



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 17E
Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 10:00am
Kenneth Taylor Hall, rm 104

Called to Order at 10:09am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present: Anas, Anbalagan, Aoki, Arnold, Chestney, Deshpande, D'Souza, Fama, Florean, Ibe, Lao, Lee, Lightstone, McGill, McNally, Mustafa, Nwamadi, Ochocinski, Patel, Quinn, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthilmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Web, Wilson, Yun, Zhang

Absent Excused: Obaidullah, Vlatkovic, Zheng

Absent

Late

Others Present: Dave Rosborough (Organizer for ATU 107), Eric Tuck (President of ATU 107), Casy Stelitano (Organizer from ATU International), Stephanie Bertolo (AVP Municipal Affairs)

Chair Helen Zeng

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 Quinn, **seconded** by Lee that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Ibe to amend the agenda to include a Delegation from the floor from the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 to present their "Keep Transit Public" campaign.

- Deshpande stated that this was circulated earlier in the week, and that they would like to discuss their campaign.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Quinn to amend the agenda to add "'Keep Transit Public' Endorsement" as Business Item #9.

- Deshpande stated that they will be discussing whether the SRA should endorse the campaign or not.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Anas to amend the agenda to add "Open one SRA seat on the MUSC Board of Management" to Business.

- Lightstone stated that he has class during the meeting times in the fall term so he had to drop his seat.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Mustafa, **seconded** by Wilson to amend the agenda to include the Kinesiology Yearplan as part of Business Item #1.

- Mustafa stated that she didn't submit the yearplan on time, and that she would like it to be included for approval.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Quinn, **seconded** by Lee that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Quinn, **seconded** by Fama that the Assembly adopt the minutes from SRA meeting 17D – June 18, 2017, as circulated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Speaker asked that those who are observing to please add their name to the Observer's List. The Speaker stated that the Recording Secretary couldn't make the meeting, so they will have the recorder and livestream to help document the meeting.

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

Set Parameters

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lightstone to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor to be 15 minutes for presentation, and 15 minutes for questions.

- Deshpande stated that this should be more than enough time, but if they need more they can extend it.

Vote on Parameters

In Favour: 30 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Anbalagan
Motion Passes

1. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107's "Keep Transit Public" campaign – Dave Rosborough and Eric Tuck presented (presentation attached)

- Rosborough went through the presentation with the Assembly.

Questions

- Quinn thanked the presenters for coming and speaking to the SRA. She asked how will the ATU continue to foster relationships and dispel a negative image. Rosborough responded that they are building solidarity within the organization, and want to be a part of the community. He added that having them work side by side will show part of the service and can help advocate for the students.
- Lightstone stated that when transit is privatized it's usually a bad deal for the public. He used the example of Bombardier. Rosborough responded that there are significant issues with funding, and oversight from the provincial government. He stated that Metrolinx was better than a private company, as Bombardier has issues. He explained that Bombardier will be bidding on this, but currently the LRT in Kitchener/Waterloo haven't met their goals so there are serious concerns on how they provide service.
- Sabra Salim asked what measures have the HSR put in place for deadlines and budgeting for the RFP. Rosborough stated that they don't represent the HSR as they weren't involved in this. He stated that the ATU 107 doesn't want to see the P3s at design build phases. He explained that they would like to bring this inhouse and have Metrolinx involved as a public agency.
- Sabra Salim asked about operations and maintenance and how the HSR would make sure there was accountability. Tuck stated that they have had issues with the novo buses and with HSR buses there is always a struggle to get funding. Rosborough stated that they are looking at moving back to having a transit commission, as this would be the best solution to get representatives from concerns group involved.
- Ibe stated that Metrolinx was public because it was part of the province. He asked how do they reconcile with arguments for accountability and if transit was cut then students would be affected. Rosborough responded that they have heard from a number of organizations expressing their frustration. He said the answer to that would be a transit commission, and having someone on Council to help, as well as having seats from the community. He explained that they need to show that they have a voice in the city, and if the ATU joins the fight now they can make sure it stays public.

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by Quinn to exhaust the Speaker's List.

