Called to Order at 5:04pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present
Almeida, Anbalagan, Beley, Bengizi, Cole, Dales, D'Souza, Eom, Farah, Flowers, Hsu, Inigo, Kula, Lee, Lightstone, Long, MacDonald, Martin, McBride, Mertens, Monaco-Barnes, Nadarajah, Oliver, Phung, Pita, Quinn, Robinson, Sehrawat, Threndyle

Absent Excused
Areghan, Baiden, Ngo, Ragnanan, Rudge, Shingleton-Smith

Absent

Late

Others Present
Ali Yazdankia (Solar Car), John Paul Oskroba (Solar Car), Kashif Siddiqui (Solar Car), Tom Versteeg (Solar Car), Alex Wilson (Maccess Coordinator), Victoria Liu (External Affairs), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Director), Lilian Obeng (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Urszula Sitarz (MSU Member), Jennifer Wang (McMaster Marching Band), Bryalen Fernandes (McMaster Marching Band), 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 Nadarajah, seconded by Areghan that the agenda be adopted, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Oliver seconded by Hsu to amend the agenda to include the following motions:

"Moved by ____ , seconded by ____ that the Assembly adopt the International Students policy paper with edits as circulated."

"Moved by ____ , seconded by ____ that the Assembly adopt the Ancillary Fees policy paper with edits as circulated."

"Moved by ____ , seconded by ____ that the Assembly rescind the Ancillary Fees policy paper and the corresponding Maroon paper adopted at SRA 14C."

"Moved by ____ , seconded by ____ that the Assembly adopt the Sexual and Gender Diversity policy paper with edits as circulated."

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 27 Abstained: 1
Abstentions: Monaco-Barnes
Motion Passes

Amendment

Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by Quinn to amend the agenda to include the following motion as Committee Business #2:

"Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by ____ , that the Assembly approve changes to the Employment Wages operating policy, as circulated."

Vote on Amendment
Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Chair asked for observers to please sign and circulate the Observer’s List at the back. The Chair welcomed new members, Martin, Sehrawat and Phung to their first SRA meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Nadarajah, seconded by MacDonald that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 16H – October 16, 2016, as circulated.

DELEGATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Areghan that the parameters be set at 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions for Delegations from the Floor #1 and #2.

- MacDonald stated that it is required by Bylaw 5 for these groups to present to SRA. He explained that there would be a committees of the whole later in the meeting to discuss both groups.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously


- Members from Solar Car went over their presentation with the Assembly.

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Threndyle that the presentation time be extended by 5 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Questions

- Dales asked about the discrepancy of $16,000 in the budget. Versteeg stated that Solar Car competed in a last minute race during the summer which cost around $16,000.

- Quinn asked how Solar Car develops leadership beyond men. Siddiqui responded that the training model is designed that anyone who finishes it can join. Leadership opportunities are given on a merit system which does not limit anyone. Siddiqui explained that previously females had stopped showing up due to the culture of it being only men, but with more and more women joining that problem went away.

- Lightstone asked if Solar Car received any MES funding. Siddiqui stated that they receive up to $3,000 on a claim system from MES.

Moved by Pita, seconded by Lee to exhaust the Speaker’s List.

Passes Unanimously
Hsu asked if there was a breakdown of membership by faculty and program available. Siddiqui stated that they keep a list of the faculty and year their members are in. Siddiqui presented the data.

Anbalagan asked what promotional strategies were used to target students outside engineering. Siddiqui stated they work with societies, post in every possible building, and send newsletters to various groups. Versteeg stated that they also participate in Fall Preview Day, Clubs Fest and May at Mac.

Almeida asked why students pay a fee to Solar Car, versus paying to the Eco Car project. Siddiqui responded that Eco Car has a lot of industry funding and support, while Solar Car has more difficulty securing sponsorship and needs support from students. Versteeg explained that Eco Car competitions are run by companies such as the US Department of Energy and General Motors.

