



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 15M**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**

**Called to Order at 5:02pm**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

**Present** Ali, Almeida, Burke, Cao, Caramento, Clayton, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Tambakis, Yazdankia

**Absent Excused** Sun

**Absent** Ngo

**Late** Faruqui, Gillis, Nestico-Semianiw

**Others Present** Kornelia Palczewski (Interim TAC Coordinator), Abdullah Soltan (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Peter Topalovic (City of Hamilton), Won Jung Kim (MSU Member), Emile Shen (MSU Member), Priya Gupta (CRO), Sean Burak (SoBi Hamilton), Chelsea Cox (SoBi Hamilton), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

**Chair** Inna Berditchevskaia

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Yazdankia to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Passes Unanimously**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- The Speaker announced that the Assembly should be doing their outreach hours now, and that the published hours are on the website. The Speaker asked if that any changes needed to be made to please contact her. The Speaker stated that there is an observer's list being circulated in the back and asked for all observers to sign.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Enriquez to adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 15L – January 10, 2016 as circulated.

**In Favour: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1**  
**Abstained: Ibe**  
**Motion Passes**

**DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Hsu to set parameters for the SoBi Hamilton presentation to be 15 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions.

**Passes Unanimously**

**1. SoBi Hamilton – Sean Burak and Chelsea Cox presented**

- Burak and Cox summarized the presentation.

**Questions**

- Gillis asked if there were any plans to expand on to the mountain if the SRA endorses this. Burak responded that the mountain fits into their plans, but for right now they chose to put everything into the densest area of the city. He added that there are two expansions in the works, the mountain and the east end.
- Krause asked what the extra two dollar per hour charge was for. He asked what scale was used to put together the fee and will it be an opt-in or opt-out system. Cox responded that if there are any overages on the allotted hours given to students then the account will be charged two dollars per hour. Burak added that the idea was to allow a five dollar ride credit so that students had some spending money in case they do go over. Burak stated that for opt-in versus opt-out the current plan is \$70 and the uptake is lower so it's hard to discount it further. With the power of the opt-out it will allow them to increase service. He explained that with this fee they want to reach out to those might not have thought about using SoBi before.
- Guarna thanked Burak and Cox for their presentation. She stated that she had two major concerns. One was how the infrastructure could balance all the trips as she sometimes can't get a bike in the mornings to get on to campus. The second was a concern that a portion of the population can't physically use the service and she doesn't like the idea of having them have to pay the fees. Burak responded that usage patterns change drastically if there are low barriers and high usage. He stated that they studied University of South Florida and they have around 1200 rides per day on campus. Burak stated that they will see patterns of bikes moving towards campus and there will be availability for users, he added that they are planning on adding more bikes and racks on campus. Burak addressed that in terms of access to the service that was the reason why they wanted the opt-out to be an option. Cox added that if a student registered with SAS missed the deadline they would still be allowed to opt-out.
- Tambakis asked if the 90 minutes was per day or per week. Burak responded that it was 90 minutes per day.
- Tambakis asked how many bikes are in the system right now and compared to the number of students who would want to use it. Burak responded that there are 750 bikes right now, and that they have the capacity to handle everything.

**Moved** by Hsu, **seconded** by Guarna to extend questions by 10 minutes.

- Hsu stated that this should be enough time to get through the questions.

**Amendment**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Yazdankia to amend the motion to exhaust the Speaker's List.

- Osazuwa felt that 10 minutes wouldn't be enough time to get through seven people.
- Yazdankia agreed that they should just have the seven people and be done with it.

**Amendment to the Amendment**

**Moved** by Gillis, **seconded** by Stegmaier to amend the amendment and to extend questions by 20 minutes.

**Vote on Amendment to the Amendment**

**In Favour: 26 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 2**  
**Opposed: D'Angela, Mirza, D'Souza**  
**Abstained: Cao, Almeida**  
**Motion Passes**

### Vote on Amendment

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 2**  
**Opposed: Mirza, Burke, D'Angela**  
**Abstained: Almeida, Cao**  
**Motion Passes**

### Vote to Extend by 20 minutes

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 2**  
**Opposed: Burke, D'Angela, D'Souza**  
**Abstained: Almeida, Cao**  
**Motion Passes**

