



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 15Q
Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 5:09pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present Almeida, Burke, Caramento, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Oliver, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia

Absent Excused Cao, Clayton

Absent Ali, Gillis, Pakkal, Pita

Late Osazuwa

Others Present Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Kelly Long (MSU Member), Allisa Ragnanan (MSU Member), Kathleen Quinn (MSU Member), Ezekiel Areghan (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Ryan MacDonald (UA Research Assistant), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Michelle Xu (MSU Member), David Lee (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Anna Kuleza (SCSN C.A/ SOCS), Gilbert Kobina Baiden (MSU Member), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Aqeel Ana (MSU Member), Michael Couto (MSSS President), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Olajide Egbewumi (MSU Member), Preethi Anbalagan (MSU Member), Matthew Brodka (MSU Member), Genya Oparin (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair Inna Berditchevskaia

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Yazdankia, **seconded** by Oliver that the Assembly adopt the agenda as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Enriquez to add Peer Support Operating Policy to Business.

- Guarna stated that this policy stipulates that the peer support services are and makes sure they are meeting regularly.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah to add Operating Policy 1.9.1.14 – Education and Advocacy Department to Business.

- Guarna stated that the Sustainability Working Group is being housed in Advocacy so they need to change the policy.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nestico-Semianiw to add the MSU Sustainability Education Working Group Operating Policy to Business.

- Guarna stated that she would like to add this to the agenda as she was asked to design the committee.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

- Gillis ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn asked to create a motion to add a Sexual Violence Protocol working group to the agenda as she felt the MSU needs to create one for campus.
- Gillis stated that he will move the motion.

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Jama to add that the MSU create a women's committee working group to create an MSU sexual violence protocol to the agenda.

- Gillis ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that there wasn't an MSU centered policy to deal with sexual violence on campus, and felt that complaints fall on deaf ears. She stated that they need to protect students and coming up with a comprehensive policy would help.
- Jama agreed. She felt that the MSU was not equipped to deal with sexual violence on campus and felt that having an internal response protocol would help. Jama stated that she thought it was important to have this added to the agenda to be discussed.
- Guarna stated that while she agreed with the sentiment she was not in favour of the motion as it would require them to write an operating policy on the floor and that would be ill advised. She added that if an ad-hoc committee was struck at this meeting it would expire next week as they are mandated to be finished by the end of each SRA term. Guarna felt that it would be better if they strike this during the new SRA term, so that they are not putting something together on the floor. Guarna added that they should also be making sure that their stakeholders are involved. Guarna reiterated that this was very important but felt that this wasn't the best meeting to be doing this.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 3 Opposed: 17 Abstentions: 8

Opposed: Guarna, D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Burke, Manning, Ibe, Pour-Bahraini, McDougall, Hsu, Nadarajah, D'Souza, Mutoigo, Almeida, Kula, Dales, Krause

Abstained: Osazuwa, Ngo, Muramatsu, Caramento, Sun, Oliver, Stegmaier

Motion Fails

Amendment

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Nadarajah to defer Business Arising from General Assembly to SRA meeting 16C.

- D'Angela stated that the Bylaw says that it needs to go to the next meeting after General Assembly, but he felt that this will be a really long meeting and that none of the items are time sensitive that need to be addressed today. D'Angela explained that the third meeting in April is, traditionally, short so it would be a good time to have the discussion.
- Nadarajah agreed with the motion and felt that it would be best to talk about these items at the later date. She explained that it made more sense for the new members to discuss. Nadarajah added that if someone felt that something was time sensitive that she would be in favour of keeping that item.
- Jama stated that it wouldn't be fair to defer the motion about De Caire as school is almost over and it would be a time sensitive issue.

Amendment to Amendment

Moved by Oliver, **seconded** by Krause to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by D’Angela, **seconded** by Nadarajah to defer Business Arising from General Assembly items #1-3 to SRA meeting 16C.”

- Oliver stated that she would like to discuss this.
- Krause felt that the first three items weren’t time sensitive and the direction could be set by the incoming vice-presidents.
- Tambakis stated that it was important to talk about all of the items, and that students voices should be heard. He felt that if they pushed this in April the concerns won’t get addressed.
- Gillis stated that the point of General Assembly was for MSU members to direct the SRA, and he felt that they need to respect that. He added that it was problematic to push to a point in time where students won’t be paying attention, and by pushing it back that fair they won’t be giving the items the attention that they deserve.
- Yazdankia stated that he wasn’t in favour of this and would like to keep the items on the agenda.
- D’Angela stated that the reason why he wanted to defer this was so that they weren’t talking about it at 3am. He explained that realistically no one would be watching the livestream on a Sunday that late and also they wouldn’t be giving it the proper attention that it deserves if it does go that late.
- Jama pointed out that the mover for a lot of the motions from General Assembly was at the back of the room, and that it would be disrespectful to shove the items off to another date.

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Dales to Call to Question.

Vote to Call to Question

In Favour: 13 Opposed: 7 Abstentions: 7
Opposed: Manning, Ibe, Guarna, Gillis, Jama, Tambakis, Stegmaier
Abstained: Pour-Bahreini, McDougall, Osazuwa, Hsu, Muramatsu, Ngo, Almeida
Motion Fails

Back to Amendment to the Amendment

Moved by Oliver, **seconded** by Krause to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by D’Angela, **seconded** by Nadarajah to defer Business Arising from General Assembly items #1-3 to SRA meeting 16C.”

- Tambakis stated that this was time sensitive. They could push it up higher on the agenda.

Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Ngo to amend the amendment and move Business Arising from General Assembly immediately before Special Orders of the Day.

- Gillis stated that they should get through the discussion and it would be respectful to do it today.
- Osazuwa stated that if they’re worried about being late they should be looking at pushing certain items to the next SRA, not prioritizing.
- Nadarajah agreed with Osazuwa. She stated that if General Assembly was the highest governing body and if they want the students to know what’s going on they shouldn’t be doing it at this meeting as there wasn’t even livestream. She stated that it should be pushed to the third meeting in April.
- Gillis stated that no matter what they do they are still prioritizing things. He stated that he wasn’t comfortable amending the agenda for people because of livestream, even though it was problematic that they weren’t there.

Vote on Amendment to the Amendment to the Amendment

In Favour: 10 Opposed: 11 Abstentions: 7

Opposed: Guarna, D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Burke, Nadarajah, D'Souza, Oliver, Dales, Krause, Stegmaier, Hsu

Abstained: Osazuwa, Pour-Bahreini, McDougall, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Almeida, Ali
Motion Fails

Vote on Amendment to the Amendment

Moved by Oliver, **seconded** by Krause to amend the motion to read: "**Moved** by D'Angela, **seconded** by Nadarajah to defer Business Arising from General Assembly items #1-3 to SRA meeting 16C."

In Favour: 20 Opposed: 5 Abstentions: 3

Opposed: Gillis, Yazdankia, Caramento Mirza, Dales

Abstained: Osazuwa, Enriquez, Mutoigo

Motion Passes

The Amendment to the Agenda is now:

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Nadarajah to defer Business Arising from General Assembly items #1-3 to SRA meeting 16C.

