



**AGENDA - SRA 11L**  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Sunday, January 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m.  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**  
**Hamilton, ON**

**PROCEDURE**

Call of the Roll, Adoption of Agenda, Playing of National Anthem, Announcements from the Chair, Delegations from the Floor, Report Period, Business Arising from the Minutes, Business, Information Period, Question Period, New Business, Call of the Roll, Time of Next Meeting, Adjournment

**DELEGATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Presentation on End the Ban Campaign Sayani-Mulji

**REPORT PERIOD**

1. Arts and Science	Campbell
2. Commerce	
3. Engineering	Jamieson
4. External Affairs	Saeed
5. University Affairs	Kuzman
6. Executive Board	Wiener
7. Vice President (Finance)	D. Thompson
8. Elections	S. Thompson

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Censure	Jamieson
2. Disciplinary Procedures	Jamieson

**BUSINESS**

1. Ad-Hoc Committee	Erl
2. Close Nominations for SRA Members to Other Committees	Ferguson
3. Close Nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees	Ferguson
4. End the Ban Campaign	Sayani-Mulji

## MOTIONS

1. **Moved** by Jamieson, seconded by Zuchowski that the Assembly censure Ms. Samira Sayed-Rahman for infringing upon other members' rights in violation of Bylaw 3- Student Representative Assembly, section 4.2.4.
2. **Moved** by Jamieson, seconded by Zuchowski that the Assembly request a change in behaviour of Ms. Sarah Ali to proper decorum befitting a member of the Assembly, in accordance with the bylaws, under the condition that if she does not it will provide sufficient grounds for censure.
3. **Moved** by Erl, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Assembly create an Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform that shall have as its membership the following:
  - o One (1) chair, who shall be the MSU speaker,
  - o One (1) MSU President,
  - o One (1) Chief Returning Officer or designate,
  - o One (1) Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner,
  - o Two (2) SRA members elected at-large, and
  - o One (1) MSU member, elected at large;

and shall have as its mandate that which is outlined on the supporting documentation provided.

4. **Moved** by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA close one seat for an SRA member on the Elections committee
5. **Moved** by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the SRA close one seat for an MSU member on the Elections committee.
6. **Moved** by Sayani-Mulji, seconded by Wiener, that the MSU endorse and participate in the End the Ban campaign.



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 11L**  
**Sunday January 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**

**Call to Order at 6:35 pm**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

**Present**

Abdelrahman, Ahmad, Al-Amad, A. Ali, S. Ali, Bifano, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Dillon-Leitch, Erl, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Kuzman, Marlowe, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Recoskie, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Somers, Sparrow, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski

**Absent Excused**

**Absent**

**Late**

**Others Present**

Kristen Thomson (MES CRO), Naomi Pullen (Arts & Science Ex-Officio), Sam Colbert (*The Silhouette*), Alvand Mohtashami (MSU Member), Kacper Nibwski (The Silhouette), Graydon Simmons (BHSS Chair), Shreya Roy (MSU Member), Jesse Perry (MSU Member), Sumeet Khanna (MSU Member), Sarah Granges (Honour M Award Committee), Elise Milani (MSU Member), Renee Sharma (Operations Committee), Steven Thompson (CRO), Dave Moore (MSUAA), A. Tutolo (Recording Secretary)

**Chair**

Jeff Wyngaarden

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved** by Sayed-Rahman, **seconded** by Bifano that the Assembly adopt the agenda as amended.

**Amendments**

**Moved** by Sayani-Mulji, **seconded** by Wiener to move the section Business Arising from the Minutes before Business.

**Discussion**

- Sayani-Mulji noted that students in the back would like to speak on motions in the Business Arising from the Minutes section.

**Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 3**  
**Opposed: Somers, Jamieson**  
**Abstentions: Metrailler, Zuchowski, Galan**  
**Motion Passes**

**Vote on Agenda**

**In Favour: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1**  
**Abstentions: Somers**  
**Motion Passes**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- The Speaker announced the resignation of Igor Knezic, and also noted there will be by-election to fill this seat.
- The Speaker mentioned that all supporting documentation needs to be sent in on time, and the administrative assistants will not be putting physical copies in SRA mailboxes any longer. The packages will be available online and will be distributed 5 minutes before each meeting.
- The Speaker noted that all meetings now will be slightly different as he will be taking a more strict approach to Roberts Rules of Order.
- The Speaker urged the assembly to put all laptops and cell phones aside during the meeting.

### **DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR**

#### **1. Presentation on End the Ban Campaign**

**Moved** by Sayani-Mulji, **seconded** by Jamieson to set parameters for Delegations to be 30 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for question period.

#### **Vote on Motion**

**In Favour: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0  
Passes Unanimously**

- Sayani-Mulji and Wiener presented and spoke on the partnership of CBS and the MSU, as well as the history of blood donation policy for men who have sex with other men (MSM).
- Saeed asked about the rate for 94% MSM, what is men who have sex with women (MSW) rate that do not have HIV?
- S. Ali interjected that there was 16.5% infection rate.
- Metrailler asked the extent with the MSU's relationship with CBS was.
- Ferguson said the partnership involved recruiting volunteers, booking rooms, and that the partnership doesn't cost the MSU anything. She stated that blood donations are important.
- Zuchowski asked how will the MSU be participating?
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji said the MSU's participation would help to change public policy. The MSU could run a campaign, put up posters, and engage in conversations with people giving blood.
- Ferguson asked how this would be housed in the MSU? Have any groups solidified their commitment?
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji said it would be housed with QSCC or SHEC.
- Ferguson asked if the group had spoken to the SHEC coordinator
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji stated that they had not yet spoken with SHEC, but that QSCC had already been consulted.
- Granat asked Human Rights and Equity Services had been talked to.
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji stated that they had spoken with Human Rights and Equity Services.
- Zuchowski if you have to be with the same partner?
- Kuzman asked who has been consulted? Has there been any direct student consultation?
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji said that there was an issue after the get swabbed event. Human Rights and Equity Services and QSCC have been consulted. Other conversations have happened, but QSCC can't be political.
- Sparrow added conversations have happened with the School for Social Work. The School of Social Work has endorsed the campaign. Individual departments are working on this campaign.
- Ferguson said it was good that QSCC had been consulted, but HRES isn't part of the MSU. Talking to students is important, but this should be going through proper channels, and we should speak to SHEC.

