Called to Order at 1:30 pm

CALL OF THE ROLL
Present       Ali, Almeida, Burke, Clayton, Dales, D’Angela, D’Souza, Enriquez, Gillis, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Mirza, Muramatsu, Nadarajah, Oliver, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis
Absent Excused Yazdankia
Absent       Caramento, Faruqui, McDougall, Mutoigo, Osazuwa
Late          Cao, Manning, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo
Others Present Alan Gou (MSU Member), Carter McInnis (Bylaws & Procedures Commissioner), Joshua Yachouh (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (President-Elect), J. Bauman (Recording Secretary)
Chair        Inna Berditchevskaia

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Enriquez that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, seconded by Oliver to move Business Item #1 to before Report Period.

• Guarna stated that Osazuwa was running late and would like to present for Report Period.

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

Amendment

Moved by Krause, seconded by Tambakis that the Assembly add opening one SRA seat on the Finance Committee as Business Item #5.

Passes Unanimously

Main Motion

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Enriquez that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Passes by General Consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

• The Chair thanked everyone for coping with the time change. The Chair announced SRA nominations would be opening soon, and encouraged all members to promote the opportunity to their constituents. The Chair reminded the Assembly that SRA Day would be happening in the Atrium on Wednesday, and each caucus would have a table where they could talk about what they had been doing and what it is like to be on the Assembly. The Chair reminded all observers to sign the observers list.
BUSINESS

1. Recess for meeting of CFMU Incorporated

Moved by Guarna, seconded by Clayton that the Assembly recess for a meeting of CFMU Incorporated.

Passes by General Consent

Recessed at 1:12pm
Called to Order at 1:19pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Ali, Almeida, Burke, Cao, Clayton, Dales, D’Angela, D’Souza, Enriquez, Gillis, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, Mirza, Muramatsu, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia

Absent Excused

Absent

Caramento, Faruqui, McDougall

Late

Mutoigo

Others Present

Alan Gou (MSU Member), Joshua Yachouh (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (President-Elect), J. Bauman (Recording Secretary)

Chair

Inna Berditchevskaia

REPORT PERIOD

1. Nursing Caucus – Enriquez presented

- Enriquez summarized her report.

2. Science Caucus – Hsu presented

- Hsu summarized her report.

3. Social Sciences Caucus – Burke presented

- Burke summarized her report. Burke provided an update on the grad keepsake project. The caucus has come across a lot of roadblocks in implementing this project. The concept has changed into it being a keepsake for first year students. Burke stated they were trying to arrange an event during Welcome Week to introduce the keepsake to students. Burke added that they have received funding from the Faculty for the keepsake. Burke added that they would be running a design contest for the keepsake.

4. External Affairs Committee – Nestico-Semianiw presented

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized the report.

5. University Affairs Committee – Oliver presented

- Oliver summarized her report.

6. Finance Committee – Krause presented
Krause summarized his report. Krause stated he was going to keep meeting with SoBi, and asked members to send any concerns they or their constituents have with the bike share, and he would bring those concerns forward.

Questions
- Guarna noted she has sent a number of wage reviews to the Finance Committee before their leave, and asked when she could expect to receive them.
- Krause stated they would be coming at various times. The committee is reviewing three wage reviews this week, and any that were left over would be reviewed before the end of the semester.
- Guarna advised that she needed these wage reviews for hiring.
- D’Angela asked if SoBi was notified of the Bylaw 5 process they would have to go under if they receive a levy.
- Krause was not sure. Krause stated that SoBi thought when they were presenting that the referendum question was on the table.
- D’Angela asked Krause to highlight some of the things he has worked on regarding the simplified budget.
- Krause stated he would do work on the simplified budget after the template has been set up, so people have access to the information. His committee has discussed creating groupings for capital requests to reduce the number of budget lines.
- Dales asked when Krause needed feedback for SoBi.
- Krause stated he did not have a firm timeline, but would be meeting with them again on Wednesday or Thursday.