- D'Angela asked what the ridership is in the summer compared to in the winter since most of the students are here in the winter time. He added that this levy would bring in over \$450,000 in revenue and asked how they plan on providing value for this. Cox responded that rider usage is highest in the summer but there are still hundreds of trips that happen in the winter. Burak responded that they have a high level budget that can be circulated to give an idea how everything worked. He explained that they don't receive all of the money as they have to pay for the tech for the bikes. Burak added that a small percentage would go to administration of this as there will be more user calls and dispatch. Burak stated some of the money will go towards salary and rent and budgeting for bike purchases.
- Mirza asked if there was any advocacy in place for more bike lanes. Burak explained that trip usage helps get data for the community to lobby for bike lanes. Topalovic responded that they are looking at the data and looking into cleaning up connections in the Westdale area. He asked if anyone had any issues with bike lanes to email him.
- Pour-Bahreini asked if they thought of an eight month term as most students aren't here for the summer. Burak responded that the summer is the peak riding time and that he didn't want students to have to go through the credit card system for the summer.
- Ibe asked what the timeline would be if the referendum passed. Burak responded that in terms of roll out they would like to see it happen for the next school year.
- Ali asked what the consideration would be for limited space capacity on campus. Burak responded that the easiest example would be to look at other campuses. He added that a measure of a good system would be bikes moving all the time and not being in a situation where 600 are being used all at once.
- Osazuwa thanked SoBi for their presentation. He stated that there was no space on campus to put more racks and he felt that the fees are too expensive. He added that he didn't think students would benefit from this. Osazuwa asked SoBi to explain how they came up with the amount that was presented. Burak responded that they came up with the number by looking at the budget and what would be needed to create student positions and increasing service on campus. He explained that he was hoping to see the private bikes on campus go down and the number of SoBi bikes being around 200 on campus so that it won't be as big of a burden campus wide.

**Moved** by Guarna, **seconded** by Gillis to amend the agenda to move Business Item #1 to be after Delegation from the Floor.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes Unanimously**

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Committee of the Whole – SoBi Hamilton Presentation**

**Moved** by Enriquez, **seconded** by Cao that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the SoBi Hamilton presentation.

#### **Motion Passes by General Consent**

**Moved** by Gillis, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

#### **Passes Unanimously**

#### **Rise and Report**

- Gillis reported that they discussed the SoBi presentation while asking several questions. The Assembly identified that SoBi needs more collaboration for a better deal for students. Gillis reported that they also discussed aspects of a referendum and instructed the Finance Commissioner to meet up with SoBi to discuss more details.

## **REPORT PERIOD**

### **1. Health Sciences Caucus – Oliver presented**

- Oliver summarized the report.

### **2. Humanities Caucus – Yazdankia presented**

- Yazdankia summarized his report.

#### **Questions**

- Nestico-Semianiw asked if the caucus could go into more detail about what has been done so far in their yearplan, as they haven't seen much movement on any of the projects listed. Yazdankia responded that he believed that SRA members have their own goals to achieve, and his was working costs about training and lowering the percentage for reimbursement during elections. Caramento responded that her platform was done not just for Humanities but she was supporting Arts Matters week. D'Souza responded that she has been working on the yearplan, which included creating a Facebook page and using it to promote Arts Matters. D'Souza explained that with the upper buddies system MHS took that initiative on and the course wiki will be worked on at the end of the year.
- Osazuwa asked D'Souza why she was the only one planning Arts Matters. D'Souza responded that she was working with two other members from the MHS.
- Osazuwa asked where funding was coming from for this event. D'Souza responded that it will be coming out of the SRA Special Projects fund and from Alumni.
- Nestico-Semianiw thanked the caucus for answering his questions. He asked what was the purpose of having a year plan was if two-thirds of the caucus weren't going to work on it. He felt this was unfair to D'Souza. Nestico-Semianiw stated that the work shouldn't fall to one caucus member. Caramento responded that they were obligated to make a yearplan. She felt that if it was an opt-in process making group points then they would just be doing platform points.
- Guarna asked that if they knew they were going to focus on their own goals wouldn't it be more transparent to put that in the yearplan. Caramento stated that she didn't know that was an option, and that she didn't think that the yearplan wasn't transparent just because one person was working on it. Yazdankia added that he made it clear what his platforms points were when he ran, he stated that it

wasn't fair to say they weren't being accountable. Yazdankia added that Guarna had a good point and didn't realize it was an option.

- D'Angela asked if there were plans on working together as a team to collaborate on items moving forward. Yazdankia responded that he will be helping out with tabling for Arts Matters, but still has to finish his own platform points. Caramento responded that she will be helping out with the MHS formal and Arts Matters week, and the course wiki still needs to be done. D'Souza responded that Arts Matters was planned and that allocating volunteers was the last step.

### **3. Kinesiology Caucus – Muramatsu presented**

- Muramatsu summarized the report.

### **Questions**

- Guarna stated that she was proud of the kinesiology caucus and how they have gotten along with the Kin Society this year. Guarna asked what they have done differently this year for this to happen. Muramatsu responded that when she first arrived on the SRA she was told about the miscommunications between the SRA and Kin Society, and since then they have just been going to society meetings and explaining the goings-on at the SRA level.