- Rathbone stated that ending the ban result in 89,000 in new blood donors in the states. Rathbone asked what is the projected percentage increase for Canadians?
- Zuchowski noted that CBS has other bans. If you are from Africa, you have a lifetime ban on donating blood.
- Wiener and Sayani-Mulji noted that CBS had lifted the ban on people donating from Haiti.
- Campbell asked if the policy to was boycott? No. Do other university campuses have this? It would be helpful to consult others.

## **REPORT PERIOD**

### **1. Arts and Science Caucus - David Campbell presented**

- Campbell verbally presented his report.

### **2. Commerce Caucus - Jeremy Bober-Inoue presented**

- Bober-Inoue verbally presented his report.

#### **Questions**

- Thompson asked for more information on promoting the MSU on social platforms.
- Bober-Inoue replied that opportunities would be tweeted and posted on facebook, and would be maintained by volunteers.

### **3. Engineering Caucus - Brian Jamieson presented**

- Jamieson summarized his report.

### **4. External Affairs Committee - Huzafa Saeed presented**

- Saeed summarized his report.

#### **Questions**

- Granat stated he was pleased with the report. he plans to advocate for LRT.
- Saeed and Ali plan to present to city council, with the end goal to receive more funding for LRT. They do not have a date for the meeting, however, they have future goals.

### **5. University Affairs Committee - Tanya Kuzman presented**

- Kuzman verbally presented her report.

### **6. Executive Board - Joshua Wiener presented**

- Wiener verbally presented his report.

#### **Questions**

- Granat asked if Operating Policy 2.2 had been revisited to reflect *The Silhouette's* new paid position
- Thompson replied that the operating policy still needed to be amended.

### **7. Vice President (Finance) - Duncan Thompson presented**

- Thompson summarized his report.

### **8. Elections Department - Steven Thompson presented**

- Steven Thompson summarized his report.

### Questions

- Granat asked if S. Thompson has targets or estimates for voter turnout?
- S. Thompson replied his current goal is 25% voter turnout. Two years ago, the turnout was 24% with paper balloting. Last year, with it being the first year for online voting, turnout was 23%.
- Saeed asked about Elections' sense of unhappiness with UTS. Saeed asked why Elections and UTS can't come to agreement.
- S. Thompson deferred to Dillon-Leitch. Dillon-Leitch spoke to UTS about integrating MacIDs and Simply Voting, but it's not possible due to the age of UTS. We were originally hoping to integrate. Over the summer, ran tests with the Elections Committee using Simply Voting.
- Sayani-Mulji asked about potential complications with online voting, for example, tampering.
- S. Thompson spoke on issues like students having access to other's emails would be an issue. Complications, however, would not be monumental.
- Sayani-Mulji asked about the use of iPads. Rules are less strict.
- S. Thompson replied that if you interfere with or watch a vote, it would be considered a serious offense. If it is considered harassment, a candidate can be disqualified, and it affects the election. S. Thompson said he trusts the candidates to do the right thing.
- Moore observed that some of the results were problematic, such as the totals didn't add up online. Moore asked if Elections has ruled out using UTS as a service provider.
- S. Thompson replied that yes, UTS had been ruled out as a provider. UTS had too many headaches, and couldn't tell us voter turnout.
- Sparrow asked why Elections was pursuing the online voting method, as it has serious complications.
- S. Thompson noted that online voting increases accessibility, is convenient, and acknowledged the potential for abuse. The Elections Committee will set rules to allow more freedom, and if they are abused, then discipline action will be taken. Candidates do not have the right to decide whether a student votes for candidates, and online voting will hopefully minimize the risk of forcing and harassing students.
- Zuchowski asked if would it allowed to for a campaign table to have a laptop for students to vote.
- S. Thompson replied that this would not be allowed.
- Kuzman asked about the possibility of a floating laptop, administered through the Elections Committee. A student would be encouraged to vote. Kuzman asked about the mechanisms in place in case of an infraction. Kuzman asked if the Elections Committee has a street team to look for infractions.
- S. Thompson noted that with the rules, a floating laptop is a possibility. If there were infractions, the committee would treat this issue very severely as it is tampering with election results. The Elections Committee and candidates are all watching each other. S. Thompson noted everyone has an equal opportunity to run and if anyone has any suggestions on a security team, it would be great.
- Moore asked if the Elections Department had any luck on academic facilities.
- S. Thompson replied that they were getting it.
- Granat asked if the Elections Department had looked into getting laptops allocated.
- S. Thompson said that it would be within the Elections budget to purchase net books.
- Sparrow noted his concern with turnout as the Elections Committee was reducing the time for voters to make an informed decision. Sparrow asked for the rationale behind this decision.
- S. Thompson replied that he could provide a historic list of presidential campaigns that lasted 10-12 days, up until 2009/2010. S. Thompson said that the committee was not going against a long campaign, but that there has been a clear decline in voter turnout for the campaigns of 17 days. Length does not have any correlation with voting.
- Sayed-Rahman noted that the past two years had higher turnout, and asked why.
- Dillon-Leitch inferred that the circumstances surrounding the election had been more important to students.
- Granat asked if the Elections Committee done anything about improving voter turnout.
- S. Thompson noted no, however if anyone is willing to help out please let the committee know.
- Sparrow asked if MUSC Marketplace had been booked for the Presidential Debate.

- S. Thompson replied that the MUSC Marketplace had been booked on January 31st for debates, as well as TwelvEighty.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Moved** by Erl, **seconded** by Dillon-Leitch, that the Assembly create an Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform that shall have as its membership the following:

