the right to protest, which is safeguarded by the fundamental freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly, enshrined in the Charter of Rights and in many of Canada's binding international human rights obligations, is an essential human right and a cornerstone to a healthy democracy. McMaster University students shall be unabridged in the lawful form of this right and free from all forms of retribution; be it further

Resolved, that the Student Representative Assembly unequivocally condemns all forms of hatred, including but not limited to anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism, as well as all forms of Islamophobia, antisemitism and hate speech, and continues to endorse a campus culture of inclusion and safety; be it further

Resolved, the SRA recognizes the protestors' demand for transparency around the university's investments in and financial ties to banks and companies, including arms manufacturers, that may be linked to the State of Israel's alleged practices satisfying the prevailing evidentiary standard for the existence of apartheid as eminently reasonable; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#)] be it further

Resolved, the SRA recognizes the protestors' demand for divestment from investments and relations that sustain the State of Israel's alleged practices satisfying the prevailing evidentiary standard for the existence of apartheid around the university's investments in and financial ties to banks and companies, including arms manufacturers, that may be linked to the State of Israel's and others' practices implicated in human

rights violations by the United Nations' Independent Commission, as eminently reasonable, and the SRA urges the University to review and adhere to its Social Responsibility and Investment Policy; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#), [source #3](#), [source #4](#)] be it further

Resolved, the SRA recognizes the protestors' demands for divestment from global exchanges and partnerships with academic institutions who operate in illegal settlements or those that sustain practices carrying out human rights violations against Palestinian peoples and all communities impacted by the University's international activities according to the United Nations' Independent Commission as eminently reasonable, and the SRA urges the University to review and adhere to its Human Rights and International Activities policy; [[source #1](#), [source #2](#)] be it further

Resolved, the SRA urges McMaster University to engage in good faith dialogue with the protestors about the demands they have brought forward.

- McLean stated that the first iteration of this motion was drafted during the encampment. They stated that they and others on the Assembly observed community fostered by all during this time. They stated that the motion calls for MSU solidarity with these students. McLean stated that if this motion passed it would then be given to University Administration. They explained that while there was a statement passed in November 2023, the attacks have not ceased. McLean stated that it was made abundantly clear that they need to keep working to keep students safe. McLean ceded the rest of their time to Jax Weaver.
- Jax Weaver stated that they came to the Assembly to speak as a community member. They stated that they are Jewish, have indigenous ancestry, and are a student at McMaster. Weaver stated that McMaster, like any institution, would consider all student body voices. They explained that they had a vested interest in the outcome, and every student in the room and school had a vested interest. Weaver called for divestment now and stated that every person on the Assembly had the ability to change things, and to represent not just special interests but all of the student body. Weaver stated that people were being killed and this was one of the institutions holding the knife. They asked what the Assembly was going to do about it.
- Popovic stated that this motion last appeared two meetings ago, but there was a potential lack of consultation. They stated that early on in this process, there were meetings with Hillel and McLean, and they had Mclean work directly with Hillel on a statement that would be more thoroughly consulted. Popovic added that the discussion was respectful and thoughtful. They stated that today's motion was different from the one previously circulated and was happy to speak to it. Popovic explained that the document was approved by legal counsel, and given that, the Board would not be supporting any amendments that may be brought forward as it may change the legal process.
- Mahmoud stressed the importance of the motion being passed today. They stated that the impact that the Assembly had can sometimes get lost on how the motion was presented and going through the mazes of governance. Mahmoud added that the 'Be It Resolved' statements could not be understated, and this was a financially tangible demand that the Assembly will be making. They explained that the MSU had been a BDS union over the past ten years, and students have been negatively impacted by this encampment. They added that tuition dollars could play a small amount in the horrors that everyone has been seeing. Mahmoud felt that this motion was well written and researched, and was very different from the motion brought forward previously.
- Popovic ceded their time to Gabriel Kaplin. Kaplin stated that they were at the meeting today as a representative from Hillel to read the letter that was circulated to the SRA:

Members of the Assembly,
Hillel McMaster, on behalf of hundreds of Jewish students on campus, is disturbed by the contents of the statement on the table. We would like to offer some context on the

statement, its contents, and some of our concerns.