Vote to Exhaust Speaker's List

Passes Unanimously

Questions

- Anas stated that the HSR is publicly operated, and that a number of students have frustrations with them. He asked if this was kept public how were they planning on changing to get better service, and direct customer service with operators. Rosborough responded that organization was a big thing. He stated that the transit strategy included fare increases, where they are now in the third year where council was supposed to increase the HSR budget but they put it on hold. He explained that the argument to that was that this was an open vote at council and they only way they were able to vote on this was because they didn't believe they were accountable for it. He stated that an election was coming up next year, and this was a great opportunity to make this an election issue.
- Patel stated that LRT was different than buses, and asked wouldn't it be more efficient to find someone who could do it all. He stated that maintenance was key. He asked would it cost taxpayers to pay for people to be trained to maintain. Rosborough responded that there wasn't a surplus of those who can do that, so people will need to be trained. He explained that whoever is operating the system will pay for training, and they would have about 10 years before the LRT was up and running.
- Ibe stated that there were concerns raised about private servicing profitable lines, and that it doesn't hold with the LRT. He stated that the line has been chosen and that there was nothing based on given service

areas. He explained that he was torn between the argument made in the beginning of the presentation. Ibe asked them to speak about the accountability for the transit commission. Rosborough responded that the issue they would have to deal with if LRT was privatized was that the line would expand and expanded into profitable areas. He stated that LRT allows a lot of flexibility for ridership as it would run every 10 minutes. He added that private companies would say that it wasn't profitable and then give up the contract, and that they would cherry-pick the profitable lines and the lines on the municipal books wouldn't bring in any money.

REPORT PERIOD

1. Arts & Science Caucus – Yun presented

- Yun summarized the report.

Questions

- Wilson asked what angle they were taking with the mental health initiative. Yun responded that the way that it was envisioned in the yearplan would be to work with campaigns of the past such as MACtalks and collaborate.

2. Business Caucus - McNally presented

- McNally summarized the report.

3. Engineering Caucus – Lightstone presented

- Lightstone summarized the report.

Questions

- Domingues-Floean asked for clarification on movie night. Lightstone stated that it will be advertised to the engineering students with the bulk of posters being put in JHE, and run through their caucus page. He added that this will be open to all McMaster students and staff, and would love it if everyone could attend.
- Quinn asked if they will be caucus of the year. Lightstone responded that it was a goal to achieve from their yearplan.

4. Health Sciences Caucus – Lee presented

- Lee summarized the report.

Questions

- Ibe stated that he saw something about a caucus committee, and that it was on his radar in his yearplan. He stated that this would pertain to all caucuses as he was looking to create a standardized committee, and he would love to have a conversation through Internal Governance Committee.

5. Humanities Caucus – Fama presented

- Fama summarized the report.

Questions

- Anbalagan asked if Humanities was working with ArtSci and Commerce for the bi-weekly videos. Fama responded that it was in their yearplan, but they haven't discussed it yet.

6. Kinesiology Caucus – no report submitted

- Mustafa went over the Kinesiology Caucus Yearplan with the Assembly.

7. Nursing Caucus – Nwamadi presented

- Nwamadi summarized the report.

Questions

- Lightstone asked how they were planning on dealing with the fact that some nursing students are MSU members, and others are Mohawk College students. Nwamadi responded that they only represent McMaster, but regardless they will be including the whole McMaster campus.
- D’Souza asked if Nursing has a lot of mature students. Nwamadi responded that there weren’t any in her stream, but once they get to second year everyone will be combined. She added that at the past Welcome Week they did something for mature students.

8. Science Caucus – Sabra Salim presented

- Salim summarized the report.

Questions

- D’Souza asked for a timeline on the interfaith council. Salim stated that there was a meeting planned for after the SRA meeting.
- Ibe asked when they would be meeting with the Associate Dean. Salim responded that they have reached out, and will be organizing something soon. Ibe stated that he has a meeting set with Maureen in early August, and invited the Science Caucus to sit in with him.

9. Social Sciences Caucus – Patel presented

- Patel summarized the report.

Questions

- Ibe asked for Patel to go over their Welcome Week strategy. Patel responded that they have reached out to the campus store and received funding from them, and they will be giving away items throughout Welcome Week to those who engage in their content.
- Domingues-Flores asked what they were thinking of doing for the contest. Patel responded that they would be doing something similar to SWHAT and Horizons have done. They will list the item of what they would be giving away and get students to comment on the page, like and invite friends to the page.

10. Executive Board – Ibe presented

- Ibe summarized the report.

11. SAB Ad-Hoc Committee – report attached

- Webb summarized the report.

Questions

- Lee asked if they could go over the process of which stakeholders and consultations have been chosen. Lightstone responded that the stakeholders haven’t been chosen yet, but a lot of them would be self-explanatory. He added that they have been in contact with faith groups on campus, as that was important. They will also be in talks with the current food and beverage services that the MSU has and

look into options for a grocery store. Lightstone explained that as they figure out what students want out of the space they will get an idea of who they will need to contact.

