



**AGENDA - SRA 04**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Sunday November 28, 2004, 4:00pm

**PROCEDURE**

Call to Order, Call of the Roll, Adoption of the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes 04J & all other minutes that were approved in principle, Delegations from the Floor, Information Period, Question Period, Business Arising from the Minutes, Committee Business, Business, Unfinished Business, New Business, Time of Next Meeting, Adjournment, Call of the Roll.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Maroons – verbal Kropman
  2. Executive Board – verbal Minard
  3. President's Report - verbal Mohan
- Moved** by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA receive all reports as presented.

**BUSINESS**

1. Recess for a Full Meeting of MSU Inc. Khan
2. Approval of Operating Policy 1/F – Emergency First Response Team Brown
3. OUSA Documents Robinson
4. OUSA policy statement – Governance, Accountability, and Assessment in Higher Education Robinson
5. OUSA policy statement – University Funding and Tuition in Ontario Robinson
6. Election of (1) SRA member on the Finance Committee Piribauer
7. Election of (1) SRA member on the Elections Committee Piribauer
8. Election of MSU (non-SRA) members on other Committees Piribauer
  - J. Lynn Watson (1)
  - MSU Spirit Award (1)
9. Off Campus Housing Policy Erickson
10. New Residence Policy Erickson
11. Censure Grenier
12. Ratification of 2004-2005 Electoral Appeal Board Brown

**MOTIONS**

1. **Moved** by Khan, seconded by Piribauer that the SRA recess for a meeting of Full Members of MSU Inc.
2. **Moved** by Brown, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA approve the changes to Operating Policy 1/F – Emergency First Response Team.
3. **Moved** by Robinson, seconded by Mohan that the SRA ratify the following OUSA

documents: System Vision for Higher Education in Ontario and Advancement and Opportunity in Higher Education.

4. **Moved** by Robinson, seconded by Mohan that the SRA ratify the following OUSA policy statement: Governance, Accountability, and Assessment in Higher Education.
5. **Moved** by Robinson, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA ratify the following OUSA policy statement: University Funding and Tuition in Ontario.
6. **Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA open nominations for (1) SRA member on the Finance committee.
7. **Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA open nominations for (1) SRA member on the Elections committee.
8. **Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA elect (1) MSU (non-SRA) member on J. Lynn Watson and MSU Spirit Award.
9. **Moved** by Erickson, seconded by Jones, that the SRA approve the On-Campus Housing Policy.
10. **Moved** by Erickson, seconded by Jones, that the SRA approve the New Residence Policy.
11. **Moved** by Grenier, seconded by Jones that the SRA approve a resolution of censure with respect to the MSU Vice-President Education.
12. **Moved** by Brown, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA ratify Dr. Bruce Frank, Dr. Nibaldo Galleguillos, and Aleem Kherani for the composition of the 2004-2005 Electoral Appeal Board.



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 04M  
Sunday November 28, 2004 @ 4:00pm  
Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 109**

**Call to Order @ 4:14pm**

**Call of the Roll**

**Present**

Bateman, Brown, Dinath, Dyason, Erickson, Gamble, Gillezeau, Grenier, Jones, Kashyap, Khan, Klein, Minard, O'Neill, Osborne, Ott, Pahulje, Patel, Patel, Piribauer, Raina, Robinson, Sumner, Takawy, Vanini,

**Absent Excused**

**Absent**

Baldeo, Moran, Murray

**Late**

Du, Mohan, Qureshy, Ramdeen, Sarin, Vijayakanthan

**Others Present**

Neville Boney (former MSU President), Derek Kropman (Maroons), Katherine Lawler (SOCS), John Popham (IRC), Maureen Ninham (Recording Secretary)

**Speaker**

Kherani

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved** by Osborne, seconded by Brown to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Amendments**

- Piribauer – add a procedural motion that sends the issue of online voting to the elections, information systems, bylaws & procedures, and services committees’.
- Speaker – will be added under new business
- Erickson – strike item of business # 9 and 10.

In favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**Carried Unanimously**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** by Brown, seconded by Grenier that the minutes of SRA 04J be adopted and all other minutes that were adopted in principle at SRA 04J.

In favor: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 4

**Abstain: Osborne, Bateman, Mohan, Khan  
Motion Passes**

**INFORMATION PERIOD**

- Grenier – will be bringing a motion to the next SRA meeting to strike an ad hoc committee to formulate a responsible and ethical recycling program for the University.
- Ninham – you have all received the health plan survey in your mailboxes. I have been having a hard time trying to set up a meeting with interested SRA members so I have just used the Board of Directors schedules and the meeting will be held on December 6, 2004 @ 1pm. Please try to attend if you are able to.
- Piribauer – some SRA members have inquired about Board reports. These are not going into the Silhouette but this is an opportunity for members to evaluate Board members. We will not see whom this comes from and each Board member will get these evaluations. Please have these in by December 10 and once you hand them in, you will be receiving your MSU portfolios. Part Time Manager evaluations will go out on Monday. Volunteers and staff will be evaluating managers

and then they will evaluate themselves and then go to their respective supervisor. Will be passing around a sheet, looking for members' shirt sizes. We are looking into getting SRA sweaters for members. Posting for next years Part Time Managers soon as we will be hiring in January. Will also be asking members if they would like to stay on for another year but they will have to go through the same process as other interested people. MUSC Board of Management meeting is on Wednesday so please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc. Some SRA members have been asking about advisory boards and to date none of them have met so far but SWHAT, Silhouette Board of Publication, EFRT, and SHEC will be meeting this week. All other committees will be asked to meet before the Christmas break. We will be taking a break at 6pm for dinner.

- Bateman – received a phone call early last week and the entire MSU name is being drug through the mud in external organizations. I have documentation of the phone call if anyone is interested in taking a look at what was said.
- Khan – McGowan and I will be meeting with HSR tomorrow if you have any comments, concerns, please forward them to us. We have the results back from the HSR survey and we had 573 responses. From the data, most students think that an acceptable wait time for a bus is 10-15 minutes. Campus Events is looking at holding an event to have Michael Moore come to the University and speak. We are looking at co-sponsoring it with Carmen's Entertainment Group. Please give us feedback at to what you feel is acceptable with costs. Audit will be in the Silhouette this week. I was hoping to bring the Board of Directors pay to t his meeting, but due to unforeseen circumstances it will have to wait.
- Dyason – the Design & Copy Centre survey should be going out on listserv this week. Please encourage students to give their input about the service name.
- Robinson – will be going to the OUSA Fall Lobby Conference this Monday to Wednesday with Mohan and Murray. The Ombuds report will be coming out in early January. Lancaster will be coming to the SRA to talk about the report. The Centre for Student Development is creating a leadership database, which will show what students were involved with what extracurricular activities during their years in University. This will help with validity for grad school, etc. The Board will be meeting with Brain McHattie and David Christopherson this week.
- Mohan – to echo Bateman's comments, I have received phone calls this week about comments being said. For example, that we spend our money loosely, our council is not supportive. I do not want to respond as petty as they have been so I am thinking about writing a letter to clear some of these issues up. Kusie has made some comments that were uncalled for. I have passed around the MSU Vision and Statement, if you have any feedback, please let me know.
- Khan – have drafted a statement to clubs about the racist content on the external website. We decided that we should have taken a firmer stance so came up with this statement.
- Minard – the Operations Committee met on Friday. We discussed the objectives of the committee. We will be looking over policies that do not overstep the Services committee. We would like to look over a couple of different policies for example, donations, network, etc. We had the first Womyn in Leadership meeting; we spent a lot of time debating that. We will hopefully be meeting again this week.
- Mohan – I know that I said that Dr. Norrie would be here to present about the Burlington campus this meeting but the people that are spear heading this initiative, Terry Flynn and Geoff Rockwell have requested to meet with the Board to discuss how the MSU will be involved from this point on.
- Robinson – Terry Flynn and Geoff Rockwell have run through some of the ideas that they have come up with. They are extremely interested in having the MSU involved.
- Guignard – would like to apologize to the Assembly for the error in the Silhouette. It was a communication error within the paper. Irony of putting in the "SRA Clown Show" and this happens.
- Erickson – the University Affairs committee met on Friday and ran through our plans as of January. I have struck two items of business from the SRA agenda because one of our plans is to create a clearer policy before bringing it to the SRA. We will also be addressing the issue of teaching quality.

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Mohan – is the SRA interested in having myself write a letter to address the issues with external organizations?
- Gillezeau – who said what about the MSU?
- Bateman – the CASA Plenary Chair had been slandering the Board except for Robinson. The chair is Sam Minniti.
- Mohan – it was also said that I have been spending students' money for my own gain and Khan has been assisting me with this. It was said that Piribauer, Khan, and myself were unsupportive, unproductive, and the Board has become dysfunctional. It was also said that the Executive Board was stacked to spend money inappropriately. Some members have cited that it was Minniti that made these comments.
- Grenier – to Robinson – what is the progress on the food bank?
- Robinson – there will be an article in this weeks Silhouette. This project is in a standstill right now because there are some legal issues that need to be addressed. Space, storage, and distribution have to be taken into account. We want to help students and we are exploring options based on legal issues.
- Qureshy – to Mohan – regarding Muslim Prayer space. In term 1, they have not had the chance to meet in the CIBC Banquet Hall and out of 16 weeks, they only get it 5 times. Is there an alternative for space for this group?
- Mohan – we agreed in concept to have that space for them that the CIBC Hall would be open to them but we would not double book or cancel reservations that had already been taken for that room.
- Khan – do members of the Assembly have concerns about myself taking on the Finance Committee Chair position for the time being?
- O'Neill – to Robinson – now that a warning has been given to you, how have you addressed these issues and what steps have you taken with respect to regain the confidence with other board members?
- Robinson – as for attendance, I worked a 36.5-hour week last week. I was not present at the Student Services meeting because I was under the weather but I did follow up for information. McGowan had recommended to me to take a couple of days to assess what the SRA had brought forward. The Board met on Monday and had a lengthy meeting to talk about support, etc.
- Qureshy – in the past, there was talks about restructuring the MSU office space. What are the developments on that?
- Robinson – we are starting with the Main Office space. This is a two-step process and we would like to start with the MSU Office entrance and the “bowling alley”. We will be working with Dyason as well to see if there is extra room needed.
- Gillezeau – there are still mad Artsci students coming to me asking me about the hockey tickets.
- Piribauer – that is an issue that the Operations committee will also be looking at, to speak not to what we give but what we receive.
- Khan – if anyone has comments or questions, you can forward them to us.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **1. Maroons – Kropman - verbal**

- Kropman – addressed the Assembly to talk about the direction of the Maroons. This year the Maroons have been doing an excellent job. We are going out to functions on campus with greater numbers and supporting our fellow students more so than we did last year. We have also run some fun events that people really like to get involved in and I think these events will, or already have, become known as a Maroon event. It still feels like there is something missing and Piribauer and I have talked about it and from all of this we have discovered a few things;