In August, the SRA voted to reject a similar statement supporting the demands of those involved in the encampment on our campus this summer. We were not consulted in the drafting of this statement. Throughout the process of crafting this new statement, we met with representative McLean on several occasions to bring forward our concerns. We are always open to dialogue and are grateful to Logan for taking the time to consult with us. However, we remain deeply opposed to the contents of this resolution.

We reiterate that the first step towards peace is the recognition of the humanity and inherent rights of both Israelis and Palestinians. However, we believe that **any statement on this topic must affirm the rights to safety, security, and self-determination** for both Israelis and Palestinians, including Israel's right to exist. **This is not expressed by the proposed statement.**

The statement claims that “the SRA will continue to support all students in the MSU community,” all while prioritizing a marginal but highly disruptive group of students and ignoring the voice of our student community. We are baffled that, despite acknowledging allegations of antisemitism emanating from the encampment, this statement firmly stands behind those responsible. **The statement is attempting to have the SRA take a stance that backs one fractional piece of our community while failing to represent all other students.** If the motion is passed, the SRA will be advocating for the interests of the encampment at the expense of its broad and diverse base of constituents.

Further, we would like to bring to light a procedural issue with how the MacAD coalition, a non-MSU group, was assembled. To join, organizations required no more than the signature of any one member, including non-executives, via a Google Form. Even if all participating clubs have truly signed on, they represent only about a quarter of the 270+ MSU clubs. The conversation on this issue is far from unanimous, and we are far from the only student community disturbed by these developments.

Under the guise of encouraging divestment from all “stakeholders in human rights violations,” the statement takes a singular focus on Israel. This disproportionate attention, complete with the application of double standards, falls into age-old antisemitic tropes. If the SRA intends to singularly target Israel, it must at least acknowledge its intentions rather than pretend to take issue with the alleged human rights violations as a whole.

The movement to divest from Israel, headlined by Omar Barghouti's Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) organization, is far from uncontroversial. Barghouti himself has stated that he fully “oppose[s] a Jewish state”. BDS takes economic opportunity from both Israelis and Palestinians, especially programs that foster coexistence. It singles out Israel in ways that marginalize Jewish and Israeli students, stifles open dialogue, and silences diverse perspectives.

The passage of this statement would set a poor precedent for the SRA and harm its reputation. It is not in the SRA's purview to weigh in on nuanced world conflicts, and doing so distracts from important and pressing issues facing students on our campus. **To be clear—in creating a more hostile academic and social environment, the SRA will contribute to the very forces they are aiming to combat - division and**

discrimination.

Ultimately, this statement falls outside the scope of this body while running contrary to the very values the MSU stands for as an organization. In the spirit of diversity, respect, and inclusion, we urge all members to have the courage to make their own decision on this issue and reject this harmful statement.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Hillel McMaster

Kaplin thanked the President for helping them with the process.

- Abbott stated that they've heard from many MSU members about the importance of the statement. They explained that at the meeting in the summer, there weren't issues with the contents, but rather they wanted to ensure that there were more consultations and that everything was fact checked. Abbott stated that this has been approved by legal counsel and that the motion shouldn't be contentious.
- McLean responded to the letter read out by Kaplin. They explained that there were 21 distinct suggestions brought forward by Hillel, and 16 of those were added to the motion. McLean reiterated that there was consultation and discussions held, but nothing else was brought up. They explained that it came down to a difference of opinion on the content, but felt that this did not fall outside of the scope of the SRA. McLean added that the MSU has several policies outlining advocacy statements and the SRA is well defined on how to do them. They pointed out that any MSU member, not just SRA, can suggest an advocacy statement to be brought forward. McLean ceded the rest of their time to Elorah Bennett.
- Elorah Bennett stated that they wanted to speak on the motion as a Jewish McMaster student. They noted that there were numerous Jewish students who were in agreement with this, as well as 20 other groups. Bennett wanted to iterate that the motion was not anti-Semitic and that it had gone through Hillel and a number of other consultations. They added that there was ample opportunity to bring forward statements on human rights violations. Bennett stated that there was relatively large Jewish support for this motion, and that Hillel's stance on this motion didn't necessarily represent all Jewish students.
- Mahmoud ceded their time to Lubna Ismail. Ismail stated that they were in their first year at McMaster and came from Calgary, Alberta. They thanked the Assembly for being there and taking the time to listen. Ismail explained that their parents came to Canada from the Middle East in the 2000s. They stated that their mother experienced prejudice after the 9/11 attacks. Ismail added that at 15, they had their hijab ripped off on public transit, and at 18, was threatened to have their diploma revoked if they spoke about Palestine at their convocation. Ismail stated that they were tired of everyone staying silent and of the selfishness of those who are abstaining and not speaking up. They explained that this wasn't just about Jewish, Muslims, Arabs, and Israelis, it was about human beings having a right to be free of genocide. Ismail stated that this wasn't just about students and their money, it was about humans' rights to live. They asked the Assembly to think about the money that they're putting towards this institution to study and asked them if they would put that money towards killing their own family.