- Domingues-Floreat asked how they will distribute the survey. Webb responded that it will be on the MSU website and shared on social media. Lightstone added that they have talked about collaborating with faculty societies to distribute on their pages, amongst other ideas.
- Domingues-Floreat stated that she felt that a lot of input needed to be done to get student feedback and that they weren't targeting the proper people. She stated that if this was done through Welcome Week then there would be first years, she asked how would they target the returning students who weren't involved in Welcome Week. Webb responded that there will be a lot of posts on social media. She added that every faculty has a listserv and so the link will be sent out to others.
- Sabra Salim stated that the Science Caucus will also be distributing a survey, and that if they do contact faculty societies there might be better outreach with that instead of just Facebook.

12. Vice-President (Administration) – Anbalagan presented

- Anbalagan summarized the report.

Questions

- Sabra Salim asked if she had spoken to the WWFC about Faculty Cup. Anbalagan stated that she had mentioned it to her but hadn't followed up yet.
- Wilson asked what was the long-term strategy about accommodation and employment equity and if there were plans for pursuing this. They also asked how they would know if the accommodation policy will be successful. Anbalagan responded that she will be working with the new Operations Coordinator, and then they will bring it to Executive Board for them to be the sounding board. She explained with that they will have a number of individuals who have been here long-term.
- Lee stated that he noticed that the AVP Internal Governance was taking on a managerial role for the SRA. He asked if they should be updating the bylaw or create a new position. He felt that this was different than the mandate given previously. Anbalagan responded that the AVPs are new this year, and that they have some flexibility on what their jobs look like. She stated that she wanted to add value to the position and that she will be providing opportunities to look over documents that could be cumbersome. Anbalagan explained that the pilot was to look at the possibility of the role having a supervisory or support function for caucus leaders, but that they aren't looking into permanent changes yet.
- Wilson asked what they were doing with the current policy on harassment and if there any plans of making changes. Anbalagan responded that they don't have any plans to do any more updates as it took a while for the Board to read and pass it. She added that one thing she would like to do would be to make sure that it was communicated on more than one spot on the website.

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Quinn that the Assembly recess until 1:00pm

- Lightstone stated that they have been in the meeting for two hours and that it was time for lunch.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Ibe, Anbalagan
Motion Passes

Recessed at 12:23pm
Called to Order at 1:07pm

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Absent Excused: Obaidullah, Vlatkovic, Zheng

Absent

Late: Aoki, Lao, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga

Others Present

Chair Helen Zeng

13. Vice-President (Education) – Deshpande presented

- Deshpande summarized the report.

Questions

- Sabrin Salim asked why Change Camp was moved to September. Deshpande stated that the MSU doesn't host Change Camp, but added that he liked having it in September as they can get it out of the way and dedicate the summer to it. He added that this way people can come in and find projects to be involved in.
- Quinn stated that she had a concern about the flag, and how would they ensure that it will represent the various territories. Deshpande responded that they won't be the ones deciding on that, and will be leaving that to [redacted] to take the lead on that as they will be doing the research. He added that there will only be one flagpole going up, and that it would hold the Wampum belt flag that represents the treaties of the two nations.
- Lee asked Deshpande to go over the priorities of ADVOCAN. Deshpande responded that they will be looking at Indigenous Students, International Students, and undergraduate research funding. He added that there was a fourth item that he could follow up on.
- Lee asked if they would be joining ADVOCAN for federal lobbying. Deshpande responded that as of now, yes. He stated that he may put forward a motion on the CASA plenary to make changes that would make the MSU want to re-join CASA.
- Sabrin Salim asked if he has met with OUSA, and what were their priorities. Deshpande stated that he has another report to do coming up.
- Lightstone asked if there was a structural issue with CASA, and was that not the reason why they parted ways. He asked if they changed their priorities. Deshpande responded that CASA has not made any changes, and that other schools have now come forward to try and address these issues. He explained that CASA was a good organization to be a part of, but not right now.

14. Vice-President (Finance) – D'Souza presented

- D'Souza summarized the report.