### **4. Executive Board Report – Hsu reported**

- Hsu apologized for not circulating a report. She reported that the Executive Board heard reports from CLAY, who had job descriptions approved. She reported that WGEN submitted service usage as part of their report and they are considering shifting their hours to gear towards higher peak times. Hsu stated that Spark accepted a higher number of students than in the previous semester and have been doing well. Hsu reported that Elections had a successful presidential debate and they had an ASL interpreter.

### **5. Vice-President (Education) – Nestico-Semianiw presented**

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized his report.

### **6. Elections Report – Priya Gupta presented**

- Gupta summarized the report.

### **INFORMATION PERIOD**

- D'Angela reported that at the next SRA meeting he will be updating everyone on what next year's fees will be. He explained that none of the fees can go up more than inflation without going to the students first, but he's still waiting on the rate of CPI from the University.
- Ibe reported that he has been having conversations with people and is hoping to host an open house with international students on February 11, and asked for the SRA's support.
- Kornelia Palczewski reported that the term two nomination period for TAC is coming up fast and nominations will be online.
- Osazuwa announced that MAC Bread Bin was able to get kitchen space for their Community Kitchen and gave shout outs to David Cheng and team.

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Osazuwa asked why they have compulsory office hours for SRA members. He asked if they could track the amount of MSU members who come by to these hours. The Speaker responded that they don't currently track the information but that could be a potentially done. The Speaker stated that someone could take it

up as a personal project or amend the operating policy to make it compulsory. Clayton added that she did want that to be implemented and that it could be added into the policy if the desire was there.

- Mirza asked what WGEN, the MSU, and the Elections Committee was doing about the allegations being thrown around on twitter from the Presidential Debate, and how were they planning on handling it. Osazuwa responded that he attempted to reach out to the individual to have a conversation with them, and offered services that could be used. He explained that the individual declined the services offered because they didn't feel comfortable with MSU services. Osazuwa stated that he can't speak for WGEN but he knows that the WGEN Coordinator is drafting up a response on behalf of WGEN and will be releasing it next week. Osazuwa added that the Elections Committee can't do anything because the bylaws don't state anything about who can run for President except for having MSU membership, and EC needs to follow the bylaws. Osazuwa explained that in terms of the allegations, he stated that they should not disbelieve anyone who has been sexually assaulted as he wanted to make sure that they can feel comfortable coming to the MSU if they needed help.
- Ibe asked the President if he could comment on the process of hiring the new Director of Security. Osazuwa responded that any time the University wants to hire high level staff they usually have one MSU member on the hiring board. He explained that he with five other staff hired the new head of security. Osazuwa stated he couldn't go into the details on why the candidate who was successful was chosen but explained that this person was the best person on paper and in the interview.
- Gillis asked what was the MSU intending on doing for promoting the referendum. He stated that he expressed his concerns to the CRO and felt that nothing was being done to show for the referendum and it was all about the presidential election. Gillis felt that this was the job of the Elections Department to promote. Zeng responded that their plan was always to start promoting the referendum right after the presidential debate was done. She stated that they can work on more items being out for referenda earlier next year.
- Clayton asked why the President reached out to the person on Twitter. She asked when WGEN would be releasing their statement and if it would be during the election or after. Deshpande responded that all of the information is on the WGEN Coordinator's computer and it will be released before the week is over. Deshpande ceded the rest of his time to Osazuwa. Osazuwa responded that he reached out as it was his job to represent students. He explained that students felt that the MSU wasn't listening so he reached out personally to see where he could help.
- Mirza asked if the statement from WGEN would be visible to access. Mirza asked why WGEN was releasing a statement now when previously this was not something they were originally going to do. Mirza stated that WGEN knew about the allegations for over a year now and asked how allegations would be moved within the structure of the MSU. Osazuwa responded that he can't speak for the WGEN Coordinator but knows that the statement will be released soon. Osazuwa explained that as for allegations being known, they didn't. He stated that they will be reaching out to those who can help with these allegations. He explained that they are not the judges on this and shared their sentiments that this was important that it be addressed by the MSU. Guarna added that they did not know about the allegations based on the nature of how WGEN operates. She explained that it was not the job of the PTM and volunteers to escalate the matter unless the person coming forward wants that. Guarna stated that another challenge with the situation is that they need to tread carefully with anything that they release as they don't want to be held legally responsible with their statements. She added that this is out of their leagues as they are not experts in the subject area. Guarna stated that she knows that everyone wants answers quickly but that this not something that they can do as they are making sure they have the appropriate staff and content experts helping.
- Almeida asked how WGEN deals with allegations like this and if they are responsible to escalate the situation when asked. She asked if the volunteers were aware and were asked to escalate this where they would go. Guarna responded that what was challenging with these situations is that it would completely be up to the survivor on how they deal with it. She stated that having to report and launching an investigation would be just as traumatic as the assault. Guarna explained that if a student wanted to escalate then they could contact Hamilton Police or campus security but that it's really up to the survivor what mechanism to use. Guarna stated that WGEN is meant to maintain confidentiality and they have

done their job. She added that the only time they breach confidentiality is if someone is posing an imminent threat to themselves or others.

