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*for* BYLAWS & PROCEDURES  
COMMISSIONER



## **Dear Members of the Assembly,**

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the role of the Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner. Thank you for taking the time to review my package. I am thrilled to share some of my experiences, ideas and projects which I have in mind for this role.

My experience in the MSU has allowed me to become familiar with the bylaws and procedures of our organization. As First Year Council Chair, I have had first-hand experience on the interpreting and upholding by-laws, while also realizing the importance of updating these documents. My time as a member of the University Affairs Committee has allowed me to develop skills in policy making while undertaking several projects. The experience has taught me the value of having a coordinated team in researching and reviewing student issues. Ultimately, I had been part of a team which produced several reports and policies, such as the Gender Neutral Washroom Report, and propose recommendations to the University and our organization. Finally, my experience as a member of the SRA and its various committees has immersed me to the structure of our organization and how our Bylaws, Operating Policies and Constitutions are all intertwined.

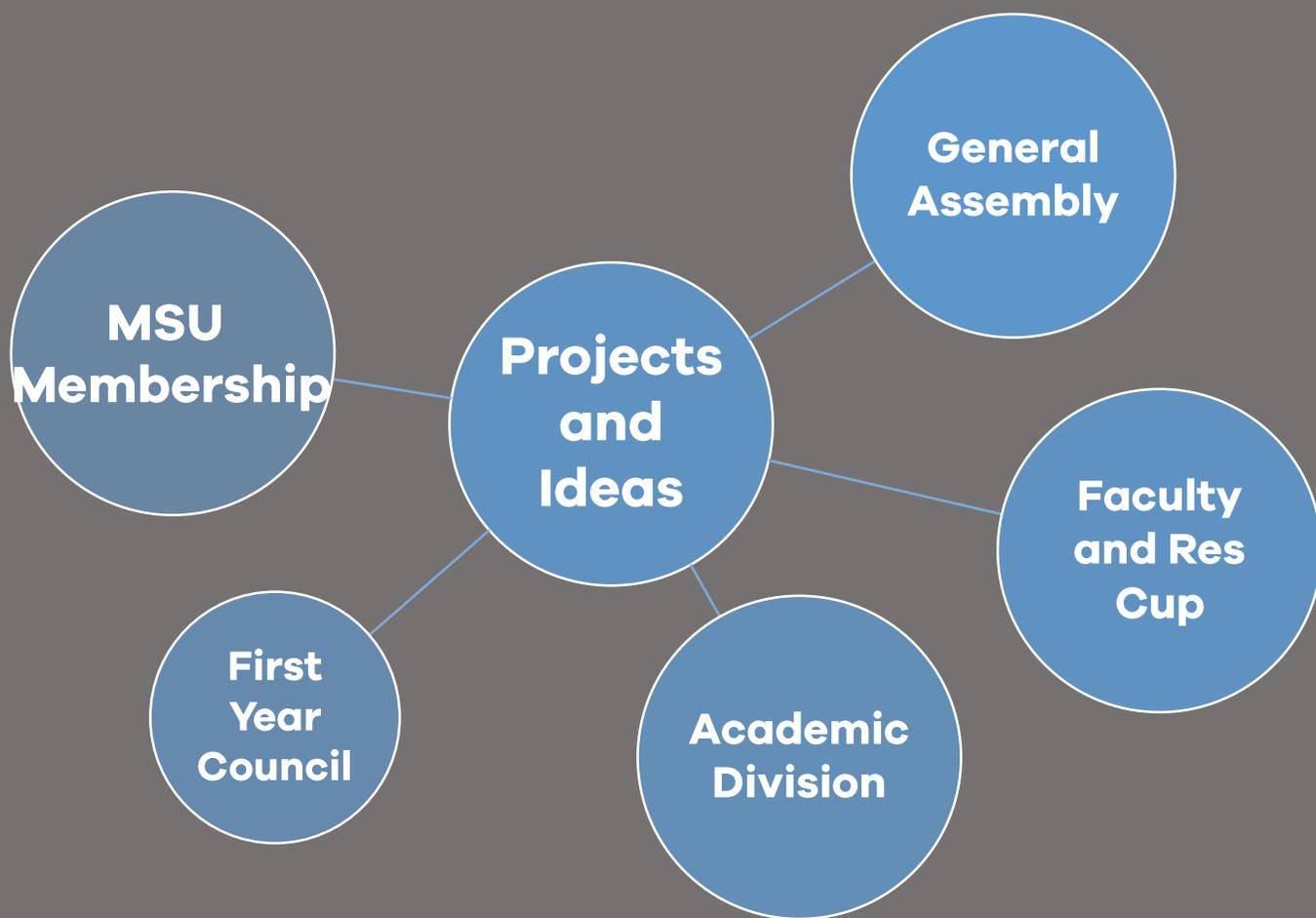
I am extremely excited to have the chance to refine the foundation on which the MSU operates. It is within these bylaws which I hope to collaborate with other members of the assembly and our organization in shaping the structure, governance and future directions of the MSU. I am confident in the projects and ideas that I have presented in this package. If given this opportunity, I look forward to dedicating my efforts in these changing as I further develop my passion for our organization.