Questions

- Patel asked if TwelvEighty has time to integrate the meal plan into the system. D'Souza stated that they do take the meal card, but if someone wanted to order their food online they would have to come in and use their card.
- Wilson asked what the wages will look like when minimum wage goes up in January, and what were the plans for implementation. D'Souza responded that this will go through the Finance Committee, and that during first term they will be preparing reports and recommendations. He added that they didn't have any plans of implanting anything before January.
- Sabrin Salim stated that she spoke to someone who worked at TwelvEighty and they said that they would have liked more say and input on the café. She asked if this was something to consider. D'Souza

responded that the main people they were speaking to were Richard, Jen, and Stu. He added that at this time a lot of staff were being re-hired, and was hoping that Jen could provide direction.

- Patel stated that in conversations with the AVP Finance, there weren't any records of past SRA projects. D'Souza stated that there are records of money spent, but not the actual projects. He stated that there wasn't much care given, but in the past the budget was used for constituent outreach.
- Senthillmohan stated that D'Souza mentioned that he wanted to reduce costs for clubs. Senthillmohan asked for an update. D'Souza responded that this will be through Campus Events, and that the Programming Coordinator will be there to help club put on events.
- Sabra Salim asked if D'Souza had reached out to the religious groups on campus for SAB. D'Souza stated that he has had a number of phone calls, and recommendations are being compiled together.
- Patel asked if there was a way to integrate record keeping for SRA finances for future caucuses, so that they could see what has been done to either improve upon or replicate. D'Souza responded that the AVP Finance will be creating a submission form so that projects can be tracked.

15. President – Ibe presented

- Ibe summarized the report.

Questions

- Anas stated that the University appointed a new Chief Technology Officer. He asked how they were playing a role with the Wi-Fi and network. Ibe responded that the goal was to get an MSU member on the committee, but UTS has shifted how they organize themselves. He stated that there will be conversations happening in the next couple of weeks.
- Sabrin Salim asked if the new Wi-Fi would be replacing MacSecure. Ibe responded that they just created a new option with more access points. He stated that it would replace MacConnect.
- Arnold stated that she believed that language mattered, and wanted Ibe to explain what he meant by 'going for the jugular'. She asked how he was planning on maintaining positive work relationships with the SRA without threatening power and balances. Ibe responded that the goal was letting everyone know that a BOD member is still a person, and if you treat them as human beings everyone can collaborate more. He hoped that they could continue holding each other accountable through the year.
- Lightstone stated that the University now has a campus license agreement with Microsoft, and that students will have access to Office 365 at no charge. He asked why haven't they gotten in on this before if there were cost saving opportunities. Ibe responded that this wasn't a platform point but it came from the IT roundtable. He stated he was just highlighting something that happened on campus.
- Anas stated that right now Mosaic goes through Google service and Microsoft, but Exchange and Google don't streamline. He asked if there was a product that could help that go together. Ibe responded that he didn't have an answer for that question, but he will have conversations with the Network Administrator and UTS.

16. OUSA Stat Con – Deshpande presented

- Deshpande summarized the report.

Questions

- Quinn stated that she was confused as to why tuition hasn't been a main priority in ten years. She added that debt amnesty was an important issue as financial accessibility was becoming difficult. Quinn asked why OUSA didn't make tuition their number one priority. Deshpande responded that it was there for the 17/18 priorities, and that their asks were expansive.
- Quinn followed up by saying that she didn't see this in the campaign points. Deshpande responded that they ran a tuition campaign two years ago, and that it wasn't well received and didn't act upon it. He explained that it was a lobbying priority, not a campaign one.
- Lightstone stated that during the last federal election they had a voting booth on campus. He explained that this would be helpful during the provincial elections, and asked if it would be possible to get voter

registration on campus. Deshpande responded that they don't know when the election will be, and that it could be any time between now and June 2018. He added that voter registration is now online, so it's easy to sign up.

