Student Representative Assembly Meeting 18E
Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 1:00pm
Council Chambers, GH111

Called to Order at 1:05pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present	Bertolo, Emmanual, Epifano, Espiritu, Farah, Gandzi, Grewal, Hackett, Isah, Kumaran, Lee, MacLean, Reddy, Robinson, Roshan, Shingleton-Smith, N. Singh, Sykes, Tejpal
Absent Excused:	
Absent	Ahmed, Anderson (LOA), Arbess (LOA), Bonk (LOA), Florean, Ibrahim (LOA), Irfan (LOA), McIver (LOA), Oketch, Rana (LOA), Salciccioli, Senthillmohan (LOA), S. Singh, Villasis (LOA), Warwani
Late	Bishara
Others Present:	
Chair	Elizabeth Wong

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 Hackett, **seconded** by Sykes to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Speaker asked to make sure the room was clean at the end of the meeting.

REPORT PERIOD

1. Vice-President (Administration) – Epifano presented

- Epifano summarized the report.

2. Vice-President (Education) – Bertolo presented

- Bertolo summarized the report.

Questions

- Florean asked if the MSU was helping with the cost of the Pride crosswalk. Bertolo responded that the City of Hamilton was funding the initiative fully.
- Florean asked about landlord licensing, and when the City was planning on doing the initiative. Florean asked what this would look like with existing landlords. Bertolo responded that this was a slow-moving project, and that this has been talked about for a number of years. Bertolo stated that there have been circular discussions on whether to move forward, as there are landlords on the committee pushing back. Bertolo added that the City staff will be putting together a report for approval, and hopefully this will be done before October.

- Florean asked if there will be student feedback on the landlord licensing project. Bertolo responded that they were on the committee and will be providing student perspective. Bertolo added that Terry Whitehead, Ward 8 Councillor, has asked for one page of what students are looking for.

3. Vice-President (Finance) – Robinson presented

- Robinson summarized the report.

Questions

- MacLean asked Robinson to tell the Assembly more about what happened with TwelvEighty and security. Robinson responded that earlier in May they had sat down with TwelvEighty and Campus Events to create a vision of what they were going to do with the school year. Robinson explained that in previous years there would always be Thursday night club nights and it would be packed, but since it started dwindling Campus Events and TwelvEighty decided to have three focused club nights this year. Robinson stated that decision then brought up questions about security and if they needed 25 to only work for three nights. Robinson explained that it didn't make sense to hire and train a team to work maybe three shifts, so they worked with Security Services to figure out how to bring outside security in for those three nights. Robinson stated that the communication to the people hired was messed up, and that as soon as they were made aware of the situation they worked to remedy it.
- Sykes stated that Robinson mentioned streamlining the club reimbursement and wanted to know if there was a process to streamline the election reimbursements. Robinson responded that they will look into the communication, but cheques should be ready within two weeks of the appeals period being done.
- Florean asked Robinson if the MSU will be looking into different programs for the Health benefits as there was a surplus. Robinson responded that the goal was to evaluate it closer to the end of the year. Robinson added that the benefit providers are putting on a education symposium for the schools to learn more about what is being offered.
- Gandzi asked Robinson to speak more to the Grind closing for a week. Robinson responded that the plan was to take out the stage and install new flooring, and that this will have chemicals and a lot of dust. Robinson stated that they made the decision too allow for construction to be done before Horizons.
- Florean asked where the money came from for the $15,000 being invested in the rep program. Robinson responded that it was a surplus from last year's Welcome Week Levy. Robinson explained that the Welcome Week Advisory Committee does the funding for the week with strategic themes, and one of the ideas brought forward was a re-allocation of the money to improve rep experiences. Robinson stated that having the Maroons do the mac pass distribution saved $17,000, and the MSU doing the strategic themes saved even more. Robinson explained that the proposal was to re-allocate funds from both lines to support reps and created a pilot project for this year to look at becoming permanent in future.

4. President – Farah presented

- Farah summarized the report.

Questions

- Grewal asked if there were plans for increasing the bus shelters at the Mac GO station. Farah responded that she never thought of those being problems. Grewal clarified that not everyone can fit in the bus shelters while waiting for buses that are delayed in the winter, and that some wait at Mary Keyes and run to catch their bus, which isn't safe. Farah responded that it was about looking at priorities, and that they did the shelters with the City because there weren't any at those stops at all. Farah responded that unfortunately, they don't see that changing right now for the GO station. Farah added that this was something that they could go look at but didn't know what would happen.
- Florean asked about the bus shelters citing that McMaster was looking into a vehicle free campus, and what would happen to the ones installed. Farah responded that the long-term goal was in conjunction with LRT, but that since it was a safety issue now why wait.