- Ibe asked Osazuwa why the hiring process for Glenn De Caire wasn't more transparent. He explained that most students have shown distrust and most of the police force didn't want his contract to be extended. Ibe asked how this person was the best candidate. Osazuwa responded that he couldn't go into too much detail because of confidentiality. He stated that if people don't feel comfortable they can bring it up but he is hoping that the new Director can prove to people why he was hired and have people trust him.
- Mirza asked Guarna when they will be bringing in content specialists and who. She asked how people can escalate these issues within the MSU. Guarna responded that the content expert would be Meaghan Ross, who was hired by the University as the Sexual Violence Response Coordinator. She added that in order to escalate people could report it to their direct supervisor, and if not go to the highest level. Guarna stated that the MSU isn't equipped to look fully into situations like this so they would also bring in sources to help out.
- Manning asked if Osazuwa was made aware of the past of the new Director of Security. Osazuwa responded that he wasn't made aware of this during the interview process and admitted that he didn't know too much.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. Recess for a meeting of MSU Incorporated**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Faruqui that the Assembly recess for a meeting of MSU Incorporated.

#### **Motion Passes by General Consent**

**Recessed at 7:48pm**

**Called to Order at 8:08pm**

### **CALL OF THE ROLL**

#### **Present**

Ali, Almeida, Burke, Cao, Caramento, Dales, Gillis, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Manning, McDougall, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Tambakis, Yazdankia

#### **Absent Excused**

Sun

#### **Absent**

Ngo, Jama

#### **Late**

Clayton, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Faruqui, Krause, Kula, Mirza, Oliver

#### **Others Present**

Kornelia Palczewski (Interim TAC Coordinator), Abdullah Soltan (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Emile Shen (MSU Member), Priya Gupta (CRO), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

#### **Chair**

Inna Berditchevskaia

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **1. Bylaw 9 – First Year Council**

**Moved** by Guarna that the Assembly approve BYLAW 9 – FIRST YEAR COUNCIL, as presented.

- Guarna ceded her time to McInnis. McInnis went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Gillis asked what the logic was for excluding the first year member from 6.1.1.
- McInnis responded that it was in the spirit of requiring the past year's member or liaison at all meetings to make sure they provided guidance if needed. He explained that when they made the revisions they excluded the first year rep as they are official observers of the committee and they wanted to make sure there was an upper year resource.

**Vote on Motion**

**Moved** by Guarna that the Assembly approve BYLAW 9 – FIRST YEAR COUNCIL, as presented.

**Passes Unanimously**

**2. Bylaw 3 – Student Representative Assembly**

**Moved** by Guarna that the Assembly approve BYLAW 3 – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, as presented.

- Guarna ceded her time to McInnis. McInnis went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Hsu asked how often the training will happen. Hsu ceded her time to the VP Administration. Guarna responded that there was some pushback from some members when she tried to follow up with them about training, stating that it wasn't in the bylaws that training was mandatory. She explained that by putting this in the bylaws, it is giving the expectation that they must attend training. Guarna added that it will be the same amount of training as done in previous years.
- McDougall asked if this was in reference to training in the summer or things happening in January.
- Guarna responded that this was specifically for summer training, and any other training required before the first meeting.
- Tambakis stated that summer training can be tough to attend and asked if there is a standard that SRA members, what would happen if they can't fulfil this. Tambakis ceded his time to Guarna. Guarna responded that it would be up to the VP Administration to offer alternative training times, which was something that she did and still received resistance. She explained that it wasn't even about the content it was more about bonding with each other so that they will work together and collaborate to complete projects. Guarna added that the reason why the bylaw was vague was to allow the VP Administration to design training as they saw fit.
- Hsu stated that this was a good idea, and asked if it would be possible to add the Speaker to the bylaw as well.
- Guarna stated that if this was something the Assembly wanted then they would need to vote this down.
- Gillis felt that it does provide flexibility and is set out by the VP Administration. He asked if this was to override the leave of absence.
- Guarna responded that if someone took a leave then it would be up to the VP Administration to ensure that the content being presented was sent to the member.
- Stegmaier thought that this was a good idea as he came in through a by-election and didn't receive any training. He felt that it was nice to see that someone can be held accountable if training wasn't received.

**Vote on Motion**

**In Favour: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 3**  
**Abstained: Gillis, Yazdankia, Ali**  
**Motion Passes**

**TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**  
**TBD**  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

**Present**

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Member), Priya Gupta (CRO), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)  
**Chair** Inna Berditchevskaia

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Cao, **seconded** by Faruqui that the meeting be adjourned.

**Passes by General Consent**

**Adjourned at 8:21pm**

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