7. Operations Committee – Clayton presented
- Clayton summarized her report. Clayton advised that the Operating Policy reorganization project is almost done. A few policies do not fit into the general structure the committee created, so there is still some work to do. Clayton is working on updating the Constituent Outreach policy to ensure it is working as intended. Clayton advised that office hour tracking would be implemented. Clayton will circulate a Google Form to collect feedback. The committee will compile the data to see if there is a most effective time or location of office hours. Clayton stated that the committee would be looking at ways to improve VP Elections and its policy, such as including outreach hours or hosting a debate, so that students are drawn into the process and connecting with their SRA members. Clayton asked all members to send her feedback, as she was meeting to discuss changes on Tuesday. Clayton added the committee is looking at PTM and SRA overlap, a peer support policy, and an environmental sustainability policy that would replace MACgreen.

8. Executive Board – D’Angela presented
- D’Angela summarized the report.

9. President – Osazuwa presented
- Osazuwa summarized his report.

Questions
- Ibe asked for more details on the peer-tutoring network.
- Osazuwa reported he had been working with the SSC to get a peer-tutoring network. There will be a soft launch in March, and if it is successful, the full program will launch in September.
- Sun asked if the Community Kitchen was part of Osazuwa’s platform point to increase food options on campus.
- Osazuwa stated the Community Kitchen was another way to tackle food insecurity. Osazuwa is working with the Director of Hospitality Services to get more vending machines that dispense hot beverages and better snacks on campus. Osazuwa added that during the exam period, Centro and Union Market had extended hours. Osazuwa stated it is difficult to get extended hours due to unionized staff; the wages and prices would need to be increased to be feasible.
Ibe asked how the peer tutoring program was going to run and what rates would be charged.
Osazuwa noted they were looking at a few options. One is the same model as the engineering model, where the student pays $5 per hour, the tutor receives $15 per hour, and the MES covers the difference. Osazuwa stated that the SSC helps with academic programming, and there is a need for this program to be long-lasting, which is why the MSU is partnering with the SSC.
Sun asked for an update on Osazuwa’s interfaith accessibility platform point.
Osazuwa stated he was able to find space on campus, but it was not centralized, which he believes was the spirit of the point. Osazuwa stated he would continue to work with the Dean of Students to find central space on campus for this.

10. Elections Report – Osazuwa presented

Osazuwa summarized the report.

11. 2016-2017 MSU Fees – D’Angela presented

D’Angela summarized the report.

Questions

Ibe noted when Solar Car presented to the Assembly, there were concerns with how they were spending their levy. Ibe asked how the conversations went about sending their fee to a referendum.
D’Angela stated that this was an inflationary increase, not an increase to their fee. D’Angela stated it was up to the Assembly to make a decision about sending any fees to referendum.
Krause noted that the conversations with Solar Car were ongoing. The group understands the process and is prepared if the fee goes to referendum.
Gillis asked if the MSU fee was being increased by inflation due to the decision made last year to increase the fee by less than inflation.
D’Angela stated that the MSU is projected to break even this year. D’Angela stated that last year’s decision was the right one for the organization. D’Angela stated that the Assembly could decide not to increase the fee, but there would be service cuts as a result. D’Angela did not want to be in the position of cutting student services.
Ibe asked if there was a point to increasing the Solar Car fee.
D’Angela stated that Solar Car is entitled to the increase by inflation, as it was included in the referendum question when they received their levy. D’Angela stated it was not the Assembly’s decision to say no to an inflationary increase. If the SRA wanted to send this fee to referendum, that was their decision, but it was not within the SRA’s mandate to prevent inflationary increases.

INFORMATION PERIOD

Guarna advised the Assembly that the MSU almost lost space loaned to us by the University due to a lack of respect related to cleanliness. Guarna stated the same problem exists in the committee room. The committee room is a great space for members to work in, but Guarna and the full time staff constantly find garbage and crumbs everywhere. Guarna stated this lack of respect for the committee room has translated to the other spaces we have on campus. Guarna stated if members cannot respect the space, she would limit access to between 9am and 5pm during the week. Guarna stated it is not fair to the people who need that space for work for it to be so dirty due to a lack of respect.
Clayton reported that McMaster Marching Band would be giving valentines out to students next week. They will also have a whiteboard available for you to write about what you love about MMB and McMaster.
Hsu reported the McMaster Science Society elections are happening right now. Hsu asked members to tell all of their friends in Science to vote on Wednesday.
D’Angela thanked everyone who attended the budget town hall. If anyone has other thoughts about the budget, University fees, or general feedback on the event, they should email D’Angela.
Ibe stated that International Student Services was hosting a meeting and greet open house on February 11. Ibe would appreciate if members could help promote the event.

