



AGENDA
MSU General Assembly 2013
MCMASTER STUDENTS UNION
Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 4:30pm.
Burridge Gym

PROCEDURE

Call of the Roll, Announcements from the Chair, Report Period, Business, New Business, Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

1. Welcome / Quorum
2. Rules and Proceedings

REPORT PERIOD

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| 1. President's Report | Stewart |
| 2. EWB Levy Report | M. Langille |

BUSINESS

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| 1. Fossil Free McMaster Campaign | Neoma-Quinn |
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MOTIONS

1. **Moved** by Keisha Neoma-Quinn, seconded by _____ that the MSU endorse the attached resolution to support the Fossil Free McMaster divestment campaign

Resolution to support the Fossil Free McMaster campaign
**McMaster Student Union needs to mobilize for endowment divestment from
the Fossil Fuel Companies**

Whereas: the climate crisis is a serious threat to current and future generations here at McMaster and around the world;

Whereas: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report found that global warming is already causing costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including the melting of Arctic ice, the ocean's rise in acidity, flooding and drought; and

Whereas: these extreme events have and will continue to negatively impact the U.S. economy. In 2012, the US accounted for 67% of the \$160bn lost globally due to natural catastrophes;

Whereas: Almost every government in the world has agreed through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord that any warming above a 2°C (3.6°F) rise would be unsafe, and that humans can only pour about 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to maintain this limit; and

Whereas: For the purposes of this resolution, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any of the two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves as measured by the gigatons of carbon dioxide that would be emitted if those reserves were extracted and burned, as listed in the Carbon Tracker Initiative's "Unburnable Carbon" report; and

Whereas: In its "Unburnable Carbon" report, the Carbon Tracker Initiative found that fossil fuel companies possess proven fossil fuel reserves that would release approximately 2,795 gigatons of CO₂ if they are burned, which is five times the amount that can be released without exceeding 2°C of warming; and

Whereas: McMaster University is a signatory to the Hamilton Climate Change Charter.

Whereas: The MSU General Policy on Sustainability guiding principles are to encourage a university-wide culture of sustainability. And,

Whereas: Operating Policy 1.6- Environmental Sustainability section 3.2.2 states the MSU communicate concerns about current environmental issues on campus to the University Administration, and

Whereas: 3.1.2 states to Investigate new alternatives pertaining to environmental sustainability and network with other Universities involved in campus sustainability efforts.

Whereas: Students at more than two hundred colleges and universities in the United States and Canada have launched campaigns to have their institutions divest from fossil fuel companies; and,

Whereas: Over 400 members of the McMaster community have signed the Fossil Free petition.

Whereas: The Students' Society of McGill University has passed a motion regarding McGill Free from Fossil Fuels: <http://divestmcgill.com/endorsements/>

Therefore, Be it Resolved, by MSU here assembled, and the signatories of this resolution who represent a diverse set of students, faculty, and staff, urges the President and Board of Trustees of McMaster University to immediately cease any new investments in fossil fuel companies or in commingled assets that include holdings in fossil fuel companies; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that MSU investigate its own financial situation to ensure the union is not invested in fossil fuel companies and if so divest from companies engaged in the Tar Sands or fossil fuel production, and from financial institutions that invest in or give loans to companies engaged in the Tar Sands or fossil fuel production

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to all the membership and the affiliates. And the following petition be circulated to the listserve.

<http://act.350.org/sign/mcmaster-university>



**McMaster Students Union
General Assembly
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 4:30pm
Burridge Gym**

This was a non-quorate meeting of the General Assembly. Any motions made are non-binding on the organization.

**Chair: Simon Gooding Townsend, MSU Speaker
Recording Secretary: J. Bauman, Corporate Secretary**

Called to Order at 4:32pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the General Assembly. GA has the ability to set the direction of the MSU if quorum is reached. Currently, there 0.5% of students present, and quorum will be reached if 3% of students are present. The Chair explained that if quorum is not reached, the motions presented can still go forward to the SRA to be voted upon. The Chair noted that the meeting would be slightly less formal, as many students present may not be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order. The Chair explained that during Report Period, the presenters will give reports, and there will be an opportunity after the presentation to ask questions. For motions under Business and New Business, the student who is moving the motion will have the chance to speak to the motion, and then there will be an opportunity for anyone else who is wishing to speak whether for or against the motion. The Chair stated that if anyone has questions regarding the procedures to raise their hand. The Chair noted that quorum for today's GA is 629 students.