- Anas asked if they could try a campaign to get everyone on campus to vote in the municipal election. Deshpande responded that the municipal election will be six months after the provincial elections and that it wasn't on their radar. He stated that if the City wanted to prioritize student voting then that was something that the City should do. Deshpande explained that the MSU will work to try and ensure this.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- Quinn reported that WGEN applications were closing for Safe(r) Space Volunteers.
- Wilson reported that the revised Workplace Anti-Violence, Harassment, and Sexual Assault Prevention Policy wasn't updated on the website, and that they could only find the document on the website and under policy and procedures. Wilson stated that this was upsetting to them as it was stressful to people coming forward, and that there wasn't a sufficient policy in place. Wilson added that they have so many staff in the union and there was so much lacking in terms of workplace accommodation. Wilson stated that this was something that has personally impacted them and that it has most likely impacted other people.
- Lightstone reported that there was an MSU seat open on the Sponsorship & Donations Committee.
- Ibe stated that one of the more challenging parts of this position was the information that comes across their desk. He stated that one of them being losing a student. Eli O'Donnell has passed away, and the MSU has written a letter to his parents, and have donated to their charities of choice.
- Ibe responded to Wilson's statement, and stated that the Board shares these concerns. He explained that this has been raised with full-time staff and will follow up with them in the next couple of weeks. Ibe stated that he wanted to establish a reward for those who have done a lot over the year. He thanked Sabra Salim and David Lee for their hard work so far, and stated that it was now their responsibility to pass on praise to two more people.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Lightstone asked the Vice-President (Administration) why the approved minutes from previous SRA meetings not up on the website. Anbalagan stated that this was someone's job and that she will follow up.
- Sabra Salim asked the Vice-President (Administration) if the MSU considered opening a position for someone to constantly update the website. Anbalagan stated that they do have a full-time staff member dedicated to this, and that they just haven't been doing it.

BUSINESS

1. Approval of Yearplans

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by Patel that the Assembly approve the following YEARplans:

- President
- Vice-President (Administration)
- Vice-President (Finance)
- Vice-President (Education)
- SRA Arts & Science Caucus
- SRA Business Caucus
- SRA Engineering Caucus
- SRA Health Sciences Caucus
- SRA Humanities Caucus
- SRA Kinesiology Caucus
- SRA Nursing Caucus

- SRA Science Caucus
- SRA Social Sciences Caucus

- Ibe thanked everyone for writing their yearplans.
- Deshpande stated that if there was anything connected to the BOD in their yearplans to please reach out as soon as they could. He explained that a lot falls under their portfolios and they would like to see the members success.

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Lee to separate the question.

- Lightstone stated that he would like to have the chance to speak about the engineering yearplan, and that a lot of caucus leaders would probably like to speak about theirs as well. He explained that by splitting this up it could go quickly.
- Lee stated that he was against this and that there were more efficient ways to go about this.
- Lightstone rescinded the motion.

Moved by Sabra Salim, **seconded** by Quinn to add the updated Science Yearplan to the motion, as circulated.

Moved by Anas, **seconded** by Fama to Call to Question

Vote to Call to Question

In Favour: 28 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 1
Opposed: Lightstone, Ibe
Abstained: Arnold
Motion Passes

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Back to Main Motion

- Lee stated that one of his students asked to bring up the engineering social, to get more information on what it was. Lee ceded to Lightstone. Lightstone responded that it was for the caucus, and they currently didn't have any plans set out. He added that they were thinking of a sleepover with pizza and fondue, or a picnic on JHE field.
- Webb asked for Ibe to expand on the approach of engagement and feedback on MSU campaign platforms, in relation to his goal of opening up the MSU. Webb ceded to Ibe. Ibe responded that the platform he ran on was slightly different than the yearplan. He stated that he made a promise of taking back the ideas of those who ran and finding ways to have them be priorities for incoming boards. He explained that he didn't want any good idea left behind.
- Arnold asked for Ibe to explain what supports they have to do with tech literacy. Arnold ceded to Ibe. Ibe responded that he was having conversations with faculty societies, and that there was a huge opportunity with maker space in the library. He explained that it wasn't a question of it happening, just a matter of when it will happen.
- Wilson asked what was the people's project. Wilson ceded to Ibe. Ibe responded that he was trying to get SRA members on for this goal, as there usually is a gap in knowledge for those running in an election. He explained that this will allow to connect with students and campaign managers and have something external on how to execute a proper campaign.
- Sabra Salim suggested that for the maker's space to send promo materials to the SRA for them to post.
- Webb asked Ibe about his consultation and research process for his goals. Webb ceded to Ibe. Ibe responded that he has many extensive conversations with the partners outlined in the plan.