- Sykes asked about the funding for the bus shelters, and if the MSU would be making a small donation. Farah responded that their predecessor initially stated that the MSU would, but that this was also something the City should be paying for. Farah stated that the City was paying for half, and that the MSU and University were splitting the other half.
- Florean asked if Farah would be looking into the extended GO bus times for the rest of the school year. Farah responded that Welcome Week was a special event, like CNE or Nuit Blanche and that it was different than the City asking for extended service overall. Farah stated that they will work to promote the extended hours now so that next year the same thing can happen again.

5. MSU Financial Update – Robinson presented

- Robinson went over the update with the Assembly.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- No information was given.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Farah asked if anyone got feedback from students from marginalized groups on campus. Florean responded that it was hard to get feedback without directing the conversation, so they will be hosting caucus hours to speak about specific things each hour.

BUSINESS

1. Recess for Meetings of MSU and CFMU Incorporated

Moved by Farah, **seconded** by Florean that the Assembly recess for meetings of MSU Incorporated.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 2:03pm
Called to Order at 2:15pm

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Others Present:	
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2. Clubs Ratification

Moved by Lee, **seconded** by Florean that the Assembly ratify the new and returning clubs as circulated and recommended by the Clubs Administrator for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Passes Unanimously

3. Board of Directors Yearplans

Moved by Lee, **seconded** by N. Singh that the Assembly approve the following BoD yearplans:

- President
- Vice-President (Administration)
- Vice-President (Education)
- Vice-President (Finance)

- Lee stated that a lot of hard work was put into the yearplans.
- Florean asked the VP Admin about the plans for Good 2 Talk to come in and have a bigger presence on campus. Florean ceded their time to Epifano.
- Epifano responded that nothing has been laid out yet as everyone is still discussing what works best. Epifano added that Good2Talk does have a volunteer street team to help promote. Epifano stated that they were waiting for the peer support services to get back to them about when the service campaigns will be.
- Florean asked Robinson if the MSU will be creating a permanent space for peer support in the SAB. Florean ceded their time to Robinson.
- Robinson responded that there were plans for a space, and that they are still trying to hash it out.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2
Abstained: Farah, Epifano
Motion Passes

4. Caucus Yearplans

Moved by Bertolo, **seconded** by Gandzi that the Assembly approve the following Caucus yearplans:

- Arts & Science
- Business
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Science
- Social Sciences

- Bertolo stated that these were great yearplans.
- Gandzi stated that they would like to see these approved.
- Florean summarized the yearplan for the Business Caucus.
- Bertolo asked Florean about Instagram as the Communications Officer discouraged caucuses having their own. Bertolo ceded to Florean.
- Florean responded that they had a meeting with Wooder and felt that this was important for the Business caucus. Florean explained that they will be using the account to highlight the survey the caucus will be putting on, and to get input from their constituents.
- Bertolo asked Florean that if the caucus was setting up meetings for exam scheduling to please include them, as this was an issue across faculties.
- Sykes summarized the yearplan for the Engineering Caucus.
- Farah asked Sykes about objective four, for it to be explained a bit more. Farah ceded to Sykes.
- Sykes responded that when they were talking to Bertolo about that tuition goes up more than inflation, and that the caucus would like for this to be communicated more.