- Spirit is lacking (we are not raising the spirit on campus for students). This year, I might be raising the spirit of the Maroons but have failed to incorporate the students;
- There are some problems in the structure of the Maroons (I must admit that I was against the changes to the Maroons but in reality believe that they have helped us). In doing this, it has also created different problems that I feel should be rectified.
- There isn't enough consistency between years as of late. The new Spirit Leader who comes in always has to rediscover the job for them for there are no documents/overview that will give them exactly what they have to accomplish throughout the year. They are still able to put their own spin on it but they do need to start organizing things at an earlier date and we all know that people usually leave stuff to the last possible moment.
- Kropman – I have begun to take steps to fix these problems;
  - My Coordinators and I have been meeting about the lack of spirit and are discussing ways to fix this problem. They are all coming up with 5 ideas for tomorrow that we can do to raise spirit. The Maroons are also having a General Meeting tomorrow from 7-11 in MUSC Room 311-313. This way we can get some feedback from all the people who come and we can also get a students' perspective.
  - As for the structural problems, I am meeting with Dyason and we are going to discuss what needs to be changed to fix this problem.
  - I am currently working on a document that will be passed on from year to year and goes over every single aspect of the Maroons. It is quite large and I am sure that this will solve the problem. It goes into training, events, ordering, etc. It does it all. I am going to try to have it to you right after the break so that you can see if there are any problems with it.
- Gamble – what problems do you see with last year's changes?
- Kropman – before between the Executive and the Spirit Leader we had 9 positions. These positions were a lot more specific and now we are down to 4 positions. We have to redefine the positions. FIT was also included to oversee all events.
- Dyason – are you looking to improve spirit in the Maroons or on campus?
- Kropman – spirit within the Maroons is great. It has to get out to the campus.
- Robinson – what is the number of reps that you have this year?
- Kropman – we have roughly 104 reps this year. We had about 70 reps at football games consistently.
- Takawy – how many of the reps are returning from last year?
- Kropman – not a lot, maybe about 10%.
- Takawy – the meeting is held from 7pm-11pm?
- Kropman – yes in MUSC Room 311-313.
- Gamble – what is the current application process?
- Kropman – we are a service open to everyone but there is no real formal process. Different questions are asked but we do need to make up a different more formal application process.
- Gamble – do you think that this would help internally to increase spirit?
- Kropman – how would the application process help with spirit?
- Gamble – for example, to be a Red Suit is an honour.
- Kropman – I would like this to be a service for everyone but then I would like to make it a service that everyone would really want to be a part of.
- Brown – there a lot of sport teams that do really well but Maroons are not in attendance at these games, for example, volleyball, etc.
- Kropman – one of the issues will be to work on more spirit at other games than football.
- Raina – scheduling of those games are sometimes difficult to attend.
- Murray – have you worked with SCSN and SOCS to better the relationship in the community, as it is not doing very well right now?
- Kropman – we do have to improve community relations.
- Robinson – do you see any more changes with structure? How are the emails working out since they have been approved?

- Kropman – the emails are great. It is much better because emails are getting out regularly. As for changes in structure, we will be looking into it with Dyason because we will be working with her on that.
- Du – what are you doing about a better transition for the next Coordinator?
- Kropman – we are working on that currently with the lengthy report that I am doing.
- Ramdeen – are the res reps new this year?
- Kropman – the res reps are not a new initiative but they have a couple more added responsibilities than past years.

## 2. **Executive Board – Minard - verbal**

- Minard – we have not had a lot of meetings due to lack of business. The last meeting was held on Thursday November 25 where we approved SWHAT Service boundaries to 15 minutes around the Downtown Centre, SWHAT email for the volunteer coordinator, and a donation in the amount of \$75.00 to the Bathtub Project. Our last meeting of the year will be Thursday December 2, 2004 at 10:00am. If you have any questions, please ask any of the members.

## 3. **President's Report – Mohan - Presentation**

- Mohan – presented a power point presentation.
- Dyason – with regards to community relations, have you spoke with Rob Payne and stated that students are a part of the community as well? Will community approval for Quarters encompass students or not?
- Mohan – the AWWCA are supposed to represent all Westdale community but they do not include students on this committee. Payne has started to realize that students are a part of the community and we have been trying to bring that gap together.
- Guignard – why are you only meeting with Rob Payne two times a week when there are about 500 residents on this committee?
- Mohan – he is the most vocal of the group. I am meeting with him because he wants to rally against the Quarters expansion.
- Murray – we have had a lot of feedback about residents that are unhappy about students. Have there been any residents that have shown support and happiness with students?
- Mohan – there are residents that support students and think they do well but they do not vocalize it because they will get reprimanded by Westdale residents. I want to hold the open forum so that residents that do support students can attend and speak as well.
- O'Neill – if the Quarters expansion goes through, that could possibly increase revenue. Is there any way that we can take some of that money and hire police to patrol on Quarters nights?
- Mohan – we have talked about hiring additional people to patrol on Quarters nights but there are still issues. I am wondering whether or not it would be more proactive to campaign to students about conduct. As for sales, it has not been increased alcohol sales that have increased revenue; it has been food sales.
- Khan – we do hire extra door staff and Mac 5.0 when we hold big events.
- Murray – I have noticed that we have had ride programs set up on Sterling Street after Quarters nights, have the stats for the program been relayed to the MSU?
- Mohan – no they have given us any stats.
- Qureshy – for Bridges Café, what will be done about some of the kosher food that contains meat?
- Mohan – there are some kosher foods that are not meat. We will have a priest come in and “approve” the menu.
- Gillezeau – in regards to the learning levels, how can they afford these and are not able to afford new books for the libraries? As for the café, has it been discussed to have take out containers that are environmentally friendly?
- Robinson – they have proposed to add these virtual libraries. They have 13.5 million dollars in their budget but no money for this initiative.
- Mohan – the proposal for the café was for it to be a sit-in restaurant.

- Vanini – in terms of accessibility, where are you exploring to get the money for the elevator?
- Mohan – we are looking to outside benefactors. The Trillium Foundation would like to give us the money but the cost is extreme. Russ Powers has also expressed interest in giving us money.
- Vanini – if this was supposed to be accessible to all students, why was the cost of an elevator not put into the budget?
- Mohan – the amount of money for an elevator is extreme. It is still accessible to everyone.
- O’Neill – the President of Otis Canada is a graduate of McMaster.
- Mohan – we have already approached them.
- Patel – with regards to the vegetarian food, will it be prepared in a different place?
- Mohan – the café will have no meat.
- Boney – this project was pushed so hard to get this off the ground last year because it would not have gone any further if we didn’t. The discussions we had were to fundraise for the elevator.

**Moved** by Gamble, seconded by Mohan that the SRA receive all reports as presented.

**Carried by General Consent**

**Moved** by Takawy, seconded by Grenier that the SRA recess for 30 minutes.

**Carried by General Consent**

**Recessed @ 6:06pm**

**Call to Order @ 6:36pm**

**Call of the Roll**

**Present**

Bateman, Brown, Dinath, Du, Dyason, Erickson, Gamble, Gillezeau, Grenier, Jones, Kashyap, Khan, Klein, Minard, Mohan, O’Neill, Osborne, Ott, Pahulje, Patel, Patel, Piribauer, Qureshy, Raina, Ramdeen, Robinson, Sarin, Sumner, Takawy, Vanini, Vijayakanthan

**Absent Excused**

**Absent**

Baldeo, Moran

**Late**

Murray

**Others Present**

Neville Boney (former MSU President), Maureene Ninham (Recording Secretary)

**Speaker**

Kherani

**BUSINESS**

- Speaker – informed the Assembly that there have been some issues regarding this notice of motion. In our bylaws, 10 days notice is required but there are items of business on the agenda that only needed 4-business days notice. Mohan would like the Assembly to know that the requirement to move into an MSU Inc. meeting is 2/3 majority.
- Erickson – would like to add a motion to reconsider on the table.

**Moved** by Erickson, seconded by Grenier that the SRA reconsider the motion “**Moved** by Minard, seconded by Grenier that the SRA recall the 2004-2005 Vice-President (Education) Erin Robinson.

- Speaker – debate will be to the merits of putting this back on the agenda, no new information is to be stated.
- Erickson – it is really important that we revote on this. There are a few reasons why this has been brought up but the major was the interpretations of an abstention. Some members did not know that an abstention meant No. In this past week, many people have changed their mind. If we vote the same way, great but we need to know 100%. I would also recommend that we take a roll call vote so that we can make a stand and so we are accountable to students.

- Speaker – for information, if the Assembly goes into a revote of the motion to recall, if the recall vote passes by 24 votes in favor, this motion will come back on the first agenda in January and to recall, it has to make 24 votes in favor at both meetings. You will have to make another motion to reconsider the secret ballot vote in order to have a roll call vote put in place.
- Ott – I voted in favor of the recall at the last meeting so that everyone knows. I have spoken with Robinson this week and discussed some issues with her. This issue is over and done with and by bringing it back, it is attacking our intelligence. We had five hours of debate at the last meeting, why bring this back up? This is a waste of my time and we need to put this behind us and move on. The SRA does not have to be a clown show, why rehash this? Lets move on.
- O’Neill – if this motion passes, where would it fall on the agenda?
- Speaker – this can go before the motion to censure.
- Erickson – I disagree with Ott. I am not doing this to insult anyone’s intelligence. I want to know how this Assembly feels about this issue. Censure ship will not work right now in my beliefs.
- Bateman – on more than one occasion, members have come up to my saying that they abstained because they were not clear on the voting procedures.
- Dyason – this is an interesting and tough issue. I agree with Ott that this motion is a waste of time. I have also spoken with Robinson and if members do not feel that there has been improvement, this motion can always come back to the table, but it has only been a week. As for the individuals who abstained, it was made very clear how the voting procedures go. This issue does not need to be brought back to the table.
- Brown – to the Speaker – can you please explain the difference between an abstention and no vote?
- Speaker – yes means in favor. No means against. Abstain is NOT a no vote. The Assembly needs 24 votes to have this motion pass to recall.
- Bateman – what about Wong’s seat, that vote should not count.
- Speaker – Wong’s seat has not been declared vacant yet. The seat will count as an abstention.
- Mohan – last week this Assembly put the Board in a difficult position. The SRA screwed up last week. I am going to do my job and vote against this. It was bad for the MSU that this motion failed last week. For us to function as a team, this will just propagate more inefficiency. There are ways in which the SRA can keep “tabs” on the Board. Not in support of this motion but in favor of the censure.
- Grenier – the past events that have come up this week should not be used to take away from this motion. This is just to clarify all of our positions.
- Minard – this is needed for transparency but I agree with Mohan and Ott that we are beating a dead horse. I want us to be able to move on. We have the student body saying that we are not accountable. If it’s the will of the Assembly to have another vote and to be sure on that vote, it needs to be clear.
- Erickson – this is not to rehash issues that were already brought up. Everyone knows the merits; it is just to have a roll call vote.
- Ott – the SRA can get through this. If you do not know what an abstention is, maybe you should not be on the SRA. If you want transparency, write the Silhouette and tell the students how you voted. This is taking two steps back.
- Gillezeau – people have asked for the numbers. If they want to know, we have that obligation to let them know.
- Vanini – I am going to vote against this. If you want the numbers, it was done in secret ballot, and the position of the Assembly was No. What is there to clarify?
- Piribauer – I am confident my vote on this will be yes. I would like to have the number of votes on record. No one has the energy to go through this again. If this motion passes, we should go right to question and not debate.
- Dyason – is this to show how you voted last week or is this a chance for members to revote on the basis of hearsay from this past week?
- Patel – issues were heard last week. It was also made clear at the last meeting that an abstention meant no. We do not have to talk to our constituents because they elected us to do this job because they are confident in our decisions.