- Lightstone stated that the Engineering Caucus had a great yearplan, and went over it with the Assembly.
- Anas asked Deshpande to expand more about data collection under OUSA and to clarify what it would mean. Anas ceded to Deshpande. Deshpande responded that data collection was about that the province doesn't collect demo data for students in terms of race, age, and social economic status. He explained that it was about public and accessible information and that it would help with universities being able to structure themselves. Deshpande stated that this was very easy to do as everyone who applies to go to school has a number.
- Wilson asked Deshpande what was the plan for data collection, and the plan for the policy.
- Deshpande stated that they were going through a review, and that every year they look at six policies. He explained that the Vice-President (Education) will not be an expert on all topics. His hope was to get people who were passionate to come forward and give input to make sure the policy reflects their interests. He added that they will be doing extensive research and will be debated on at policycon.
- Patel went over the Social Sciences yearplan with the Assembly.
- Wilson stated that why was their approach to accessibility advocacy using the cartographer app. They explained that the app doesn't get updated and there was no way to remove items. They stated that it was important for people to navigate campus and to have more power at their disposal. They explained that both approaches were necessary for student feedback and experiences on campus. They asked Ibe if there was anything addressing the deferred maintenance and snow removal policies. Wilson ceded to Ibe. Ibe responded that in his yearplan he highlighted that he wanted to make sure good ideas didn't get left behind. He explained that there were past projects highlighted by the old presidents, and a push from the previous BOD. He explained that this will be one of many steps to be taken, and that he will be making sure that deferred maintenance will get addressed.
- Anas asked Ibe to expand on his plan for the off-campus move-in day. Ibe responded that the plan with SOCS and OCRC was to help students in West Village Suites, for August 25 and September 1. He explained that they have received the green light from everyone involved, but just waiting for EOHSS approval.
- Sabra Salim went over the Science Caucus yearplan with the Assembly.
- Anas stated that they should be looking at students whose parents were working during move-in. He felt that west village was a great idea to start but the base rent is so high, so usually students are prepared to move in themselves. He asked Ibe to look into those who would actually need assistance. Anas ceded his time to Ibe. Ibe disagreed and stated that he lived in west village as an international student, and that he moved himself. He stated that he understood and appreciated the premise of moving on a needs basis.
- Lightstone asked the Social Science caucus why they didn't follow the general template format of their yearplan. He stated that the format was important for information so that they could hold everyone to account. Lightstone ceded to Patel. Patel responded that he wanted to go with something new, and that the template was outdated. He stated that the VP Admin stated that there wasn't guidance besides the basic template so Patel figured he could take it the way he wanted to. Patel added that if there needed to be an accessible format he could provide that.

Vote on Motion

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- SRA Kinesiology Caucus
- SRA Nursing Caucus
- SRA Science Caucus
- SRA Social Sciences Caucus

Passes Unanimously

2. Clubs Ratification

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Lightstone that the Assembly ratify the new and returning clubs as circulated and recommended by the Clubs Administrator for the 2017-2018 academic year.

- Anbalagan stated that they have been provided another list from the Clubs Administrator.
- Stott asked if there was any update on the information requested from the previous ratification. Stott ceded to Lightstone. Lightstone responded that the clubs were ratified and that they just asked for an inquiry into certain clubs that had less than 10 members vote in their club's election.
- D'Souza stated that they were still waiting to hear back about that.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

3. Close MSU Seat to Standing Committee

Moved by D'Souza, **seconded** by Quinn that the Assembly close one (1) MSU Seat on the Finance Committee.

Nominations

- Stephan Matrakchine
- Nick Ponikvar

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Quinn to set parameters for the election to be a five-minute speech per candidate.

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker read out the nominees' statements
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot

Candidate	Vote
Matrakchine	9
Ponikvar	14
Spoiled	4
Abstain	3

- Nick Ponikvar won the MSU seat on the Finance Committee.

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Wilson that the Assembly recess for 10 minutes.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 1
Opposed: McGill, McNally, Lightstone, Senthillmohan
Abstained: Patel
Motion Passes

Recessed at 3:06pm
Called to Order at 3:16pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present: Anas, Anbalagan, Aoki, Arnold, Chestney, Deshpande, Fama, Florean, Ibe, Lee, Lightstone, McGill, McNally, Mustafa, Nwamadi, Ochocinski, Patel, Quinn, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthilmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Web, Wilson, Yun, Zhang
Absent Excused: Obaidullah, Vlatkovic, Zheng
Absent Late: D'Souza
Others Present Chair: Helen Zeng

4. Close MSU Seat to Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Sabra Salim that the Assembly close one (1) MSU Seat on the Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council.

- Deshpande stated that he would like to get someone on the committee so that they can start meeting.

Nominees

- Michael Dennis
- Jordana Satok

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Fama, **seconded** by Lightstone to set parameters for the election to be a five-minute speech per candidate.

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker read out nominees' statements
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot

Candidate	Vote
Dennis	17
Satok	12
Spoiled	1
Abstain	1

- Michael Dennis won the MSU Seat on the Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council

5. Open SRA Seat to Standing Committee

Moved by Patel, **seconded** by Stott that the Assembly open one (1) SRA Seat on the Internal Governance Committee.