REPORT PERIOD

1. President's Report – Siobhan Stewart, MSU President

- Stewart presented her report (attached).

Questions

- Elise Milani (SRA Humanities) asked Stewart about the new MSU website. \$100,000 was spent to have the site redesigned, and there are still a number of problems. Milani stated when she updates a page, it disappears, and the banners are not consistent. Milani has heard that the MSU would have to pay for any additional changes, and stated the mistakes are a result of a rushed job. Milani asked how the MSU was going to fix the problems.
- Stewart stated there were a number of reasons why so much money had to be spent. The first reason is that the MSU needed a new website by September 1, as it would be irresponsible for us not to have a website when school starts. In terms of the issues, the developers have been very receptive to the MSU's concerns, and there have not been any issues in asking for assistance. Stewart stated this has been a working year, trying to work through all of the kinks. Stewart added that there is a lot of training that could have been done to help prepare users. Stewart stated if Milani is having problems to talk with the Network Administrator so she can work out those kinks. Stewart is confident that the website will be useful in moving the MSU's communications strategy forward.
- Milani asked if additional support would be costing the MSU more money.
- Stewart stated the MSU has not had to ask for additional support. The MSU had additional support built into the total cost of the website, and there is some room within the money that has been expended for additional improvements or add-ons to the site if needed.

- Alexandra Sproule (Engineers Without Borders) asked what Stewart's ideal level of student engagement would be, and how could that be achieved moving forward.
- Stewart stated that student engagement is a broad term. On a personal level, with the President's role, Stewart wished she could have completed more of her platform. Stewart felt as though she could not attend as many student events as she would have liked. Stewart stated that one of the benefits of having David Campbell as the incoming President is that he already has experience as a Board member, and can allocate more time and resources to attending student events. Stewart stated that in terms of student engagement at the organization level, the MSU does a better job of engaging students than is given credit. Stewart stated that one of the biggest issues is that sometimes students do not know that they are engaging with the MSU. Stewart stated she is not sure if she has figured out all of the ways to fix the problems, but she does have some ideas she will be passing on to Campbell. Stewart asked Sproule if she had any ideas on how to engage students, as one of the ways Stewart has tried to lead has been by asking students what they want and need.
- Sproule suggested more awareness of what the MSU does and how students will know if they are involved. The part students know the least about is how they are represented by the MSU. Sproule recommended putting more information out where students would see it, like posters, pamphlets, and in the Welcome Week bags. Sproule added that cool visuals and graphics to explain the behind-the-scenes stuff, such as a visual explaining the health and dental plan, or how the MSU is advocating on behalf of students. Sproule noted it is important to have the information easily accessible by students. Students are not inclined to read about these things, so the information needs to be more digestible for students.
- Stewart stated these were all great things that should be implemented in the MSU's communications policy moving forward. Stewart noted that one of the promotional tools the MSU currently has is the weekly President's Page in *The Silhouette*, where the Board will promote events and talk about various student issues. Stewart noted that one of the things the MSU has improved upon is having the Visual Identity Guide, which helps MSU services and departments with branding to assist students in recognizing what is coming from the MSU. Stewart added that incorporating more diagrams is something that the MSU can look into moving forward.
- Anser Abbas (SRA Science-Elect) asked how far the MSU had come on lobbying for space for the current tenants of Wentworth House.
- Stewart noted this is something that the Board has been concerned about all year, and several members of the SRA have been very engaged with this issue. Stewart stated that in terms of where tenants are moving, it keeps changing. Stewart noted that the MSU has met with all of the groups that fall under our prevue and are working to make sure all of their needs are met. Stewart noted that space for these groups is almost finalized, due to the pressure the MSU is putting on the University administration. It is important to have space for the MSU's services and clubs. Stewart added that a few new ideas of space have come up recently, and assured Abbas that the MSU will not rest until there is sufficient space for the current tenants of Wentworth House.
- Abbas asked what space the University has offered.
- Stewart stated it varies, as there are a number of groups who require space, each with different needs. Stewart stated the MSU has been very firm with the University in getting the tenants space, but there has not been any permanent solution proposed. None of the tenants or Facility Services has confirmed a permanent space.
- Ameema Saeed (MSU Member) thought it was great that SRA meetings were being live-streamed, as it allows for students to watch what their SRA members are doing and how they are representing their constituents. Saeed suggested an optional newsletter that would go to a student's email account, as not all students have Twitter or Facebook to keep up to date with the MSU's initiatives.
- Stewart stated the MSU has a listserv, but it is an opt-in feature. Stewart stated that if anyone wanted more information about the listserv to send her an email and she would connect him or her.
- Lisa Bifano (SRA Humanities) noted she has been working on an info graphic video to show how the MSU interacts with students, highlighting the MSU's services. Bifano hopes to have that up on the website soon and that it will help strengthen the relationship between the MSU and students.

