Dear Assembly,

The Bylaws and Procedures Committee recommends the following changes to Bylaw 14 – General Assembly and the creation of Bylaw 14 Appendix A.

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<td>5.6-5.10</td>
<td>Relocation of Speaking Restrictions, Starting/End Times and Voting Procedure</td>
<td>The specific procedures of the GA are more appropriately placed in an appendix, rather than the bylaw itself, and with a number of other revisions outlined in this memo that warranted the creation of an appendix, this section will be relocated to the appendix. These revisions are NOT being deleted, just relocated.</td>
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<td>The appendix was generated for a number of reasons. These include those found within this memo, as well as the following: the creation of an appendix will create a more appropriate location to outline the specific details and procedures of the GA. This appendix will be more easily revised and adopted on an annual basis, avoiding the need to bring the updates to the SRA on a continuous basis. This appendix also serves as a central location for MSU members to understand the GA, and its rules/procedures. One concern with the GA in past years is the lack of clarity related to the GA procedures to students, so this appendix will be a valuable resource to students and for the speaker to use each year.</td>
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<td>A minimum of three people from each side must speak to a</td>
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given motion before any member may motion to call the question

place. One solution that was brought up was making sure that motions be submitted before the GA, not giving students the opportunity to bring up new motions. However, the spirit of the GA is to give students the opportunity to bring up concerns and have them addressed, so these revisions were made. This way, we can still ensure that sufficient discussion has taken place, so that students know exactly what they’re voting for, have time to speak and form an opinion before voting.

Appendix 2.7.1 Voting procedure using Clickers

This is a reflection of GA voting being done using “Clickers” this year. However, in the event that the technology fails, the procedure of voting by raising hands still remains as a back-up.

Appendix 3 To outline useful terminology within the Appendix

One of the main purposes of the appendix is to be a resource for students interested in understanding and actively engaging in the GA. These terms, drawn from the “cheat sheet” that the speaker will be designing for students, are identified to clarify the terms and processes involved in the GA. These explanations, more than just definitions, use colloquial language to define the term’s relevance in a clear way, and are aimed at clarifying these terms to the average MSU member. Having these terms in one location means that the speaker each year can draw from them as necessary, and revise them/add more.

Appendix 4 Amendments to this Appendix can be made by the GA Planning Committee

The procedures and definitions in the appendix are most appropriately annually reviewed by the GA Planning Committee. Allowing them to make revisions, they can more seamlessly make revisions and updates as to the current practices of the GA to keep students up to date on the changing processes. This avoid having to bring the appendix to the SRA for each revision that’s necessary. Additionally, the only pieces of Bylaw 14 that were relocated to the appendix were procedural, all of which is information that falls on the GAPC to review and revise.

The overall purpose of these revisions is to clarify the procedures of the GA for MSU members. The appendix will now serve as a central location for students to understand the procedures associated with the GA itself, as well as useful terminology to understand and actively participate during the GA. I’m sure that these revisions will make a positive impact on GA this year.
Thank you very much, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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