- Erickson – we are making a decision for the next 5 months. We need to know to be able to perform our jobs properly.

In favor: 17 Opposed: 10 Abstain: 3

**Opposed Noted: Brown, Patel (Bhavik), Vanini, Dyason, Pahulje, Mohan, Ott**  
**Abstain: Robinson, Murray, Qureshy**  
**Motion Passes**

**1. Recess for a meeting of Full Members of MSU Inc.**

**Moved** by Khan, seconded by Piribauer that the SRA recess for a meeting of Full Members of MSU Inc.

In favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**Carried Unanimously**

**Return to Regular Session @ 7:50pm**

**Call of the Roll**

**Present**

Bateman, Brown, Dinath, Du, Dyason, Erickson, Gamble, Gillezeau, Grenier, Jones, Kashyap, Khan, Klein, Minard, Mohan, Murray, Osborne, Pahulje, Patel, Patel, Piribauer, Qureshy, Raina, Ramdeen, Robinson, Sarin, Sumner, Takawy, Vanini, Vijayakanthan

**Absent Excused**

**Absent**

Baldeo, Moran, Ott

**Late**

**Others Present**

Maureene Ninham (Recording Secretary)

**Speaker**

Kherani

**2. Approval of Operating Policy 1/F – Emergency First Response Team**

**Moved** by Brown, seconded by Dyason that the SRA approve the changes to Operating Policy 1/F – Emergency First Response Team.

**Discussion**

- Brown – there is only a one-line change. It went through EFRT and the Bylaws & Procedures committee.

In favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. OUSA Documents**

**Moved** by Robinson, seconded by Grenier that the SRA ratify the following OUSA documents: System Vision for Higher Education in Ontario and Advancement and Opportunity in Higher Education.

**Discussion**

- Robinson – these documents were passed at the General Assembly. I would like the SRA to ratify although they do not have to ratify these documents but I would like to show that we agree with the policies.
- Grenier – I was a delegate at the General Assembly and I was in favor of these documents.

In favor: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

**Abstain: Ramdeen**  
**Motion Passes**

**4. OUSA Policy Statement – Governance, Accountability, and Assessment in Higher Education**

**Moved** by Robinson, seconded by Brown that the SRA ratify the following OUSA policy statement:  
Governance, Accountability, and Assessment in Higher Education.

**Discussion**

- Robinson – same as the last motion. This is a difficult policy for home office to write. We should ratify.

In favor: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1  
**Motion Passes**

**5. OUSA Policy Statement – University Funding and Tuition in Ontario**

**Moved** by Robinson, seconded by Grenier that the SRA ratify the following OUSA policy statement:  
University Funding and Tuition in Ontario.

**Discussion**

- Robinson – three of the delegates voted opposed because of the line in one of the recommendations that talks about the provincial government and post secondary graduates.
- Bateman – am against this motion. OUSA prides itself but this is not an educated solution. I do not think that this was closely looked at by the Steering committee. This was not a well thought out solution.
- Piribauer – not standing up to speak against this line but it contravenes that education is a public good. People rely on healthcare and that is some of our University grads become doctors and that turns around and becomes a benefit to people. It is not a value added either.
- Murray – I see this document as having potential. The other areas of the document are good too.
- Robinson – we are funded the least by the provincial government. A member of the steering committee explained that this is providing an option to the government. We do not have enough resources. If Corporations are fine with giving to Universities then they should be okay with paying the taxes associated.
- Bateman – in the Rae Review, it stated that Universities would only benefit if they become privatized. If Universities become privatized, we are in a circle and this is not an education solution. Do not accept this policy based on the one line. This will not benefit students.
- Gillezeau – this would be regressive if they are going to call for increased taxes.
- Patel – opposed to the one line. It might have negative implications of graduate students hired to these corporations.
- Piribauer – one of the largest employers are Universities. Universities cannot be taxed. It is just one percent but it is a one percent advantage.

In favor: 2 Opposed: 19 Abstain: 7  
**Opposed Noted: Vanini, Grenier, Patel, Bateman**  
**Motion Fails**

**6. Election of (1) SRA member to the Finance Committee**

**Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by Grenier that the SRA open nominations for (1) SRA member on the Finance committee.

**Discussion**

- Minard – who is on the committee currently?
- Ninham – Du, Patel (Bhavik), and Qureshy.

- Bateman nominated O'Neill, declined.
- Gillezeau nominated Dinath, accepted.

**Moved** by Khan, seconded by Minard to close nominations

In favor: 26 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 2  
**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Minard, seconded by Sumner to ratify Faheem Dinath as the SRA member on the Finance Committee.

In favor: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 3  
**Motion Passes**

#### 7. **Election of (1) SRA member on the Elections Committee**

**Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by Bateman that the SRA open nominations for (1) SRA member on the Elections Committee.

In favor: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1  
**Motion Passes**

#### **Discussion**

- Dinath nominated Gillezeau, accepted

**Moved** by Minard, seconded by Bateman to close nominations and ratify Rob Gillezeau for SRA on Elections Committee.

In favor: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1  
**Abstain: Gillezeau**  
**Motion Passes**

#### 8. **Election of MSU (non-SRA) members on Awards Committees**

**Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by Gamble that the SRA elect (1) MSU (non-SRA) member on J. Lynn Watson and MSU Spirit Award committees.

#### **Discussion**

- Speaker – no names have been submitted. This will stay open until next year.

#### 9. **Motion to Recall**

**Moved** by Minard, seconded by Grenier that the SRA recall the 2004-2005 Vice-President (Education) Erin Robinson.

In favor: 27 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1  
**Abstain: Robinson**  
**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Osborne, seconded by Bateman that the SRA reconsider the motion “ **Moved** by Bateman, seconded by Gamble to go into secret ballot vote.”

In favor: 27 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1

**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Bateman, seconded by Gamble to go into secret ballot.

In favor: 0 Opposed: 26 Abstain: 4  
**Opposed Noted: Vanini, Brown**  
**Abstain: Du, Ramdeen, Robinson, Vijayakanthan**  
**Motion Fails**

**Roll Call Vote on Recall Motion**

**In favor = 23**

Bateman, Dinath, Du, Dyason, Erickson, Gamble, Gillezeau, Grenier, Jones, Khan, Klein, Minard, Murray, O'Neill, Osborne, Patel, Patel, Piribauer, Qureshy, Raina, Ramdeen, Sumner, Takawy

**Opposed = 3**

Brown, Vanini, Vijayakanthan

**Abstain = 9**

Baldeo, Kashyap, Mohan, Moran, Ott, Pahulje, Robinson, Sarin, Wong

**10. Censure**

**Moved** by Grenier, seconded by Gamble that the SRA approve a resolution of censure with respect to the Vice-President (Education) Erin Robinson.

**Discussion**

- Grenier – this is an official reprimand so that improvement can be seen and her peers can monitor progress. This is also so it's done in a professional manner.
- Bateman – it is clear that this needs to be done. This is just us stating that we are accountable to students.

In favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1  
**Favor Noted: Brown, Sumner, Vanini, Gamble, Robinson**  
**Abstain: Baldeo**  
**Motion Passes**

**11. Ratification of 2004-2005 Electoral Appeal Board**

**Moved** by Brown, seconded by Grenier that the SRA ratify Dr. Bruce Frank, Dr. Nivaldo Galleguillos, and Aleem Kherani for the composition of the 2004-2005 Electoral Appeal Board.

**Discussion**

- Brown – we need to approve this so that it is place if we need it.
- Ninham – White had also put an advertisement in the Silhouette for the 2 alternative community members but has had no response.

In favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0  
**Carried Unanimously**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved** by Piribauer, seconded by Grenier that the SRA send the issue of online elections to the following committees: for Concept to the Elections committee, for Technical to the Information System committee, and for Implementation to the Bylaws and Procedures committee.

### **Discussion**

- Piribauer – this motion is to make sure that work is being done in regards to implementing online elections. The issue will go to the Elections for the concept, Information Systems Committee for technical, and Bylaws & Procedures and Services committees for implementation. White has been spending the bulk of her time focusing on the online concept. There is a cost involved and someone is interested. What she would like is a good faith from the SRA so that she can say that it is fairly likely that we will be doing this. This is so that it can go through multiple channels to make sure that it is transparent.
- Grenier – completely in favor of this happening. The SRA should approve committee work anyways.
- Minard – is online voting a definite go?
- Piribauer – there is an indication that we want to seriously look at it.
- Sarin – has she stated about any specifics about how it will work?
- Piribauer – from a technical standpoint, there have been a couple of different ideas. We have connections with different people. White would also like to have a mock referendum to test this so this concept can possibly be ready for the Presidential and SRA General Elections.
- Bateman – was on the Elections committee last year. How does White feel that the role of the Elections committee if this will be implemented?
- Piribauer – there will still be a use for the committee if this is implemented but roles would change.
- Ninham – since this is going to many different committees, will you be making sure that all committees work together to make sure that everyone is on the same page and not branching out to many different options?
- Piribauer – there is value to having everyone working on this concept but we will make sure that committees don't branch out too much. Different ideas are good and more powerful.

In favor: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**Carried Unanimously**

- Piribauer – we are not supposed to have food in this classroom so please clean up your mess at the tables. Pile all garbage on the tables in the back. We have an ice cream cake for dessert. It represents the “SRA Clown Show”. We as an SRA have gone through a lot and it has been tough but we have gotten through it. I appreciate all of the work from all the members. It has been a powerful year.
- Grenier – to all SRA members, EggNog is Wednesday of this week.

