



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 17F
Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 110

Called to Order at 5:01pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present:	Anas, Anbalagan, Aoki, Arnold, Deshpande, Fama, Florean, Lao, Lee Lightstone, McGill, McNally, Mustafa, Obaidullah, Ochocinski, Patel, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthilmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Vlatkovic, Webb, Wilson, Yun, Zhang, Zheng
Absent Excused:	
Absent	
Late	Chestney, D'Souza, Ibe, Nwamadi
Others Present	Scott Robinson (AVP Finance), Andrew Clubine (OUSA President), Sophie Helpard (OUSA Executive Director), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs), Emma Ferguson (Recording Secretary)
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 Anbalagan, **seconded** by Deshpande that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by Anbalagan to amend the agenda to include the following motion as the last business item-:

"Moved by ____, seconded by ____ that the Assembly move into a Committee of the Whole, committed to being in closed session."

- Ibe stated that the discussion would be in reference to the materials he had circulated earlier that weekend.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Amendment

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Lee that the Assembly add the following three motions, in the following order, after Business item #10.

"Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by _____ that the assembly open one (1) MSU seat on the Elections Committee."

"Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by _____, that the MSU hold a General Meeting first semester to engage with membership previous to any at large referenda or elections."

“Moved by Anbalagan, seconded by _____, that the MSU acknowledge education as a right and advocate for universal tuition free access.”

- Anbalagan stated that she had previously circulated the motions and she was happy to answer any questions.

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by Anbalagan that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Passes Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Speaker asked that those who are observing to please add their name to the Observer’s List.

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

Set Parameters

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Anbalagan to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor to be 20minutes for presentation, and 10 minutes for questions.

Vote on Parameters

Passes Unanimously

1. OUSA – Sophie Helpard and Andrew Clubine presented (presentation attached)

- Helpard and Clubine went through the presentation with the Assembly.

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lee to extend the presentation time until complete.

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

Questions

- Lightstone asked what their major wins were from the past year. Helpard reviewed the 2017 milestones from the presentation. She added that the government introduced an open textbook library.
- Deshpande asked why OUSA does not advocate for free tuition. Helpard responded that tuition is just on piece of post-secondary education costs, which also include living costs, ancillary fees, books, food and more. The solution should address all costs which is why OUSA advocates for loans and grants. She explained that there are families and students that can afford the cost of tuition, while there are other students being disenfranchised. The latter group should be focused on, rather than simply tuition.
- Wilson asked what thoughts OUSA has on peer to peer support. Helpard responded that they had been holistic in looking at all the supports for mental health but also dream about what should exist. Clubine responded that their job was to find the best use for the money the government gives, as the government may not understand how to meet student needs.
- Ibe asked them to speak to the relationship between OUSA and other federal and student bodies. Helpard responded that they work with partners at the College Student Alliance to present concerns and recommendations. They also work with student governments who are not members but are interested in the OUSA model. Federally, they worked with other provincial organizations across Canada to create a publication called Shared Perspectives.
- Ibe asked what strategy OUSA had for the upcoming provincial election. Clubine responded that all three major parties had interest in speaking with OUSA. Their continued approach was to bring a student voice to the table and find their priorities on every platform.

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

Passes Unanimously

Questions (cont.)

- Lightstone asked what opportunities there are for students at member schools to get involved in OUSA aside from being a delegate at General Assembly. Helpard responded that students could write guest blogs for OUSA, work towards the VP Education role, and apply for the summer research internship. Clubine responded that a less formal way to get involved would be to have conversations on campus on the issues of your interest. For example, many instructors may not know about all the open education resources available to them, as a student you could reach out and inform them.
- Urszula Sitarz asked what perceived challenges they expect when dealing with open educational resources, both at the ministry level and with students. Clubine responded the biggest challenge may be people not understanding what is meant by 'open'. Open is in reference to the licencing, it does not necessarily mean free or digital. He added that awareness and increasing the development of open textbooks would also be difficult.

REPORT PERIOD

1. **Arts & Science Caucus – Yun presented**
 - Yun summarized the report.
2. **Business Caucus - McNally presented**
 - McNally summarized the report.
3. **Engineering Caucus – Lightstone presented**

- Lightstone summarized the report.