2. McMaster Marching Band - Jennifer Wang and Brian Fernandes presented (attached)

- McMaster Marching Band went over their presentation with the Assembly.

Questions

- Lightstone explained he heard that University Administration was looking to use St. Paul’s Church as a testing space. He asked if this would affect MMB. Wang stated that the Registrar had expressed interest in the space but they would be working on a time share that would not impede on practice time for MMB.
- Robinson asked why so much money was allotted to their trip to Montreal when she had previously stated that the revenue from the event usually covers costs. Fernandes responded that the costs of the hotel and coach bus are quite a bit higher than the $2,500 that the Montreal Parade pays MMB. Fernandes stated that parades never pay more than $3,000 so it would be difficult to negotiate payment that would cover trip costs.
- Lightstone asked what issues MMB had in being involved with Homecoming that year and asked how the MSU could be of help in the future. Wang stated that MMB had originally been asked to perform at Homecoming by Athletics & Recreation. She explained after their first performance at the Home Opener football came there was not enough attendance and Athletics & Recreation chose to hire an outside band. Wang stated that MMB had meetings booked to work this issue out for the next year.

Set Parameters

Moved by Oliver, seconded by Hsu that the parameters for International Students Policy Paper be set at 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

- Oliver reminded the Assembly that the question period is not the time for debate.
- Hsu stated that grammar and punctuation can be changed after the policy passes.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously


- Liu went over the presentation with the assembly.

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Oliver to extend the presentation time by 10 minutes.

In Favour: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2
Abstentions: Almeida, Pita
Motion Passes
Questions

- Farah asked for clarification on the process to implement policies. Liu explained that when the MSU adopts a policy it works as a framework. She explained that when advocating to governments, MSU representatives could advocate for international students as per what it states in the policy.
- Quinn explained that she wanted to see a reference to Hamilton being the second sanctuary in Canada. Quinn asked if the authors thought it should be integrated into the paper. Oliver responded that if anyone wanted to add a Principles, Concerns and Recommendations (PCRs) to the policy it could be done during debate. If it could be worked into the body text it could be discussed after the policy was passed.
- Lightstone stated that in the policy paper it mentioned both an expansion of UHIP to cover everything OHIP covered as well as international students being covered under OHIP. He asked for clarification on why the points overlapped. Liu explained that they are advocating for both, and if international students became covered under OHIP, the first recommendation would become invalid.

Moved by Oliver, seconded by MacDonald that the Assembly adopt the International Students policy paper with edits as circulated.

- Liu stated she hoped if anything was added it was well researched.
- Quinn stated she did not want to vote up or down due to the short time frame given to read the edited policy. She encouraged the Assembly to abstain or vote against it.
- Oliver explained that in previous years policies would be brought forward and had no debate due to people not taking the time to read them. She explained that Policy Con was created to engage students and SRA members in the policies and have better debate and idea creation. The drafts of the policy had been distributed to SRA members on the Wednesday with the meeting materials. Oliver encouraged the Assembly to vote that day.
- Hsu reminded the Assembly that new topics could be added into the body text after the policy was passed.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26; Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1
Abstentions: Quinn
Motion Passes

Set Parameters

 Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Robinson that the parameters be set at 15 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for questions for Delegations from the Floor #4 and #5.

Passes Unanimously

Ancillary Fees Policy Paper – Blake Oliver and Ashley Eom presented (attached)

- Oliver and Eom went over the presentation with the assembly.

Questions

- Lee questioned why there is a fee for lost keys in the first place. Eom responded that it is an unnecessary fee which is why they argued against it.
- A. Wilson stated that it is an accessibility concern to have to pay as there are disability reasons for forgetting a key.
- Lightstone asked how MAPS and Grad students would pay into the same fees as MSU students. Cole responded that the respective governances would look into those processes. Eom responded that the intent of the policy is to point out MSU students have an unfair burden in comparison to the other organizations.
- Hsu asked why some sections were missing principles. She stated she wanted to see references put in the paper as well. Eom responded that the sections were all under the same principle.
Areghan asked if any precautions would be taken so students could not abuse receiving a free doctor’s note to get out of school work. Eom responded that the doctor’s at the Student Wellness Centre are trusted not to give false notes.