## **TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The time of the next SRA meeting will be held:

**Sunday January 9, 2005  
@ 6:30pm  
Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall Room 111**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Takawy, seconded by Minard that the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Call of the Roll**

**Present**

Baldeo, Bateman, Brown, Dinath, Du, Dyason, Erickson, Gamble, Gillezeau, Grenier, Jones, Kashyap, Khan, Klein, Minard, Mohan, Murray, Osborne, Patel, Patel, Piribauer, Qureshy, Raina, Ramdeen, Robinson, Sarin, Sumner, Takawy, Vanini, Vijayakanthan

**Absent Excused**

Jones, O'Neill, Ott, Pahlje

**Absent**

Moran

**Late**

**Others Present**

Maureen Ninham (Recording Secretary)

**Speaker**

Kherani

**Adjourned @ 8:55pm**



# **MSU HEALTH PLAN**

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

**NOVEMBER 2004**

Prepared by: Maureene Ninham

**MSU HEALTH PLAN SURVEY RESULTS**  
**NOVEMBER 2004**

**Faculty**

Arts & Science	23	3.69 %
Engineering	79	12.68 %
Humanities	77	12.36 %
Science	171	27.45 %
Social Work	14	2.25 %
Business	55	8.83 %
Health Science	39	6.26 %
Kinesiology	38	6.1 %
Social Science	117	18.78 %
Other	10	1.61 %

**Gender**

Male	170
Female	459

**Age**

16	1
17-18	101
19-20	237
21-22	233
23+	57
No Answer	5

**Place of Residence**

Greater Hamilton Region	168
Greater Toronto Area	264
Other Ontario	168
Outside Ontario	12
Outside Canada	15



**Aware of the Plan?**

Yes	527
No	93
No Answer	14

**Aware of the Option to Opt Out?**

Yes	490
No	127
No Answer	15

**Did you Opt Out?**

Yes	175
No	408
No Answer	51

**How did you find the Opt Out Process?**

Very simple & convenient	91
Somewhat simple & convenient	70
Somewhat difficult & complicated	10
Very difficult & complicated	3
No Answer	6

**Since Opting Out, have you paid out of pocket for expenses?**

Yes	13
No	156
No Answer	8

**Current Health Coverage?**

Family (Parents Plan)	393
MSU Health Plan	203
Other	30
No Answer	50

**Does the MSU Health Plan provide good value?**

Yes	134
No	99
No Answer	181

**Knowledge of discounted Oral Contraceptives from Campus Health?**

Yes	287
No	325
No Answer	15

**Last time at a dentist?**

Within the past 6 months	445
Over a year ago	112
Over 2 years ago	15
More than 2 years ago	49
No Answer	4

**Covered by dental insurance that covers some or all of the costs?**

Yes	425
No	184
No Answer	18

**Incurred dental costs within the last 12 months?**

Yes	294
No	297
No Answer	22

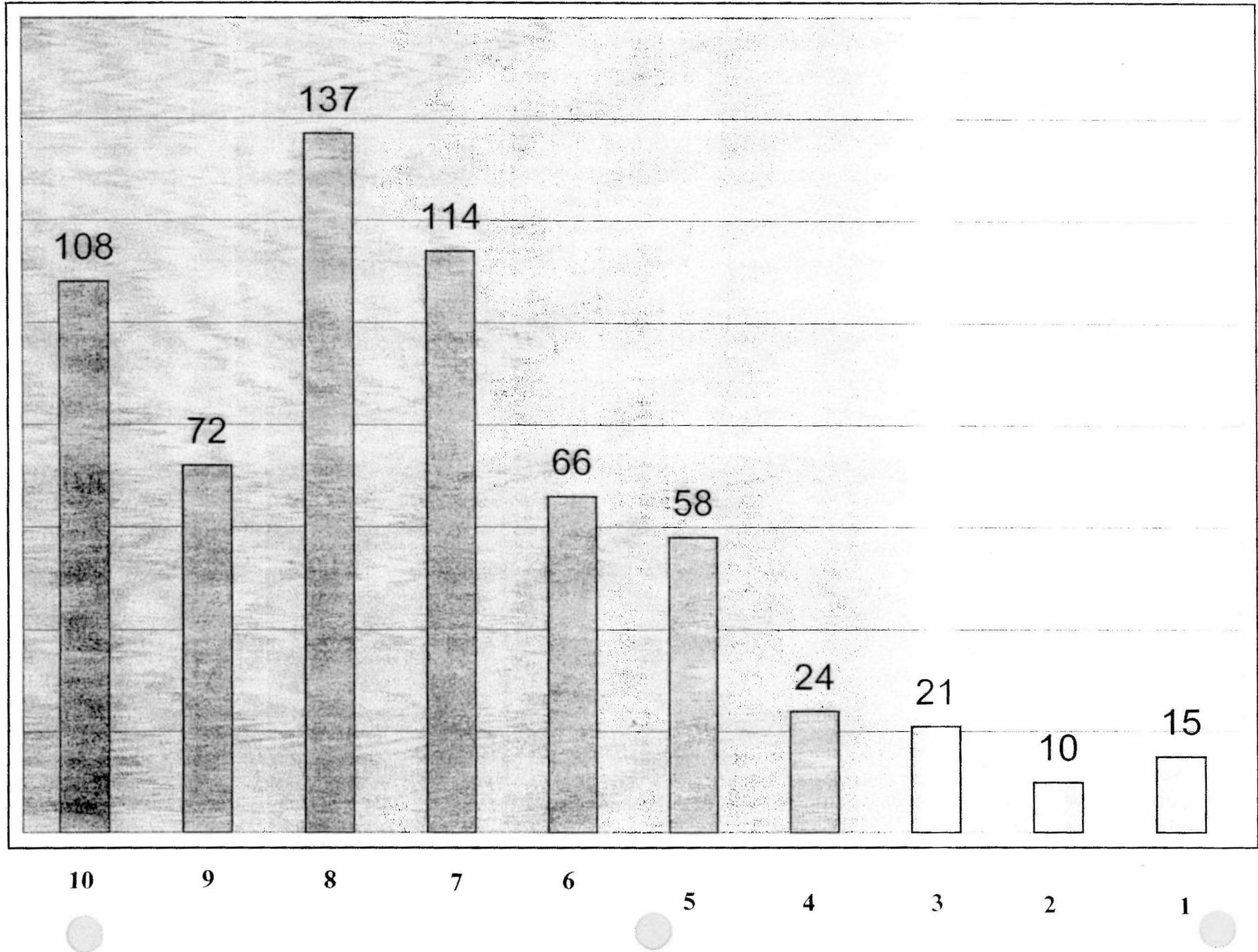
**How much have you paid?**

\$0	55
\$1-100	64
\$101-300	103
\$301-500	39
\$501-1000	23
\$1000+	26
No Answer	30