Questions

- Deshpande asked if the MES had thought about collaborating with Maroon Minutes to come up with summaries for SRA meetings. Lightstone responded that Maroon Minutes were removed from the policy and when they did exist they were highly labour intensive and not quick.
- Anbalagan asked if there were any anticipated dates for events. Lightstone responded that he would have an answer by 17G.
- Lee asked if Lightstone know anything about the priorities of the MES. He stated he was having difficult reaching them in regards to Thode Library hours. Lightstone responded that he did not have information on their priorities but he could help with Thode.
- Anbalagan asked if they had a particular strategy for increasing Facebook likes. Lightstone responded that they would be promoting their page at the monthly movie night initiative and would also be hosting a swag bag giveaway.

4. Internal Governance Committee – Kamini Persaud presented

- Persaud summarized the report.

Questions

- Ibe asked for the definition of plebiscite. Persaud read out the definition: “the direct vote of all the members of an electorate on an important public question such as a change in the constitution.”
- Deshpande asked if the committee would be working on creating small changes in the Bylaws and Operating Policies, like changing commissioner titles to AVP. Persaud explained that it would either be done by the committee or potentially by the Office Clerks.

5. Services Committee– Kristina Epifano presented

- Epifano summarized the report.

Questions

- Lee commended Epifano for her work standardizing EOHSS. He asked if the services that should have been audited last year were being done. Epifano explained that the services that had their pilot year were being reviewed and about half the others.

6. Executive Board– Lightstone presented

- Lightstone summarized the report.

7. President – Ibe presented

- Ibe summarized the report.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- Patel advised that the Social Science caucus did a very successful giveaway, reaching over 2000 individuals.

- Deshpande announced that OUSA General Assembly applications were open from October 26-29 and students could apply through the MSU jobs portal.
- Scott Robinson announced that he would be circulating an application for the SRA special projects fund.
- Anbalagan announced an event called Pathways for Low Carbon Future would be taking place September 27th and encourage Assembly members to attend and advertise the event.
- Ibe commended Ochocinski for all her great work.
- Lightstone reported that he had convened an interfaith council with the help of both Ibe and Sabra Salim in order for representatives of different faiths to work on shared issues and build relationships.
- Anas announced that FYC and Elections were holding an Elections 1A03 on September 14th. Location information available online.
- Lee announced that FYC elections close September 19th.
- Stephanie Bertolo announced that Change Camp registration was open for the event on September 25th from 5:30pm-9pm.
- Sabra Salim asked everyone to like each others Facebook pages.
- Sabrin Salim asked everyone to ensure they share each others events and posts.
- D'Souza commended Lightstone and Sabra Salim for all the work they had done on the interfaith council.
- Lightstone asked everyone to please take a break and reach out to someone if things ever become too overwhelming.
- Anbalagan commended the Social Science caucus for their successful giveaway.
- Scott Robinson asked everyone to share the Student Activity Building survey.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Lightstone asked D'Souza if he know the exact date for the OPIRG opt-out period. D'Souza responded that it was a two week period after the drop and add date.
- Sabra Salim asked any member of the Board what precautions were being put in place to ensure safety at Homecoming after what occurred at the Post Malone concert. Deshpande thanked Salim for her feedback. He explained that they were well aware Representatives had a very difficult time that night and there was a lack of communication. He clarified that there was never an expectation for Representatives to put themselves in dangerous situations and they would ensure all communication was much more clear going forward.
- Wilson asked Anbalagan and Deshpande why the Residence Orientation Representative training in regard to suicide and sexual violence was in direct opposition to policy. Anbalagan responded that Residence Life acts autonomously in training their reps. She explained that training as a whole should be overhauled and she would relay all feedback to the Welcome Week Planning and Implementation Committee. In the future there will be forums hosted for more insight on the training from the student perspective. Anbalagan ceded her time to Deshpande. Deshpande explained that Meagan Ross, a McMaster employee, delivered the training to Residence Life and so it could not have been in direct opposition to McMaster policy. He clarified that he did feel the policy was bad.
- Vlatkovic asked any member of the Board of Directors what was specifically going to change for the ID process at homecoming. He stated that he waited 1.5 hours to get in to the Welcome Week concert. D'Souza responded that the iPod scanners had died causing issues so there would be extra battery packs for those. He advised they would be opening the doors much earlier to filter more people in.
- Sooriyakumaran asked D'Souza why so many Representatives were being used to stabilize the situation at the Post Malone concert. D'Souza clarified that Maroons were asked to help notify