- Florean asked Sykes about the objective of improving elections. They asked if there were specific parts that the caucus would like to improve on. Florean ceded to Sykes.
- Sykes responded that they had left it vague as they weren't sure what the election reform would look like, but the goal was to increase promotions and transparency.
- Bertolo asked Sykes if they would be working with SHEC on objective seven. Bertolo ceded to Sykes.
- Sykes responded that each program has specific pressures and that the caucus would be working with MES about this.
- Roshan summarized the yearplan for the Health Sciences Caucus.
- Farah asked the caucus about the objective about food insecurity. They asked how the caucus was planning on giving out coupons and gift certificates to students. Farah ceded to Tejpal.
- Tejpal responded that they would like to speak to business around campus and have certain deals to make food more accessible. Tejpal stated that the vision was to get this for everyone, and not just Health Sciences. They added that the caucus was hoping to have open communication and gather data.
- Epifano asked Roshan about objective one. Epifano ceded to Roshan.
- Roshan responded that they felt that this would be a select population, and it would be great if there was a resource that students could reach out to explain what exactly they were looking for. Roshan stated that they thought one of the biggest barriers was that many students feel like they haven't navigated things like this before, and that students aren't expecting to have a three-hour interview for a volunteer position. Roshan stated that it would be nice to have a pairing up so that students know there are people to support them in this process.
- Robinson stated that the Health Sciences caucus can connect with two people within the MSU to look into the discounts, the AVP Finance and the Campus and Commercial Partner Coordinator at Underground. Robinson stated that they were surprised to see that decreasing costs at TwelvEighty and Union Market on the caucus's yearplan and would like for them to expand on that point more. Robinson ceded to Tejpal.
- Tejpal responded that they just wanted to know if the decreases could be a possibility and would like to have a conversation with the Managers to see if the prices were too high and accessible for the students.
- Grewal summarized the yearplan for the Humanities Caucus.
- Lee asked if there was anything contradictory for wanting to strengthen relationships with the MHS but admitting that it would be rocky. Lee ceded to Grewal.
- Grewal responded that they didn't think it was a contradiction, there is no doubt this will be like any relationship with disagreements to overcome. Grewal stated that they believed the relationship will be stronger for compromising.
- Epifano stated that they knew in the past that MHS and SRA haven't had the best relationship and that if the caucus was having difficulties to please let Epifano know.
- Emmanuel summarized the yearplan for the Kinesiology Caucus.
- Gandzi summarized the yearplan for the Nursing Caucus.
- MacLean summarized the yearplan for the Science Caucus.
- Bertolo stated that she loved objective two, and to please keep them in the loop with that.
- Farah asked how the Science caucus will be providing accessibility and would like more detail. Farah ceded to Kumaran.
- Kumaran responded that it was still in the concept stages.
- Farah asked how the Science caucus will ensure sustainable efforts with professional relationships. Farah ceded to MacLean.
- MacLean responded that everyone is welcome at MSS meetings, and that there was an open invitation to the SRA. They stated that there wasn't a formal process except for transition reports.
- Florean asked Shingleton-Smith about the ad-hoc committee proposed, and who would be the Chair. Florean ceded to Shingleton-Smith.
- Shingleton-Smith responded that they were hoping to be the chair of the committee. They stated that this committee will help centralize promo.

- Florean asked Shingleton-Smith if they have spoken to the Marketing and Communications Director about this. Florean added that every faculty outreach would be different and felt that this committee would be redundant to create. Florean ceded to Shingleton-Smith.
- Shingleton-Smith responded that this committee was for all MSU members, and that it would be touching on services, events, and faculty societies. They stated that they haven't spoken to the Director yet, but that would be a good idea.
- Florean asked Shingleton-Smith if there were any tangible actions for the ad-hoc committee, and if they would be creating reports. Florean asked how the committee would look into what was successful or not, and how would the Committee define success. Florean ceded to Shingleton-Smith.
- Shingleton-Smith responded that when they strike the committee it will centralize promo for SRA and elections. They stated that the timeline was to strike the committee in September and outline everything in the mandate to be approved. Shingleton-Smith stated that at the end of the Fall term the committee would give their ideas.
- Hackett summarized the yearplan for the Social Sciences Caucus.
- Farah asked that the caucus keep Farah and Bertolo in the loop about the exam guidelines, and Epifano for the Sexual Violence Prevention Policy.
- Grewal asked why some caucus members were not taking up positions on the platform points. Grewal ceded to Hackett.
- Hackett responded that they had asked everyone to send over everything that was to be worked on and then compiled. Hackett stated that if some caucus members have points but not others, then that meant that they hadn't received everything on time. Hackett stated that they will send out an updated yearplan once they have everyone's ideas.
- Bertolo asked to be kept in the loop for the advocacy plans, and to work with the University Affairs Committee on experiential education.

Vote on Motion
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Passes Unanimously

5. Close SRA Seats on Standing Committees

Moved by Bertolo, **seconded** by Gandzi that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on the following Standing Committees:

- University Affairs
- Municipal Affairs

- Bertolo went over expectations of the Committees.

Nominations

- Lee nominated self for University Affairs
- Grewal nominated self for Municipal Affairs

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Lee won the SRA seat on the University Affairs Committee by acclamation.
- Grewal won the SRA seat on the Municipal Affairs Committee by acclamation.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 9, 2018
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

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Late	
Others Present	
Chair	Elizabeth Wong

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robinson, **seconded** by Epifano that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 4:03pm

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