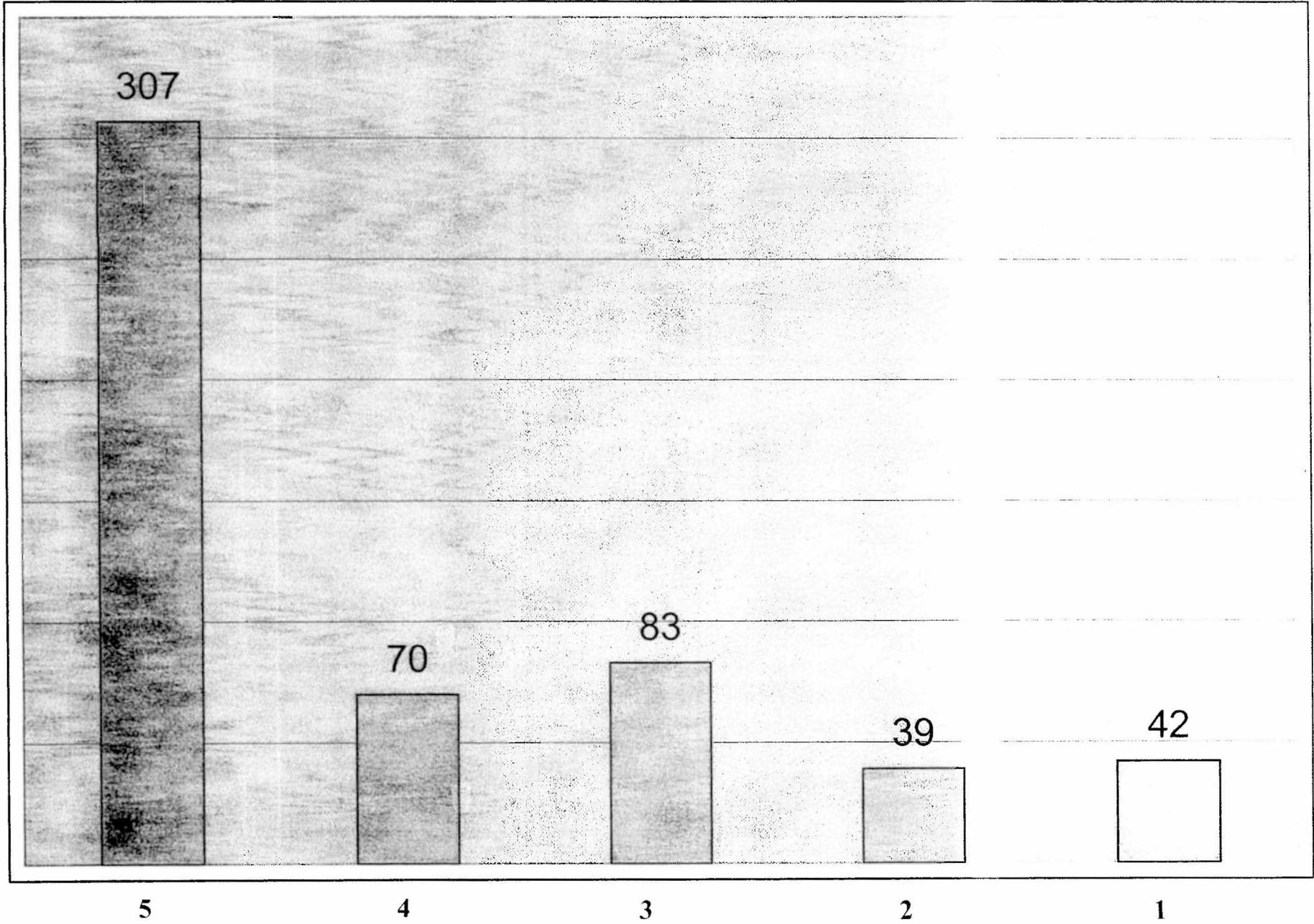




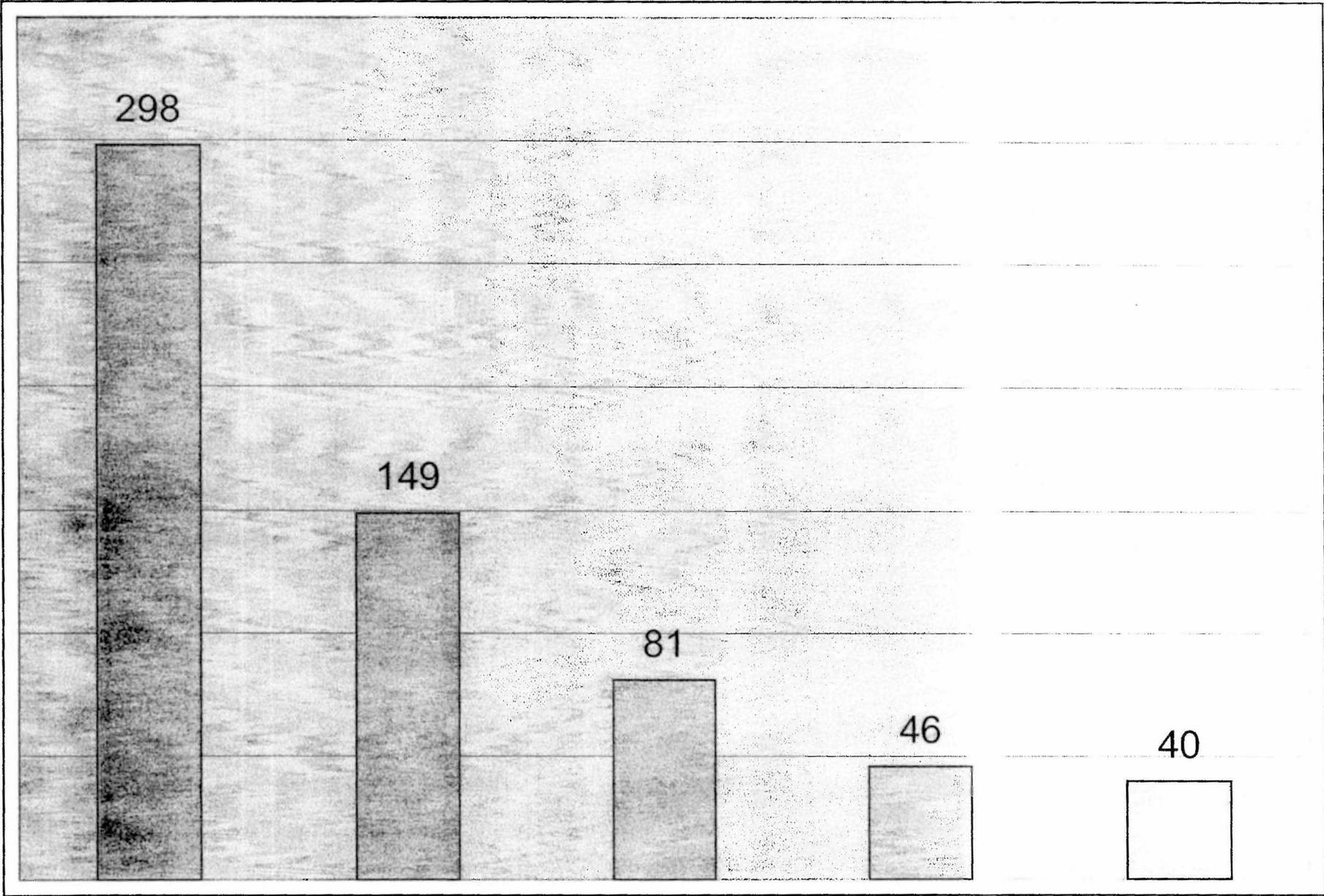
### IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS?



# ADD VISION CARE



ADD DENTAL CARE



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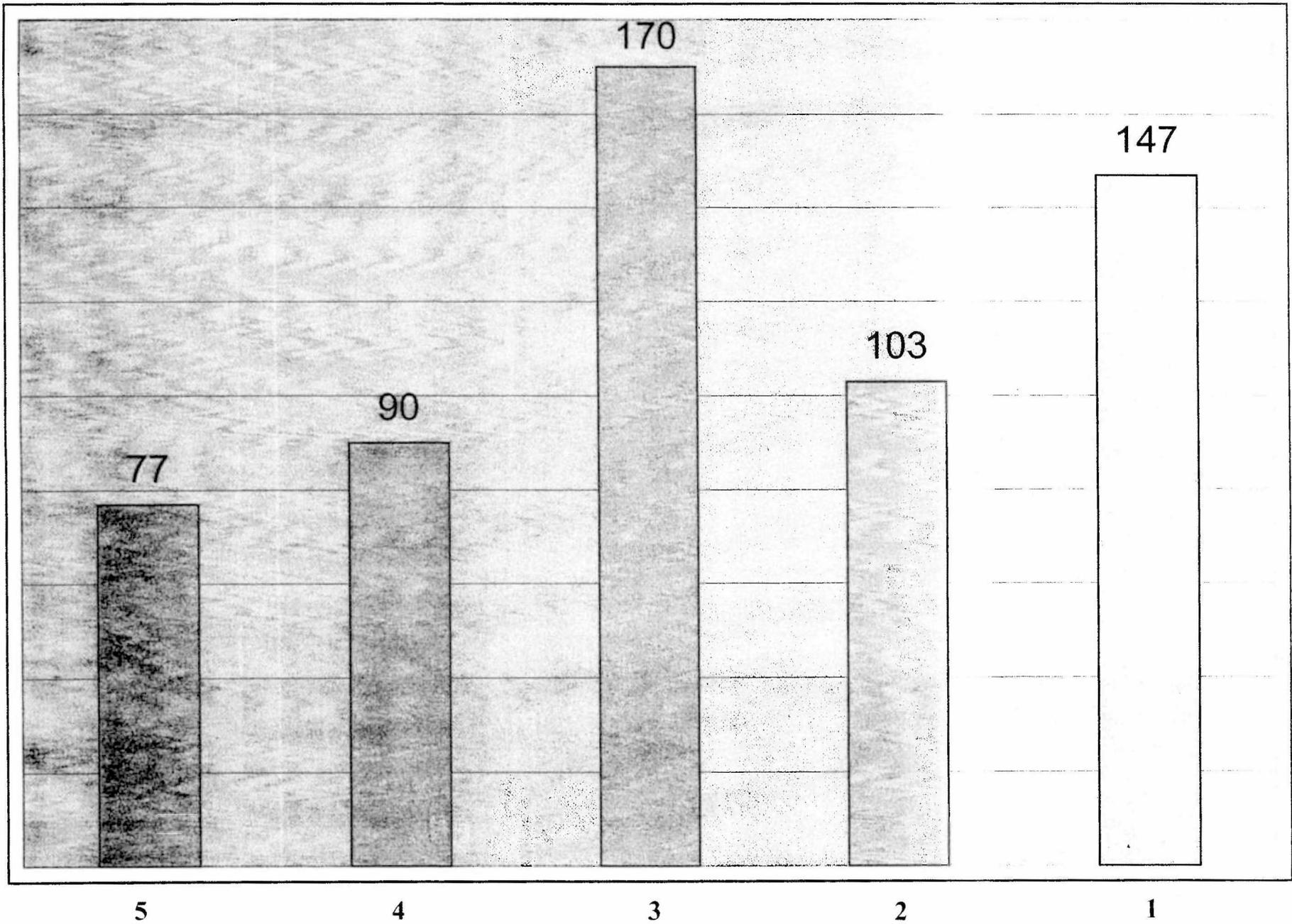
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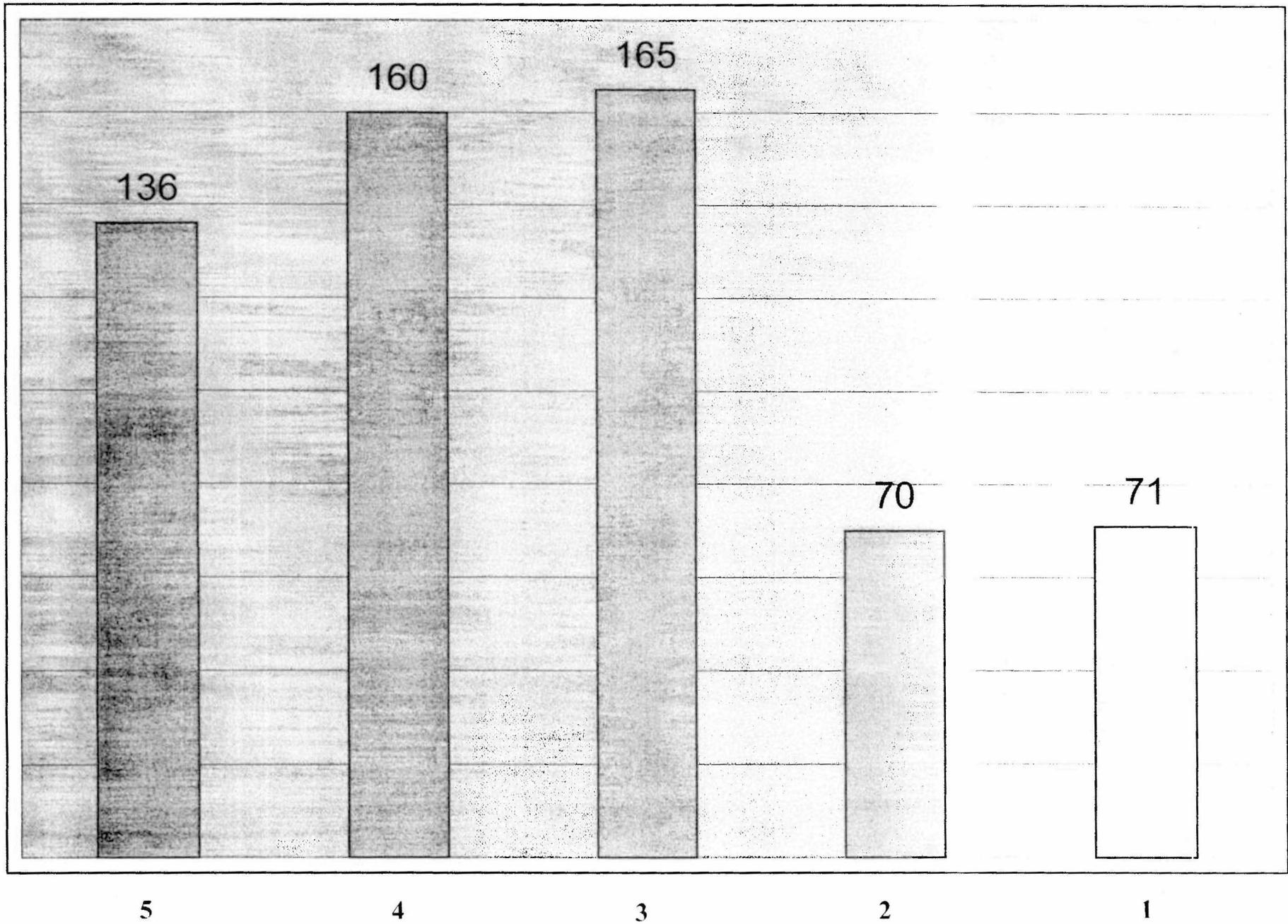
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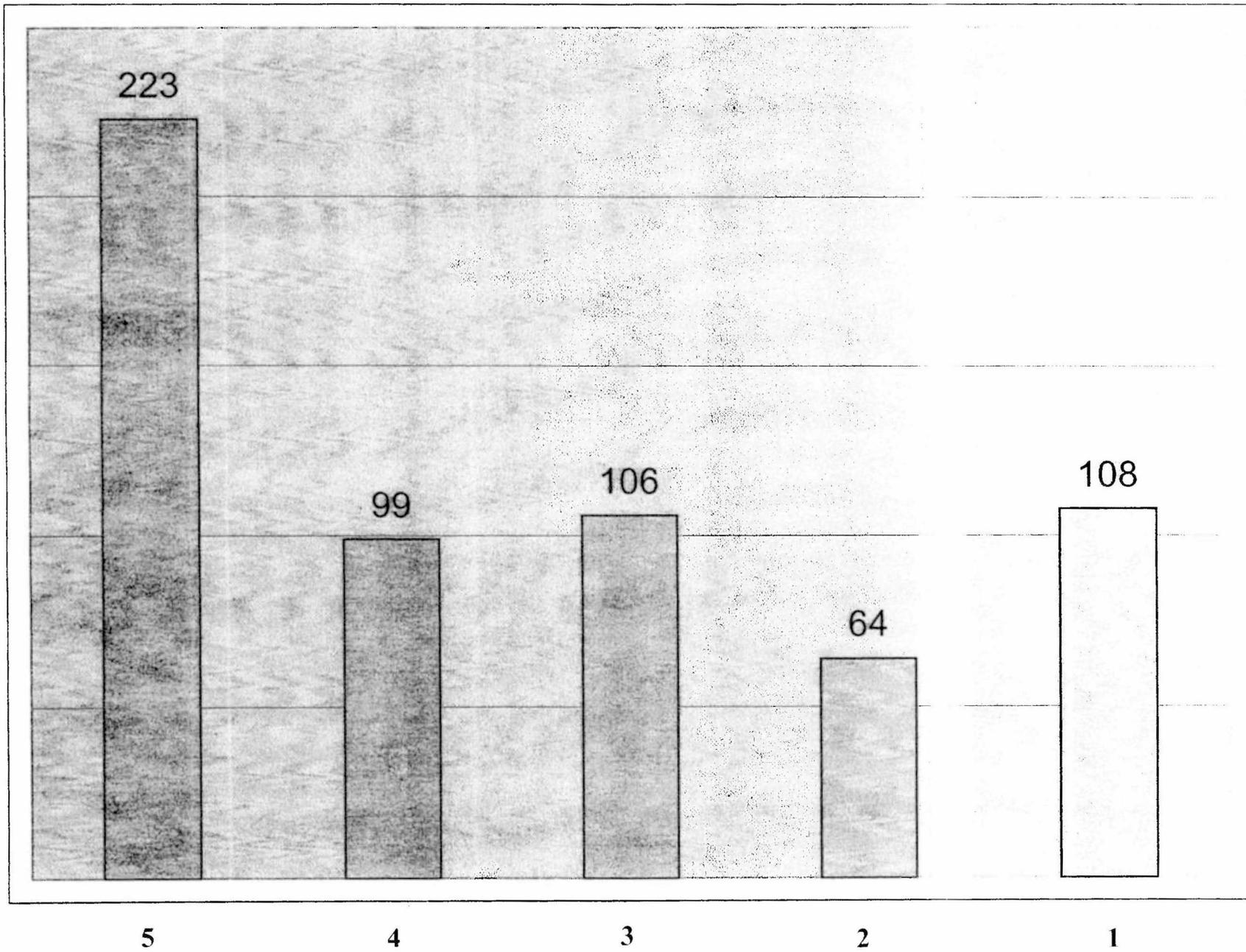
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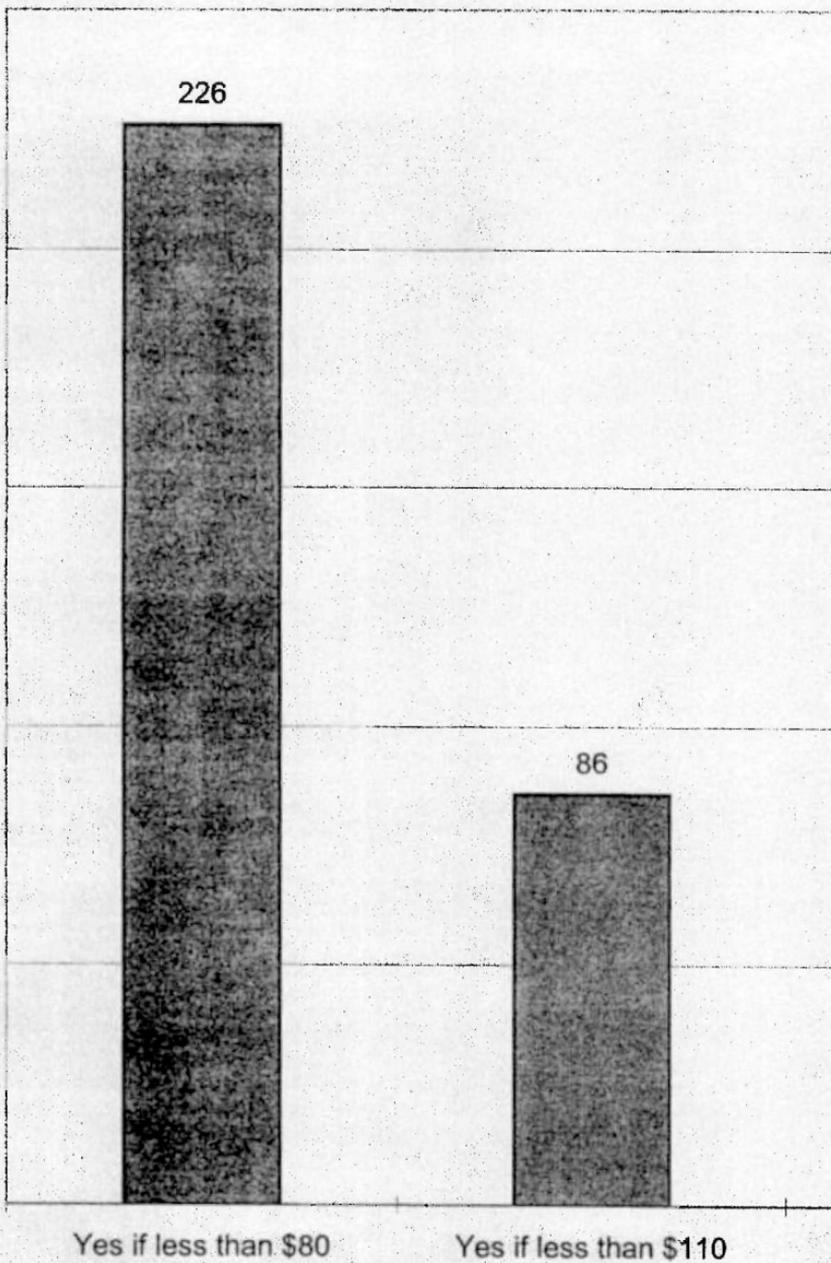