2. Engineers Without Borders (EWB)– Meaghan Langille and Alexandra Sproule

- Langille and Sproule presented the EWB report (attached).

Questions

- Stewart thanked Langille and Sproule for EWB's efforts to be transparent. Stewart stated it says a lot about what student initiatives can do, and EWB has been constantly making presentations to show where the money from the student levy is going. Stewart thinks this is a great opportunity for students, and hopes that other groups who receive student funds are as transparent.
- Bifano added she has heard nothing but good things about EWB across the campus. Bifano commended EWB for doing a good job of ensuring students know EWB is open to students from all faculties, not just Engineering.

BUSINESS

1. Fossil Free McMaster Campaign

Moved by Elysia Petrone, seconded by Kara McGowen that the MSU endorse the attached resolution to support the Fossil Free McMaster divestment campaign.

- Elysia Petrone (OPIRG) explained that this motion came through a working group of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG). McMaster has a large endowment fund, and it is important that the University not be investing in the fossil fuel industry. Petrone stated it is an important issue to take on and endorse, and that the MSU should look at its own investments and consider changing them if they are invested in the fossil fuels industry. Petrone stated another cause for concern is that the University is helping to fund organizations that are silencing scientists. These organizations are putting misleading information out to the public. Petrone noted it has been proven that the petroleum industry has paid to kill the environmental acts in Canada. These companies are eroding Canadian democracy, muzzling scientists, and contributing to climate change.
- Kara McGowen (IRC President) asked if the petition has gone out to students, and if there is student support for this initiative.
- Petrone stated there have been class talks, and around 500 students have signed the petition. Petrone stated there is general support from students for the divestment campaign.
- Eric Gillis (SRA Social Sciences) asked if Petrone felt this would be a better conversation if General Assembly had been better promoted.
- Petrone stated that she was certain everyone wished the gymnasium were filled with students.
- Gillis stated he did not think everyone felt the same way as Petrone.
- Anqi Shen (*The Silhouette*) ask if there was any specific area of the MSU's spending Petrone was interested in looking at, whether it was in terms of companies that are unethical or other areas.
- Petrone stated the ethical purchasing policy is interesting to look at, but the group is specifically concerned with the fossil fuels industry. Petrone added it makes sense for the MSU to endorse this motion and to look at its own investments.
- Ryan Sparrow (SRA Social Sciences) supported the motion, and stated he would bring it forward for the next SRA to discuss. Sparrow stated this is a positive policy. The world is facing catastrophic environmental issues. Sparrow urged students to read about the issue if they are unaware of the evidence. Sparrow stated there are entire towns of people diagnosed with various forms of cancer because of the fossil fuels industry. Sparrow will be investigating where the MSU could be investing in the tar sands, and push to remove those investments immediately, as well as ensuring the University takes a stand. Sparrow urged everyone to take a stand and vote in favour of this motion.
- David Campus (MSU President-Elect) asked if this proposal went to McMaster University President Patrick Deane and if there was a response from his office. Campbell also asked if any other schools have divested and what the procedure would be, should McMaster move to divest.
- Petrone stated the petition had been passed on to one of the Vice Presidents, and if the group does not hear back in a couple of days, she will follow up. Petrone explained that the campaign began in the United States with a "Do the Math" campaign. Currently, 280 campuses have active divestment campaigns, and four campuses have divested. In Canada, there are 12 active campaigns, and the largest campaign is currently at McGill University. There has not been any divestment from fossil fuels in Canada. In 2004, the University of

Toronto divested from tobacco, and a number of campuses divested in Apartheid. Petrone stated McMaster should be a leader in this campaign, especially when the University is offering a minor in Sustainability and all of the green initiatives. McMaster needs to do more.