- the security of any issues going on but were never intended to put themselves in dangerous situations.
- Sabra Salim stated that over the summer it had been difficult to keep up with projects the board is working on and many members felt informed. Salim asked Ibe if the SRA could look forward to any measures over the school year to ensure transparency. Ibe responded that he used his Presidents Facebook page to share information. He stated that they could do more as a group to inform the Assembly of upcoming projects. Ibe ceded his time to Deshpande. Deshpande responded that every board member has different avenues for relaying information. They were open to suggestions and feedback.
 - Anas asked D'Souza if artists coming to McMaster are asked to not promote drugs and alcohol. D'Souza stated that in the contracts it says what they should not promote or say.
 - Zheng asked D'Souza why the Labour Day concert was cancelled. D'Souza responded that not enough tickets were sold for the venue and when they offered the artist to move to a smaller venue they said no.
 - Sabra Salim asked D'Souza if there was a way to ensure better training of security in response to sexual violence. D'Souza responded that a plan was in place for the concert and unfortunately there were instances where the plan was not followed through. D'Souza explained that they were following up with Security Services. He advised that in the future if there is ever a situation not being handled properly to take down the officer's number.
 - Sabrin Salim asked a member of the board to explain why certain artists are being invited if sexual violence prevention is a priority. Deshpande responded that unless an artist has a public history then they cannot determine what types of people they are until they arrive. He stated that Post Malone broke their contract and Campus Events handled the situation very effectively.
 - Vlatkovic asked D'Souza how much money was lost from the Labour Day concert and asked why it was not promoted effectively. D'Souza responded that they received 90% of the cost back. The concerts were booked during the 2016/17 year. He explained that the Programming Advisory Committee would be reaching out to students for feedback on genres second semester.
 - Obaidullah asked D'Souza if concert plans and solutions for Homecoming could be circulated to SRA members. D'Souza said yes.
 - Lightstone asked D'Souza if other universities would be informed of Post Malone's conduct so the same issue can't happen somewhere else. D'Souza responded that the Campus Events Director is part of a network called COCA which communicates these types of incidences with each other.
 - Wilson asked Anbalagan or Ibe could provide feedback on the Ways to Wellness campaign. Anbalagan responded that after hearing feedback the committee decided to overhaul the campaign from the previous year. The campaign was developed with the help of SWELL, the Student Wellness Centre and content experts from the university. The campaign was aimed to not exist for just a week but work throughout the year. She stated that in upcoming years the plan was to take the basis for the campaign and grow on it.
 - Patel asked D'Souza how they could improve EFRT response time in future events as they were strapped very thin at the concert. D'Souza explained that they were meeting with the EFRT Program Director to determine how they can be supported in the future. He stated that in the past EFRT has been quite strapped and there has been need for other paramedic services.
 - Anas asked D'Souza how much Post Malone was paid. D'Souza stated that he couldn't reveal that in open session.
 - Urszula Sitarz commended the board and the Maroons for doing a phenomenal job overall on Welcome Week. She asked why there was upper year presence at the concerts. Anbalagan responded that it comes down to costs and affordability.
 - Zheng asked any of the board members if it would be possible to write down and submit their concerns on the concert to discuss at a later time. Ibe responded that it was not the board's place to dictate what forum members want to ask their questions.

- Anas thanked Ibe for defending students at the Wireless Working Group and asked if there was ways for students to get involved. Ibe responded that four committees were being struck with student representation.
- Patel asked Sabra Salim about the progress of the SRA banner. Sabra Salim Ceded her time to Scott Robinson. Robinson responded that it was on his to do list and he would follow up on it in the next two weeks.
- Wilson asked Deshpande to provide more information on McMaster moving towards a smoke-free campus. Deshpande responded that the policy needed to be approved by Senate. The intent would be to education based during the roll out of the smoke-free campus, rather than punitive.