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- Erl noted some changes in the document and noted the composition on the agenda package. Erl said he would like a committee in a positive reform.
- Dillon-Leitch noted some issues with the composition, as Speaker would have voting rights. The Speaker would have to make impartial decisions, as that is one of the job requirements. Dillon-Leitch noted it would be difficult to be included as a responsibility. Dillon-Leitch recommended changing it so the Chair doesn't have voting rights and so the CRO also wouldn't have voting rights. Dillon-Leitch urged the Assembly to postpone the motion to establish positive requirements.
- Granat asked Erl clarify the discrepancy. Granat asked Erl if he agreed with the postponement to the next meeting.
- Metrailler gave the assembly an outline of the committee, and noted it would be beneficial to have a wider variety of voices.
- Sayani-Mulji asked what the issues of democratic reform were to make this committee. Sayani-Mulji stated if the committee starts next year, it may have a different direction.
- Erl responded to Granat. Outside of the jurisdiction; it is an ideas committee to present proposals to the assembly. The committee would look over the Bylaws and Operating Policies to see if there are any violations. Erl stated that he thought the Assembly could address the motion now, and then set up the direction of the committee. There would be a discussion of the number of seats on the Assembly, who is eligible to sit on the Assembly, the way we elect people, etc.
- Dillon-Leitch answered to why he thought the Assembly should postpone. Dillon-Leitch doesn't think the Assembly has it right just yet, and maybe the focus of the committee should be more on governance reformation. The spirit is the same: making sure work can be done, and would take same structure, providing recommendations, and would take the committee to next level. Dillon-Leitch also noted the Assembly would have to ensure the Speaker has enough hours to dedicate to sitting on this committee.
- Granat noted his concern for postponing this motion.
- Metrailler asked Erl if he had any alternatives to the postponement.
- Saeed noted there was a similar motion last year in January, passed off to Operations Committee. Saeed noted next year's Assembly may have different ideas. The committee should have enough time for next year's SRA to recommend something for a 2013 referendum.
- Erl noted we can come up with a timeframe and voting for the motion to pass.
- Granat noted there should a pilot project as it won't hurt to try for this year, and it brings in a diverse range of opinions.
- Kuzman noted that Erl has consulted only commissioners, and there is a difference in consulting committee members and commissioners.

- Dillon-Leitch clarified that this isn't an expectation of the Speaker and the CRO, and the Assembly needs more time to formalize the committee.
- Metrailler asked if CRO feels comfortable speaking on this matter.
- S. Thompson stated he did not have a problem sitting on the committee, and does not feel like it is a big time commitment.
- Rathbone noted all the work done this year and worries it might fall through the cracks next year. The Assembly would still be relying on next year's committee, and no one can predict if the next SRA will want this committee. A starting point would be helpful.
- Dillon-Leitch noted he has seen imperfections and would like to see this committee happen and would like the assembly to double check.
- Kuzman asked if it would be in order to bring it forward to another meeting when an ideal structure has been set in place.
- The Speaker noted it would be possible.

**Moved** by Dillon-Leitch, **seconded** by Granat, to postpone the motion indefinitely.

#### **Vote on Motion**

**In Favour: 0 Opposed: 28 Abstentions: 3**  
**Opposed: Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Thompson, A. Ali, Recoskie, Rathbone, Bifano,**  
**Napeloni, Erl, Daniel, Kwan, Somers, Jamieson, Zuchowski, Galan, Golendukhin,**  
**Abdelrahman, Sayani-Mulji, Wiener, Campbell, Marlowe, Mohamed,**  
**S. Ali, Metrailler, Saeed, Granat, Ahmad, Bober-Inoue**  
**Abstentions: Kuzman, Al-Ahmad, Sayed-Rahman**  
**Motion Fails**

#### **Discussion on Main Motion**

- Zuchowski asked if this committee would involve full time staff or manager?
- Dillon-Leitch stated it might affect the Elections department, but should not include full time staff.
- Erl stated he would like to amend the motion to state the CRO and Speaker would be non-voting members.

#### **Amendments**

**Moved** by Erl, **seconded** by Wiener, that the Assembly amend the motion to read:

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#### **Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 2**  
**Abstained: Al-Amad, Sayed-Rahman**  
**Motion Passes**

### Vote on Main Motion

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**In Favour: 28 Opposed 0 Abstentions: 2**  
**Abstentions: Al-Amad, Sayed-Rahman**  
**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Zuchowski, **seconded** by Thompson, to recess for 10 minutes.

**In Favour: 30 Opposed: Sayed-Rahman**  
**Abstentions: Wiener, Bifano, Recoskie**  
**Motion Passes**

**Recessed at 8:50 pm**  
**Called to Order at 9:03 pm**

### CALL OF THE ROLL

<b>Present</b>	Abdelrahman, Ahmad, Al-Amad, A. Ali, S. Ali, Bifano, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Dillon-Leitch, Erl, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Kuzman, Marlowe, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Somers, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski
<b>Absent Excused</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Late</b>	Recoskie, Sparrow,
<b>Others Present</b>	Kristen Thomson (MES CRO), Naomi Pullen (Arts & Science Ex-Officio), Sam Colbert ( <i>The Silhouette</i> ), Alvand Mohtashami (MSU Member), Kacper Nibwski ( <i>The Silhouette</i> ), Graydon Simmons (BHSS Chair), Shreya Roy (MSU Member, Feminist Alliance McMaster), Jesse Perry (MSU Member), Sumeet Khanna (MSU Member), Sarah Granges (Honour M Award Committee), Elise Milani (MSU Member), Renee Sharma (Operations Committee), Steven Thompson (CRO), Dave Moore (MSUAA), Sid Gandhi (MSU Member), A. Tutolo (Recording Secretary)
<b>Chair</b>	Jeff Wyngaarden

### 2. Close Nominations for SRA Members to Other Committees

**Moved** by Ferguson, **seconded** by Thompson, that the SRA close one seat for an SRA member on the Elections committee.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes by Unanimous Consent**

**Nominees**

- Granat - withdrew
- Granat nominates Metrailler - accepted
- Metrailler nominates Sayed-Rahman - declined
  
- Metrailler won the seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

### 3. Close Nominations for MSU Members to Other Committees

**Moved** by Ferguson, **seconded** by Thompson, that the SRA close one seat for an MSU member on the Elections committee.

#### Vote on Motion

#### Passes by General Consent

#### Nominees

- James Dowdall
  
- Dowdall won the seat on the Elections Committee by acclamation.