- Gillis encouraged the Assembly to vote this down as they have the means to discuss all of them, and that this shouldn't be taken to another meeting.
- Nadarajah stated that considering the mover of the motion was an incoming Assembly member the member will be present at that meeting.
- Gillis stated that they were failing to consider the fact that the person wasn't representing the other people who voted for the motion. He stated that it wasn't the same as SRA meetings and didn't think it was okay.
- Enriquez ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that she wasn't the only person at the meeting to talk about these issues.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 6 Opposed: 16 Abstentions: 5

Opposed: Burke, Manning, Gillis, Jama, McDougall, Ngo, Muramatsu, Yazdankia, Caramento, Sun, Almeida, Mirza, Ali, Dales, Tambakis, Stegmaier

Abstained: Osazuwa, Guarna, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Nadarajah
Motion Fails

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Gillis to move the External Affairs Commissioner report to be last in Report Period.

- Guarna explained that the Commissioner was on their way and would like to report.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Mirza, **seconded** by Ibe to move Business Arising from General Assembly to be between Special Orders of the Day and Report Period.

- Mirza stated that the farewells should happen and then they should talk about the issues.
- Ibe stated that the reports have already been sent to everyone.

- Osazuwa stated that they just had a discussion about prioritizing one item of another. He encouraged the Assembly to vote this down.
- Hsu also encouraged the Assembly to vote this down as Report Period was important and they are going over what they accomplished for the year. She stated that there could be students at the meeting who would want to hear about this.
- Mirza stated that the items from General Assembly were brought forward by students so they should hear what they have to say. She felt that it was important to prioritize external items.
- Gillis stated that General Assembly happens once a year and perhaps once a year they could put it ahead of Report Period.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 14 Opposed: 7 Abstentions: 7
Opposed: D'Angela, Burke, Pour-Bahreini, Hsu, Oliver, Dales
Abstained: Osazuwa, Guarna, Manning, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Almeida, Krause
Motion Passes

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Yazdankia, **seconded** by Oliver that the Assembly adopt the agenda as amended.

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Guarna
Motion Passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Speaker asked the observers in the back to please sign the Observer's List with their affiliation. The Speaker thanked Ms. D'Souza for volunteering to do Maroon Minutes and asked for two more volunteers.
- Enriquez and Dales volunteered.
- The Speaker thanked them for volunteering.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Hsu that the Assembly adopt the minutes of SRA meeting 150 – February 21, 2016, as presented.

- Osazuwa stated that they looked beautiful.

Vote to Adopt Minutes

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2
Abstained: Gillis, Ngo
Motion Passes

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Farewell from the President

- The President passed around his farewells.

2. Farewell from the Vice-President (Administration)

- The VP Administration cried her farewell.

3. Farewell from the Vice-President (Finance)

- The VP Finance said his farewells.

4. Farewell from the Vice-President (Education)

- The VP Education thanked everyone.

5. Farewell from the Speaker

- The Speaker said her farewells.

6. SRA Awards Presentation

- Guarna presented the awards.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. MSU Advocate for Immediate Tuition Freeze

Moved by Gillis and **seconded** by Mirza that the following statement be adopted:

Whereas inflation on tuition has far exceeded the cost of living;

Whereas these costs cause significant financial barriers for students;

Whereas interest on student loans further inflates the real cost of education enhancing inequality within the system;

Whereas education is not a commodity but a fundamental right necessary for reducing social inequality and enhancing social mobility;

Be it Resolved That the MSU advocate for an immediate tuition freeze not tied to inflation to be instituted at McMaster University.

- Gillis stated that he agreed with the statement as worded. He explained that paired with the rate of rising tuition it was important for them to shift away from credits and making tuition affordable in general. Gillis added that if the government was willing to pay for those who can't afford education then it makes sense for them to make the rate low as the government will be footing the bill.
- Mirza agreed with Gillis. Ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that the reason why she put this together is because they need to make tuition more sustainable. She explained that tuition was deregulated in 1998 and since then programs have increased and barriers were put in place for students. Quinn added that there has been a 400% increase on tuition since 1998. She stated that they have a great opportunity to keep the momentum going to make sure that public post secondary education was accessible.
- Osazuwa stated that he in favour of lower tuition, but they had the OUSA tuition campaign this year and they asked for a freeze, and everyone signed for it. He explained that the provincial government did the budget without telling OUSA about capping tuition.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the motion was great but everything in the statement was passed a couple of months ago and is now MSU policy. He explained that they support a tuition freeze until student contribution has been returned to something more manageable. Nestico-Semianiw felt that this motion was redundant as they already had it in their policy. He explained that the policy will be pushed as a priority for students.
- Gillis stated that the motion on the floor was internal while the policy passed at the SRA level was for the provincial and federal level. He explained that this is to focus on internal advocacy, and that it wasn't redundant because it will be focusing on McMaster.

- Enriquez ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that the policy passed at the SRA talks about a freeze being tied to inflation. She felt that they should put this forward to strengthen their ability to advocate for tuition and show where they stand.
- Syed stated that there were great points from Gillis and Quinn and suggested amending the motion to say that the MSU will continue to lobby for a tuition freeze at the next Tuition Framework.
- Hsu stated that Gillis brought up a good point about the difference between the policy and current motion. She doubted that they would have had significant progress on this and the reason why OUSA was successful was because they have seven universities standing behind it. Hsu stated that tuition has been set as a priority by the organization and she was concerned that they will be replicating something already highlighted as such.
- D'Angela stated that if this was the same as the policy that was passed then it is redundant. He added that if this doesn't align with the current policy and the SRA passes this then it would be counter intuitive for the SRA pass something that contradicts the aforementioned policy. He encouraged the Assembly to vote no to this, and if anyone wanted to change the tuition policy then they can work on it.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the BIRT was for an immediate tuition freeze and he wasn't sure if that meant for tomorrow or the next Framework. He stated that the soonest they would be able to get that would be a year from now. He added that this was already in their policy and it wouldn't be happening until next year's provincial budget. Nestico-Semianiw stated that the Board of Governors doesn't vote on tuition until next year. Nestico-Semianiw clarified that in the policy it states having it marked to inflation but that that was 'plan b' so that it increases to CPI each year, and that everything is covered in the policy. He explained that the only part that was different than the policy is having the motion being directed for just McMaster. Nestico-Semianiw felt that it wasn't fair to ask just McMaster to freeze their tuition as others would keep raising theirs and it would chase people away. He explained that they have to retain their competitiveness in Ontario. He added that he appreciated this motion being brought forward but they could make small tweaks to the policy.
- Gillis stated that this came from the GA and that he wasn't surprised that they were against the idea of going to the Board of Governors and asking them to not raise tuition. He explained that not all they do is with OUSA. Gillis stated that they represent students and when something comes from GA he is finding it problematic that the SRA was saying no to doing what the students asked. Students don't want to see tuition being raised and they are giving their feedback.
- Yazdankia ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that she didn't get to participate in the tuition policy. She explained that she doesn't want the MSU to be advocating for a freeze tied to inflation as that was not a freeze. She asked why not bring this further and say they want this at their level as well. Quinn stated that this was about creating a McMaster solution for McMaster students and she wanted to improve the policy. She felt that 'plan b' being in the paper undermines the ask. She explained that PSE has been underfunded since 1970 and now they have a crisis on their hands for declining enrollment. She asked for this to be moved forward and not stop the conversation here.
- Syed thanked the MSU for presenting to the Board of Governors this year, the spoke to them several months ago and discussions are happening. He stated to make it sound like the BoD isn't doing anything about this isn't correct. To ask the future BoD to present to the Board of Governors is something that can be done, but saying the MSU was working against the interest of students is incorrect. Syed clarified that the policy states that they want a tuition freeze. Period. He added that the next ask was to tie it to inflation since if it keeps increasing by five per cent or more or is unregulated it makes it inaccessible and takes them out of the conversation. He added that students are at risk if they are taken out of the conversation.
- D'Angela stated that this year they have seen the best changes in student financial assistance in the history of the MSU. He stated that university budgets are frozen on the provincial side for operating grants and asking McMaster to freeze tuition on the institution side would hurt education for students. He explained that asking for tuition freezes needs to have a provincial component as it doesn't make sense to go to the sector.
- Oliver stated that they are all capable of representing students but thought that they should be focusing on provincial advocacy and tuition being funded through the government. She added that a pragmatic ask could be advocating for the coming year.