Lee asked if program societies could be included within the PCRs. Cole responded that program societies such as Kinesiology and iSci will be clearly included in the body text.

Lightstone asked why co-op fees would be a concern if students are usually paid while on co-op. Cole stated that work integrated learning experiences have become integral across all faculties and it is important to get funding from the province. He stated that also although a student may be paid, the initial fees could be a hardship before beginning the work term.

Areghan asked what would happen if a student were to lose or not return a rented out item. Eom stated that it would be charged to their student account.

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly adopt the Ancillary Fees policy paper with edits, as circulated.

Amendment

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Areghan that the recommendation "The MSU recommends that McMaster University and the Campus Store rent out certain, course-specific materials for an affordable rate on a per term basis." (pg 23) be amended to state "The MSU recommends that McMaster University and the Campus Store rent out certain, course-specific materials for an affordable rate on a yearly basis."

Lightstone stated that every time a student registers an iClicker there is a seven dollar fee. He explained that could cause a student to have to pay twice if they returned an iClicker after first semester and had to rent again for the second semester.

Bengizi stated that renting on a full year basis does not cater to every student as some students are not at McMaster for a full year.

Hsu explained that there was a limited supply of iClickers to rent out. She advised that if a student needed to rent an iClicker for the full year they could extend their rental of the same device, eliminating paying a second registration fee.

MacDonald suggested changing the body text to include the option to extend a rental.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 1 Opposed: 18 Abstained: 5
Abstentions: McBride, Dales, Lightstone, Mertens, Farah
Amendment Fails

Amendment

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Lee for the following sections to be amalgamated under the heading "Academic Resource Fees": Textbooks, Courseware, Physical Learning Materials, Digital Learning Materials

Hsu stated she did not want to see any sections without a principle.

Lee stated the change would keep the paper consistent with how the MSU writes policy.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 3
Opposed: Cole
Abstentions: Lightstone, Anbalagan, Quinn
Amendment Passes

Vote on Main Motion
Moved by Hsu, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly adopt the Ancillary Fees policy paper with edits, as amended.

In Favour: 24  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 4
Abstentions: Dales, Areghan, Anbalagan, Quinn

Motion Passes

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Pita that the Assembly rescind the Ancillary Fees policy paper and the corresponding Maroon paper adopted at SRA 14C.

Passes Unanimously

5. Sexual and Gender Diversity Policy Paper – Meg Hsu presented. (attached)

- Hsu went over the presentation with the assembly.

Questions
- Bengizi stated that concerns had been brought to her by students of Muslim faith regarding ten washrooms being gender neutral as it opposes their faith. She asked how the concern would be approached. Hsu explained that gender neutral washrooms would not remove privacy; instead, changes would be made to facilitate privacy.
- A. Wilson stated that the gender neutral change would be done to make as many students as possible feel comfortable and solutions for all concerns would be taken under consideration.
- Farah asked for clarification on the room change fee for residence. Hsu responded that the purpose was to advocate for all fees related to changing rooms to not apply to students in the LGBTQ community.
- Lightstone asked if the goal of the MSU was to have all bathrooms be gender neutral. Hsu responded yes.
- Areghan asked how students feeling uncomfortable with this change could be addressed. Hsu responded that the recommendation is to run an educational campaign regarding the change.
- A. Wilson advised that there would be a general neutral trial period for two bathrooms in MUSC.
- MacDonald stated that the intention would not be to just change the sign of the washroom and instead best practice would be design changes to ensure privacy and comfort for all users. He stated that the body text should include these best practices.
- Farah asked if other institutions were already training all staff. Hsu responded that no other universities have a model for training faculty and staff. McMaster could be the first to do so. Hsu explained the survey identified overwhelming feedback regarding faculty members not using inclusive language or creating inclusive spaces. This was most likely due to a lack of training and awareness.