- Rodrigo Narro Perez (SRA Science) asked Petrone if she had contacted the climate change office to hear their opinions. Narro Perez asked what the implications would be for students studying earth sciences and those programs that have relationships with fossil fuel companies.
- Petrone stated she had not contacted that centre. Petrone stated it is better to come forward with groups and faculties who support the initiative. The purpose of the campaign is to take away the social license of fossil fuels. At every climate change discussion, the conversation is stopped because the political will power is not present. Petrone stated that ideally, instead of engineering students rushing off to Alberta for work, they would stay in Ontario. To keep students in the province, we need to invest in green and sustainable resources.
- McGowen felt that at this point, Petrone had not reached out to enough student groups to see how it would affect the whole campus. McGowen agreed that the campaign has a lot of merit, but it needs more work done to show how it would affect students.
- Petrone stated that through this motion, she is reaching out to the MSU to get students engaged. She would love to have more support at the working group level, and they are trying to reach out to students.
- Sparrow stated that fossil fuels are going to cause widespread ecological disaster, which is an issue that affects all students. Sparrow noted that some career paths may cease to exist, but that should be a roadblock to bettering the environment.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 14 Opposed: 7 Abstentions: 7
Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Sparrow to consider the following: “**Moved** by Gillis, **seconded** by Sparrow that given the poor turnout of GA that the MSU create a position within the MSU specifically responsible for organizing and promoting GA on campus.”

- Gillis stated that the MSU should create a position that is specifically responsible for planning General Assembly to ensure it is adequately promoted.
- Sparrow noted it is something that the MSU needs to reflect how we promote the MSU to students. It is an important discussion to have in terms of promotion. Sparrow stated that there are improvements needed to increase attendance and promotions. Sparrow stated the first mention of GA that he saw was over the weekend. There is a disconnect between the MSU and students.

Vote to Consider

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 1
Motion Carries

1. Creation of an MSU Position to Promote General Assembly

Moved by Gills, **seconded** by Sparrow, that given the poor turnout of the GA that the MSU create a position within the MSU specifically responsible for organizing and promoting the GA on campus.

- Gillis stated he does not intend on this motion passing, but brought it forward to make a statement and generate discussion.
- Abbas stated that while he felt the motion was interesting and the discussion would be fruitful, he thinks a better forum for discussion would be at the SRA. Abbas stated that even passing this motion at GA would only be as a recommendation for the SRA to further discuss the issue.

- McGowen stated that she only knew about GA because she received a personal invite from Stewart. McGowen noted that the MSU events seem to be promoted at the last minute, which means students are not finding out about the events until the last minute. McGowen suggested considering a position to promote all of the MSU's events, not just one specific event.
- Sparrow stated GA is the highest democratic forum that students have. Last year, over 600 students came out to GA. There were wonderful discussions, and it fostered a dialogue between various groups on campus. Sparrow is not sure what happened this year for GA to be made such a low priority, and added that is something that the MSU will have to reflect on to become a better event. Sparrow suggested putting GA under someone's portfolio to look after it, or have a requirement for all SRA members to come out to GA. Sparrow did not blame anyone for this failure, and it was obviously something that was lower on the priority list.
- Stewart thought this was a worthwhile conversation to have. Stewart asked if March was just a bad time to hold GA, but was unsure if there was a better time to hold the event. Stewart cited several reasons for the high turnout last year, including the number of motions on the agenda, and the controversial nature of those motions. Stewart stated that there was only one motion that on the agenda for GA this year.
- Sparrow did not think the date was the issue. Sparrow stated that a controversial motion should have been put on the agenda just to get people out and agitated. Sparrow noted that GA is an important venue for students.
- Petrone suggested placing the agenda and motions in *The Silhouette* before GA as a way to reach out to students.
- Gillis thought that procedure stated *The Silhouette* had to publish the agenda ten days in advance, and is pretty sure bylaws were broken.
- The Chair stated that the notice of General Assembly was sent out and published in *The Silhouette* and met the appropriate notice requirements.
- McGowen recommended that the SRA use other organizations to help promote the GA. The IRC has access to first year students. The IRC would not say no to the MSU if they asked for help.
- Gillis stated the issue is that no one is specifically responsible for planning and promoting GA. There is general confusion as to who is supposed to be responsible.
- Saeed noted that a common theme she is hearing is that there needs to be more communication between the MSU and student, and that a full time position is not the most effective way to do this. Saeed noted that a new social media coordinator has been hired, and suggested specifically putting the promotion of GA into the social media coordinator's portfolio.
- McGowen felt that this is something that should be a responsibility of the SRA. The SRA has been elected to represent students, and it is the SRA's responsibility to bring students out to GA.
- Gillis stated that most SRA members have been promoting the GA. Gillis stated he intends to bring this issue to the SRA. Gillis agreed that it's not good enough for just SRA members to promote GA. There needs to be a dedicated person whose job it is to fill the seats at GA.
- Sparrow is not sure about creating a new position to promote GA, but social media alone is not enough. Sparrow suggested leaflets and class talks are tools that need to be used. Sparrow stated part of the reason for low turnouts is not being personal enough and relying on social media.
- Huzaifa Saeed (Vice-President [Education]) stated that there could be more done in terms of promotions, but that is only going half way. If students have issues, they will bring them up. Saeed stated that perhaps if there were more items on the agenda, it would have had a snowball effect. Students do not have major issues that they want to bring up this year. Saeed asked if there was an issue on campus that only GA could have resolved.
- James Dowdall (SWHAT Coordinator) stated during the July training sessions, one of the suggestions that came out of the breakout sessions was the idea of the MSU have its own promotional team. Dowdall asked if GA would be a responsibility of the promotions team.
- Campbell stated that there have been discussion about creating a more formalized communications department. Part of the challenge is with full time staff reviews, and those need to be completed before moving forward with new projects. Campbell stated that a communications department would not fix all of the concerns, but it would be a good first step.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 0 Opposed: 21 Abstentions: 5