Passes Unanimously

6. Close SRA Seats to Standing Committees

Moved by Patel, **seconded** by Sabrin Salim that the Assembly close the following SRA Seats to Standing Committees:

- Internal Governance (1)
- Provincial & Federal Affairs (2)

Nominations

- Sabrin Salim nominated herself for Internal Governance (acclaimed)
- Anbalagan nominated Lao for Internal Governance – declined
- Lightstone nominated Lee for Internal Governance – declined
- Deshpande nominated Max Aoki for Provincial & Federal Affairs - accepted
- Deshpande nominated Uwais Patel for Provincial & Federal Affairs - accepted
- Deshpande nominated Sabrin Salim for Provincial & Federal Affairs - accepted
- Deshpande nominated Alex Wilson for Provincial & Federal Affairs - accepted

Passes Unanimously

- Sabrin Salim was acclaimed to the SRA Seat on the Internal Governance Committee

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Anas to set parameters for the election to be one minute for opening statements, and two minutes for questions pooled.

Friendly Amendment

Moved by Lightstone to put a 30-second cap on questions

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

Nominees

- Aoki
- Patel
- Sabrin Salim
- Wilson
- The Candidates spoke within the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Aoki	13
Patel	13
Salim	19
Wilson	12
Spoiled	1
Abstain	0

- Patel and Aoki tied for the second seat on the Committee. The Speaker gave them an extra 30 seconds to speak.
- The Candidates spoke within the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot.

Candidate	Vote
Aoki	15
Patel	15
Spoiled	0
Abstain	1

- Patel rescinded his nomination as he felt that this Committee would be a great opportunity for Aoki to be a voting member.
- Aoki and Sabrin Salim won the SRA seats on the Provincial and Federal Affairs Committee.

7. Open SRA seat on Teaching Awards Committee

Moved by Patel, **seconded** by Sabrin Salim that the Assembly open one (1) SRA Seat on the Teaching Awards Committee.

Passes Unanimously

8. Close SRA seat on Teaching Awards Committee

Moved by Patel, **seconded** by Fama that the Assembly close one (1) SRA Seat on the Teaching Awards Committee.

Nominations

- Wilson nominated Chestney – declined
- Sabrin Salim nominated Lao - accepted

Passes Unanimously

- Chestney won the SRA seat on the Teaching Awards Committee.

9. Endorsement of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 's "Keep Transit Public" campaign.

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lightstone that the McMaster Students Union endorse the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 's "Keep Transit Public" campaign.

- Deshpande stated that there were a lot of sides to be considered. He asked the Assembly to think of what mattered most to them and how it would impact MSU members who have the bus pass. Deshpande added that if they choose not to take a stance doesn't mean that they will be 'copping out'.
- Lightstone stated that this was a complicated issue and felt that they didn't have enough information to make a valid statement of support or not. He stated that it was an informative presentation, but a lot of questions weren't answered to his satisfaction. Lightstone stated that he wouldn't be comfortable of taking a position either for or against this.
- Quinn stated that she was a labour journalist, and a labour studies student. She stated that from what she has seen going private becomes a disaster. Quinn stated that privatization increased costs and lessens the service. She felt that it was important to endorse this and have the HSR bid. She explained that there was no guarantee that they would win the contract, but the HSR has been a public entity with Hamilton for a number of years. Quinn stated that if they start supporting the members of the union then they could build positive relationships and create a transit commissioner. She explained that a lot of private companies don't treat their workers with respect and dignity.
- Sabrin Salim stated that it was important to take a stance, and that as the MSU it was important to for them to make a difference with the stance. She explained that she could see both sides of the argument but that it was important to remember that they need to do the best for their students. Salim asked the Assembly to make sure what they were voting for aligns with their personal values and morals.