Nestico-Semianiw advised that applications to be a delegate at the spring OUSA General Assembly were closing at midnight tonight. Nestico-Semianiw stated interested students could email him if they had questions about the policy papers. Nestico-Semianiw announced that Change Camp was on March 3, and they would like a huge number of students to come out to the event. Change Camp organizers are also looking for note takers and table facilitators.

Guarna reported the new Training Resources Research Assistant position is open. The aim is to have this person hired by the beginning of March. Guarna added she would like to take this new person on a tour of the peer network space at Western University.

Oliver reported that SCSN is running Discover Your City next week, and there are many cool events to attend.

D’Souza stated that Arts Matters Week would be the second week in March. The idea is to have art submissions to use as promotional material. D’Souza stated there would be a call for submissions going up shortly, and a few posters would be selected to highlight students’ art.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Gillis asked the VP Admin to give more context on what service was having issues with garbage.

Guarna stated she would not be sharing the service’s name, as she has had a number of conversations with the PTM, their executive, and the University. Guarna stated her early comments were because she has noticed a general disrespect for MSU space.

Gillis asked why the QSCC Coordinator position was reopened.

Guarna advised that the hiring committee interviewed a number of candidates, but felt they have not found the best-suited person. All candidates who have applied and have been interviewed will be considered throughout the process.

Tambakis asked if there were going to be any changes to the VP Elections to make them more accessible to students.

Guarna advised that Clayton addressed this in her report. There is a meeting on Tuesday to discuss ways in which the current structure can be reformatted to increase engagement with the student body. Guarna stated some ideas could be having debates or a space for candidates to present their platforms to students. Guarna asked anyone who had ideas to email or come to the meeting. Guarna stated she wanted to see the process more open to the student body and more fair to the candidates.

C. Yachouh asked if the recommendations from the VP Ad Hoc Committee would be considered.

Guarna advised those recommendations would be considered. Guarna stated the feasibility and timeframe for this year needed to be considered. Easter is at the end of March, which impacts what changes can and cannot be made for April.

Gillis asked the VP Admin if, since the second recommendation from the VP Ad Hoc Committee was to hold VP elections at large, and since the Constitutional Referendum failed by 0.3%, if there was will from the Assembly to endorse another change and send it back to referendum. If not, why?

Guarna stated she was unable to speak for the Assembly on this matter.

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Nestico-Semianiw asked why the entire process would be rerun. Nestico-Semianiw stated that students had the option to decide on VP Elections at large and the referendum failed. To rerun the referendum seems redundant.

Stegmaier asked if there had been any consideration to improve Presidential Elections. Stegmaier stated that there are never any improvements to the elections, and he thinks there should be changes.

Guarna was taken aback that Stegmaier felt there had been no improvements. Guarna stated that one of the reasons why the Presidential rules are approved annually is to make changes based on previous elections. Guarna stated the best avenue to discuss changes about Presidential elections is to talk to the CRO, DRO, and Elections Committee.
• Gillis asked if there was any evidence given to the MSU members on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee that they were going to lose their seats.
• Nadarajah reported that the Commissioner asked each person if they were comfortable with the seats being opened at this meeting due to the number of missed meetings, and the Commissioner was told it was okay for him to open the seats.
• Gillis asked if there was any consideration from the Commissioner when scheduling the meeting around classes.
• Nadarajah advised she could not speak for the Commissioner, but was aware that the MSU members were asked if they were okay with their seats being opened at this meeting.

BUSINESS

2. Open MSU Seats on Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Moved by Guarna, seconded by Clayton that the Assembly open two (2) MSU seats on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.

Amendment

Moved by Gillis, seconded by Yazdankia that the motion be amended to read “..open one (1) MSU seat”.