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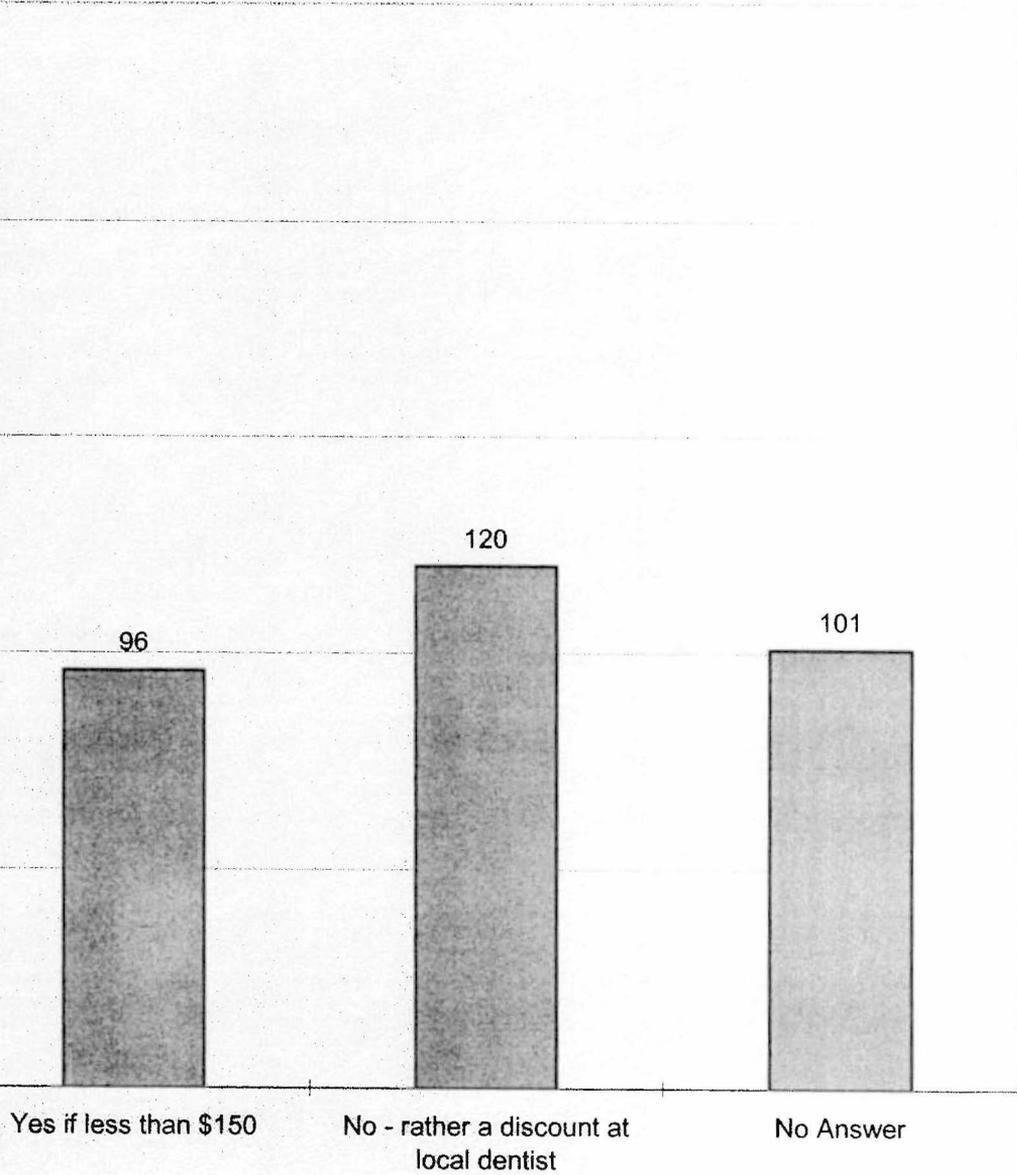