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Lee that the Assembly adopt the Sexual and Gender Diversity policy paper with edits as circulated.

- Hsu thanked the authors. She stated she was glad to see people more engaged in policy and understanding the process.
- Lee thanked Hsu for her work on the paper.

Amendment
Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Areghan to amend the recommendation "McMaster University should prioritize deferred maintenance funding..." (pg 34) be amended to state "McMaster University should allocate deferred maintenance funding to the implementation..."
Lightstone stated he would that McMaster has a large list of maintenance that needs to be done that could negatively affect the university if left undone, so the word prioritize should be removed.

MacDonald stated that there are various classifications for deferred maintenance including: critical, semi-critical and desired. The rationale for the wording is that when money for desired maintenance is freed up, this request should be prioritized.

**Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 5 Opposed: 14 Abstained: 9**
Abstentions: McBride, Kula, Bengizi, D'Souza, Beley, Eom, Sehrawat, Farah, Quinn

**Amendment Fails**

**Vote on Main Motion**

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Lee that the Assembly adopt the Sexual and Gender Diversity policy paper with edits as circulated.

**In Favour: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3**
Abstentions: Areghan, Dales, Bengizi
Motion Passes

**Amendment to Agenda**

Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by Almeida that the Assembly move Business Arising from the Minutes Item #2 to before Report Period.

Anbalagan stated that a candidate was waiting.

**Vote on Motion**

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**
Abstentions: Bengizi
Motion Passes

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Lee that the Assembly recess for 20 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 7:59 pm
Called to Order at 8:21pm

**CALL OF THE ROLL**


Absent Excused: Areghan, Baiden, Monaco-Barnes, Ngo, Oliver, Ragnanan, Rudge, Shingleton-Smith

Absent

Late

Others Present: Ali Yazdankia (Solar Car), John Paul Oskroba (Solar Car), Kashif Siddiqui (Solar Car), Tom Versteeg (Solar Car), Alex Wilson (Maccess Coordinator), Victoria Liu (External Affairs), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Director), Lilian Obeng (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Urszula Sitarz (MSU Member), Jennifer Wang (McMaster Marching Band),
Bryalen Fernandes (McMaster Marching Band), E. Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair
Genya Oparin

BRIEFING ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2. Close Nominations for Finance Commissioner

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Threndyle that the Assembly close nominations for Finance Commissioner.

Nominations
- Threndyle nominated Robinson – accepted
- Nadarajah nominated Yelena Banjavcic – accepted

Passes Unanimously
- Candidates presented in allotted time.
- Assembly voted by Open Ballot

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- Yelena Banjavcic won the position of Finance Commissioner

**Amendment to Agenda**
Moved by Quinn, seconded by Bengizi to move Business Items #5 and #8 to before Report Period.
- Quinn stated MSU members were waiting.

**Vote on Motion**  
Passes Unanimously

**BUSINESS**

5. **Open one (1) seat for Chair on Governance Ad Hoc Committee**

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Lee that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) seat for Chair on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Passes Unanimously

8. **Close one (1) seat for Chair on Governance Ad Hoc Committee**

Moved by Inigo, seconded by Bengizi that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) seat for Chair on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

**Nominations**
- Bengizi nominated Quinn – declined
- Lightstone nominated Dales – accepted
- Quinn nominated Alex Wilson – accepted

**Vote on Motion**
Passes Unanimously
Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Quinn MacDonald to set election parameters to be one minute for opening statements, five minutes for questions per candidate pooled, with no closing statements.

Amendment

Moved by Nadarajah, seconded by Pita that the questions be limited to 5 minutes total.

- Robinson stated that it would be unfair to candidates to not give them enough time and felt 5 minutes pooled was the better option.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 16
Opposed: 9
Abstained: 1

Opposed: Lightstone, Almeida, Eom, Lee, Robinson, Phung, Mertens, Farah, Inigo
Abstentions: Anbalagan
Amendment Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Quinn MacDonald to set election parameters to be one minute for opening statements, five minutes for questions, with no closing statements.