Sincerely,

David Lee

# Committee Structure

The Bylaws and Procedures Committee is responsible for reviewing and revising bylaws which exist to outline the structure and lay the foundation for the MSU. Due to the large structure of our organization, it is possible to overlook certain bylaws. My experience in FYC, has made me uniquely qualified to understand the implications of outdated bylaws and possible ways to combat this. In an effort to ensure that these rules represent the current state of our organization, I have proposed a similar structure that is common to the standing committees of the SRA. **The first would involve dividing the Bylaws and Procedure Committee members in undertaking certain bylaws.** Members would be responsible for reviewing and seeking out revisions by consulting with those governed by these bylaws (ie. Executive Board, First Year Council, etc...) and other stakeholders. These **“bylaw reviews”** will ensure that our current structure is updated and also address certain aspects that might have been missed simply because members have not engaged with these bylaws.



## **Bylaw 2- MSU Membership**

Full and honorary membership of the MSU is defined in Bylaw 2. In the current structure, full MSU membership is given to full-time students (in 18 units or more during an academic session), part time students who qualify through the MAPS-MSU Transferability Agreement, and to select MSU staff. Furthermore, students supported by the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) can opt-in to an MSU membership. **I would like to pursue outlining the circumstances in which eligible students can become a full time member to be reflected within our bylaws.**

Moreover, issues regarding the guidelines for full time MSU membership have been brought up over the years. For example, students become ineligible to assume elected and appointed MSU positions when full-time students become part-time students due to personal circumstances. After consulting with the Chief Returning Officer and VP-Admin, I would like the committee to look further into the **feasibility of addressing issues in obtaining MSU membership** such as giving the SRA or a specific organization the ability to grant full MSU membership on a case-by-case basis, or by revising full membership status. In doing so, we would establish a more inclusive student union.

## **Bylaw 14- General Assembly**

The General Assembly (GA) is the highest governing body of the MSU. The previous Bylaws and Procedure Committee and the GA Planning Committee have updated the current structure and procedures of the GA. Nevertheless, improvements to the current structure are still possible. Currently there is lack of updates on the motions which are addressed in GA. In consultation with our current Speaker, Genya, and a member of the previous GA Planning Committee, Meg, I would like to **propose the implementation of more accountability measures on the motions passed in GA.** This would possibly be through publishing reports and updates or even striking specific working groups to ensure that student concerns are properly addressed.

## **Bylaw 3- SRA Academic Division**

Currently Bylaw 3 allows for 31 maximum assembly members from academic divisions after amendments were made to the constitution through research and consultation. I would like the current committee to continue pursuing to update this amendment following the work of last year's committee. Through research and consultation, the Bylaws and Procedure committee will further look into the **feasibility of expanding the SRA from its 31 members and also assessing the long-term implications**. This would be done through perhaps having a temporary caucus which will eventually transition into being established within the SRA.

The framework of the current constitution allows for the addition of other academic divisions, through restructuring of Bylaw 3, without reduction of caucus size. Moreover, the current definition of academic divisions is not specifically detailed under section 9 of Bylaw 3. This is problematic for certain students on campus that feel that they are not appropriately represented by their current academic division. I would like to further look into **establishing a clear definition of an academic division and also develop a system so those looking into obtaining academic division representation will have less barriers**.

## **Bylaw 9- First Year Council**

With the dissolution of IRC, First Year Council has gone through considerable restructuring. Through working with the VP-Admin and First Year Council Coordinator, I would like to ensure that the current structure is an effective and efficient one. I would like to make sure that the **bylaw is appropriately reviewed through consultation with the current FYC and past FYC members**. In addition, the Maroons are implementing new first year representative positions this year. I am interested in working with the Maroons team to explore the possibility of incorporating these first year reps with the First Year Council to provide the best representation for first year students.

## **Bylaw 15/A and 15/B- Faculty Cup and Res Cup**

The Faculty Cup and Residence Cup are a great way to establish healthy competition during Welcome Week, however, there are some concerns about the purpose of this award and also the fairness of the allocation of points. As part of both the Faculty and Residence Cup selection committee this Welcome Week, I have noticed several areas for improvement in the judging system while also establishing healthy competition. I would like to further work with our current VP-Admin, Faculty Coordinator, Residence Coordinator and other students in **ensuring that Faculty and Residence Cup upholds the values of Welcome Week.** This can be done through restructuring the point system and even adding other awards such as First Year Engagement etc. I would also like to update the current committee to include the new roles of the Faculty Coordinator and Residence Coordinator.

## **Accountability Policy**

There have been discussions in drafting an accountable policy by the past Bylaw and Procedures committee and current Operations Committee. This something I would potentially explore through consultation to assess the effectiveness and need for a policy. Potentially, in collaboration with the Operations Commissioner, Preethi, the policy would allow to submit claims for mediation and conversation to ensure that members are fulfilling job descriptions and also support them in doing so



**Thank you so much for  
taking the time to read my  
platform**

**I look forward to  
answering any of your  
questions**