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Vlatkovic that the Assembly recess for 15 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 7:30pm

Called to Order at 7:47pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present: Aoki, D'Souza, Fama, Florean, Ibe, Lightstone, McGill, McNally, Mustafa, Nwamadi, Obaidullah, Ochocinski, Patel, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthillmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Vlatkovic, Webb, Wilson, Yun, Zhang, Zheng

Absent Excused:

Absent

Late Anas, Anbalagan, Arnold, Chestney, Deshpande, Lao, Lee

Others Present Scott Robinson (AVP Finance), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs), Emma Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair Helen Zeng

QUESTION PERIOD (cont.)

- Florean asked D'Souza if there was a statement put out by the MSU to show that we do not support what Post Malone said or did. She asked if there were any support services available at the event. D'Souza responded that an official statement was not released but they could speak to the Communications team. He stated that WGEN was available at the concert to provide support.
- Sabra Salim asked Ibe if there were possible measures to be put in place to ensure more than one WGEN member is available at events. Ibe responded that it was a logistical question and he would look into it.
- Lightstone asked Ibe why a non-HR or wage related issue would be brought up in closed session. Ibe responded that issues can be sensitive due to timelines.

BUSINESS

1. Recess for meeting of MSU Incorporated

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Ibe that the Assembly recess for a meeting of MSU Incorporated.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 8:01pm

Called to order at 8:07pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

Absent Excused:

Absent

Late

Others Present

Scott Robinson (AVP Finance), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs), Emma Ferguson (Recording Secretary)

Chair

Helen Zeng

2. Close one (1) SRA seat on MUSC Board of Management

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

Nominations

- D'Souza nominated Patel – declined
- D'Souza nominated McNally – declined
- Lightstone nominated D'Souza – declined
- Anas nominated self

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Anas won the seat on MUSC Board of Management by acclamation.

3. Open one (1) SRA seat on Executive Board

Moved by Patel, **seconded** by Lee that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on Executive Board.

- Ibe stated that EB meetings were on Tuesdays from 12:30pm-2:30pm.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Close one (1) SRA seat on Executive Board

Moved by Stott, **seconded** by Webb that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on Executive Board.

Nominations

- Anas nominated Webb – declined
- Anas nominated Patel – accepted
- Zheng nominated self
- Webb nominated Wilson – accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Vlatkovic to set parameters for the election to be a 30 seconds opening statements an two minutes pooled question period.

Passes Unanimously

- The candidates spoke in the allotted time.
- The Assembly voted by secret ballot

Candidate	Vote
Patel	9
Wilson	10
Zheng	14
Spoiled	0
Abstain	0

- Zheng won the seat on Executive Board.

5. Open one (1) SRA seat on Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lightstone that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council.

- lbe explained the purpose of the committee and encouraged everyone interested to run.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

6. Close one (1) SRA seat on Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Zhang that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council.

Nominations

- Vlatkovic nominated Zhang – declined
- Lightstone nominated Sabrin Salim – declined
- Vlatkovic nominated Stott – declined
- Sabra Salim nominated Nwamadi - accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Nwamadi won the seat on Neighbourhood Assistance Advisory Council by acclamation.

7. Open one (1) SRA seat on Standing Committee

Moved by Deshpande, **seconded** by Lightstone that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on Municipal Affairs committee.

Passes Unanimously

8. Close one (1) SRA seat on Standing Committee

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Zhang that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on Municipal Affairs Committee.

Nominations

- Vlatkovic nominated Aoki – declined
- Stott nominated Florean – declined
- Deshpande nominated McGill – declined
- Sabra Salim nominated Chestney – declined
- Sabrin Salim nominated Patel – declined
- Anbalagan nominated Vlatkovic – declined
- Anbalagan nominated Szeliga – declined
- Anbalagan nominated Zheng – declined
- Anbalagan nominated Aoki – declined
- Vlatkovic nominated Zhang - accepted

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Zhang won the seat on Municipal Affairs committee by acclamation.

9. Open one (1) MSU seat on Standing Committee

Moved by Stott, **seconded** by Sooriyakumaran that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on University Affairs committee.

Passes Unanimously

10. Close one (1) MSU seat on Standing Committee

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Lee that the Assembly close one (1) MSU seat on University Affairs committee.