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Dales to Call to Question.

In Favour: 11 Opposed: 7 Abstentions: 9
Opposed: Gillis, Manning, Ibe, Yazdankia, Jama, Stegmaier, Mirza
Abstained: Osazuwa, Guarna, Nadarajah, Ngo, Muramatsu, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Almeida, Ali
Motion Fails

Back to Main Motion

- Tambakis felt that this was a really important question, and what would be the cost. He asked if the University should believe that a tuition freeze is one of the most important things to do.
- Gillis stated that the free tuition wasn't really free if you take into account different programs and their tuition rate. Gillis stated that the Speaker did a great job of promoting the GA but they dropped the ball when it came to advertising. He explained that they were shamed for the third year in a row by *The Silhouette*. Gillis stated that they are trying to engage students and shouldn't use their own failure to why something wasn't passed at GA.
- Jama felt that passing this motion won't take away from OUSA and stated that she wasn't sure why there was hesitancy in passing it. She stated that this could work with OUSA side by side. She asked Nestico-Semianiw to re-iterate why it would be an issue. Jama ceded to Nestico-Semianiw. Nestico-Semianiw stated that this wouldn't hurt OUSA's role. He just felt that the wording of the motion doesn't add to the advocacy. He explained that they did go to the Board of Governors and asked for a fully funded tuition freeze. Nestico-Semianiw stated that the main reason why he was against it was because everything was already encompassed in the tuition policy paper.

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Sun to Call the Question.

In Favour: 14 Opposed: 10 Abstentions: 5
Opposed: Ibe, Gillis, Jama, Nadarajah, Yazdankia, Almeida, Mirza, Dales, Tambakis, Stegmaier
Abstained: Osazuwa, Pour-Bahreini, Ngo, Mutoigo, Ali
Motion Fails

Back to Main Motion

- Yazdankia asked if Nestico-Semianiw would be against amending the motion to saying advocating to the Board of Governors. Yazdankia ceded to Nestico-Semianiw. Nestico-Semianiw passed his time to Osazuwa. Osazuwa stated that he didn't think that it was this SRA's place to tell next year's BoD what to do as next year's SRA could say no. He explained that they met with a lot of people about this but felt it was unfair saying that they didn't push the task high enough.
- Osazuwa stated that he doesn't want tuition increasing each year but that's why they were asking the province to give more money to universities and asking not to raise tuition. Osazuwa addressed the comment about GA and how they didn't promote it. He explained that \$4,000 was spent on promotions, coffee sleeves, and clickers. There was also a Facebook page and banner. He stated that it was up to the SRA to go out and do class talks, and it wasn't just one person's job to do this. He stated it was unfair to say that they didn't promote it.
- Hsu ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that for that amount of money they could have mandated class talks and that she was happy to see all the stuff on Facebook. Quinn stated that education wasn't a commodity. She explained that the tuition has risen over 400% since 1990, and where will they stand up. She explained that she was trying to find a better solution.

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by D'Angela to Call to Question.

In Favour: 15 Opposed: 7 Abstentions: 4
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Nadarajah, Yazdankia, Almeida, Ali, Stegmaier
Abstained: Osazuwa, Mutoigo, Ngo, Ibe

Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

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Be it Resolved That the MSU advocate for an immediate tuition freeze not tied to inflation to be instituted at McMaster University.

In Favour: 12 Opposed: 10 Abstentions: 6

Opposed: Osazuwa, Guarna, D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Pour-Bahreini, Hsu, Oliver, Almeida, Dales, Krause

Abstained: Burke, Manning, Nadarajah, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Kula

Motion Passes

2. Adopting Advocacy Framework and Vision around Tuition

Moved by Jama and **seconded** by Osazuwa that the MSU adopt the following advocacy framework and vision around tuition:

- Working towards a free, universally accessible, public, post secondary education system;
 - Advocating for debt amnesty;
 - Calling for an end to campus corporatization and the financially incentivized knowledge economy which hurts the diversity and quality of academic programs;
 - Preserve and enhance democratic participation on campus including the rights of students to organize and assemble.
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- Jama ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn explained that this was a bigger idea as they know there are a lot of issues facing people when they graduate. She explained that she wanted to make sure that people who wanted to go to school could and in order to do so they need a national framework. Quinn stated that they have the ability to advocate to other unions. She explained that debt amnesty can take on many forms, and they could strike working groups. As for corporatization is when they have corporations sponsoring avenues but they should be dollar matched for basic science and research. She explained that this school works because there are many studies of interest. She realized that this was new to a lot of people but she was hoping they could explore this and take the ideology and move forward.
 - Osazuwa stated that he was struggling to understand what they were asking for. He asked if this passed what would happen, would it go to the VP Education to work on or go straight to policy. Osazuwa stated that corporatization happens because they give money for specific programs, and he wouldn't be saying no to money coming in as it offsets burdens on students. He added that he wanted to be cautious of using big words as he was struggling to understand what the motion says, even though he did research on it. He felt that this should be more transparent as how could he lobby on this if he didn't understand it. Osazuwa ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that at this school strategic mandates could go different ways as in it's not just science or engineering. There are different classes that they can take and learn about different things not offered in your program. She explained that is part of a well rounded education. She apologized if people weren't familiar with the language. Quinn stated that if they look at sponsorship it hasn't always been the greatest, she gave the example of the Calgary and Enbridge sponsorship scandal. She explained that if money was coming in for a specific purpose they lose the basic science and research and they need to make sure that they aren't ignoring the education was moving to a private realm. She explained that she has been researching this a lot as she loved doing this.
 - Guarna stated that she was also confused with what happens if they pass the motion. She added that the points in the motion don't even match; she felt it was too vague and broad.

- D'Angela stated that they should be looking towards what was happening in other systems so that they can properly target things.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the third recommendation didn't make sense to him or how he would implement it. He felt that this should have been brought to him or the EA Commissioner so that it could have been brought forward. He stated that they need clear steps on what specifically they should be advocating on.
- Dales stated that because of the third point alone he would be voting this motion down. He explained that for engineering specifically they rely on sponsorships because if they didn't it wouldn't be affordable.
- Nadarajah asked what they would do to work on this to make it a tangible solution. Nadarajah ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn responded that she didn't think it would pass at GA; she did it to create a conversation to recognize that as a student it would be hard to frame these. She explained that it has been a bit of a battle to do advocacy with the MSU and she has been trying to figure out ways to make everything easier on all of them. Quinn defined knowledge economy; taking money and putting money on ideas. She stated that a great outcome of this motion would be to move to a committee to explore solutions.

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by Osazuwa that the Assembly commit this motion to the Tuition Task Force Committee.

- Ibe explained that this would be a good opportunity to give to the task force. This way they can come back and give information.
- Gillis supported the motion and hoped that fellow members would be part of the education and research into these items.

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Dales to Call to Question.