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

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President's Report
General Assembly 2013



Agenda

- Update on my platform
- A Year in Review
- Next Steps
- Conclusion/Questions



Updates on my platform

‘Make A Break’ Campaign

- The “Make a Break” survey received almost 3000 responses in a two week period
- Senate has approved a three day break beginning next year. Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1 – with a test/assignment ban continuing into Saturday, November 2.



Peer Support Line

- The plan is to complete the pilot project this semester and select and PSL executive and peer listeners for next year's full launch.
- The MSU would especially like to acknowledge the efforts made by staff of the Student Wellness Centre, McMaster Security, Facility Services and McMaster University's Vice President (Administration) Roger Couldrey

Green Space Initiative

- The Green Space Initiative involves turning the MUSC third floor balcony into a green space
- The MSU has gathered feedback from the student body on what the space should like in August
- Currently, we've released a second survey asking for student feedback on schematic drawings provided to us from the design firm

Study Space

- Study space is an issue
- In addition, the MSU in collaboration with Hospitality Services was able to open Bridges Cafe for extra study space in December
- We are looking to do the same during the April Exam period

First Year Street Team

- Worked with First Year Council this year to introduce the First Year Street Team Concept
- Great first start, looking forward to building on its success

Clubs Training

- Online Component to Clubs' Training
- As of September 2013, all health and safety documentation (EOHSS) will be exclusively electronic.



A Year in Review

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- 125th Anniversary Celebrations
- 2nd Annual Women and Leadership Conference
- Ad-Hoc Committee of Democratic Reform
- McMaster Credit Union merges with PACE
- Ontario Premier Resigns after Proroguing Queen's Park
- Wentworth Closing / Wilson Building Coming
- Phoenix Moves to the Refectory
- Opening of the Lodge (off-campus students' lounge)

- Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Expanded Service
- Your 32 Campaign
- McMaster Systems Renewal (The MOSAIC Project)
- Wi-Fi
- Paradise Catering discount
- Twitter Talks and Online Chat with President Deane Siobhan
- Undergraduate Student Initiatives Fund/Student Life Enhancement Fund

Community

- Hamilton Youth retention strategies
- 3rd annual MSU Community Clean-up
- McMaster Teaching and Community Garden
- Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Discussion Paper and Strategic Mandate Agreements
- The 16th Annual McMasters: MSU Charity Golf Classic
- Digitization of the Silhouette Archives
- Open Streets McMaster



Enhance University Experience

- Women and Trans Centre Committee
- SACHA Project
- MSU Health and Dental Insurance Plans (Executive Board Taskforce)
- Online Voting (Faculty Societies)
- McMaster University Student Centre (\$1.1 M)
- Prayer Space
- MSU Services; Highlight: QSCC, EFRT, MacGreen, Shinerama

Healthy Work Environment

- MSU Full-time staff review
- Full-time employment policy changes
- Union Market and TwelvEighty Debit/Credit POS system upgrades
- Potential Renovations/Alterations to Union Market and TwelvEighty
- Paid Commissioners structure for this year, been reverted back to elected commissioners



