Student Representative Assembly Meeting 16H
Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 10:00am
Council Chambers, GH111

Called to Order at 10:07 am

CALL OF THE ROLL
Present
Almeida, Anbalagan, Areghan, Baiden, Bengizi, Cole, Dales, D' Souza, Eom, Farah, Flowers, Hsu, Inigo, Kula, Lee, Lightstone, Long, MacDonald, Monaco-Barnes, Nadarajah, Ngo, Oliver, Ragnanan, Robinson, Singleton-Smith, Threndyle

Absent Excused
Beley, McBride, Mertens, Pita, Quinn, Rudge

Absent

Late

Others Present
Carolyn Brendon (Ombuds), Alex Wilson (Maccess Coordinator), Victoria Liu (External Affairs Commissioner), Patricia Kousoulas (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (MSU Member), Robyn Fishbein (MSU Member), Sarah Jama (MSU Member), E. Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair
Genya Oparin

TERRITORY RECOGNITION

The SRA would like to recognize today that we are situated on traditional Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe territories through the ‘Dish with One Spoon Wampum Treaty’.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Shingleton-Smith, seconded by Baiden that the agenda be adopted, as presented.

Amendment
Moved by Oliver, seconded by Cole that Business item #9 be struck from the agenda.

Oliver stated that one of the OUSA assembly delegates may have a scheduling issue so she would like to hold off until the next meeting.

Vote to Amend
Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Shingleton-Smith, seconded by Baiden that the agenda be adopted, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair asked for observers to please sign and circulated the Observer’s List at the back. The Chair requested those who have yet to sign up to do Maroon minutes to please do so after the meeting as it is mandatory.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Moved by Bengizi, seconded by MacDonald that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meetings 16G – September 25, 2016, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

1. Ombuds

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Oliver that the parameters be set at 15 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for questions.

Passes Unanimously

- Carolyn Brendon went over her presentation with the Assembly.

Questions
- Ragnanan asked if there is a policy in place if a professor will not let a student see their final exam. C. Brendon stated that the student is to email the department chair and an opportunity should be set up. She stated the policy could be found on the University Secretariat website.
- Ragnanan asked if Ombuds would be the correct place to go if the department chair said no to showing a student their exam. C. Brendon stated that Ombuds is always an option if a student is unsure of their rights.
- A. Wilson stated students have complained that once they submit a petition for an accessibility reason they are unable to receive consideration for a petition again. C. Brendon stated that her view is that petitions should not be used for disability related reasons as they should always be entitled to accommodation. She is advocating for accommodations to strictly go through Student Accessibility Services only.
- MacDonald asked if they have seen any emerging trends with the usage of Ombuds. C. Brendon stated that the University has better policies and procedures than it had in the past so there are fewer complaints about certain kinds of problems. She stated she has seen a trend around issues of human rights as people are more aware of their rights. C. Brendon stated that grade appeals are always consistent year to year.
- Ngo asked if someone from the SRA could represent several students on a specific issue within a department. C. Brendon stated that anyone can come talk to her and get advice on how to manage problems. She stated she would be able to generate options with the information given to her.
- Almeida asked if students can discuss issues from prior years. C. Brendon said yes.
- Lightstone asked if the SRA could provide any resources to Ombuds that would be helpful. C. Brendon stated that although she gets support through the MSU, the office itself is not well funded and she would be able to do more if better resourced.

REPORT PERIOD

1. Nursing Caucus – Ragnanan presented

- Ragnanan summarized the report.

2. Science Caucus – Baiden presented

- Baiden summarized the report.

Questions
- Nadarajah asked if Baiden could speak more on what each caucus member will be doing this year. Baiden stated that aside from the caucus year plans, each individual is creating their own year plan that is due next week.
3. **Social Sciences Caucus – Farah presented**
   - Farah summarized the report.

**Questions**
- Nadarajah asked if the Town Hall event was the same as the MSSS General Assembly. Cole stated that it would begin with the General Assembly and then break in to a town hall open forum. Cole explained that within the Social Sciences community there is a strong connection to the MSSS, so this event was created to give more exposure to the MSU.
- Lightstone asked how the relationship between SRA Social Sciences and the MSSS has been in previous years. Shingleton-Smith responded that last year there was no consistency in meetings with the MSSS however; there has never been any conflict. Cole added that they were working to ensure that will not happen again.
- Nadarajah asked if there was any progress on the feedback forum that was spoken about in the last caucus report. Shingleton-Smith stated that he has reached out to the MSSS and there should be an update soon.