• Gillis stated a member needed to miss three consecutive meetings without notice to lose a seat. Gillis has had communication with one of the members who lost their seat, and the member said they informed the Commissioner they could not make a meeting. The member also submitted their schedule on time, and the meeting was scheduled when this person has class.
• Osazuwa stated he did not know the Commissioner's perspective, but he did not feel comfortable kicking someone off a committee if regrets were submitted. Osazuwa stated he would rather open one seat today and open another seat next week.
• Tambakis thought it would be prudent to give two weeks to see if it worked out, and at the next SRA meeting they can have a full discussion. If the SRA thinks we should open the seat, we can do it then. Tambakis stated it was their responsibility to pass it on to the next meeting.
• Krause asked for clarification, as the bylaw states a member loses their seat if they miss two consecutive meetings without regrets or three total per term, regardless of regrets.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 29 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: D’Angela
Abstentions: Cao, Oliver
Motion Passes

Main Motion

Moved by Guarna, seconded by Clayton that the Assembly open one (1) MSU seat on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.

In Favour: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstentions: Cao
Motion Passes

3. Close MSU Seat on Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Moved by Guarna, seconded by Almeida that the Assembly close one (1) MSU seat on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.
Nominations

- Nadarajah nominated Emmanuel Appiah – accepted
- Yazdankia nominated Fiona McGill – accepted
- Almeida nominated Alan Gou - accepted

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

Moved by Osazuwa, seconded by Clayton that parameters be set at two minutes per opening statement, three minutes of questions, per candidate, pooled, and one minute per closing statement.

Passes Unanimously

- Candidates spoke in allotted time.

Moved by Gillis, seconded by Osazuwa to exhaust the Speaker’s List.

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 5 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: D’Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliver, Cao, Pita
Motion Passes

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

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Emmanuel Appiah was elected to the MSU seat on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.

Moved by Yazdankia, seconded by Gillis that the Assembly recess for ten minutes.

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 17 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Nestico-Semianiw, Burke, Ibe, Manning, Pour-Bahreini, Hsu, Nadarajah, Ngo, Muramatsu, D’Souza, Mutoigo, Sun, Oliver, Almeida, Ali, Krause, Cao
Abstentions: Enriquez, Dales
Motion Fails

4. OPERATING POLICY 1.9.2 – EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Enriquez that the Assembly approve changes to OPERATING POLICY 1.9.2 – EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM (EFRT) as circulated.

- Hsu went over the memo with the Assembly. Hsu advised that all of these changes were recommended by the EFRT Advisory Board, and reflect the current operations of EFRT. The policy also outlines specific operating parameters for the service, including executive and responder shift requirements.
- Enriquez stated she had the opportunity to review this policy when it came to committee and it looked great.
Gillis stated these were not volunteer positions, but medical help on campus. Gillis stated these people should be paid for their work.

Hsu stated they have been looking at the wages and executive honorariums and the best forms for compensation.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstentions: Gillis
Motion Passes

5. Open SRA Seat on Finance Committee

Moved by Krause, seconded by D’Angela that the Assembly open one (1) SRA Seat on the Finance Committee.

Krause stated they would be closing the seat at the next meeting.

Passes Unanimously

Nominations

- Gillis nominated Tambakis – declined
- Sun nominated Dales – accepted
- Nadarajah nominated Almeida – accepted

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Rescind Student Housing Policy Report

Moved by Pita that the Assembly rescind the Student Housing Near Campus Neighbourhoods Report.

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

2. Adopt Student Housing Policy Paper and Maroon Paper

Moved by Pita that the Assembly adopt the Student Housing in Near Campus Neighbourhoods Policy and Maroon Paper.

In Favour: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, February 21, 2016
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present
Ali, Almeida, Burke, Cao, Clayton, Dales, D’Angela, D’Souza, Enriquez, Gillis, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia

Absent Excused
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Late
Others Present  Alan Gou (MSU Member), Joshua Yachouh (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (President-Elect), J. Bauman (Recording Secretary)
Chair  Inna Berditchevskaia

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Osazuwa, seconded by Nadarajah that the meeting adjourn.

**Passes by General Consent**

Adjourned at 3:16 pm

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