### 4. End the Ban Campaign

**Moved** by Sayani-Mulji, **seconded** by Wiener, that the MSU endorse and participate in the End the Ban campaign.

- Sayani-Mulji ceded to AIDS Network spokesperson: they urged the Assembly to support the End the Ban campaign. The ban is unscientific, discourages donors, and the screening process does not do anything except hinder resentment. CBS has tried very hard, however, they are still clinging on to policies developed in the 1980's.
- Wiener noted that this issue will be brought to SHEC, and Sayani-Mulji has spoken to Diversity Services.
- Wiener ceded speaking rights to AIDS Network spokesperson: they want to end the ban, and move forward to increase blood donations.
- Granat noted his support and stated he wanted to see an end to discrimination on campus.
- Saeed spoke on his uncertainty of what the end result will be, and if the campaign would be run through the MSU.
- Zuchowski asked what other campaigns are out there that have similar objectives. He also asked what the cost of testing for HIV is, and what is the CBS's comment on the end the ban campaign? Zuchowski ceded his remaining speaking rights to Sayani-Mulji. Sayani-Mulji said there is a "Blood is Blood.ca" campaign that has around 80 different supports. Sayani-Mulji was not sure of the cost for HIV testing, or if CBS had any comments regarding the End the Ban campaign.
- Somers noted that CBS is in the process of researching removing the ban, which is an alternative the MSU could put pressure on CBS for, and the Assembly could support, as an alternative to joining the CFS campaign.
- A. Ali noted a CBS lawsuit against a man who donated blood and lied on his sheet. It became a Supreme Court issue when CBS decided to sue this man. The question was raised if CBS violating personal rights. Because CBS is a private institution, Charter of Rights and Freedoms does not pertain and the final comment was that refusing blood did not count as being unconstitutional.
- Ferguson added that this lawsuit was resolved in September 2010. The individual was negligent. This is about patient safety, not about money.
- Ferguson stated her problem with motion was that it was submitted inappropriately. Ferguson stated that the MSU has services that deal with these issues. SHEC was not consulted, the VP Administration was not consulted, and Diversity Services was not consulted. This needs to be put through our services. Things go through committees first. We need to be empowering and employing our PTMs. Ferguson asked the mover of the motion to sit down in a meeting with anyone who is interested. Ferguson noted it would have been beneficial to do so before meeting, as the campaign has nowhere to be housed. It is not a

campaign by MSU; it is run by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). This gives up our control of the message we are delivering.

- Khaja said that there is a possibility in promoting CBS in a negative light regarding donating blood. Khaja asked Sayani-Mulji for his thoughts.
- Sayani-Mulji agreed that it was valid point. He said that so long as the public is informed, students are informed, that is their prerogative.
- Metrailler stated the CBS should be screening based on behaviour not identity. Metrailler said he was against the motion because it isn't the role of student government. The MSU is supposed to be a government, and isn't a social justice lobbying organization.
- Sparrow noted that student governments have endorsed the End the Ban campaign across the country. Supporting the ban would be implementing the results of our policy and stating we won't tolerate discrimination. Sparrow noted he is on board for 110% and said the Assembly should put pressure to change social views. OUSA and CASA should absolutely also take a stance.
- Campbell asked what exactly the campaign entailed, and ceded his remaining speaking rights to Sayani-Mulji. Sayani-Mulji said it is the Assembly's prerogative on how we want to run this campaign. Materials are available. If it is most effective to do this outside of CBS, then we should.
- Dillon-Leitch noted that he didn't want to see bullying happen. If the Assembly agrees with the Constitution, this is bullying. Dillon-Leitch said he did not support the way the Assembly was doing this. Dillon-Leitch asked where the money would come from? Dillon-Leitch said that if the MSU can run the campaign ourselves we should, and the MSU could then control the message.
- Sayed-Rahman ceded rights to S. Ali. S. Ali noted this campaign has been created, and materials have been created.
- Jamieson asked what the campaign is lobbying for, and if there was a model. Sayani-Mulji said he sent the website out. The campaign hopes to have the focus move away from discrimination and towards risky behaviour.
- Kuzman asked what channel this would go through. Sayani-Mulji noted it is a pan-Canadian model and was disappointed in the Assembly for not understanding.
- Erl noted this was a good first step in educating students and that we should be taking stands on issues like this.
- Kuzman thanked the members for bringing the issue forward. Kuzman stated she had spoken to her constituents, and students understand parts of the issue. Students had been approaching members with issues, and this indicates that it is something we should address, and if there is something that we can do about such issues we should. Kuzman agreed with Ferguson that services should have been consulted, but that it is not an excuse for not discussing issues. Kuzman asked if we should use our own materials if we endorse the campaign? Kuzman thought that the MSU should join the most impactful group, even if it means ceding some control. Kuzman thought the Assembly should postpone the endorsement until we can find a service to house this campaign.
- Sayed-Rahman ceded rights to Gandhi. Gandhi noted that all the Assembly would be doing is endorsing the End the Ban campaign. It is one of the largest ban out there, however the MSU would not be standing with the crowd that is already out there if we use our own channels and services and represent the students as we should.
- Mohamed ceded rights to Zuchowski. Zuchowski asked if the Assembly endorsed this campaign, would we have power to change policy and presentation?
- A. Ali stated that the MSU has traditionally not lobbied on political issues. OUSA and CASA do not lobby just on tuition. They have the ability to advocate federally on social justice issues. They are successful in lobbying. To say that MSU wouldn't do a good job is unfair, as the means in which we are doing things is not just about the end result.
- Wiener ceded rights to S. Roy. Roy stated that as a representative from the Feminist Alliance McMaster, they recognize the campaign and are in full support.
- Rathbone thinks the MSU should look into this, because it goes on on campus due to the blood drives and affects students. Rathbone did not think the blood ban was meant to discriminate at that time, but based on what we know now it is not right.