4. **External Affairs Commissioner – Victoria Liu presented**
   - Liu summarized the report.

5. **University Affairs Commissioner – Hsu presented**
   - Hsu summarized the report.

6. **Executive Board – Farah presented**
   - Farah summarized the report.

7. **Vice-President (Finance) – MacDonald presented**
   - MacDonald summarized the report.

**Questions**
- Shingleton-Smith asked why TwelvEighty does not advertise that they have 50% cheaper food. MacDonald stated that with the help of Michael Wooder there will be a lot of changes happening in the next coming weeks on the marketing and communications of the business units. He reported that TwelvEighty will potentially be giving away 100 pounds of chicken wings to promote wing nights. MacDonald stated that it was important that the processes are run by a full time staff member that will be here beyond the Board. MacDonald added that the first TwelvEighty ping pong night will be on November 7.
- Farah asked for more information on the MSU Emergency Bursary and if MacDonald was on that board. MacDonald stated that Student Financial Aid and Scholarships administers it. He will be having a meeting in a few weeks to discuss the usage so far. MacDonald stated that it will be promoted more.
- Lightstone asked how the organization was doing financially compared to what was expected as of now. MacDonald stated that the budget was very aggressive. Part time services are doing a great job meeting the budget and the business units are doing fairly well. He stated that student fees are much higher than dictated in the actual budget.
- Anbalagan asked if there will be more water refill stations in conjunction with the removal of bottled water from Union Market. MacDonald stated that Union Market will be single-use plastic water bottle free as of January 1, 2017. He added that the MSU was working with Hospitality Services to follow suit. Oliver added that they are moving to boxed water to avoid students buying more bottled soft drinks which has happened at other universities who removed their single use water bottles. Oliver stated that at the upcoming budget submission they will be asking the University to go water bottle free. Having more refill stations will be a topic brought up with the University as discussions continue.
Lee asked if there will be a budget breakdown event similar to what have happened in the past. MacDonald stated that on November 15 the Financial Transparency Fair, which will be renamed, will be taking place in the MUSC Atrium. He stated the intention is to take existing graphics on the budget breakdown and print them on wide format prints. MacDonald explained that the Tuition Task Force wanted to break down the University fees as well.

INFORMATION PERIOD

Oliver reported that the first ever MSU Policy Conference is taking place November 12 and hoped that everyone could attend. The event is to get a better understanding on the policy papers and stances that the MSU is taking. Registration and logistics will be up this week. Oliver asked everyone to please share. Oliver stated that Teaching Awards nominations are open until Friday October 21. Oliver asked that everyone partake in and promote a survey from the Advocacy Street Team that will gather information for the #MacTalks campaign. The survey closes October 31.

MacDonald reported that the Student Assistance Program will launch on October 17 and asked everyone to please promote. He noted that as the year progresses the advertising will focus on the individual components of the service. MacDonald reported that on October 25 and 28 he will be hosting student space focus groups and will need volunteers to help out. MacDonald stated that on October 30 Sean Van Koughnett will be coming in to do a delegation from the floor on the student space expansion and the Athletics and Recreation expansion fee. He reported that following the presentation there will be a vote to send it to referendum. MacDonald requested volunteers for the November 15 Financial Transparency Fair.

Nadarajah reported by-election nominations will be taking place October 20 - October 27 and campaigning will happen from October 31 - November 3. She reminded that two Business and one Social Sciences seat are open.

A. Wilson asked everyone to please share the survey on the Accessibility Forum.

Baiden reported that SCSN is hiring community connectors.

BUSINESS

1. Recess for meeting of MSU Incorporated

Moved by Monaco-Barnes, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly recess and move into Corporate Meeting of MSU Incorporated.

Passes Unanimously

Called to Order at 11:38 am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present
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Absent Excused
Beley, McBride, Mertens, Quinn, Rudge

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Late
Pita

Others Present
Carolyn Brendon (Ombuds), Alex Wilson (Macaccess Coordinator), Victoria Liu (External Affairs Commissioner), Patricia Kousoulas (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (MSU Member), Robyn Fishbein (MSU Member), Sarah Jama (MSU Member), E. Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair
Genya Oparin
2. Open one (1) SRA Seat on Elections Committee

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Lee that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) SRA Seat on the Elections Committee.

