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## SRA Bylaws & Procedures Commissioner

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: David Lee  
SUBJECT: SRA 16O Report  
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### **PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN**

The Bylaws Committee is continuing our hard work this new term. We have made substantial progress on the year plan over the past few weeks and looking forward to the rest of the semester.

In terms of reviewing bylaws, I have divided the committee to tackle bylaws which they have indicated an interest in. In terms of the First Year Council Bylaw, Jacob Mackinnon has created a survey, in collaboration with the FYC chair. The survey will be circulated to FYC members in order to receive their feedback on the current structure.

In terms of improving General Assembly, I am still working on this point along with our Speaker, Genya. We have discussed some ideas on the report structure of GA motions so that students are able to track its progress

The academic division structure is the platform point that I am having most trouble with. Finding a common structure between other institutions was extremely difficult. Committee members have looked through other student unions and found that they vary. As well as establishing an objective system for a student group to apply for academic division recognition is also difficult. I plan on working on this project further into the new term, the committee has done some research on this already.

### **PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

The current survey on the referenda structure is up and running. As mentioned in the previous meeting, in order to implement the change of putting a limit on the referendum question we would like SRA Members to circulate this survey in order to understand how other students feel how the MSU initiates referenda. Thank you to Max Lightstone as well for taking the initiative on the survey. We hope that once the data

Preethi and I have also been working on the combining of both of our commissioner roles into the Internal Affairs commissioners. At the time that I am writing this report, the edits to the bylaw have been done and we are consulting with the full time staff. We hope to present this to the SRA in the upcoming meeting.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

The committee was tasked to look over the bylaws and make sure that it uses gender inclusive language. The edits on the bylaws will be ready for the last meeting where the reviewed bylaws will be motioned.

Ryan has also asked me to review corporate Bylaw 3. The potential edits have also been done will be submitted for the last meeting.

Yelena and Max has also approached me regarding the Health Plan to include co-op students if their placement does not permit for them to receive an insurance plan. We have a meeting with Victoria Scott in the coming weeks to receive her feedback on this.

Bylaw 2 potential edits have also finished to include circumstances in which MAPS students can apply for MSU membership. Alisa has approached me last semester regarding special circumstances for nursing students, the committee plans to the discuss this in our upcoming meetings with ways in which we can also include some nursing students.

Looking at attendance and leave of absences during SRA meetings, a couple of SRA members have indicated their interest on this. Thank you to Meg, Ezekiel, Ikram and Des. We have made some progress on the edits to the bylaw on how we can hold members more accountable for attendance and tardiness. I hope to gain more progress on this the next few weeks in order to present the changes in a timely manner.

Best,

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