- Abdelrahman ceded R. Sharma. Sharma asked the Assembly what they thought was the most effective way to support the change. Sharma noted that it is already a movement in place, and that students are ready to stand up and voice their concerns, noting the voice is already there. The MSU can have its own statement, but hundreds of students have read the materials. Sharma asked why divide when solidarity should be easy.
- Wiener noted the MSU would not be going against CFS, and that the MSU would have the final say. If we don't want the CFS logo on the postcard, we can cut it out, we can make the connections between the materials and the campaign.
- Sayani-Mulji noted the anti-discriminatory policy, and that he did not consult any PTMs. When he looked the End the Ban Campaign, he said he consulted the experts, consulting human rights lawyers, run by experts. Sayani-Mulji asked why would he ask a part time manager for their opinion? Sayani-Mulji stated that he didn't give a damn if it's OUSA or CASA. Students don't care who is running the campaign.
- Ferguson noted the anti-discriminatory campaign is an MSU-wide policy, and should not contain any of the services if they were not MSU. It was a trial year for the policy, to be reviewed at the end of the year. Diversity services were upset that they weren't consulted.
- Saeed noted that the arguments were getting circular and the Assembly could read the website.
- Sayani-Mulji told Saeed that he had asked a few students, weren't aware of the issues, and agreed with endorsing the campaign. Sayani-Mulji stated that we could have our own website, and still contribute to the large issue at hand.
- Zuchowski noted that the government gives power to trained professionals to do research on these issues. Zuchowski said that the Assembly does not necessarily have to endorse this campaign, yet can spread the word through MPP's, and they can get all constituents informed. Zuchowski noted we have no right to go to government to say all MSU members agree.
- J. Perry spoke on behalf of the Nursing community and Feminist Alliance McMaster. Perry noted that this issue seems to be much more personal. Perry noted there is a personal problem within members in the group, from her observation as an outsider.
- Dillon-Leitch noted it is a student issue, as it effects everyone in some way or another. The difference with the Anti-Oppression campaign is that it is and MSU campaign. the MSU was able to draft our own stance. Dillon-Leitch asked why can't we do this with this situation as well. We support this concept.
- G. Simmons stated he is also a volunteer with CBS. Simmons stated that in principle, the sentiments are correct, but was uncomfortable with where the campaign was coming from. He stated this would affect the work as a volunteer, and would be more comfortable with this coming from the MSU.
- S. Ali stated that the MSU must draft our own policy.
- Sayani-Mulji stated he left the motion ambiguous on purpose.
- Kuzman stated she would like to amend the motion to "commit" to the campaign. Kuzman stated that the debate has gotten circular, and the major issues that we are not sure where it will be housed, seems to be causing strife. Kuzman suggested this be taken to committee, come to the SRA with options, and then can vote. This would not prevent the campaign, but it would ensure the message is all in agreement with the SRA. This simply advances what the committee has to do anyways. Kuzman noted that eventually we would have to determine where the campaign is housed anyways.

### Amendments

**Moved** by Kuzman, **seconded** by Granat that the SRA commit the motion to the Operations Committee to determine which standing committee, Ad-hoc committee, or MSU Service will house the campaign and report back to the SRA with options by SRA 11N.

- Granat proposed an amendment to include the Vice President Finance's point of how are we going to participate. Granat agreed that discrimination is incorrect.

### Amendment to the Amendment

**Moved** by Granat, **seconded** by Kuzman, that the Assembly amend the motion to read "**moved** by Kuzman, **seconded** by Granat that the MSU endorse the End the Ban Campaign".

- Kuzman spoke against the amendment, noting the way in which the MSU was going to endorse was ambiguous. Kuzman stated the MSU would be able to endorse with an actual plan in place.
- Dillon-Leitch spoke against the amendment as the Assembly heard from a CBS volunteer. Dillon-Leitch agreed this should go to committee.
- Granat worried that the President was accusing people, saying they members weren't doing their jobs.
- Saeed supported the amendment from Kuzman, and stated the Assembly should support the End the Ban Campaign, but not endtheban.ca. This would provide room to fine tune the campaign.
- Mohamed noted the Assembly should not be arguing what is right or wrong.
- Sparrow noted CFS and CAS endorse this campaign, and both are huge organizations.

**Moved** by Granat, **seconded** by Sayani-Mulji to recess for 15 minutes.

#### Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 3**  
**Opposed: Sayed-Rahman**  
**Abstentions: Mohamed, Kuzman, Bifano**  
**Motion Passes**

**Recessed at 11:03 pm**

**Called to Order at 11:20 pm**

#### CALL OF THE ROLL

<b>Present</b>	Ahmad, Al-Amad, S. Ali, Bifano, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Recoskie, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Sparrow, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski
<b>Absent Excused</b>	Marlowe
<b>Absent</b>	Erl
<b>Late</b>	Abdelrahman, A. Ali, Kuzman, Somers
<b>Others Present</b>	Kristen Thomson (MES CRO), Naomi Pullen (Arts & Science Ex-Officio), Sam Colbert ( <i>The Silhouette</i> ), Alvand Mohtashami (MSU Member), Kacper Nibwski (The Silhouette), Graydon Simmons (BHSS Chair), Shreya Roy (MSU Member, Feminist Alliance McMaster), Jesse Perry (MSU Member), Sumeet Khanna (MSU Member), Sarah Granges (Honour M Award Committee), Elise Milani (MSU Member), Renee Sharma (Operations Committee), Steven Thompson (CRO), Dave Moore (MSUAA), Sid Gandhi (MSU Member), A. Tutolo (Recording Secretary)
<b>Chair</b>	Jeff Wyngaarden

#### **Debating the Amendment to the Amendment**

- Sayed-Rahman noted this was embarrassing, and to just get over it.
- Sayani-Mulji agreed with Granat's amendment. This wasn't an endorsement with CFS. The Assembly needs to figure out priorities.
- Ferguson noted that the consultation process was poor.
- S. Ali noted Sparrow and Sayani-Mulji discussions were adequate, and stated this is a human rights issue.
- Dillon-Leitch mentioned that it is more of the methods.
- Al-Ahmad noted we all agree on the same principal.
- Zuchowski ceded rights Somers. Somers stated her problem with this motion it is not about the CFS logo, but from the the wording on the website is where she has a problem. Somers noted she is on board with the campaign.

- Granat argued for the SRA take action as it will be read in the future that the SRA took action today and recognize it at this meeting.
- Kuzman addressed the comments by Granat. Kuzman stated there are ideal ways to endorse something. The way this organization run, we follow the processes that this organization has set out for us to accomplish something successfully. We have to take this into consideration, and students have a right to know what we are doing. Kuzman stated that she was in favour of this ban fully, but is emphasizing that we should take it to committee, so we have a plan. Kuzman noted she would like to do a friendly amendment to include that the MSU fully endorses the End the Ban campaign. This is being prudent and responsible.
- S. Ali asked for clarification on the difference on support and endorse.
- Kuzman noted there is no difference.
- Mohamed asked if we needed CFS's campaign.
- Granat mentioned the fundamental issue is sexual orientation and societal matters. Granat asked what is wrong with the End the Ban campaign?
- Kuzman noted that Granat's wording distorted her ideas. Kuzman noted that while her motion did not explicitly state it, there are ideal ways to endorse the ban, but we can endorse without an ideal plan.
- Zuchowski ceded his rights to Somers. Somers misspoke and ceded rights back to Kuzman.
- Kuzman stated there is nothing wrong with this campaign, and simply wanted to follow due process.
- Sayani-Mulji it is the message behind it. He noted an email that Ferguson sent to him, and said it sounded eerily like Kuzman's motion.
- Kuzman noted the importance of having an action plan.
- Sparrow noted there was a lot of concern on the motion wording. There is a difference what Granat and Kuzman are suggesting.