Communication

- Website redesign via Factor(e)
- Social Media Presence:
 - Twitter - @MSU_McMaster
 - Facebook - FB.com/MSUMcMaster
 - You Tube - MSU_Broadcast
- President's Page
- Radio Show

Advocacy

- Academic Affairs Council
- Quality of Education Assessment
- Expansion of MSU Policy Bank
- Provincial Lobbying Efforts
- The Hamilton Post Secondary Advisory Group (HPSAG)
- Federal Lobbying Efforts
- MSU Meetings with Hamilton-area MPs/MPPs
- The MSU's Relationship with University Administration

Finances

- Digital Purchase Order
- KPMG Audited Statements
- Referendum on fee regarding CFMU 93.3FM
- Clubs banking
- Budget Follow-up

Audited Statements

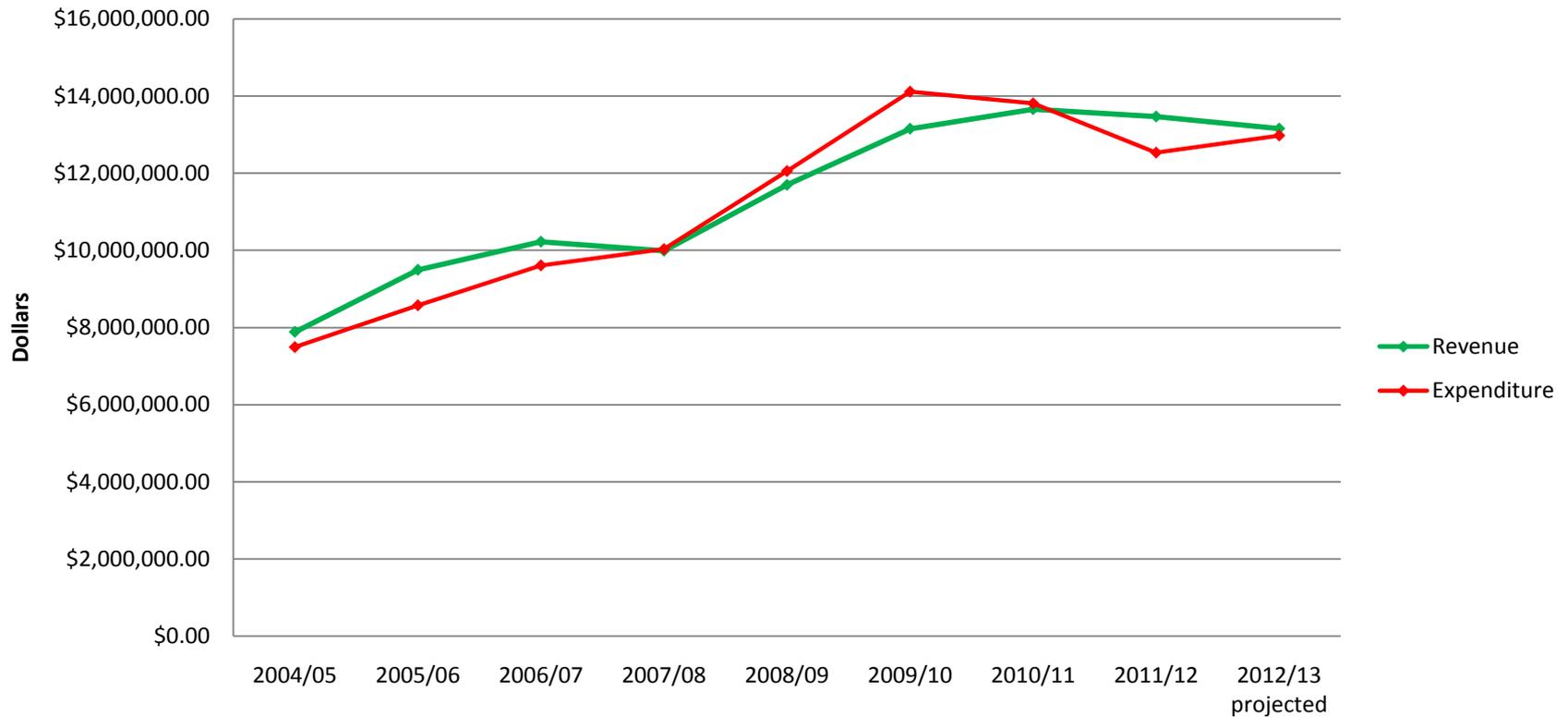
- KPMG's audit produced a very healthy financial picture of the organization, with the MSU posting a surplus of \$937,102 across a number of funds
- This year, the MSU is expected to approach a break-even point