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 7
Abstained: Osazuwa, Ibe, Nadarajah, Ngo, Muramatsu, Yazdankia, Almeida
Motion Passes

Vote to Commit

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Dales, Muramatsu
Motion Passes

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Gillis to recess for 10 minutes.

- Osazuwa stated that he would like to make it an hour or have it after this section of the agenda.

Amendment

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Nadarajah to amend the motion to read: "**Moved** by Tambakis, **seconded** by Gillis to recess after Business Arising from General Assembly item #3 for 30 minutes."

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Kula, Gillis, Tambakis, Mirza
Motion Passes

Back to Main Motion

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Gillis to recess after Business Arising from General Assembly item #3 for 30 minutes.

- Mirza asked if it would be useful to have it after all Business.

Amendment

Moved by Mirza, **seconded** by Sun to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by Tambakis, **seconded** by Gillis to recess after Business Arising from General Assembly item #4 for 30 minutes.”

In Favour: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

The Main Motion now reads:

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Gillis to recess after Business Arising from General Assembly item #4 for 30 minutes.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Nominations

- Osazuwa nominated Nadarajah for Vice-President (Administration) - accepted
- McDougall nominated Hayley Regis for Vice-President (Administration) – accepted
- Jama nominated Gillis for Vice-President (Finance) – declined
- Ibe nominated Zara Udochifor MSU Speaker
- Yazdankia nominated Ali for Vice-President (Education) – declined
- Sun nominated Oliver for Vice-President (Education) – accepted
- Osazuwa nominated Almeida for Vice-President (Education) – accepted
- Oliver nominated Genya Oparin for MSU Speaker – accepted
- Gillis nominated Inna Berditchevskaia for MSU Speaker - declined

3. Landlord Evaluation System

Moved by D’Angela, **seconded** by Mirza that the following statement be adopted:

Whereas safe and affordable housing is important for students;

Whereas students are increasingly using social media including Spotted at Mac and MacInsiders for information on landlords;

Therefore BIRT the MSU should explore a landlord evaluation system to improve housing information available to students.

- D’Angela stated that housing was important for the MSU to work on. They have a service for this and the EA Committee have looked into this in the past. He stated that this could possibly be committed to EA and he recommended sending it to them to look at for next year.
- Mirza ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn felt that this would be good to go to EA. She stated that this was part of her platform to be elected on and that it would help to rate landlords and take out the personal bias.
- Syed thought that this was noble cause and pointed out that they all spoke to it when passing the Student Housing policy. He felt that this was redundant as that work was done with student consultation and it was a well written policy.
- Guarna stated that this was obviously a concern for students but wasn’t sure if it was the MSU’s job to create infrastructure to facilitate this. She felt that this project should be for OCRC to undertake.
- Caramento stated that someone was looking into a licensing arrangement for landlords through the City. She stated that they should leave it to the City to the structure and then the MSU can advocate.
- Osazuwa ceded to Quinn. Quinn stated that she felt it spoke to the MSU to be more accessible. She explained that she already spoke to OCRC and they can’t do this as it would discourage those who pay for their service. She added that what was happening with the City and bylaws doesn’t factor into responsiveness. She felt that there was a lack of awareness and that the consultation didn’t happen with other off campus groups. Quinn explained that it was worth continuing the conversation.

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Nestico-Semianiw to Call the Question.

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 4
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Yazdankia, Mirza, Stegmaier, Tambakis
Abstained: Hsu, Osazuwa, Ngo, Ibe
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Mirza that the following statement be adopted:

Whereas safe and affordable housing is important for students;
Whereas students are increasingly using social media including Spotted at Mac and MacInsiders for information on landlords;
Therefore BIRT the MSU should explore a landlord evaluation system to improve housing information available to students.

In Favour: 4 Opposed: 15 Abstentions: 9
Opposed: Osazuwa, D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Burke, Manning, McDougall, Nadarajah, Muramatsu, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Sun, Oliver, Almeida, Dales, Krause
Abstained: Gillis, Pakkal, Pour-Bahreini, Guarna, Ngo, D'Souza, Caramento, Kula, Ali
Motion Fails

4. Call for MSU to Endorse Getting Glenn De Caire Off Campus

Moved by Jama, **seconded** by Mirza that the following statement be adopted:

Whereas, McMaster University has hired former Police Chief Glenn De Caire to take over as head of security and parking;
Whereas De Caire is an ardent supporter of the racist and unconstitutional practice of "carding".
Whereas The Ontario Human Rights Commission has said that De Caire's defense of carding is a [quote] "textbook description of racial profiling."
Whereas in an email forwarded to his officers (back in September) De Caire stated that it was [quote] "time for these black kids to stop blaming the police."
Whereas De Caire is the creator of the ACTION police teams, the shock-troops of gentrification, pushing people of colour, indigenous people, and other working class people out of the down town core.
Whereas when Ontario relaxed regulations on the use of tasers, Hamilton, under De Caire's leadership, was one of the first and most enthusiastic police forces to begin using tasers.
Whereas it is inexcusable that a person with such a track record would be hired to head of security by a university committed to diversity and moving forward with integrity,
Whereas it is deplorable that the university would work to increase the presence of police on campuses
Whereas the young communist league -Hamilton; the McMaster Womanists; the Revolutionary Student Movement -Hamilton; the Revolutionary Community Party - Hamilton; McMaster United in Colour; McMaster Muslims for Peace and Justice; Pro-Choice McMaster; McMaster Indigenous Student Community Alliance; McMaster Association of West Indian Students; Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights - McMaster; and the Revolutionary Women's League —Hamilton have all endorsed a call for the university to terminate its contract with Glenn De Caire.
Be it resolved that the SRA will endorse this campaign to get Glenn De Caire off Campus,
Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to terminate Glenn De Caire from position of head of security and parking,
Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to end its campaign of increasing the presence of police on our campus,
And be it resolved that the SRA will call on the University to form a new hiring committee made up of students, faculty, and campus support staff to make the new hire.

- Jama stated that this was brought up at GA and that people who are on campus don't feel safe. She explained that this is something that should be discussed as the campaign was picking up.
- Mirza stated that she supported this and that the MSU should take a stance.
- Oliver agreed and stated that the voice is strong for support on this and felt they should take a stance.
- Stegmaier asked about BIRT statement on decreasing the presence of police on campus. He felt that having police on campus wasn't particularly a bad thing. He felt that an officer doing their duty would be providing a safe place on campus. Stegmaier ceded to Jama. Jama responded that the reason why it was put in the motion was because Canada has a history of police on campuses and that the idea of putting more on campus wasn't necessary for making students on campus safer. She felt that it was doing the opposite.
- Ibe asked what would happen if the motion passed. Ibe ceded to Osazuwa. Osazuwa responded that he has a meeting with Patrick Deane tomorrow so he would talk about it there. He explained that he wants to make sure that this is done jointly with the University.
- Jama stated that passing this motion is a matter of principle as so many student groups on campus have already signed the petition.
- D'Angela asked if De Caire had the opportunity to speak to anyone on campus, such as PACBIC, for this role or has plans to talk to them about it. He stated that his understanding of the position was that the main focus was parking. D'Angela ceded to Zewge-Abubaker. Zewge-Abubaker stated that PACBIC has met and has expressed significant disappointment and is getting student feedback. She explained that PACBIC will be meeting with De Caire about the steps being taken.
- Krause asked about the police presence being increased; was the University asking for more on campus. He wanted to make sure it wasn't about more being on campus. Ceded to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that talks about McMaster paying for increased policing on campus haven't moved forward and doesn't know where the motion was going on that. He didn't think that there would be an increase of police presence on campus.
- Jama stated that irrespective of De Caire's role he is in a position of power and has hurt lives, and make people feel uncomfortable.
- Regis stated that De Caire was responsible for parking and security, but also responsible for doling out the money for women's safety on campus.
- Sun asked if there wasn't a big push on to improve relations with police on campus. He asked if this goes against saying that they don't want police on campus. Sun ceded to Osazuwa. Osazuwa responded that he does agree with having a good relationship with the campus community partners. He stated that the spirit of the motion was about people feeling unsafe on campus with De Caire. He explained that no matter what happens today he will talk about it to the University.
- Gillis asked for members to keep in mind that there was a lot of political pressure from City Councillors and police officers who wanted De Caire fired from the Hamilton Police. He asked if this motion passed would Osazuwa take direction of termination. Gillis ceded to Osazuwa. Osazuwa responded that he will try to work with the University partners to get him terminated if the Assembly wanted this. He explained that he would have to work with what makes the students feel comfortable.
- Mirza stated that they should pass this and didn't understand why they kept asking questions when so many people who are passionate about this could have been asked.
- Sun asked if they could split this motion into two parts.
- The Speaker responded that they could move to amend the motion to remove a specific section to see what the Assembly agrees on. The Speaker explained that she would be hesitant to split the motion as it has "whereas" statements.