- Patel stated that they have only seen one side of the argument and that was something to think about when voting to endorse the campaign.
- D'Souza stated that how they negotiated the bus passes for students in the past was based on percentages of the monthly bus pass, and that they have been seeing huge increases over the years. He explained that when the HSR was negotiating the costs this year, they argued that they were losing money and that they wanted the students to make up for that. D'Souza added that they have seen a decline of ridership over the past couple of years and felt that this was the driving factor of costs going upwards.
- Deshpande stated that the HSR sets their fees, and if they had control over the LRT then they would be setting that amount. He added that Waterloo's VP has been in a lot of contact about this, and they have had a lot of transition and got to sit down at the table with GrandLinq. Deshpande stated that the VP pointed out that it was important to remember that GrandLinq was a public-owned privately managed non-profit corporation for the light rail, and that meant any losses on LRT would be split from the rest of the transit system, and any profits are reinvested into a maintenance fund or immediate upgrades to the system. Deshpande stated that VP felt that if the Hamilton LRT was similar to the GrandLinq operating model then there would be nothing to worry about. Deshpande stated that if this was similar then it would mean that Hamilton would still own their LRT (they hold majority ownership in the NPO), this will insulate the City and the rest of the transit system from losses in the LRT operations, ensured the City can't cannibalize the LRT funds to make up for operating shortfalls elsewhere, and there will be better risk management, as maintenance and operating funds are protected through the NPO agreement. Deshpande added that he wouldn't characterize this as privatization, and that it was a P3 model that firewalls the funds for a public good from general public funds and control.
- Sabra Salim stated that she was voting this down, but not to take a negative stance. She explained that she will encourage everyone to stay neutral. She felt that more questions needed to be answered as they don't have a lot of assurance about how the HSR is working currently. Salim stated that accountability was important and would like to make sure they could hold someone accountable, and with the public sector they can do that.
- Anas stated that it seemed as though Hamilton will be going through a lot of growth within the next 10 years. He stated that more and more students will want to stay here and transportation was important. He added that they need to take into account those students who will be staying in Hamilton and how transit will impact their decision to do so. Anas stated that the HSR service to students hasn't gotten better, and they were even confiscating bus passes last year. He felt that the HSR would be able to own LRT and provide adequate service to students.
- Sabrin Salim asked in terms of Grand Links in Waterloo, how would they be sure that private companies would follow the same model. Salim ceded to Deshpande. Deshpande responded that the way that it would work is that Metrolinx put out a call for bidder who would like to run the LRT, and the company that states in their contract that they will prioritize items at the lowest costs will be how the operator will be chosen. Deshpande stated that this company would then be bound to their contract and would have to incur any losses.
- Quinn asked if those union members from Waterloo were getting the same pension and pay. She explained that it wasn't a good thing to bust unions, and that it would be in their best interest to stand in solidarity. She explained that the only accountability that anyone gets would be when it was election time. She stated that they should go to the table and so that it would show the need for the MSU to step up when it came to transit advocacy.
- Lightstone stated that what they were talking about was if the HSR would be given a crack at trying to get the operations. He explained that based on what was presented it may be cheaper for the consortium to have the operations contract. Lightstone added that there wasn't an equivocal system in Ontario and based on their presentation of what they were bringing to the table, wasn't much. Lightstone felt that this wouldn't have an impact on students, and didn't think that there was a reason to the MSU to take a stance.
- Ibe stated that he invited the union to come in and speak to the Assembly, as this campaign may be great for the ATU and HSR, but it would also be great for students. Ibe stated that this was time sensitive for the ATU, but not the MSU. He explained that the Ed team can come up with robust recommendations. Ibe

added that the ATU was interested in creating a committee, as well as advocate for a transit commissioner and that can't happen without endorsement. Ibe concluded that he will do everything in his power to build a relationship, regardless of the outcome of the motion.

Vote on Motion

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lightstone that the McMaster Students Union endorse the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107 's "Keep Transit Public" campaign.

In Favour: 8 Opposed: 10 Abstentions: 13

Opposed: Lightstone, Zhang, Szeliga, Sabrin Salim, Sabra Salim, Yun, Fama, McGill, Chestney, Arnold
Abstained: D'Souza, Aoki, Stott, Mustafa, Nwamadi, Lao, Lee, Risi, McNally, Ohochinski, Florean, Patel, Anas
Motion Fails

10. Open SRA seat on MUSC Board of Management

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Aoki that the Assembly one (1) SRA seat on the MUSC Board of Management.

- Lightstone stated that the meetings are Wednesdays at 1:30pm every two months. He encouraged anyone who was interested in the seat to speak with Ibe.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 10, 2017
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present: Anas, Anbalagan, Aoki, Arnold, Chestney, Deshpande, D'Souza, Fama, Florean, Ibe, Lao, Lee, Lightstone, McGill, McNally, Mustafa, Nwamadi, Ochocinski, Patel, Quinn, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthilmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Web, Wilson, Yun, Zhang

Absent Excused: Obaidullah, Vlatkovic, Zheng

Absent

Late

Others Present

Chair Helen Zeng

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Webb, **seconded** by Wilson that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 4:52 pm

/vs