**Moved** by Recoskie, **seconded** by Zuchowski to call to question.

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: Kuzman**  
**Opposed: Napeloni, Mohamed, Sayed-Rahman**  
**Abstentions: Kuzman**  
**Motion Passes**

#### **Vote on the Amendment to the Amendment**

**Moved** by Granat, **seconded** by Kuzman, that the Assembly amend the motion to read "**moved** by Kuzman, **seconded** by Granat that the MSU endorse the End the Ban Campaign".

**In Favour: 8 Opposed: 18 Abstentions: 3**  
**Opposed: Dillon-Leitch, Thompson, A. Ali, Recoskie, Bifano, Daniel,**  
**Khaja, Dhawan, Somers, Jamieson, Zuchowski, Galan,**  
**Golendukhin, Campbell, Saeed, Ahmad, Bober-Inoue**  
**Abstentions: Rathbone, Kuzman, Mohamed**  
**Motion Fails**

#### **Vote on Amendment**

**Moved** by Kuzman, **seconded** by Granat that the SRA commit the motion to the Operations Committee to determine which standing committee, Ad-hoc committee, or MSU Service will house the campaign and report back to the SRA with options by SRA 11N.

**Moved** by S. Ali, **seconded** by Sparrow to call to question.

**In Favour: 8 Opposed: 12 Abstentions: 6**  
**Opposed: Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Thompson, A. Ali, Recoskie**

**Mohamed, Daniel, Dhawan, Jamieson, Galan,  
Golendukhin, Sayed-Rahman  
Abstentions: Rathbone, Kuzman, Khaja, Saeed,  
Ahmed, Bober-Inoue  
Motion Fails**

#### **Discussion on Amendment**

- Mohamed asked what other reasoning Kuzman had for not voting on the main motion.
- Kuzman replied that this is the responsible way. The best way to endorse something is with a successful action plan. Kuzman urged the Assembly to follow the process that the organization already has in place.
- Ali noted that everything has already been said.
- Sayed-Rahman ceded rights to Gandhi. Gandhi said there was a clear difference between the two motions, and noted all the Assembly would be doing is postponing the issue to 11N.
- Mohamed noted there were a substantial number of constituents who came to this meeting that agree with this motion.
- Granat asked if the options come back to the SRA and none are voted on, would this motion mean we will take action?

#### **Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 18 Opposed: 10 Abstentions: 3  
Opposed: Al-Amad, Napeloni, Abdelrahman, Sayani-Mulji,  
Wiener, Sparrow, S. Ali, Sayed-Rahman, Metrailler,  
Granat  
Abstentions: A. Mohamed, Dhawan, F. Mohamed  
Motion Passes**

**Moved** by S. Ali, **seconded** by Sparrow that the meeting be adjourned.

**In Favour: 9 Opposed: 16 Abstentions: 6  
Opposed: Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Thompson, A. Ali, Recoskie,  
Kuzman, Daniel, Dhawan, Jamieson, Zuchowski,  
Galan, Golendukhin, Campbell, Sayed-Rahman,  
Metrailler, Bober-Inoue  
Abstentions: Rathbone, Bifano, Khaja, Somers, Saeed, Granat  
Motion Fails**

**Moved** by Granat, **seconded** by Sayani-Mulji to recess for 25 minutes.

**In Favour: 8 Opposed: 16 Abstentions: 3  
Opposed: Dillon-Leitch, Recoskie, Rathbone, Kuzman,  
Bifano, A. Mohamed, Daniel, Khaja, Somers,  
Jamieson, Zuchowski, Galan,  
Golendukhin, F. Mohamed, Metrailler, Bober-Inoue  
Abstentions: Sayed-Rahman, Ferguson, Thompson  
Motion Fails**

**Moved** by Ferguson, **seconded** by Dillon-Leitch to recess for 10 minutes.

**Passes Unanimously**

**Recessed at 12:50 am**

**Called to Order at 1:01 am**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

<b>Present</b>	Abdelrahman, Al-Amad, A. Ali, S. Ali, Bifano, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Kuzman, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Recoskie, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Somers, Sparrow, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski
<b>Absent Excused</b>	Ahmad, Marlowe
<b>Absent</b>	Erl
<b>Late</b>	
<b>Others Present</b>	Kristen Thomson (MES CRO), Naomi Pullen (Arts & Science Ex-Officio), Sam Colbert ( <i>The Silhouette</i> ), Alvand Mohtashami (MSU Member), Kacper Nibwski (The Silhouette), Graydon Simmons (BHSS Chair), Shreya Roy (MSU Member, Feminist Alliance McMaster), Jesse Perry (MSU Member), Sumeet Khanna (MSU Member), Sarah Granges (Honour M Award Committee), Elise Milani (MSU Member), Renee Sharma (Operations Committee), Steven Thompson (CRO), Dave Moore (MSUAA), Sid Gandhi (MSU Member)
<b>Chair</b>	Jeff Wyngaarden

**Moved** by Ferguson, **seconded** by Thompson to amend the agenda and move Information Period and Question Period before Business Arising from the Minutes.

**In Favour: 24 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 2**  
**Opposed: S. Ali, Metrailler**  
**Abstentions: Napeloni, Jamieson**  
**Motion Passes**

**INFORMATION PERIOD**

- Dillon-Leitch reported that the Gmail contract was finalized, and thanked Mr. Saeed for his work. Dillon-Leitch stated the space where Travel Cuts was located has become available; students could write proposals for what should go in the space, which would be promoted in *The Silhouette*, then put into a survey.
- Dillon-Leitch noted he would be working with the university administration to obtain more study space for students. Dillon-Leitch also noted there was a free dinner for students during the exam period which went well. 250 student were expected, and over 500 students turned out.
- Dillon-Leitch noted there would be class talks this week to promote the launch of the Student Life Enhancement Fund. SLEF allows students to partner with an MSU service or department and have their ideas become a reality. Dillon-Leitch stated this was a platform promise of his, and noted his excitement to see it move forward.
- Dillon-Leitch reported that Welcome Week planners have noted difficulty in the planning process. Dillon-Leitch suggested having the Welcome Week planners work with the Student Success Centre and Campus Events to make things easier.
- Dillon-Leitch noted the MSU is making a bigger push on social media. One possibility is having a social media coordinator.
- Somers reported that the Clubs Executive Council decided that Canadian Athletes Now would be the group supported by the dodgeball tournament, scheduled for the second week of March. Somers also noted the second issue of The Scientist would be released soon.
- A. Ali noted that OUSA recently discussed tuition and the elimination of flat-fee tuition, which is where students do not pay according to their course load, and reducing the 5% cap on tuition increases to CPI. Ali noted that teaching quality was also a topic. Ali reported that research chairs allow professors to become experts, but this creates an imbalance in teaching at universities. Ali stated the proposed solution

would be the introduction of teaching chairs. Currently, three universities have successfully tried this method.