Amendment

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Dales to amend the motion and strike the following resolve statement: "Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to end its campaign of increasing the presence of police on our campus"

- Sun stated that he gathered that everyone on the Assembly was comfortable with the main motion but not necessarily about the decreasing of police presence on campus. He felt that they should talk about it.
- Dales stated that he was in favour of removing the statement.

- Jama explained that police have a tendency of targeting groups and populations. She stated that taking this away is saying that they do want to increase police on campus.
- Osazuwa ceded to Michelle Xu. Xu stated that they aren't saying they don't want police at all on campus, just not an increase to it. She explained that many students are afraid of violence against them.
- Ibe ceded to Ryan Deshpande. Deshpande stated that he didn't agree that it should be removed from the motion. He felt that it was important to have good relationships with constables but increasing the number on campus won't achieve safety or students being comfortable on campus.
- Mirza stated that she will be voting to keep the statement as part of the motion as whenever an increase of police happens it's not because of crimes but because of racialized populations. She stated that removing the statement is showing that those students who are marginalized aren't respected by the MSU.
- Krause asked if there was a trend for this or if this was just a stance for the future. Ceded to Jama. Jama responded that there was a current trend across Canadian universities. She stated that she wasn't saying this was happening at McMaster but wouldn't be surprised if it happened with De Caire. She explained that this is something that they should be working to prevent.
- Oliver ceded to Kathleen Quinn. Quinn stated that she supported this campaign. She stated that she doesn't want to see carding or increased presence on campus as it makes the University unsafe. She stated that an increased presence downtown hasn't made it any safer.

Moved by Mirza, **seconded** by Sun to Call to Question.

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 4
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Caramento
Abstained: Osazuwa, Pour-Bahreini, Ngo, Pakkal
Motion Passes

Vote on Amendment

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Dales to amend the motion and strike the following resolve statement: "Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to end its campaign of increasing the presence of police on our campus"

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 20 Abstentions: 6
Opposed: Guarna, Burke, Manning, Ibe, Gillis, Jama, Pakkal, McDougall, Hsu, Nadarajah, Ngo, D'Souza, Yazdankia, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Oliver, Almeida, Mirza, Ali, Krause
Abstained: Osazuwa, Pour-Bahreini, Pita, Muramatsu, Kula, Dales
Motion Fails

Back to Main Motion

- Ibe stated that the bigger issue was consultation. He stated that the president already spoke about having a meeting with Patrick Deane. He stated he didn't know if this motion would be useful to bringing changes that they want. He stated that bringing this to the community and having conversations for a consultation process would be good and from this they could get direct conversations. Ibe stated that it wasn't the president's job to be speaking on behalf of those people when they can speak for themselves.
- Jama stated that students continue to push this off campus. She explained that by supporting this they are supporting students who want this conversation. She didn't think this was counterintuitive at all.
- Osazuwa stated that irrespective of stance, he was also the MSU President and it was his job to represent the voice of students. He stated that he was responsible to students.

Vote on Motion

Moved by Jama, **seconded** by Mirza that the following statement be adopted:

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Whereas De Caire is an ardent supporter of the racist and unconstitutional practice of “carding”.

Whereas The Ontario Human Rights Commission has said that De Caire’s defense of carding is a [quote] “textbook description of racial profiling.”

Whereas in an email forwarded to his officers (back in September) De Caire stated that it was [quote] “time for these black kids to stop blaming the police.”

Whereas De Caire is the creator of the ACTION police teams, the shock-troops of gentrification, pushing people of colour, indigenous people, and other working class people out of the down town core.

Whereas when Ontario relaxed regulations on the use of tasers, Hamilton, under De Caire’s leadership, was one of the first and most enthusiastic police forces to begin using tasers.

Whereas it is inexcusable that a person with such a track record would be hired to head of security by a university committed to diversity and moving forward with integrity,

Whereas it is deplorable that the university would work to increase the presence of police on campuses

Whereas the young communist league -Hamilton; the McMaster Womanists; the Revolutionary Student Movement -Hamilton; the Revolutionary Community Party - Hamilton; McMaster United in Colour; McMaster Muslims for Peace and Justice; Pro-Choice McMaster; McMaster Indigenous Student Community Alliance; McMaster Association of West Indian Students; Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights - McMaster; and the Revolutionary Women's League —Hamilton have all endorsed a call for the university to terminate its contract with Glenn De Caire.

Be it resolved that the SRA will endorse this campaign to get Glenn De Caire Off Campus,

Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to terminate Glenn De Caire from position of head of security and parking,

Resolved that the SRA will call on the university to end its campaign of increasing the presence of police on our campus,

And be it resolved that the SRA will call on the University to form a new hiring committee made up of students, faculty, and campus support staff to make the new hire.

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 3
Abstained: D’Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Dales
Motion Passes

Recessed at 8:43pm

Called to Order at 9:16pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Ali, Almeida, Burke, Dales, D’Angela, Enriquez, Guarna, Ibe, Krause, Kula, McDougall, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun

Absent Excused

Cao, Clayton

Absent

Gillis

Late

Caramento, D’Souza, Hsu, Jama, Mirza, Oliver, Tambakis, Yazdankia

Others Present

Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Kelly Long (MSU Member), Allisa Ragnanan (MSU Member), Kathleen Quinn (MSU Member), Ezekiel Areghan (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Ryan MacDonald (UA Research Assistant), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Michelle Xu (MSU Member), David Lee (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Anna Kuleza (SCSN C.A./SOCS), Gilbert Kobina Baiden (MSU Member), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Aqeel Ana (MSU Member), Michael Couto (MSSS President), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Olajide Egbewumi (MSU Member), Preethi Anbalagan (MSU Member),

Matthew Brodka (MSU Member), Genya Oparin (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair Inna Berditchevskaia

REPORT PERIOD

1. Arts and Science – Almeida presented

- Almeida summarized the report.

Questions

- Osazuwa asked who was the Arts and Science observer this year. Almeida responded that it was Emile Shen.

2. Business Caucus

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Osazuwa to move the Business Caucus Report to the end of Report Period.

Passes Unanimously

3. Engineering Caucus

Moved by Dales, **seconded** by Osazuwa to move the Engineering Caucus Report to the end of Report Period.

