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MSU Speaker

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Maryanne Oketch, MSU Speaker
SUBJECT: CSSA Response to SRA Questions
DATE: October 29, 2019

Dear Assembly,

At SRA meeting 19I, the McMaster Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) provided a delegation to request that the decision to revoke their status as an MSU club be reversed. When it was the question period of the delegation, the CSSA delegate chose not to answer the questions that SRA members gave to them, stating that they were unaware of the question period until an hour before the meeting, and did not have time to prepare answers to the assembly's questions. In response, the SRA compiled a list of questions that they wanted to ask the CSSA during their delegation, and I reached out to them with a request to respond to the questions that the SRA compiled. On Sunday, October 27th, the CSSA sent me a response to those questions. Since the CSSA sent the responses on a PDF and also included a preamble with the said statement, I have decided to upload the whole document instead of condensing it to make sure that I am not in any way or form changing the account that the CSSA has provided to me, in both information and flow. Thus, this memo will describe and explain the documents that are related to the deratification and appeal process of the CSSA.

There are three documents that pertain to the deratification and appeal of the CSSA: The Questions that the SRA sent to the CSSA to respond to, the response that the CSSA provided, and then their translation of the statement written on February 13th that the CSSA, among other clubs, signed. The documents names and a brief description of the content included in said documents are as following:

- (1) **Questions for MAC CSSA:** These are the questions that the SRA asked the CSSA to respond to for the purpose of providing supplementary information to support them in making their final decision on the CSSAs deratification, and ensuring that the CSSA was able to voice their response on some questions the SRA had. The questions were compiled and sent to the CSSA on October 8th, 2019.
- (2) **MAC CSSA Answers:** This is the PDF that the CSSA sent to me that includes their answers to the questions that the SRA collectively asked to them. It has three parts: an overview, the answers to the questions that the SRA asked, and a concluding paragraph. The numbering of their answers coincides with the numbering of the questions that the SRA asked them.

(3) **CSSA Supplementary Material - Translation of February 13 Statement:** This document, provided by the CSSA, is referred to in the response that MAC CSSA provided.

Overall, these three documents provide the answers to the questions that were asked to the CSSA and will hopefully aide the SRA in making the final decision about the deratification process.

Best,

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