Passes Unanimously

3. Close one (1) SRA Seat on Elections Committee

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Dales that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) SRA Seat on the Elections Committee.

Nominations
- Anbalagan – Lightstone – declined
- Flowers – Dales – accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously
- Dales won by acclamation.

4. Open one (1) SRA Seat on Tuition Task Force

Moved by Bengizi, seconded by Oliver that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) SRA Seat on the Tuition Task Force.

Passes Unanimously

5. Close one (1) SRA Seat on Tuition Task Force

Moved by Oliver, seconded by MacDonald that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) SRA Seat on the Tuition Task Force.

- Oliver explained that due to students been away on reading week the MSU seat on Tuition Task Force will be opened next meeting.

Nominations
- Bengizi – Farah – accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously
Farah won by acclamation.

6. MSU Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by Dales seconded by Lightstone that a Governance Ad Hoc Committee be struck for the duration of the fall and winter semesters of the Student Representative Assembly (2016-2017) under the presented terms of reference.

- Dales stated that his intention was for the Committee overview the entire structure of governance in a broad way.
- Nadarajah stated that there are some aspects of the terms of reference she would like to see changed. Nadarajah suggested having the Speaker as the chair of the committee. She suggested that either J. Bauman or V. Scott sit on the committee to give historical context. Nadarajah stated that the timelines will need to be changed. She recommended coming back with a new terms of reference at the next meeting.
- Threndyle asked how it will be evaluated if the current governance structure is working.
- Dales stated that the committee could look at comparable schools and see what avenues that the MSU does well or does not do well in comparison. He stated another option is to look at other not-for-profit organizations to see how they run.
- Baiden asked if the point of the committee was to bring back recommended changes.
- Dales stated the point was to first review, and then provide recommendations on possible role changes or job description changes.
- A. Wilson stated that it is important to get the Speaker’s consent before making them the Chair of the Committee and suggested Monaco-Barnes as another option.
- Nadarajah suggested looking at the role of Commissioners and if they should be Associate Vice Presidents, look at support for the Vice-President (Administration) role, and the SRA election timeline. She stated that democratic reform has been a discussion for a long time so there are past resources but it was also important to explore new avenues.
- MacDonald commended Dales for putting the current terms of reference together but stated that it needed some minor changes and hoped that this will be brought back for the next meeting.
- Hsu stated that she was concerned that the scope was very broad and would like to see some examples of what would be investigated.
- Lightstone asked if there was a proposed meeting schedule.
- Dales stated that it could be weekly or bi-weekly depending on the availability of those on the committee.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Dales to table Business item #6 to SRA 16I with updated terms of reference.

- Lee stated that he can work with Jason to make the terms of reference better and strike it at the next meeting.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Threndyle that the Assembly recess for 30 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 12:03 pm
Called to Order at 12:36 pm
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7. Exclusive Club Card Referendum - MSU Stance

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Monaco-Barnes that the SRA take a negative stance on the Exclusive Club Card referendum and use the full capacity of the MSU’s financial and communications resources to recommend to students that they should vote no in the upcoming referendum.

- MacDonald went over the memo with the Assembly. MacDonald stated that an individual that was not an MSU member hired students to put forward a petition for a discount card that involved 31 businesses in Hamilton. MacDonald recognized that there may be some level of desire to have a discount card and it would be at the discretion of the Assembly to task the organization to create one. He stated that Mac Farmstand has a free card that only took a few weeks to put together and has great discounts. MacDonald explained that the Almanac, which is distributed every year, has coupons and discounts while generating advertising revenue for the organization. MacDonald stated he feels strongly that the Assembly should take a negative stance and vote in favour of this motion.
- Monaco-Barnes stated that this was an irresponsible way to spend $100,000 of student money and does not benefit students.
- Shingleton-Smith asked if there was any way to stop this from happening in the future.
- Robinson asked how the resources would be used if the motion passed.
- MacDonald explained that in the past posters were used. He stated that the communications team would be involved and promotional material would be created.
- S. Jama stated that students spent a lot of time to get the signatures for this position and that taking a negative stance would set a precedent to disagree with future referenda. She stated that this was an opportunity to empower students to make their own choice.
- Lightstone stated that MES already has a discount card that was free to students, and having a corporation coming in to try and make money off of something that the MSU could do itself was not right. He stated that setting a bad precedent was not a valid excuse as any future SRA group would not be forced to follow.
- Bengizi encouraged the Assembly to vote this down as she believed students can make these decisions on their own. She suggested promoting the Almanac as a way to let students know what was already offered to them.
- Farah asked how many copies of the Almanac are printed.
- MacDonald stated that if it is the will of the Assembly the amount printed could be increased. Currently 6,000 are printed, and the Survival Guide comes out mid-year with coupons as well. MacDonald stated that the Assembly can vote against the recommendation if they are interested in this card. He explained the merit of
this conversation was that this was evidently a poor use and value for student money and the SRA is tasked with being able to say what is best for the organization and for students.