Motion Passes by General Consent

4. Health Sciences Caucus – Sun presented

- Sun summarized the report.

Questions

- Guarna asked what they were proposing for the recommendations for Learnlink. Oliver responded that they are talking to the network administrators to try to get students access.

5. Humanities Caucus – Yazdankia presented

- Yazdankia summarized the report.

Questions

- Guarna stated that Art Matters week was awesome. She asked what happens now to make sure that it's institutionalized. D'Souza stated that she met with Teddy Saull in the planning stages and he met with Patrick Deane. She explained that they were supposed to meet last week but he had to cancel. D'Souza added that they are still deciding on if MHS, SRA, or the Faculty of Humanities will be taking it over.

6. Kinesiology Caucus – Ngo presented

- Ngo summarized the report.

7. Nursing Caucus – Enriquez presented

- Enriquez summarized the report.

8. Science Caucus – Hsu presented

- Hsu summarized the report.

9. Social Sciences Caucus – Burke presented

- Burke summarized the report.

10. Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner – Carter McInnis presented

- McInnis summarized the report.

Questions

- Hsu asked what the timeline was for the MSU members change. McInnis responded that he went into the project not knowing how all encompassing it was. He wasn't sure if he would just address co-op and internships or just all MSU memberships in general. He explained that they decided to focus on co-op and internships, and giving an outline in the bylaw creating a system of proving themselves if they wanted to run.
- Mirza asked if he would be amending MSU membership to allow people to be part of Clubs. McInnis responded that it wasn't. He was talking about making sure those who are running for MSU membership can run and hold MSU elected positions.

11. Finance Commissioner – Krause presented

- Krause summarized the report.

Questions

- Nadarajah asked Krause to explain why a project was discontinued. Krause responded that the service review was a learning process on procedures being done. He explained that his ideas were about how to streamline processes that were already being done and that the issues he perceived weren't real. He added that the timeline was an issue as he was caught up on wage reviews and other projects.

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Hsu to amend Report Period and have the External Affairs Report be next.

- Osazuwa stated that the Commissioner would like to report but has to leave.

Passes Unanimously

12. External Affairs Commissioner – Saad Syed presented

- Syed summarized the report.

Questions

- Hsu asked why they weren't working with UA on Indigenous Affairs. Syed responded that they are and that was a typo.

13. Operations Commissioner

Moved by Stegmaier, **seconded** by Nadarajah to move the Operations Commissioner Report to the end of Report Period.

- Stegmaier stated that Clayton will be here soon.

Motion Passes by General Consent

14. Services Commissioner – Stegmaier presented

- Stegmaier summarized the report.

Questions

- Hsu asked for updates on changes to the Services Commissioner position. Stegmaier responded that they discussed getting a memo circulated but there wasn't time. He explained that everything is up in the air.
- Hsu stated that the next commissioner would be elected/hired soon. She asked for a timeline of running for positions. Stegmaier responded that the role will definitely not be hired as the Assembly wasn't in favour of it. He explained that they will make changes to the role from feedback given and see if it has an impact.

15. University Affairs Commissioner – Oliver presented

- Oliver summarized the report.

16. Executive Board – Ibe presented

- Ibe summarized the report.

Questions

- Oliver commended Ibe on the report and that it was really nice to see what EB was doing.

17. Vice-President (Education) – Nestico-Semianiw presented

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized the report.

Questions

- Jama asked if there has been any movement on the internal policy for indigenous students. Nestico-Semianiw responded that one of the motions they are working on this year is for indigenous land claims to be stated at the SRA meetings. He explained that the plan was to touch base with UA to see what they can do.
- Mirza asked if he has been working with MISCA on their petition to have courses for all students. Nestico-Semianiw responded yes, there was one about a mandatory first year course on indigenous studies and he gave information on how to do the change. He added that he will try to broker a meeting between the President's Office and MISCA.

18. Vice-President (Finance) – D'Angela presented

- D'Angela summarized the report.

Questions

- Mirza asked about what was happening with moving financial aid from merit to needs based. D'Angela responded that he can't speak to it right now, but he was hoping to see movement by the end of term for some of that money. D'Angela ceded the rest of his time to Nestico-Semianiw. Nestico-Semianiw added that they are hoping to be able to announce something within the next few weeks for next year.
- Hsu asked about the guidelines for next year and asked D'Angela to go over it. D'Angela responded that there will be something more in depth for next year's SRA to accompany the budget. They are looking into potential for budgetary concerns for later as enrolment decreases and they receive less revenue. He explained that they have health reserves now but they don't know what will happen in the future.

D'Angela stated that his recommendation was to loosen up their abilities to raise fees. He stated that he is currently working on something to see it be applied to services.

19. Vice-President (Administration) – Guarna presented

- Guarna summarized the report.

Questions

- Jama asked what happened with the HR review. Guarna stated that it took forever just to get a tab for staff on the website, but now that they have it they can work on populating the space. She added that after talking to colleagues at other spaces they have a full-time HR but their student population was larger and they had more staff. She felt that she didn't know if they had a need for a full-time position, but they can look at ways of making sure things are addressed.

20. President Report – Osazuwa presented

- Osazuwa summarized the report.

Questions

- Ibe asked if they have an update on MSU involvement with IWC. Osazuwa responded that there are a bunch of events lined up, but it also depends on how much money they get.

Business Caucus – Krause presented

- Krause summarized the report.

Engineering Caucus – Mirza presented

- Mirza summarized the report.

Questions

- Hsu stated that she didn't see what Cao did over the term as his bit wasn't on the report. She asked if Mirza knew what he was up to. Mirza responded that they don't see the information as he didn't send in his info.

Operations Commissioner – Clayton presented

- Clayton summarized the report.