- A. Ali also reported that the Ontario Tuition Grant launched last week. Ali stated this was a good investment, but is not an end to tuition problems in the province. Ali noted the hope is that more limitations will be rectified in the future - for example, currently students with disabilities or dependents are not able to access this grant. Ali also stated that a promotional campaign on the grant will be run through the Advocacy team.
- A. Ali reported that Ottawa recently eliminated interest on loans for part time students, the presentation on the Your City Survey was well received, and that caucus leader meetings will be starting, with the first meeting occurring on Sunday at 4:30pm.
- Kuzman noted that the University Affairs Committee meets on Mondays at 5:30pm in the MSU Committee Room. Kuzman informed the Assembly that members will be receiving the communication and vlog policies that were discussed last year. Kuzman noted all feedback would be welcome, and she would incorporate requests and address concerns. Kuzman added that OUSA's website has more information about the 30% tuition reduction grant and information on how to remove limitations on limiting eligibility.
- Sparrow reported that Occupy McMaster had a break over the winter because the student centre was closed. Sparrow noted that more students, faculty, and staff are getting involved every day.
- Sparrow reported that the Liberals recently announced a 24% grant for some students, but noted that at the same time, \$42 million was cut from some arts and humanities programs. Sparrow noted the Textbook and Tuition Grant is gone, and the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship has been cut.
- Sparrow noted there is an event called Aboriginal Women, Violence, and Poverty happening on January 23 at 12:30pm in HS 185.
- Sparrow reported Caterpillar workers had been locked out since last week, after being asked to take a 50% cut in pay. Sparrow noted this is extremely hard on those workers, and difficult to reconcile considering the profits that the company made. Sparrow noted that this affect Hamilton, which just got out of a steel workers' lockout. Students from McMaster and Mohawk College are organizing with the labour council to participate in the date of action in London, Ontario. Sparrow added that Friday the 13th was coming up, and if anyone liked motorcycles, they should head to Port Dover.
- Saeed reported that the Systems Renewal Committee saw two demonstrations by companies looking to replace the current MUGSI/SOLAR system. Both companies had excellent demonstrations. Saeed noted both companies have better user support systems and can hold a higher load, but added the project has been delayed because of the complexity of the network technicalities at McMaster. Saeed stated the companies may have future demonstrations. Saeed added the last demonstration had poor student turn out, but hopefully there will be more students at future presentations.
- Saeed noted he was interviewed recently by the media, and some of his comments were positive and received critically. Saeed stated his comments were taken out of context. Saeed would like it to be known that he is more critical than those comments would suggest.
- Sayed-Rahman reported that on Tuesday, Andrew Furko (Vice President Public Education, Minnesota) would be speaking on building on the approach universities take on community engagement. Sayed-Rahman encouraged all members to attend.
- Bifano noted Humanities has an open forum on Thursday, being held in GH 111 at 3pm. The discussions will surround integrating experiential education in the Faculty of Humanities. Bifano added that Dr. Deane (President, McMaster University) will be speaking at the open forum, and all are welcome.
- Ferguson reported that in the next few weeks a compost bin will be located outside of Union Market, thanks to the work of macGREEN and Kate Whalen (Manager, Office of Sustainability). Ferguson noted this is a pilot project to increase sustainability. The plan is to have the compost bin visible and make students aware. Ferguson added the hope would be to have these kinds of projects expand and to have offices start composting.
- Ferguson encouraged Assembly members to purchase tickets to Charity Ball.
- Ferguson added that members should look out for big elephants on campus this week. COPE, a mental health initiative club, are promoting a campaign about raising awareness about mental health initiatives.

- Ferguson reported the Space Audit committee had met and is waiting for feedback on surveys, which are scheduled to come in during the first week of February.
- Ferguson added that applications for positions with MSU services will be opening soon; members are encouraged to apply, and to find other students to apply for these great opportunities.
- Wiener reported that on Thursday, January 12 in the Ewart Angus Centre, there will be a "Remembering Haiti" event, which will commemorate the two-year anniversary of the earthquake, and is being put on by the McMaster University Nursing Society. Wiener added donations will be collected at the event.
- Granat stated that yesterday was Sir John A. Macdonald's birthday. Granat noted that he would like a second consideration for a living wage campaign, reporting that the living wage for Hamilton is \$14.90/hr, which only includes the basics for living, and is calculated on a 37.5 hour work week. Granat noted there will be some discussion about having a similar living wage campaign on campus.
- Sparrow noted OPRIG and Occupy McMaster both have composting available. Sparrow noted the time of the Andrew Furko event is 2:30pm. Sparrow added the Faculty of Social Sciences will be putting on an academic showcase at the same time as the Furko event.

**Moved** by Sparrow, **seconded** by Zuchowski to recess for 5 minutes.

**In Favour: 24 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0**  
**Opposed: Sayed-Rahman**  
**Motion Passes**

**Recessed at 1:38 am**

**Called to Order at 1:44 am**

#### **CALL OF THE ROLL**

##### **Present**

Al-Amad, A. Ali, Bifano, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Kuzman, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Recoskie, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Somers, Sparrow, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski

##### **Absent Excused**

Ahmad, Marlowe

##### **Absent**

Erl

##### **Late**

Abdelrahman, S. Ali, Dillon-Leitch

##### **Others Present**

Kristen Thomson (MES CRO), Naomi Pullen (Arts & Science Ex-Officio), Sam Colbert (*The Silhouette*), Alvand Mohtashami (MSU Member), Kacper Nibwski (The Silhouette), Graydon Simmons (BHSS Chair), Shreya Roy (MSU Member, Feminist Alliance McMaster), Jesse Perry (MSU Member), Sumeet Khanna (MSU Member), Sarah Granges (Honour M Award Committee), Elise Milani (MSU Member), Renee Sharma (Operations Committee), Steven Thompson (CRO), Dave Moore (MSUAA), Sid Gandhi (MSU Member)

##### **Chair**

Jeff Wyngaarden

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Sayani-Mulji asked Dillon-Leitch and A. Ali about the free food event. Sayani-Mulji asked if MAC Bread Bin was advertised at the event.
- Dillon-Leitch replied that it was not, but a very good suggestion that will be considered in the future.
- Granat asked Thompson about the Union Market policy regarding the practice of using tips to balance the deposit.
- Thompson responded that if there is an overage, this is due to inaccurate cash handling.
- Gandhi asked which charity had been chosen to donate to for the MSU Clubs Charity Dodgeball tournament.
- Somers replied Canadian Athletes Now had been selected, and the decision was made by the Clubs Executive Council and Athletics and Recreation.