- Cole stated that it was clear that there is no value in this for students and it was sad to see a corporation trying to make money this way. He explained he would be voting in favour of this motion because his constituents elected him to make good decisions on their behalf.
- Nadarajah stated that she agreed with S. Jama to keep in mind the influence the SRA has on students, however, the process of initiating this referendum was not a student coming in independently, but an external company that paid students.

**Moved** by Lee, **seconded** by Almeida to Call to Question.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Almeida to Call to Question.

In Favour 23 - Opposed 2 - Abstentions 2
Opposed - Areghan, Bengizi
Abstained – Ngo
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

**Moved** by MacDonald, **seconded** by Monaco-Barnes that the SRA take a negative stance on the Exclusive Club Card referendum and use the full capacity of the MSU's financial and communications resources to recommend to students that they should vote no in the upcoming referendum.

In Favour 24 - Opposed 2 - Abstentions 1
Opposed – Bengizi, Farah
Abstained – Dales
Motion Passes

8. **MSU Procedure for Initiating Referenda**

**Moved** by MacDonald, seconded by Nadarajah that the SRA formally task Bylaws and Procedures committee to investigate MSU procedure for initiating referenda, recommend changes to eliminate opportunities for abuse within our current structure and report back to this assembly before November 27th, 2016 with options for constitutional or bylaw amendments.

- MacDonald stated that it was a clear issue that there is no protocol in the existing procedures to limit a large company's ability to come in and initiate referenda. He stated he would like to task the Bylaws and Procedures Committee to investigate and suggest changes so something like the ECC referendum cannot happen again.
- Nadarajah stated that this was not the first time an external body has initiated a referendum so it is worth looking into.
- Lightstone asked what could be changed within the limits of the constitution.
- MacDonald stated that if it was a change to the constitutional amendment it could be anything as long as it does not go against guidelines set by the province.

**Vote on Motion**

Passes Unanimously
9. **MSU Constitution Recommendation**

Moved by Oliver, seconded by MacDonald that the Assembly make a negative recommendation for the changes to the MSU Constitution based on the petition submitted to the Vice-President (Administration).

- Oliver reported that since 2012, three different committees have been struck to investigate democratic reform. Each committee has recommended the internal process with modifications being applied this year. She stated that in an at-large system for Presidential elections, there have been only three female presidents ever elected. Oliver explained that even with the MSU Wants YOU working group to remove barriers for minorities and women, in at-large elections there is still a clear barrier. She stated she would like to see the process continue. Oliver explained that there currently is no system suggested on how at-large Vice Presidential elections would run if the referendum passed.
- MacDonald stated that the role of the SRA was to maintain principles and to advance objectives. He stated that the current system was a highly transparent and rigorous hiring process and that Assembly members spend 15-25 hours meeting with every candidate before the election and challenging them. MacDonald explained that President shapes the direction of the portfolios so if the elections coincided it could lead to issues with the Board of Directors having conflicting visions. MacDonald stated that it is role of the SRA to represent students interests and that voting in favour of a negative stance does not make a member against transparency. He stated that 2600 abstentions has never happened in the past and thinks that shows a clear disinterest in this subject.
- Lightstone explained that he will be voting up this motion because the current election process works well and has for many years.
- Areghan stated that he does not feel it was the right of the SRA to place a negative stance on this and will be voting the motion down.
- Bengizi stated that she ran for the SRA mainly because she saw the problems of the internal elections and strongly campaigned on the Vice President at-large referendum last year. She stated that thousands of students voted yes and clearly saw a problem with the current system. Bengizi stated that internal elections can be popularity contests. Bengizi explained that there were many problems getting the word out last year and believed that was why there were so many abstentions. She explained she will be voting this down and would like to take a neutral stance as that will represent all student voices.
- S. Jama stated that the referendum lost last year by 17 votes and there was not a 'No' side established. She explained she would like to see the work done for a 'No' side and that would mean some people stepping down and taking a pay cut to advocate for their stance.
- Ragnanan stated that it was unfair to say that the whole Assembly believes one side, so neutral would be the best option.
- Farah stated that the question was not clear last year and that could have been the reasoning for the amount of abstentions. She explained that she thought that the SRA should remain neutral.
- Dales explained that he has yet to speak with a constituent in Engineering who voted yes to the elections being at-large, and so for that reason he will be voting this motion up.
- Singleton-Smith stated that last year there was only a 'yes' team so that should be kept in mind with the 17 vote difference.
- Lightstone stated that this same thing went to referendum nine months age. He questioned if the SRA was really listening to students voices, and if so then why are they not standing by the result. He explained that by taking a negative stance it is not saying that students are unable to make their own decision.
Bengizi stated she hoped that there will be a 'no' campaign this time.