Questions

- Osazuwa asked about how the process for BDS could have been done faster. Clayton responded that there could have been better communication. They could have made the policy framework and then filled in the list later but they did it the opposite way. She explained that they didn't move forward on it because the list wasn't done.
- Jama stated that the way that BDS was addressed this year was by saying it was the students' issue but the MSU should have helped. She asked what they could do in the future to make sure the list was sorted. Clayton responded that it probably would have helped if there was an actual dedicated committee. Also, more communication would have been helpful, same with volunteers.
- Kula asked if the BDS list was available. Clayton responded that it hasn't been handed in, but that she will help the new Operations Commissioner to sort things out.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- Zewge-Abubaker announced that Diversity Services was hiring their new exec team and that applications are closing next Monday at midnight.
- Guarna announced that Student Recognition Night will be on Tuesday. If anyone RSVP'd for the buses: Please be on time. Guarna announced that Sangria will be on April 1 at TwelvEighty starting at 9pm. She asked everyone to please tell all volunteers and to bring friends. Guarna reported that March 29/30 will be Meet the Veeps night so that students can meet the candidates. Guarna stated that transition is coming up for SRA and asked for them to upload any committee related files to the server, or if they don't have access to email her. Guarna reported that this past weekend they went to OUSA and that she was an author on a paper. Guarna felt that it was a good experience.
- Dales nominated Jide Egbewumi for Speaker – accepted.
- Sun reported that the HSL survey will be launching soon.
- Yachouh reported that the sustainability campaign will be happening in MUSC, and they will be giving out magnets with tips on how to reduce food waste. Yachouh gave a shout out to McDougall who signed up for tabling for two full days.
- Stegmaier announced that this month was SWHAT's walk-a-thon, which will be benefiting the walkers' charity of choice.
- Ibe announced that the international student open house went well, and they had 15 students who came and 1/3 ran for SRA. Ibe reported that Afrofest was great.
- Jama announced that Mindcrawl will be happening soon and it will be focused on mental health.
- Mutoigo announced that they sent out the survey for the meeting and didn't receive any responses. She stated that it was still a good idea to pass on to next year and an alternative option could be to just have it open for outreach of all constituents.
- Krause announced that if anyone was thinking of running for Finance Commissioner he would love to chat.
- Nestico-Semianiw announced that the TAC ceremony will be on March 30 at 5pm in Council Chambers. He announced that the year-end Partners in Higher Education dinner will be on April 5 and that there are some extra spots open.
- Mirza announced that April 8 will be ECE poster day.
- Tambakis took the time to say goodbye and that this was an incredible learning experience. He thanked everyone for being patient with him and his long rants, and for everyone being awesome in their own way.
- Stegmaier echoed Tambakis's statements and announced that he didn't think politics was for him.
- Ibe reported that he was messaged by the SOCS president stating that they were frustrated because they weren't allow to speak.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Yazdankia asked the Board if there was a system of choosing caucus leaders. He knows of a caucus where two people want to be the leader but neither will concede, he asked how they could resolve it. Yazdankia ceded to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that the caucus is to meet and elect their leader.
- Yazdankia asked about a scenario of all three members wanted to be caucus leader. Yazdankia ceded to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that they can go to the Board about a fair process, but usually it's an election.
- Ibe asked if hiring for Vice Presidents will be moved up to be earlier as Welcome Week positions are starting a lot earlier. Ibe ceded to Guarna. Guarna responded that they are going back and forth on this. It would be nice to have them elected earlier to be involved in Welcome Week as the VP Administration is the co-chair of the highest governing body of Welcome Week. She stated that she wasn't sure if it would be the best possible outcome.
- Stegmaier asked Guarna if a permanent support role for VP Administration in the future would work. Guarna responded that in an ideal world they would find someone else to take over hiring as it takes a lot of time. She stated that the VP Administration may need an assistant because there are so many things in

the weeds that stuff gets in the way. She explained that for some of the services someone needs to do research and it's not the best use of the VP Administration's time, for instance she had the Administrative Assistant look into MACgreen and do the research for that presentation. She stated that she doesn't know the best way to resolve this but is hoping that the TRRA will help a lot.

- Gillis asked that instead of hiring an associate vice president why not an HR manager. Guarna responded that hiring a full time HR manager would cost a lot of money and didn't think that there would be enough work in the organization for a full-time staff member. She explained that while hiring does take up 2.5 months of the VP Administration's time what would the HR person do outside of that? Guarna stated they need to evaluate what the VP Administration's role and what is critical for students to be doing and what's right for full-time staff to be doing. She explained that they could have a full-time staff for the VP Administration's job but the students' voices wouldn't be there.
- Gillis asked if voting a couple of years ago to not increase the operating fee by inflation was a mistake. D'Angela responded that he did vote in favour when he was on the Assembly, and agreed to the partial freeze last year as well. He explained that at the time they were running quite substantial surpluses. He explained that their investments haven't been doing well due to the markets. He stated that it wasn't a mistake to vote in 2013 for a freeze as the situation was fine then.
- Nadarajah ceded to Ezekiel Areghan. Areghan asked if they could hire a direct assistant for the VP Administration so that the hiring of positions could be done. D'Angela responded saying he didn't know if anyone offered services of a two month contract for hiring. He stated it might be more effective of reimagining things on how doing things going forward.

BUSINESS

1. Open two (2) seats on Executive Board

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Hsu that the Assembly open two (2) seats on Executive Board.

- Osazuwa stated that they are opening two seats as two members had to leave due to attendance.
- Hsu stated that there are two meetings left.
- Stegmaier pointed out that the meetings are Wednesdays at 12:30pm.

Vote to Open

Passes Unanimously

2. Close two (2) seats on Executive Board

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Jama that the Assembly close two (2) seats on Executive Board.

Nominations

- Osazuwa nominated Ibe – accepted
- Osazuwa nominated D'Souza – declined
- Ali nominated Yazdankia – accepted
- D'Souza nominated Burke – declined
- Hsu nominated McDougall - declined

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Ibe and Yazdankia won the seats on Executive Board by acclamation.

3. Policy Paper on Peer Support

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Enriquez that the Assembly adopt the Policy Paper on Peer Support and Maroon Paper.

- Guarna went over the memo with the Assembly. She explained that they are making sure that their services are high quality and that they are setting up PTMs to be able to train the volunteers. She added that this policy would allow the MSU to speak the University about why it's important and speak to everything that they need for students to stay healthy.
- Enriquez stated that Peer Support was important to her so she will be voting for this motion.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Peer Support Operating Policy

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the Peer Support Operating Policy, as circulated.

- Guarna went over the memo with the Assembly. She stated that this will make sure they are always talking and coordinating peer support.
- Nadarajah stated that it was important to have that expectation.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

5. Operating Policy 1.9.14 – Education and Advocacy Department

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Assembly adopt the changes made to Operating Policy 1.9.14 – Education and Advocacy Department, as circulated.

- Guarna explained that this was to ensure that the new Sustainability Education Working Group was reflected in the operating policy, as the Advocacy Coordinator will be the Chair of the group.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

6. MSU Sustainability Education Working Group Operating Policy

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the creation of the MSU Sustainability Education Working Group operating policy, as circulated.

- Guarna stated that this was circulated to MACgreen, the Operations Committee and the Advocacy Coordinator. She explained that they received great feedback from voting members.
- Nadarajah agreed with the creation stating that they need something now that they've cut MACgreen.
- Yachouh stated that the sustainability office now focuses on education and academic based programs, while facility services does such things as waste audits on campus. She asked if it was possible to amend the policy to add a representative from facility services.

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Gillis to amend section 2.1.2.3 to read “one (1) representative from Facility Services”.

Vote on Amendment

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

Back to Main Motion

- Pita asked about section 2.1.1 where it states that the Advocacy Coordinator is the chair, but later on it says that they elect the chair from the group. Pita ceded her time to Guarna. Guarna responded saying that was an oversight as the original copy they had the group electing a chair but they since decided to have the Advocacy Coordinator chair the meetings.

Amendment

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Oliver to amend section 2.3 to read: “The Committee Chair shall:”

- Osazuwa stated that the Advocacy Coordinator will be the chair so it wasn’t relevant.
- Oliver stated that was what passed in earlier drafts.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 29 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Gillis
Motion Passes

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Hsu to strike section 2.3.4 from the policy.

- Guarna stated that with the Advocacy Coordinator being the chair the Vice-President Administration won’t have to call the first meeting.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the creation of the MSU Sustainability Education Working Group operating policy, as circulated and amended.

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Nestico-Semianiw, Gillis
Motion Passes

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Student Engagement and Retention Policy and Maroon Paper

Moved by Pita that the assembly adopt the Student Engagement and Retention Policy and Maroon Paper.

- Pita went over memo with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. Rescind Student Engagement Report

Moved by Pita that the assembly rescind the old Student Engagement and Retention report.

- Pita stated that they just passed the new policy so it makes sense to rescind the old one.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Operating Policy Organization System

Moved by Clayton that the Assembly adopt a numberless Operating Policy organization system.