Surplus

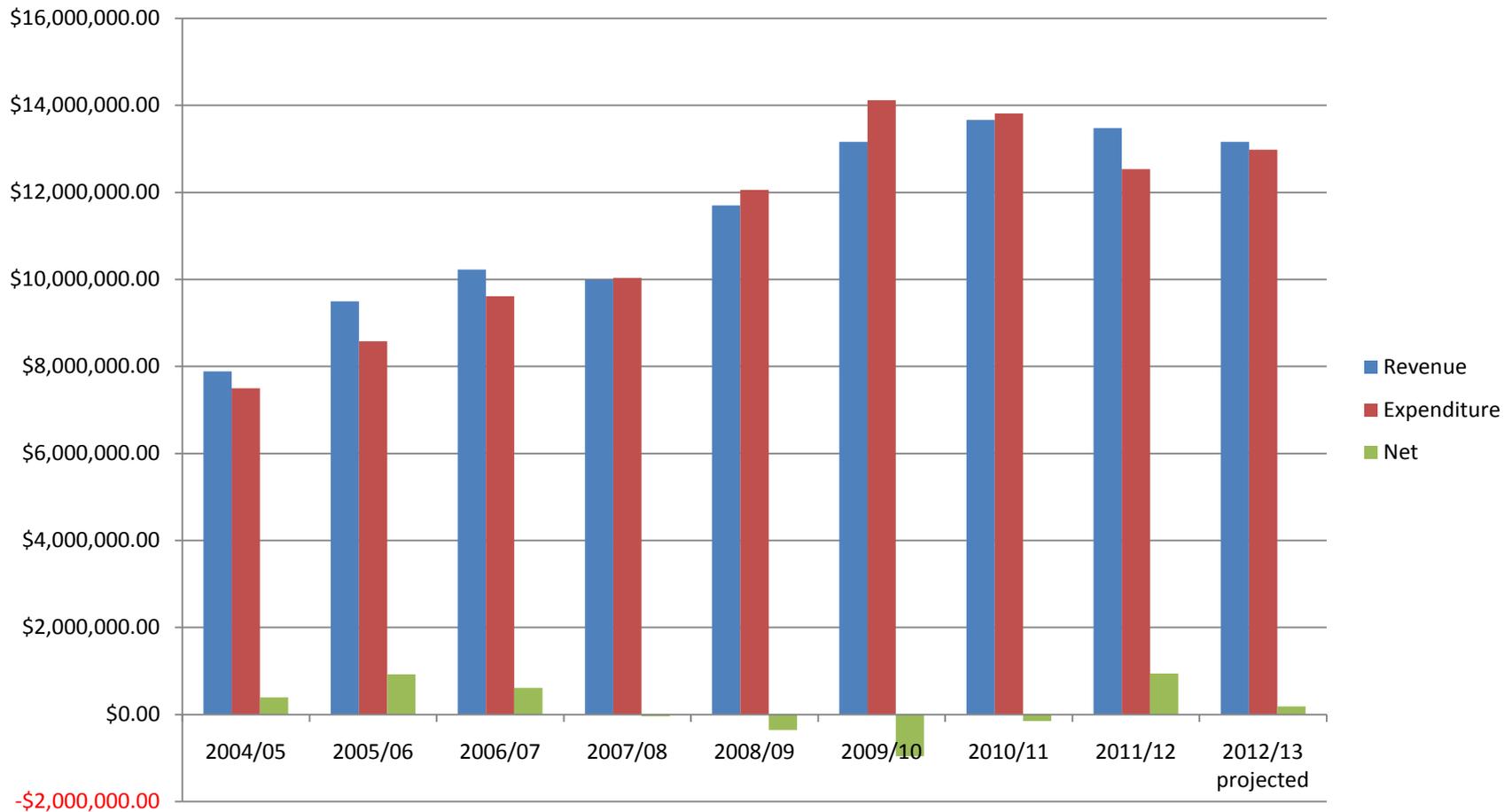
- The 2011-2012 budget projected a modest organizational surplus of \$120,163
- The year-end numbers showed a significant improvement in almost all categories of our operations
- Last year was the first time since 2007 that the MSU expected to generate a surplus, and this year we expect to approach a break-even point