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In Favour: 19 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 1

Opposed: Newman
Abstained: Wang
Motion Passes

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by Mahmoud to recess for 10 minutes.

- Sweeney stated that this would allow the opportunity for observers to stay or leave in an orderly fashion.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 6:11pm

Called to Order at 6:26pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Abbott, Arora, Batusic, Bolca, Dodd, El-Kadi, Hobbs, Hu, Jeyakumar, Long, Mahmoud, McKay, McLean, Modi, Newman, Olejarz, Popovic, Rahman, Schaub, Sweeney, Wang

Absence Excused: Begun

Absent: Black, Khan, Pickering, Qannam

Late:

Others Present: Owen Quann (DRO), Joshua Azariah (EC Candidate), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Information Period

- Popovic announced that over the next couple of days they will be circulating an email about a new committee created by the University. They explained that this was the International Strategy Advisory Committee, and the concept is that this working group will develop framework on human rights considerations in international agreements. Popovic stated that the University has asked the MSU to put forth nominations for this committee, and encouraged Assembly members to self-nominate when they receive the email. They explained that once those names get passed along, the University will then choose one person amongst those nominated.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Moved by Arora, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) MSU member seat to the Teaching Awards Committee.

Nominations

- Nazia Shaik

Passes Unanimously

- Nazia Shaik was acclaimed to the MSU seat on the Teaching Awards Committee.

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

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

Nominations

- Joshua Azariah
- Charlene Emmanuel
- Sarit Marmor
- Antarra Patel

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by Modi, **seconded** by Hu to set parameters for the Elections Committee election to be 30 seconds for opening statements, one minute for questions, and 30 seconds for closing statements.

- Modi stated that this has been a long meeting, and wanted to keep it brief.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Sweeney
Motion Passes**

- The Candidate spoke within the time allotted.
- The Speaker read out statements within the time allotted.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Azariah	22
Emmanuel	1
Marmor	1
Patel	19
Spoiled	0
Abstained	0

- Joshua Azariah and Antarra Patel won the MSU seats on the Elections Committee.

Business

3. Internal Governance Committee Year Plan

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Abbott that the Assembly approve the Internal Governance Committee year plan, as circulated.

- El-Kadi summarized the year plan.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Close one (1) seat on Executive Board

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

- Popovic stated that there was a seat open, and it needed to be filled as soon as possible. They explained what Executive Board did.
- Sweeney added that the meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:30am.

Nominations

- Bolca nominated themselves
- Hu nominated themselves

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Set Parameters

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Arora to set parameters for the Executive Board election to be two minutes for opening statements, five minutes for questions per candidate, pooled, and two minutes for closing statements.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Nominations

- Bolca
- Hu withdrew his nomination.
- The Candidate spoke within the time allotted.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote	No Confidence
Bolca	19	0
Spoiled	2	
Abstained	1	

- Bolca was elected to the Executive Board with Confidence.

Time of Next Meeting

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Absence Excused: Begun

Absent: Black, Khan, Pickering, Qannam

Late:

Others Present: Owen Quann (DRO), Joshua Azariah (EC Candidate), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Hobbs that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 7:16pm

/vs

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