# ADD ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES





implement dental



1.	Many students are no longer covered under family plans and do not see a dentist regularly due to increasing private fees.
2.	Make the opt out more visible! Nice teeth make nice smiles.
3.	I think this is a really good idea as last year I encountered problems with my braces and had to schedule appointments back in my hometown, which was a hassle. Also for students, who do not live in Canada or more than an hour away, I think it would be very helpful.
4.	Although it doesn't affect me, I think a dental plan would be beneficial provided that the opt out continues to be offered.
5.	I think it should be made more aware that students have the opt out option especially if they already acquire a family health plan so that students are not paying for a plan they won't be using.
6.	Give me dental care!
7.	Answers are dependent on the option to opt out and also the cost to students. Obviously, increased benefits are great and even necessary for some people but this needs to be balanced with the cost to students/msu.
8.	I think a school health plan is vital for students who have no other options available. Keep up the good work and thank you for making sure the students best interests are served.
9.	I'm very fortunate that my fathers company has so many benefits. If I didn't have this coverage I would use the MSU's health plan. I think putting it out there and adding dental benefits will encourage and greatly benefit mcmaster students. I like that one has the option to opt out. Is there any way you can make compulsory screening (for nursing/midwifery/med) part of tuition?
10.	I think that by providing an opt in dental plan, the MSU would be helping students without coverage causing much concern for those who are uninterested.
11.	1) Opt out should be more publicized. 2) Vision care should be added to the package. 3) MSU should eliminate presumed consent of the Health Plan, students should be able to select this option if they so choose on MUGSI or SOLAR while they register for courses.
12.	There needs to be better advertisement of what the benefits are and how to claim them!
13.	Eyecare would be an excellent addition.
14.	The MSU "Training Sessions" suck.
15.	Why provide discounted prices on birth control that have the highest incidents of side effects for women aged 18-35? Tricyclen is also indicated for acne and is the safest oral contraceptive for women of the same age group. It is also the least expensive.
16.	Make it opt in or at least make it better known that you can opt out.
17.	A large portion of the students are unaware of the health services which are currently offered by McMaster. In order to ensure students take full advantage of their benefits, information sessions should be held to educate the students on this matter.
18.	I think the dental plan is great!
19.	Please implement dental coverage so I can go to the dentist!
20.	Good oral hygiene is key!
21.	Get the dental plan! I'm too poor to get my teeth cleaned.
22.	Get dental!
23.	Where can I get my \$45.00 for the health plan back since I already have coverage through a family plan? Go MSU!!!!
24.	I think that McMaster should provide vision care coverage. Any amount would help because eyewear costs a lot
25.	I personally do not need vision care but a lot of people I know struggle paying for it since they are on a tight budget
26.	health issues - teach the truth about chastity, more effective than condoms!!
27.	stop using our tuition to pay for condoms and lube. Let them buy it themselves. It is not our responsibility they are "adults"!
28.	tuition should not go towards contraception this is a controversial topic and it is disappointing to find so much support for sexually active students consider some responsibility for STDs and pregnancies that may occur even when contraception has

	been used
29	do this online and spare paper!
30	make health plan better to cover more in dental and eye
31	an emergency walk in clinic for students would be a good idea
32	yes to have dental care with the ability to opt out of that plan but still keep the MSU health plan for \$45.00
33	no cause I really don't know!!
34	please take into consideration all the responses given and include coverage for eyeglasses which really should be added to the plan
35	full payback on medicine should be provided
36	it would be great if physicals for varsity teams were covered too!
37	ideally, the health plan should cover the full cost of drugs especially true for things like ciproflaxin, peni, and any other meds associated with colds, sore throats
38	I think there should be an option when registering for classes to opt out of the health plan
39	make the opt out option responsive so you actually get your money back
40	MSU health plan should provide discounts for all brands of oral contraceptives
41	dental care should be covered for less than \$50 x 15,000 = 65,000/year
42	UHIP is really a great plan, but I strongly suggest dental to be included since being an international student I paid through my nose for my dental work. Also it is very sad that the health clinic in the student centre basement uses patients who have serious injuries to come back the next day I can understand that the hours are limited, but what about a student who has an asthma attack or a stomach ache? I think considerations should be given to them Great job people!
43	I think you should let students know about the health plan in very detail. Also have an option when being registered to opt out.
44	I would really appreciate it if you added a dental plan into our health insurance plan because due to transportation reasons it would be difficult to go back and forth to local dentists. Also, dental care is important so it would be a good thing to have in our care plan. Looking forward to the dental plan, thanks!
45	I just think it's a great idea to implement the dental plan. It would be very beneficial to have a dental plan for the students. I would greatly appreciate it if the dental plan were included in the MSU Health Plan. Thanks in advance!
46	oral contraceptives should be covered under the health plan, other universities offer this!
47	my wisdom teeth are coming in and it hurts and I'm a poor student!
48	dental would be a great help. Its expensive!
49	as OHIP is cutting back its funding of eye examinations, the expense of vision care will become more expensive. I am thinking that an add-on or an optional coverage of vision care is important in the coming future.
50	Id prefer there not be a dental plan. Please let me keep my money and not make me Opt out of something else
51	even if dental coverage was added then there would probably still be a lot of exceptions as to what is paid for and whats not
52	dental plan is a good idea. An eye care plan is also a good idea especially since the government is delisting optometric services for those over 20 effective this oct/nov also, if dealing with dental services will orthodontic services be covered? As well some dental services may be needed for orthodontic services will those be covered as well ie xrays, extractions, etc?
53	I have a really bad tooth which is now infecting other teeth. I have no dental coverage and would really of liked that mac could do something for students who are in my situation. The dental charges are up to \$4000 instead of getting better, things are getting worse for me where dental issues are involved. I strongly support improvements to the health plan. I too am going to do my own research.
54	I think the MSU should seriously consider covering expenses for dermatology because many students are affected by skin problems due to the large amount of stress from school. Actually, Im not so sure if dermatology expenses are covered but I definitely think



	its a good idea to add it if its not.
55	when trying to decide what to add to health plan coverage. Conduct a survey to determine what are the biggest costs and concerns. Put this survey online to make it more convenient and save trees. Put the opt out form online too - its silly that I have to wait in line to pick up a piece of paper.
56	many students have no additional coverage our plan must be more comprehensive!
57	if install dental plan should have a dentist on campus
58	students should have the choice of whether or not to get a health plan upfront instead of having to go through the opt out process
59	dental coverage would benefit me very much, as I believe it would many other students I need work done.
60	concerning dental care, I believe it would be beneficial to have some dental care covered or be offered discounts at local dentists, whichever option is more reasonable in terms of costs. Eye coverage would also be beneficial. Perhaps the plan could be flexible where students have the option to different things covered. Also, the health plan should not be directly in tuition costs but should offer students the choice of having it. I am sure many do not know this exists or an opt out option. Personally I do not use prescription drugs so coverage of this sort is useless for me
61	I don't use the health plan that much. Most of the problem is just catching a cold or have a bit of headache. If I can have some free medicine from the campus health clinic that will be great!
62	dental should be offered as an option but not mandatory for everyone who wants to be part of the health plan
63	I don't need the accidental dental injury repair part of the health plan but I can't opt out because its all together. If I wanted to opt out of the dental I would have to opt out of the whole health plan but I need the medicine part of it. Maybe a way should be devised where one can get rid of that dental part but keep the rest
64	send students a pamphlet describing the health plan in the mail prior to september
65	I left question # 12 empty because I don't ever remember using the plan last year so I can't give an adequate answer
66	thank you
67	thanks!
68	does not cover hospital room for birthing - not sure why in only accidental
69	I believe the health plan should be provided only to those who request it not to everyone until they opt out. Most of my fellow students I asked didn't know they could opt out
70	instead of charging every student \$45 have the plan as an option for students who feel they need it. Most students do not need very expensive prescription medications. Paying \$45 in order to get \$15 off a \$20 medical bill will only ensure that the student has a net loss!
71	Students should also be able to opt out of dental, if added.
72	It has been very difficult for me to keep up with dental and eyecare expenses as an undergraduate student. More so after I found out that Grad students are covered for dental work. Adding some sort of dental coverage and/or eyecare will make MSU Healthplan more appealing for those who currently opt out and more beneficial to every undergraduate.
73	i think that those students that do not have medical coverage, likely don't have dental coverage either, so it makes sense. however, there should also be an opt-out for dental, if the msu decides to add that as a service.
74	I feel strongly that dental coverage/discount should be on the MSU health care plan, dental care is really expensive and for the average student, they can't afford regular 6month dental check ups. Thus teeth are neglected for 4 years, which will eventually catch up to students after graduation when their teeth begin to rot or old cavities start to fall out. I know that if dental coverage was on the MSU plan, the cost of the plan would also have to go up, but maybe a compromise could be reached by giving a discount of some sort.

75	I think that the Group Dental Plan would be good for some people, but as always, there will be those who choose to opt out, so the option to not be involved with the Dental Plan should still be available.
76	Full coverage for all health services would be best, ie. prescriptions etc.
77	I feel that the McMaster Student Health Plan is very helpful. I think it's a great idea to try to implement dental care into the plan, so long as the cost isn't too high.
78	I think definately, more vision care and/or dental care should be covered by the msu health plan
79	Dental Plan is a great idea
80	Nope. Health Plan is good. Dental would be good for me, but I'm a bit of an exception, I think, but maybe that's incorrect. My family is out of country, so dental would be good, but I'm fairly neutral on it. I like the current health plan actually.
81	If a dental plan is included, students should definitely be given the option of purchasing it and of opting out so that they do not have to pay for it if they are still covered under their family's plan.
82	I feel that some amount of dental coverage should be included in our MSU health plan. Although I have not had cavities, a regular dental checkup costs a fair amount of money. This amount, usually around \$100, cuts into my savings that are required to pay for my university education. This is only a brief reason why I feel that some form of dental insurance should be added to our current health care plan.
83	Because I am covered by my parents health plan I have never used and therefore know nothing about it, but I am sure people who are not covered by their parents find it useful.
84	I think the period which it takes to activate the automatic discounts at the MSU pharmacy and other participating pharmacies, in the fall, is too long. Unfortunately, many people become ill at the beginning of the year due to the potential stress of moving, starting a new year etc., and they should not have the added task of filling out a claim form. The automatic discounts should be in place, when classes start!
85	i think that students should be able to opt out of hte coverage anytime before dec. if they have not used it. I think that the chance expires too soon, especially since students are just setting back into school life and do not always think of added expences first.
86	More word needs to get out for the Opt-out forms, it has slowly gotten better over the years.
87	I would like to know whether I can get a refund for the health plan money paid through tuition since I am already covered. Please reply me at my email address at: gabriela@mcmaster.ca.
88	Instead of having to opt out of the medical plan, make it an option to add it or not when paying tuition
89	waiting period for opt out seems long....would be better if the process is instant (through mugs?)  msu health plan is a great idea...perfect for international students who do not have canadian coverage.
90	I know a lot of other universities have full health care plans that cover everything from eye care to dentistry. This would be a great asset for McMaster.
91	A clarification of my response to question 10: I have coverage from both a family plan and the MSU plan (I wasn't able to check both off so selected "other").  I don't actually know too much about what the plan does and does not cover--advertising this information more would be a great idea (I'm sure it's available, but if information was actively provided--by email or in notices, maybe at places like student health/shec/the pharmacy--I think people would be more aware of it).  No need to respond.
92	How does one go about opting out of the MSU Health Plan? Why do you offer discounted