Passes Unanimously

- Candidates presented in allotted time.
- Assembly voted by secret ballot.

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- Alex Wilson won the election for Chair on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

REPORT PERIOD

1. Arts and Science Caucus - Almeida presented.

- Almeida summarized the report.

Questions

- Nadarajah asked for an update on the Women Leadership Wine and Cheese, Art Science sub-committee, as well as the MSU guidebook. Almeida stated that the event would hopefully be held in two weeks and they would be looking to partner with SRA Science, Governance Committee and MSU Wants You. She stated that the original goal was to have an SRA observer in the Art Science committee but they dropped their seat. Almeida explained that there were issues in the summer having the SRA observer get the work done for the MSU Guidebook so it has not been worked on.

Amendment to Agenda
Moved by Hsu, seconded by MacDonald to move Business item #3, #7, #10 and Business Arising from the Minutes item #1 to after Report Period item #1.

In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1
Abstentions: Robinson
Motion Passes

BUSINESS

3. Committee of the Whole - McMaster Marching Band

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the McMaster Marching Band presentation.

Passes Unanimously

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

Passes Unanimously

Rise and Report

- MacDonald reported that overall the members of the Assembly were impressed with the level of work done by the group in terms of contributing to the McMaster Community and being financially responsible with the money they collect. The MMB will continue to look at ways for the group to be a MSU club versus a different relationship with the University. The SRA has a positive sentiment towards the MMB.

7. Open four (4) MSU seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by Hsu, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly open nominations for four (4) MSU seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Passes Unanimously

10. Close four (4) MSU seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Lightstone that the Assembly close nominations for four (4) MSU seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Nominations
- Hsu nominated Urszula Sitarz – accepted
- Lee nominated Stephen Cho – accepted
- Nadarajah nominated Jennifer Wang - accepted
- Lightstone nominated Genya Oparin – declined

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Urszula Sitarz, Stephen Cho, and Jennifer Wang won the MSU Seats on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee by acclamation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
1. Close Nominations for Tuition Task Force Committee

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

Nominations
- MacDonald – Urszula Sitarz – accepted

Passes Unanimously

- Urszula Sitarz won the MSU Seat on the Tuition Task Force Committee by acclamation.

REPORT PERIOD

2. Health Sciences Caucus- Lee presented.

- Leesummarized the report.

Amendment to the Agenda
Moved by Quinn, seconded by Long that Business Item #1 be moved to after Report Period Item #2.

- Quinn stated that long meetings were inaccessible to some students. She explained she had done a lot of research on the Athletics and Recreation motion and wanted to participate in the discussion before having to leave.
- Nadarajah stated that the remaining items in Report Period would not take much time. Bengizi agreed.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 6 Abstained: 1
Opposed: Nadarajah, Flowers, Eom, Bengizi, Dales, Lightstone
Abstentions: Long
Motion Passes

BUSINESS

1. Approval of Athletics and Recreation Referendum

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Farah that the SRA approve sending the increase of the Athletics and Recreation Service Fee and DBAC capital fee with the following options to referendum alongside the MSU Presidential election 2017:

a. The continuation of, and an increase of $3.95/unit to a max. of 30 units (total $118.5) to, the David Braley Athletic Complex Fee (effective once building opens in 2020), and an increase of $95/year to the Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee commencing in 2017 with a further $10/year increase starting in 2020

b. The continuation of, and an increase of $1.97/unit to a max. of 30 units (total $59.10) to, the David Braley Athletic Complex Fee (effective once building opens in 2020), and an increase of $95/year to the Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee commencing in 2017 with a further $10/year increase starting in 2020, or when building opens (students of 18 or more units) or

c. No increase

- MacDonald went over the memo circulated to the Assembly. MacDonald explained if there were any delays in the project that students would not see a fee increase until they see the benefits. MacDonald reiterated that the discussion was not about endorsing the project but about allowing students to vote on it.
Quinn explained that she was concerned about the risk of the loan and borrowing against the University, which puts the MSU at risk of investing in BDS. She explained that with the rise in tuition costs it was concerning that the MSU wanted to add more financial pressure to students. Quinn explained that without an opt-out option the fee would become an accessibility problem. Quinn stated that it was imperative that Athletics and Recreation would not get involved in the referendum.