- Clayton went over the memo with the Assembly. She explained that moving to a number system would be more efficient and worth the time involved.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Nestico-Semianiw
Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Osazuwa that the Assembly consider adding the following motion to New Business: "**Moved** by Guarna, **seconded** by ___ that the Assembly open nominations for Executive Board, SRA Standing Committee Commissioners, MSU & SRA seats on Standing Committees, and MSU & SRA seats on Other Committees."

- Guarna stated that she would like the Assembly to consider opening nominations as they want people to have jobs and volunteer opportunities.

Vote to Consider

Motion Passes by General Consent

1. Open Nominations

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly open nominations for Executive Board, SRA Standing Committee Commissioners, MSU & SRA seats on Standing Committees, and MSU & SRA seats on Other Committees.

- Guarna stated that she wanted to give some time for those who want to be nominated.
- Hsu asked when they could be closing.
- The Speaker responded that it will be at the second meeting of the new term: April 10.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly recess for 10 minutes.

- Guarna stated that it was hot in the room, and there will be a long topic coming up in new business.

Vote to Recess

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Gillis
Motion Passes

Recessed at 12:05am

Called to Order at 12:15am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present	Ali, Burke, Clayton, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Gillis, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pakkal, Pita, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia
Absent Excused	Cao
Absent	Caramento, Pour-Bahreini
Late	Almeida
Others Present	Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Kelly Long (MSU Member), Allisa Ragnanan (MSU Member), Kathleen Quinn (MSU Member), Ezekiel Areghan (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Ryan MacDonald (UA Research Assistant), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Michelle Xu (MSU Member), David Lee (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Anna Kuleza (SCSN C.A/SOCS), Gilbert Kobina Baiden (MSU Member), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Aqeel Ana (MSU Member), Michael Couto (MSSS President), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Olajide Egbewumi (MSU Member), Preethi Anbalagan (MSU Member), Matthew Brodka (MSU Member), Genya Oparin (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair	Inna Berditchevskaia

Moved by Clayton, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly consider adding the following motion to New Business: "**Moved** by Clayton, **seconded** by ___ that the Assembly adopt the changes to Operating Policy – Employment, as circulated."

- Clayton stated that she would like to add this as it was something her Committee wanted to do.
- Nadarajah felt that it was important to talk about.

Vote to Consider

Passes Unanimously

2. Operating Policy – Employment

Moved by Clayton, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly adopt the changes to Operating Policy – Employment, as circulated.

- Clayton went over the memo with the Assembly. She explained that this was brought to the table when the committee was formed and wanted to look at the overlap.
- Stegmaier agreed and stated that it was good to address the overlap between SRA and PTM terms.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Clayton, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly consider adding the following motion to New Business: “**Moved** by Clayton, **seconded** by ___ that the Assembly adopt Operating Policy – Service Creation and Review.”

- Clayton asked for the Assembly to add this to New Business as it was important.

Vote to Consider

Passes Unanimously

3. Operating Policy - Service Creation and Review

Moved by Clayton, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly adopt Operating Policy – Service Creation and Review.

- Clayton went over the memo with the Assembly. She explained that there wasn't anything to let anyone know how to create a service or service review so they put something together.
- Stegmaier agreed with Clayton and stated that there was a lot of considerations and hard work put in.
- Osazuwa stated that he wouldn't be voting for this as he hadn't had time to look this over. He explained that they should be doing their due diligence of looking it over before voting.
- Gillis stated that he was in favour of the proposal but worried about the initiation process as there were too many hoops to jump through to get to the research phase. He stated that putting a one person stop-gap wasn't the best idea.
- Nadarajah stated that when this was brought to Executive Board It was explained that the reason why it has both the Vice President Administration and EB overseeing is so that they can guide the person into what avenues to go and assessing the needs of the service. That being said, it doesn't stop the person from bringing a presentation to the SRA but it does set an expectation.
- Clayton stated that this was put in place so that an outwardly ridiculous suggestion for a service wouldn't come forward.
- Jama stated that when helping create Maccess they didn't know what they were doing. This policy would have helped.
- D'Angela stated that he was concerned about service proliferation, and wanted everyone to be cognizant to not be creating services just to create services.
- Stegmaier stated that he understood where D'Angela was coming from but there were other things to note about the checklist. He explained that it would go to EB and they would be voting on creating the ad-hoc committee, and the committee would be doing reports at EB.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Krause, **seconded** by Nestico-Semianiw that the Assembly consider adding a Closed Session to New Business.

- Krause felt that it was important to have this added to New Business.

- Gillis felt that everything should be done in public.

Vote to Consider

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 8
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Yazdankia, Mirza
Abstained: D'Angela, Osazuwa, Clayton, Ngo, Muramatsu, Enriquez, Kula, Ali
Motion Passes

4. Closed Session

Moved by Krause, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly move into Closed Session to discuss the University Affairs and External Affairs Commissioners Wages.

- Krause stated that this was a sensitive topic involving current employees and it involves moving into closed session.
- Gillis stated that he was opposed to this and that it should have been on the agenda as it was involving student money.
- Guarna asked if they should be asking the members involved to leave.
- Ibe asked if that was part of the bylaws.
- The Speaker responded that it wasn't but it was a legal matter of not going into closed session if they were planning on discussion employees and wages.
- Mirza asked if they could do this as open session since the livestream wasn't working.
- The Speaker responded that they couldn't do that.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 3
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Mirza
Abstained: Yazdankia, Ngo, Ali
Motion Passes

Entered Closed Session **Return to Open Session**

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Assembly consider adding the following motion to New Business: "Moved by Gillis, seconded by ____ that the Assembly direct Executive Board to look into retroactively paying any position that had a wage review for the 2015/16 year."

- Gillis stated that this would be a good conversation to have, and to acknowledge.
- D'Angela stated that it would be a mistake to add this as there was nothing to be gained from it.
- Krause agreed with D'Angela as all the wage reviews had in depth conversations.
- Jama stated that this is something to discuss.
- Mirza agreed with Jama and stated that there was an added need to set a precedent of paying employees. She felt that it was important to take an overview on what their organization does.

Moved by Pita, **seconded** by Nadarajah to Call the Question

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Gillis, Jama, Mirza, Clayton
Abstained: Osazuwa, Ngo
Motion Passes

Vote to Consider

In Favour: 11 Opposed: 17 Abstentions: 3
Opposed: Osazuwa, Guarna, D'Angela, Burke, Manning, Pakkal, Ibe, Hsu, D'Souza, McDougall, Pita, Muramatsu, Almeida, Ali, Dales, Krause, Stegmaier
Abstained: Mutoigo, Enriquez, Kula
Motion Fails

TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Saturday April 2, 2016
10:00am
BSB room 137

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

Absent Excused Cao

Absent Caramento, Pour-Bahreini

Late

Others Present Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Kelly Long (MSU Member), Allisa Ragnanan (MSU Member), Kathleen Quinn (MSU Member), Ezekiel Areghan (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Ryan MacDonald (UA Research Assistant), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Michelle Xu (MSU Member), David Lee (MSU Member), Scott Robinson (MSU Member), Anna Kuleza (SCSN C.A./SOCS), Gilbert Kobina Baiden (MSU Member), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Aqeel Ana (MSU Member), Michael Couto (MSSS President), Ryan Threndyle (MSU Member), Olajide Egbewumi (MSU Member), Preethi Anbalagan (MSU Member), Matthew Brodka (MSU Member), Genya Oparin (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair Inna Berditchevskaia

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Almeida, **seconded** by Osazuwa that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favour: 30 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Mirza
Motion Passes

Adjourned at 3:04am

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