	<p>oral contraceptives to students? Do you also offer discounts for other drugs?</p> <p>Thanks, Theresa zetteltm@muss.cis.mcmaster.ca</p>
93	I wish that I could have opted out after Oct. 1st because i already am covered by 2 plans.
94	I think an OPTIONAL dental plan would be a good idea to help those people who aren't covered under their parents plans. I am fully covered by my parents dental plan, but do pay for all my university fees and rent, and would therefore not like to pay 80, or 100, or whatever the added cost would be to tuition for this dental coverage.
95	I think the MSU health plan should cover alternative treatments, such as Homeopathic doctors, etc, because its unfair to assume all students want to be treated by a certain type of physician. Since the MSU is supposed to be representative of the entire student population, I think it should more accurately reflect the choices of students, by providing coverage for alternative health treatments. Other than that, I think the plan is great, and I have made use of it in the past to cover prescription drugs (which can be so expensive for students!!!!)
96	I planned to opt out of the MSU plan because my dad has pretty intensive coverage and i could also get coverage at work, but i missed the deadline. I dont use the insurance but i do know of people who have and i think it is a great idea for students especially. If you are living away from home, unexpected costs can kill you. Paying for medical care of any sort is something that most people dont think about, so when you do need to, you are screwed up.
97	Would like more comprehensive coverage for glasses and eyecare, especially since the Ontario government has decided to not cover the cost as of this fall.  Coverage for physiotherapy and an optional dental plan.  Perhaps the MSU could start off with a basic plan available to all students and then allow for students to have the choice of extending their coverage by upgrading to another plan that would best suit their needs.
98	I suggest consider having coverage for massage therapy.
99	Yes, I believe that any University Health Plan should have eye glass or contact(s) coverage. It is paramount that students have the ability to "see" the blackboard etc. As we also know realize, Dental Health is linked to other health problems, it makes sense to include that coverage as well. Students in University should learn the "benefits" that can be provided to them in the working world and because some students are covered by their parents plan shouldn't discount others who are less fortunate.
100	I am a second year student, and I am pleased to see that the Opt-out option was emphasized and advertised more than it was last year.  I was fortunate enough to learn about the opt-out option in my first year by asking Student Accounts the breakdown of my fees and learned by accident that this option was available.  This year, however, I have seen announcements posted on the windows of the compass office, and even stood in line amongst other students eager to opt-out.  Thank you for informing students as to how then can reduce their costly tuition fee. No amount is too small.
101	I really benefitting from this plan... thanks a lot...
102	what exactly does the health plan cover?? will it be covering future eye exams since ohp is not covering it any more? and if so... what optomilrists can we use? thanks

	Natasha balletdance@yahoo.com
103	I think covering vision care is extremely important for university students. now that OHIP is phasing out the coverage for adults (previously every 2 years).
104	I think that we should have an on-campus optometrists!
105	One would think that because we are attempting to provide higher education and keep university students in school that oral contraceptives would be provided free of charge to students to promote completing educational pursuits. Being a female this is one of my top priorities. After seeing the list of things not included by our benefits plan I was thoroughly disappointed. \$45/yr is not a large sum in the greater scheme of things however if it was increased to \$80/yr to include dental and contraceptives I would not be opposed to this. At the University of Guelph where I recieved my first undergrad I know we had a plan that included birth control and dental. Not having a good benefit plan was something that definetly affected me as I had left my full time job with full benefits to come back to school however I do not feel I am covered enough in case of an emergency.
106	I am happy as long as the opt-out exists, although I think that it is not well advertised enough. My first year I didn't know about it, and my second year I found out a couple weeks past the deadline. This year I was finally able to opt-out. I know some other students who also were elegible to opt out but just didn't know about it or were too late when they found out.  I don't know if this is also related to your survey, but the \$48.35 HEALTH SERVICES fee should also have an opt out. Although I don't know exactly what this service does, I know that I am completely covered for everything I need under my family plan. I don't think that I should have to pay for this service since I have never used it yet, and probably will not use it in the future. I shouldn't have to pay for other people's health service usage.
107	I feel that a dental plan and an increase in eye care coverage would help a lot of the students out. I am fortunate enough to not have to pay for my bills from the dentist or my optometrist; my mother has an excellent health plan. Some students do not have such an accommodating plan, or any plan at all. Eye care and dental work should be implemented into the McMaster Health Plan, as both of them are quite costly.
108	Dental is very important and I want to see it added to the plan.. most students that stay with the MSU plan do not have dental coverage hence it is worthwhile for them. Those who do have coverage can opt out and get their money back. A reasonable increase in the plan is completely worthwhile if it can cover dental care. We only have one set of teeth and getting them cleaned every six months is crucial unfortunately not every can afford it such as myself whom only clean every two or every year if I am lucky. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and please take care of yourself and teeth!
109	Each Student has different needs. If the plan covers too many things, then the cost goes up (from the current \$45). if this were the case, more people would opt out, to pocket the money instead.  since the price is so cheap, it at least covers the basics.  i would say the basics are glasses since this is an academic institution  To include contraceptives would be great too, but not everyone needs it; so its understandable that its not included. Its good the school offers a discount on contraceptives since there is no way, students would use there parents plan.

	and not every goes to the dentist. Most people just use there parents plan, or go if they have a toothache... how many ppl go for a cleaning? we're busy enough as it is.
110	It's too bad that if something did happen, It would likely be for next year and I guess I'm a tad selfish heh. There's always going to be both sides of the spectrum and unfortunately it's very hard to sample the large majority of students. Most students have become so apathetic with school and its services, ok I'm not sure about most but I know many that are.
111	its always good to know that you guys are trying to improve the system by asking students for their input. thanks!!
112	I think that these extra things like dental and vision care should be based on an opt in option so that students who already have this coverage have the option of using it, while those who already have it don't have to pay even more tuition fees.
113	having to wait in line to get an opt out form to fill out was an inconvenience. Other than that it was easy. Oral contraceptives are important, even if they are provided cheaply elsewhere on campus because not all forms are covered.
114	"I am covered by both the MSU Health Plan, and my family health plan.  "It is sometimes difficult submitting prescriptions for reimbursement, a pay direct card would save alot of time and hassel.
115	You should make it more aware that people can op-out of the health plan. I didn't realize any of this until my 4th year!
116	the plan should cover physiotherapy
117	In terms of a dental plan, I think that students should be able to opt out if they have other coverage, but for those who don't, the best coverage should be offered.
118	I dont think we should have to provide other coverage to opt out.
119	no questions. maybe you could have a choice of plans.
120	I love the option of being able to have Group dental plan to cover regular dentist visits, further dental care expenses would be best covered under family plans in my opinion.
121	I think there should be an opt out process if a dental plan were ever implemented. Also, the eye care plan would be prone to abuse. Every student would just run out to buy contacts every year making.
122	It is advertlsed that the undergraduates have this coverage but it is not very well advertised how to take advantage of it. If we have bills that are covered by the plan we need to know how we can get those bills paid for by the plan. ie where do we go, or who do we talk to?
123	I didnt think that it was made clear what was included with the health plan. I mean I didn't bother to get out of it (even though I am covered by my parents) because it wasn't enough money to really bother. But I do think that you should maybe send out information of what is covered and what isn't and how to go about using the plan as I'm not too clear on that.
124	<b>MAKE THE OPT-OUT program more well-known!</b> Send out email announcement through faculties OR MASS EMAIL all McMaster students.
125	It would be nice for people who have back problems to be able to include massage therapy to the plan. Many students carry a lot of their stress in their upper shoulder areas, and the tension can be INTENSE!! Massage therapy is a way to relieve the knotted muscles.
126	Scheduling of appointments at the health centre is a tedious affair. For a student who falls sick before tests and exams, to be asked to book an appointemet is impractical. Students should be referred to doctors off-campus if no appointments are available. Or appointments should be given priority with students on high priority.
127	I don't think the dental care part of the plan should cost more than the medical coverage part of the plan.
128	I opted out of the MSU Health Plan, but have heard NOTHING about it so far- no cheque, nothing. How long is the whole process (the filing, the money I get back for opting out). It's been 3 1/2 weeks now... P.S. Please send me back so I know what is going out with the opt out process. Will I

	receive my money before Christmas??
129	My parental plan covers me up until my 21st birthday, and I would find it beneficial to have dental coverage and possible vision coverage as well.
130	I think the MSU Health Plan is necessary but perhaps more useful for international students rather than Canadian citizens because most local students are covered by their parent's health plan.
131	I think that there should be more seminars and meetings/conferences held whereby students can get a better idea of the healthcare provided by the MSU. Not only will it get them interested and thinking about an important issue such as healthcare but it will allow them to decide what kinds of coverage/health plan/possibilities they have.
132	The general consensus I've gathered from students is they DO NOT want to incur the cost of having a group dental plan.  Thanks for having the survey.
133	There should be chiropractic coverage!
134	I know that if I did not have my parent's health plan I would definitely be very grateful for the MSU health plan that is offered. I have heard many complaints from fellow students that did not seem to know about the 'opt out' option and were very upset when they found out but then the deadline had already passed. A greater advertising of the health plan and the opt out feature would undoubtedly help to ease the confusion of the situation.
135	Because chiropractic care will soon no longer be covered by OHIP and because students are prone to back problems and such from carrying heavy backpacks, I think chiropractic coverage would be beneficial to the MSU health plan.
136	More awareness of what our health plan covers would mean less people will opt out (in my opinion)
137	Although the MSU plan does benefit some students, I believe that the majority of health plans do go unused, and I think that a dental plan would be the same way. For a dental plan to cover something like one checkup once a year, not even on campus, does not seem like a good deal for students. I've had checkups that have resulted in my parents paying costs more than \$300, and I'm doubtful that this student plan would cover costs as high as that. I don't mind opting out, but I think that many students don't realise that they can opt out, and lose out on \$45 they could keep, since they rely on their family plans anyway.
138	I have found the discount very helpful! Thanks. It's nice that I don't have to front all of that money for a prescription.
139	I definitely think it would be extremely valuable if dental and eye care were included in the health plan.
140	I believe that McMaster's student health plan should cover home healthcare related items for diseases like depression and SAD. There are very useful light therapies out there. These are not preventative measures, they are effective treatment methods, many health care professionals I have spoken with believe they are even more effective than standard drug therapies which themselves can cost thousands of dollars a year for a person. These devices cost about \$300. I work in a pharmacy and I see a lot of people worrying about things like this being covered. I honestly believe that as a student life can be difficult and stressful enough at times, and if someone has a legitimate reason to use light therapy then these products should be covered. I've seen too many people where I work forgo some very important options because they alone can't pay for it, especially students can't. And if you are no longer considered a dependent, all you have is the MSU health plan.  Does the MSU health plan cover diabetes test strips, etc.? spitzekm@mcmaster.ca
141	Remove the plan from student fees and introduce the ability to "opt in." I didn't opt out solely because of the inconvenience and confusion of doing it, I find the plan of no value.
142	maybe covering a certain percentage of dental work up to a certain amount would be a

	good idea. I know ryerson does something for their students with a dental plan and i think its very helpful to students who don't have dental coverage wiuth their parents.
143	The more the better...as long as there is still an option to opt-out.
144	Does McMaster prescription coverage apply outside of Hamilton? ie: Can I present my student card in Toronto and receive a discount? If not, why?
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