Lightstone explained he was concerned with the referendum being a ranked ballot and would be more comfortable with a two question system like the Marmor. MacDonald responded that capital fee referenda used a ranked ballot system in the past and it simplifies the question for students. The Elections Department was consulted and preferred a ranked ballot method.

A. Wilson stated that even if the Pulse has accessible options, a student with a disability still would not be able to access the Pulse to the degree that is reflected in the fee.

MacDonald stated that an opt-out option would not make sense financially. MacDonald explained that a 40 year loan was becoming a standard on campus with Les Prince being a 36 year loan and the Living and Learning Centre being 42 years. He stated that he does not see investing in BDS as a concern as the money will all be moved to pay suppliers and contractors rather than sitting in an investment. MacDonald ensured they worked with University Administrators to get the best possible plan in place. MacDonald explained that he realizes accessibility is a concern and best practices state that buttons would be available to access help with equipment. MacDonald explained that the broader plan of Athletics & Recreation is to focus on wellness and be able to apply to infrastructure grants from the federal government.

Pita stated that the absolute dollar value is very high and asking students to pay another $100 to their yearly cost was a lot.

Anbalagan noted that Monaco-Barnes ran on the Pulse expansion. Anbalagan acknowledged that there would be students who would not feel comfortable paying this amount.

Farah stated that there are very few institutions without a mandatory gym fee. She explained that it is similar to the HSR fee that has no opt out option.

Threndyle stated that he heard overwhelmingly positive feedback from constituents on this matter.

Lightstone asked if MAPS, CCE and Grad students would be helping pay the fee.

MacDonald explained that the GSA showed interest but if anything their contribution to the project would be to make the scope of the project larger. Grad students would not have rights and privileges to book space in the Student Activity Building. MacDonald explained that CCE was not part of the conversation due to being located downtown Hamilton.

MacDonald ceded his time to Jennifer Wang. J. Wang asked if the allocation of space in the Student Activity Building would be up to Athletics & Recreation.

MacDonald responded that if the referendum passed the MSU would decide through a consultation process of what students would like. MacDonald stated he was optimistic McMaster Marching Band would have space prioritized for their group. MacDonald explained that the new CAF agreement would give student leaders a set at the management level of how Athletics & Recreation is run. Previously there has not been an avenue for student input. MacDonald reminded that ultimately the decision of the cost being too high should be left with the student body.

Quinn stated that the Student Access Guarantee (SAG) states that the University has to make education accessible to students, with one of the biggest barriers being financial accessibility. Quinn explained this fee increase may go against the SAG.

Nadarajah stated that recognizing there are costs associated with the expansion was not a reason to not put the question forward. She explained the only reason to not put it forward was if there was a belief that MacDonald and Monaco-Barnes could get a better deal with the University. Nadarajah explained that the benefit of students paying for the project was to have autonomy with the building. Nadarajah explained that with an ever growing undergraduate population she believed this project has an immense value.

A. Wilson asked if the SRA would take a stance on this.

MacDonald responded that according to CAF the SRA and MSU cannot take a stance on a capital project.

Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by Pita to Call to Question.
Vote on Main Motion

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Farah that the SRA approve sending the increase of the Athletics and Recreation Service Fee and DBAC capital fee with the following options to referendum alongside the MSU Presidential election 2017:

a. The continuation of, and an increase of $3.95/unit to a max. of 30 units (total $118.5) to, the David Braley Athletic Complex Fee (effective once building opens in 2020), and an increase of $95/year to the Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee commencing in 2017 with a further $10/year increase starting in 2020

b. The continuation of, and an increase of $1.97/unit to a max. of 30 units (total $59.10) to, the David Braley Athletic Complex Fee (effective once building opens in 2020), and an increase of $95/year to the Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee commencing in 2017 with a further $10/year increase starting in 2020, or when building opens (students of 18 or more units) or

c. No increase

REPORT PERIOD

3. Humanities Caucus - Bengizi presented

- Bengizi summarized the report.

Questions

- MacDonald asked if the SRA was helping with Arts Matters week. D'Souza stated that in past years Art Matters week was very SRA focused but that this year would be run by MHS and supported by the SRA.

4. Kinesiology Caucus - Beley presented

- Beley summarized the report.

Questions

- Nadarajah stated that one of the priorities of the Kinesiology caucus was to communicate about the MSU. She asked what has the caucus had done to communicate more about opportunities and what is happening within the MSU.
- Beley stated that they had been holding open office hours and were planning to do more.

5. Operations - Anbalagan presented

- Anbalagan summarized the report.

6. Executive Board - Eom presented
7. President - report attached

Questions
- A. Wilson asked if there was a way to be proactive rather than reactive about what part time managers report at Executive Board. Eom responded that proactive measures are taken but part time managers do not always include enough detail in their reports. Nadarajah added that Executive Board members do not always come from service backgrounds so their understanding of services is limited. Part time managers can get frustrated because they receive feedback too late. Nadarajah stated she encouraged all Executive Board members to keep track of reports, do a better job of pre-reading and ask critical questions.

INFORMATION PERIOD
- D'Souza reported that Diversity Services were hosting an event called Video on Trial on November 17 at 8 PM. The night would feature a trial of mainstream videos followed by discussions of misrepresentations and cultural appropriation.
- Farah reported the Work Integrated Learning campaign, or #myWILis, would take place from November 21-25. She explained that a survey for all faculties will be released the next day with an incentive to win one of four gift cards to Union Market or TwelvEighty.
- MacDonald reported that the Financial Transparency Fair would be pushed to November 28th. He reported that SRA Secret Santa details were posted on the SRA Facebook group for those who wanted to participate.
- Hsu reported that the next semester she would be working on a policy on food security. She asked those who were interested in contributing to contact her. She reported Policy Con for second semester would be March 11, 2017.
- A. Wilson reported that a promotional video on accessibility week would be coming out early that week.
- Lee reported that the Advocacy Street Team would be creating a report on mental health resources as a follow up to the MacTalks campaign.
- Nadarajah reported that job postings for Horizons and Farmstand part-time manager positions were closing that evening, as well as the Welcome Week Faculty Coordinator posting. She reported that the Shinerama Coordinator job posting would be put up soon. Nadarajah advised the Assembly to look out for an upcoming survey on volunteer positions.

QUESTION PERIOD
- Lightstone asked why the Kinesiology Society was under probation. Beley stated that there was a discrepancy with previous EOHSS forms which caused them to go under review in the summer. He stated that the probation consisted of not allowing the society to have off-campus events or events with alcohol during first semester but would be allowed second semester to host off-campus events. He explained that a letter would be sent out to constituents explaining why those events would not occur during the probation.
- Lightstone asked if the Elections Department would have enough money for the year after spending a considerable amount on the October referenda. MacDonald responded that any service that is in a position to go over budget should come to him. According to Corporate Bylaw 3 - Finances, $2,000 can be allocated to any service as necessary. He explained Elections would likely be over budget but not by $2,000.
- A. Wilson asked if the Board of Directors pages on the MSU website would be updated more frequently for transparency reasons. MacDonald responded that with the amount of time it took to contribute meaningfully to the website posts, the Board chose not to make it a main priority. He explained that update videos would become more frequent. Nadarajah added that the traffic on the pages was very minimal in the past. She stated she would be doing office hours in MUSC as well as looking into a job shadowing week to increase transparency.
BUSINESS

2. Committee of the Whole - Solar Car Presentation

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to Discuss the Solar Car presentation.