Nominations

- Wilson nominated Olivia Watkins-McClurg – no acceptance
- Sabra Salim nominated Ezza Jalil – accepted
- Anas nominated AkachukwuNwakoby – no acceptance

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Ezza Jalil won the seat on Municipal Affairs committee by acclamation.

11. Open one (1) MSU seat on Standing Committee

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Patel that the Assembly open one (1) MSU seat on Elections committee.

Passes Unanimously

12. MSU General Meeting

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Lightstone that the MSU hold a General Meeting first semester to engage with membership previous to any at large referenda or elections.

- Anbalagan explained that this motion came from the General Assembly that did not meet quorum.
- Lightstone explained that the motion was put forward by Kathleen Quinn with the purpose of the MSU engaging more with the membership at the beginning of the school year and getting more participation. He stated that Engineering has a semi-annual general meeting in which they receive a lot of participation. He stated that the motion says General Meeting and that would need to be defined somehow.
- Deshpande stated that he would be voting the motion down. He did not think it was a good idea to spend large amounts of money and time on an event that does not have good turnout. The idea that because it takes place in September, more people will show up is questionable.
- D'Souza stated that it does not make sense to bind the organization to have a meeting in this timeframe.
- Lightstone noted they could hold the General Assembly in first term, rather than second term, which still abides by the bylaws.
- Ibe stated that part of the plan moving forward was to hold an MSU open house and town hall in first semester to get students more involved and engaged.

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

In Favour: 30 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 1
Opposed: Wilson, Ibe
Abstained: Anbalagan
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

In Favour: 12 Opposed: 18 Abstentions: 4
Opposed: Ibe, Anbalagan, Deshpande, D'Souza, Mustafa, Senthillmohan, Obaidullah, Zheng, Anas, Yun, Fama, Nwamadi, Lao, Lee, McNally, Risi, Ochocinski, Arnold
Abstained: Lightstone, Sabra Salim, Chestney, Webb
Motion Fails

13. Acknowledge Education as a Right

Moved by Anbalagan, **seconded** by Ibe that the MSU acknowledge education as a right and advocate for universal tuition free access.

- Anbalagan explained that this was another motion coming from the General Assembly.

- Wilson asked what effect this motion had. Wilson ceded their time to Deshpande. Deshpande explained that the motion changes the official stance on tuition. He stated that it was not well thought out and encourage the Assembly to vote it down. He stated that he would not advocate tuition outside of OUSA so it would not make sense for the motion to pass.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 0 Opposed: 25 Abstained: 7

Opposed: Anbalagan, Deshpande, D'Souza, Lightstone, Szeliga, Vlatkovic, Zhang, Aoki, Mustafa, Obaidullah, Zheng, Sabrin Salim, Anas, Sabra Salim, Fama, McGill, Chestney, Nwamadi, Lao, Lee, McNally, Risi, Ochocinski, Arnold, Webb

Abstained: Ibe, Stott, Sooriyakumaran, Senthillmohan, Yun, Florean, Patel
Motion Fails

14. Committee of the Whole

Moved by D'Souza, **seconded** by Webb that the Assembly move into a Committee of the Whole, committed to being in closed session.

Passes Unanimously

- The Speaker declined the Chair.
- Anbalagan assumed the Chair.

Moved by Ibe, **seconded** by D'Souza that the assembly move into closed session.

In Favour: 27 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 2

Opposed: Patel

Abstained: Webb, Arnold

Motion Passes

Moved into Closed Session at 9:40pm

Return to Open Session at 10:35pm

- The Speaker assumed the Chair.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 24, 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, Obaidullah, Ochocinski, Patel, Risi, Sabra Salim, Sabrin Salim, Senthillmohan, Sooriyakumaran, Stott, Szeliga, Vlatkovic, Webb, Wilson, Yun, Zhang, Zheng

Absent Excused:

Absent

Late

Others Present Scott Robinson (AVP Finance), Desmond Flowers (MSU Member), Urszula Sitarz (AVP Provincial & Federal Affairs), Emma Ferguson (Recording Secretary)
Chair Helen Zeng

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vlatkovic, **seconded** by Aoki that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 10:42pm

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