MacDonald stated that this body has the authority to take a stance and has done so fifteen times since 1978. He reaffirmed that there was no at-large election system in place if this passes and it was not well enough thought out. MacDonald stated that taking a neutral stance would be deferring the responsibility this body was elected to have.

Baiden stated that students could participate in the discussions with the vice-presidential candidates before the elections with the current system, and should be included more. He stated that each role was completely different and needs to be analyzed individually. Baiden explained he would be open to discussing a Vice President Education election at large but believes the Administration and Finance roles are best in the current system. He stated that it is important to take a negative stance because it is not well thought through right now.

Hsu stated that telling student leaders to step down from their paid positions was an unfair statement; as not everyone is in a financial position to do so.

S. Jama stated that the organization would not fall apart if a Board of Directors member took a leave of absence. She explained she would like to see a fair amount of work come in from the 'no' side. S. Jama stated that even though people were tired of the presidential election last year they still voted yes for the at-large system.

Nadarajah stated that the MSU embodies more than the 600 voices of people who signed the petition, and out of the 22,000 other students the results were very divisive. She stated that although she would like a neutral stance there were many things she did not like about this question. Nadarajah explained that it seemed counterintuitive that if the referendum passes the system of how the at-large elections will work would be in the hands of the SRA. She also stated that as a female it is not easy to run at large. Nadarajah explained that the difference between taking a stance on this referendum as opposed to the ECC referendum is that this has been initiated because students have questioned whether the SRA should be internally making these decisions.

Lee asked what the true implication of the stance will be.

MacDonald explained that this motion would not commit the MSU to running a 'no' side, however, a 'no' side could advertise the SRA took a negative stance. He explained it would be up to the Elections Committee if there would be a preface before the question explaining the stance the SRA took.

Amendment

Moved by Bengizi, seconded by Nadarajah that the motion be amended to read: "Moved by ____, seconded by ____ that the Assembly make a neutral recommendation for the changes to the MSU Constitution based on the petition submitted to the Vice-President (Administration)".

Bengizi stated that a neutral stance was best because then the SRA is not taking a side.

Oliver encouraged the Assembly to vote this amendment down as she believed a neutral stance was a deferral of responsibility. She stated that as SRA members they are in a position to be more informed. Oliver explained that the recommendation by past committees has always been negative and it is very appropriate to take on a stance the MSU constitution.

Areghan stated he will be voting this up. He stated anyone can go out and take a side during campaigning.

Kula stated she would like to have an actual stance and advise students. She stated that last year when the SRA was neutral many constituents did not understand what that meant.

Robinson stated he will be voting this amendment down as he felt that many students are unaware that the SRA will be the ones to pass the election procedures if the referendum passes.
Threndyle stated that students who do not have the opportunity to be as involved should be able to trust a recommendation given from the SRA and this was an important topic that they should be advised on.

Farah stated that students will be able to be better educated on both sides if the SRA takes a neutral stance.

Bengizi stated that taking a negative stance was insulting to the students who signed the petition to have it go to referendum again. She stated that members of the Assembly and constituents have very different opinions so out of respect she urged everyone to vote for a neutral stance.

S. Jama stated that in response to people saying this should not move forward because there was no solution if the referendum passes, that there is research from past years and recommendations for systems to use. She stated that the system could be changed back if students did not end up liking an at-large system. S. Jama stated she would like to see a fair campaign with a 'yes' and 'no' side.