Financial History

Revenue vs Expenditure



Financial History





Next Steps



Next Steps

- Strategic Plan
- Communications Strategy
- Service Evaluation
- FWI Response – Participating in McMaster’s Transformation



Conclusion



Questions

Engineers Without Borders 35-cent student levy report

MSU General Assembly

March 2013



About EWB

- Not just for engineers!
- Work in various sectors across Canada and 6 African countries (Ghana, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Kenya)
 - Agriculture
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Governance
 - Global Markets
 - Government Policy
 - Education
- National charitable organization
 - 37 University Chapters across Canada
 - 30 full-time Toronto-based staff
 - 40-50 Africa-based full time staff

EWB Vision

are **outraged** and **hopeful**

don't accept the status quo

we
are EWB

create **systemic change**
wherever it's needed
to **accelerate Africa's**
development and **unlock**
the potential of its people

McMaster Chapter

- ~50 members- one of the largest in Canada
- Awarded chapter of the year at 2012 National Conference
- Hosted cross-chapter retreat this past November
- Have sent 2 students/ year overseas (JFs) for last 3 years
- Other opportunities of engagement
 - Government Policy
 - Curriculum change
 - Fair trade & ethical consumerism
 - Community outreach and member learning

The JF Experience

- A 16 month internship with 4 months overseas
- Must be a returning McMaster student to apply

Timeline

- Attend EWB National Conference - January
- Foundation Learning- January-May
- One week pre-departure training in Toronto- early May
- Overseas work- May- August
- Sharing of experience- August- April of following year

Meet the JFs

- Last year your funds supported the sending of:
 - Naomi Goodman, Engineering & Society IV to work in Ghana on the Agricultural Value Chains (AVC) Team (naomigoodman@ewb.ca)
 - Applied concepts such as Human Centred Design to trainings conducted with Community Animal Health Workers
 - Alexandra Sproule, Arts & Science III to work in Ghana on the Agriculture Extension (AgEx) team (alexandrasproule@ewb.ca)
 - Worked with an agriculture extension start-up enterprise called Farmerline

Summer 2013 JFs

- Nikita Arora ,Health Sciences I
 - Will be working in Malawi on the Water & Sanitation team
- Diana Gresku, Arts & Science III
 - Will be working in Ghana on the Agriculture Extension Team

Cost Per Volunteer

Pre-departure	
Health (Vaccinations, first aid materials, etc.)	\$500
Medical Insurance	\$500
Training costs (materials, common food, etc.)	\$100
Stipends during training	\$180
Visas	\$150
Other (moto helmets, other misc.)	\$120
Travel	
Canada	\$400
International	\$2800
In Africa	
Living stipend (food, housing, travel, communication)	\$1400
Installation stipend	\$100
Meetings, retreats, travel, materials	\$200
JF Program Manager (salary, travel, stipend, expenses)	\$900
JF Bursary Contribution	\$300
Total	\$7,650

The Student Fee

- Passed during the 2011 MSU Presidential Campaign that 35-cent per student levy be applied annually
- This year received funds of ~\$7860
- Cost to send one student- ~\$7650
- Difference of \$210- went towards funding of second student volunteer

Goals Moving Forward

- Connecting more students to overseas through curriculum and outreach
- Increased awareness of the JF opportunity
 - Cross-campus marketing and communications
 - Specific attention paid to undergrads in younger years

Questions? Feedback?

- Contact us!
 - mcmaster@ewb.ca
 - Twitter: @mcmasterewb
 - Facebook: “Engineers Without Borders McMaster”

Upcoming Event!

- **29th Annual J.W. Hodgins Memorial Lecture**
- **"Human Development at the Crossroads: An urgent immodest manifesto to transform engineering, to give society the engineers we deserve"**
- **George Roter**
CEO and Co-Founder, Engineers Without Borders Canada
- **Wednesday, March 27, 2013**
4:30 pm
McMaster University, Information Technology Building, room 137



Message from SCSN!

CHANGE CAMP

A PARTICIPANT-DRIVEN UNCONFERENCE

**YOUTH RETENTION
IN HAMILTON**

**DOWNTOWN
RENEWAL**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD
RELATIONS**

**HOUSING &
BALANCED NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**COMMUNITY BASED
LEARNING**

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**MENTAL
HEALTH &
THE COMMUNITY**

MARCH 26 / 6:30 - 8:30 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