Passes Unanimously

Moved by MacDonald, seconded by Threndyle that the Assembly move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

Passes Unanimously

Rise and Report

- MacDonald reported that the SRA was happy to see changes in hiring practices, but thought there could be more promotion to other programs to bring greater diversity. The SRA stated that they would be happy to help them with outreach and communication for class talks. MacDonald reported that the Assembly would like Solar Car to focus on financial transparency with their budget and financial statements.

4. Approval of BusinessCaucus Year Plan

Moved by Robinson, seconded by D'Souza that the Assembly approve the Business Caucus Year Plan.

- Robinson reviewed the year plan.
- Robinson stated that a new year plan was created to better reflect the goals of the current caucus.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

6. Open four (4) SRA seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Nadarajah that the Assembly open nominations for four (4) SRA seats on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Passes Unanimously

9. Close four (4) SRA seats on Governance Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by Lightstone, seconded by Robinson that the Assembly close nominations for four (4) SRA seats on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

Nominations

- Lightstone nominated Dales – accepted
- Dales nominated Martin – accepted
- Dales nominated Sehrawat – accepted
- Dales nominated Phung – accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Dales, Martin, Sehrawat and Phung won the SRA seats on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee by acclamation.
COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. **BYLAW 3/B - STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SRA**

Moved by Lee that the Assembly approve changes of BYLAW 3/B – STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SRA, as circulated and attached.

- Lee stated that wage reviews should be in the hand of an HR professional that has the correct training to make informed decisions.
- MacDonald stated that the current practice was arbitrary and the wage process was up to the employee’s ability to make a case for their job. MacDonald explained that the new process was based on the review done with full time staff, that was conducted by a third party Human Resource Professional. Executive Board approved a job questionnaire for part time staff to evaluate their jobs through a range of metrics including but limited to: responsibly, budget management, risk management, and revenue.
- Robinson stated he was concerned about the lack of student voices on the new committee.
- MacDonald stated that wage reviews have always been conducted in a closed session at Finance Committee. He explained that having three people is best practice and the Executive Board member is on the committee to be the student voice. He explained that the wage bracket and evaluation guide being used was approved by Executive Board.
- A. Wilson asked what the expected date to implement the new wages would be. Ryan responded that new wages would be implemented May 1, 2017. He explained that because of the process, wages on postings may state that they are under review.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

2. **OPERATING POLICY - EMPLOYMENT WAGES**

Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by Lee, that the Assembly approve changes to the Employment Wages operating policy, as circulated.

- Lightstone asked how an Executive Board member would be chosen. MacDonald responded that the member would be chosen the same way as a hiring committee.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, November 29, 2016
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present
Almeida, Anbalagan, Beley, Cole, Dales, D’Souza, Eom, Farah, Flowers, Hsu, Inigo, Kula, Lee, Lightstone, MacDonald, Martin, McBride, Mertens, Nadarajah, Phung, Pita, Robinson, Sehrawat, Threndyle

Absent Excused
Areghan, Baiden, Bengizi, Long, Monaco-Barnes, Ngo, Oliver, Quinn, Ragnanan, Rudge, Singleton-Smith

Absent
Late
Others Present Ali Yazdankia (Solar Car), John Paul Oskroba (Solar Car), Kashif Siddiqui (Solar Car), Tom Versteeg (Solar Car), Alex Wilson (Maccess Coordinator), Victoria Liu (External Affairs), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Director), Lilian Obeng (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Urszula Sitarz (MSU Member), Jennifer Wang (McMaster Marching Band), Bryalen Fernandes (McMaster Marching Band), E. Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair Genya Oparin

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Martin, seconded by Phung that the meeting adjourn.

Adjourned at 12:11AM

Passes Unanimously

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