**Moved by Oliver, seconded by Threndyle to Call to Question.**

In Favour 13 - Opposed 12 - Abstained 2

Opposed - Anbalagan, Almeida, Anbalagan, Bengizi, Cole, D'Souza, Farah, Hsu, Inigo, MacDonald, Nadarajah

Abstain – Baiden, Ngo

**Motion Fails**

D'Souza stated that the number of abstentions could show the lack of outreach as representatives on this topic. She stated that the biases that occur in internal elections can also occur in at large elections.

Nadarajah stated that those who are against the VP at-large elections are viewed as undemocratic or against transparency which is a challenge with running a 'No' side. She explained that those who are against it are not conforming and have just as much of a right to their opinion.

Almeida stated that she does not think it was fair to have a negative stance as it will sway a lot of student votes without them educating themselves.

MacDonald stated that it was an invalid argument to say if the Assembly cannot unanimously agree then they cannot take a stance as making hard decisions is what they are elected to do. He stated that nobody has proposed a new structure, and no one has proposed a solution if the VP Education and the President have fundamentally different beliefs. MacDonald stated that until this is thought out or fully developed they should feel obligated to take a negative stance. He stated he would like to hear a debate as to why VP at large is a good decision.

Pita stated that it is important to express what the SRA thinks is best because it is the body that will be responsible for creating the new system if it passes.

Baiden stated that all students in a faculty will not have the same opinion so it is impossible to vote solely on what constituents have said. He stated he would like to make a decision that he is able to best explain if a constituent asked.

**Moved by Kula, seconded by Pita to Call the Question.**

In Favour 13 - Opposed 13 - Abstentions 2

Opposed – Almeida, Anbalagan, Areghan, Cole, Eom, Hsu, Inigo, Lee, MacDonald, Mertens, Nadarajah, Robinson

Abstain – Baiden, Ngo

**Motion Fails**

**Moved by Nadarajah, seconded by Areghan to exhaust the speakers list.**
Nadarajah stated that she has many questions about the internal process and the impact of presidential teams and relationships within the Assembly.

Lee stated he abstained in the referendum last year because he did not feel well educated. He stated he will be voting this amendment down because as the people with the privilege to have greater knowledge on this subject, they should be giving students a recommendation.

**Vote on Amendment**

In Favour 10 - Opposed 16 - Abstentions 1  
Opposed – Anbalagan, Baiden, Cole, Flowers, D’Souza, Kula, Lee, Lightstone, Long, MacDonald, Mertens, Oliver, Pita, Robinson, Shingleton-Smith, Threndyle  
Abstained – Hsu  
**Motion Fails**

**Moved** by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Bengizi to exhaust the speakers list.

MacDonald stated he would be voting this down because the conversation has now changed and everyone should have the time to explain their points.

Pita stated that most people know what their vote is and more discussion is unnecessary.

**Vote on Motion**

In Favour 19 - Opposed 6 - Abstentions 2  
Opposed – MacDonald, Inigo, Threndyle, Hsu, Almeida, Robin  
Abstained – Anbalagan, Kula  
**Motion Passes**

**Vote on Main Motion**

**Moved** by Oliver, **seconded** by MacDonald that the Assembly make a negative recommendation for the changes to the MSU Constitution based on the petition submitted to the Vice-President (Administration).

In Favour 17, Opposed 10, Abstentions 1  
Opposed – Monaco-Barnes, Nadarajah, Areghan, Ngo, Inigo, Almeida, Bengizi, Ragnanan, Eom, Farah  
Abstained – Mertens  
**Motions Passes**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved** by Inigo, **seconded** by Hsu, that the SRA formally task the BOD with exploring the possibility of current and additional avenues for MSU members to access discounts within the Hamilton Community, at no additional cost.

Inigo stated that he thinks MacDonald could do a great job creating a free discount card.
Hsu stated that because the stance on the referendum is negative it is important to explore other avenues to provide this service to students.

MacDonald stated he has a meeting set up already to discuss this option.

**Vote on Motion**

In Favour 27 - Abstentions 1
Abstained – Bengizi

**Motion Passes**

**TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Sunday, October 30, 2016
5 PM
Council Chambers, GH 111

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

Present
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Absent Excused
Beley, McBride, Quinn, Rudge

Absent

Late
Mertens, Pita

Others Present
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Chair
Genya Oparin

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion Passes by General Consent**

Adjourned at 3:00 pm

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