- Sparrow asked Thompson about the new clubs banking system.
- Thompson replied that the system has been custom built to tailor the needs of MSU Clubs and that the MSU is the first to have this, to his knowledge. Thompson discussed how other student union's club banking worked, and how the MSU's new system is composed of an overarching account with individual sub-accounts that belong to each individual club. This means clubs are able to access their accounts online, and the Clubs Administrator can administer this. The end result is a less expensive banking opportunity. The next steps are to determine if the MSU can absorb the cost to clubs in the MSU budget.
- Granat stated he has a problem with the Union Market policy regarding tips and cash-outs and questioned Thompson on this procedure.
- Thompson replied that each cashier is responsible for their till. The MSU is not withholding tips. Thompson said that the Union Market employees have the opportunity to appeal the current process or have it re-examined.
- Sparrow noted he is also concerned about the Union Market tip system and asks if they should be deprived of their tips.
- Thompson answered no, and noted employees were not deprived of tips.
- Granat stated he is concerned about the length of time McMaster students were given for the Christmas break and asked if the MSU had been involved with consultations regarding the timing to begin second semester.
- Dillon-Leitch replied that he had a meeting with McMaster President Patrick Deane and that it was established this is an issue to look into, as it's not fair to students.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Sayani-Mulji asked if it was possible to have observers remain in the back for the duration of Closed Session.
- The Chair responded that due to the context of the business, according to Roberts Rules of Order, there is no stipulation allowing observers to be present during disciplinary motions.
- The Assembly debated whether observers should be allowed to be present in the room during Closed Session.
- Granat asked what the policy was on tying the doors during Closed Session.
- The Chair responded that there was not a policy on tying the doors, but that it would not be necessary.
- The Chair noted that the motions on the agenda were not in the correct order in relation to the agenda from which this business was arising. The Chair ruled that business item number 2 on the agenda, would occur before business item number 1 and they shall be renumbered appropriately.

#### **1. Disciplinary Procedures**

**Moved** by Jamieson, **seconded** by Zuchowski that the Assembly request a change in behaviour of Ms. Sarah Ali to proper decorum befitting a member of the Assembly, in accordance with the bylaws, under the condition that if she does not it will provide sufficient grounds for censure.

- Jamieson expressed that he wanted the discussion to remain civil. Jamieson explained that on November 13, 2011, S. Ali made a derogatory comment towards another Assembly member, which infringes on that member's rights and is not proper decorum within the Assembly. Jamieson stated he would like it expressed in the minutes that if he were to perform this same action in the future, he would expect the same repercussions.

**Moved** by S. Ali, **seconded** by Abdelrahman to call to question.

- Zuchowski asked if the vote would be held via secret ballot.
- Sayed-Rahman asked if the vote could be held via roll-call.

#### **Vote on Call to Question**

**In Favour: 9 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 13**  
**Opposed: Daniel, Dhawan, Metrailler, Granat**  
**Abstentions: Dillon-Leitch, Thompson, A. Ali, Recoskie, Rathbone**  
**Kuzman, Bifano, Somers, Jamieson, Zuchowski, Galan,**  
**Golendukhin, Campbell**  
**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Jamieson, **seconded** by Zuchowski that the Assembly request a change in behaviour of Ms. Sarah Ali to proper decorum befitting a member of the Assembly, in accordance with the bylaws, under the condition that if she does not it will provide sufficient grounds for censure.

**In Favour: 10 Opposed: 9 Abstentions: 9**  
**Opposed: Al-Amad, Napeloni, Abdelrahman, Sayani-Mulji,**  
**Wiener, Sparrow, S. Ali, Metrailler, Granat**  
**Abstentions: Dillon-Leitch, Thompson, A. Ali, Rathbone, Kuzman,**  
**Daniel, Khaja, Dhawan, Mohamed, Sayed-Rahman**  
**Motion Passes**

## 2. Censure

- The Chair asked for all observers to vacate the room, as the Assembly would be moving into Closed Session.
- The Chair reiterated the responsibility of confidentiality regarding Closed Session discussion, and asked that Assembly members relinquish all cell phones and laptops.

**The Assembly moved into Closed Session at 2:25 am**

**The Assembly returned to Open Session at 4:05 am**

### TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
6:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers, GH 111

### CALL OF THE ROLL

<b>Present</b>	Abdelrahman, Al-Amad, A. Ali, Bober-Inoue, Campbell, Daniel, Dhawan, Dillon-Leitch, Ferguson, Galan, Golendukhin, Granat, Jamieson, Khaja, Kuzman, Metrailler, A. Mohamed, F. Mohamed, Napeloni, Rathbone, Recoskie, Saeed, Sayani-Mulji, Sayed-Rahman, Somers, Sparrow, Thompson, Wiener, Zuchowski
<b>Absent Excused</b>	Ahmad, Marlowe
<b>Absent</b>	S. Ali, Bifano, Erl
<b>Late</b>	
<b>Others Present</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	Jeff Wyngaarden

### ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by Jamieson, **seconded** by Dhawan that the meeting adjourn.

**Passes Unanimously**

**Adjourned at 4:11 am**

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# Memorandum

*From the office of*

**Chris Erl, SRA Humanities**

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TO: Members of the Assembly  
FROM: Chris Erl  
SUBJECT: Striking an Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform  
DATE: 01/08/12

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Brothers and Sisters of the Assembly,

Once again, I bring forward a proposal for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform. The spirit of the original motion has not changed, rather major alterations to the composition of the proposed structure have been made following consultations over the past month.

I include the original memo for reference, and will provide comments at the end.

### *Original Memo*

These are exciting times in the history of our union. We are making progress on issues and achieving gains never before thought possible. This is a testament to our spirit, our drive and our principles.

Our organization's democratic structure, though, has come under rather intense scrutiny. Over the past few months, discussions have occurred at every conceivable level about a number of issues that representatives, constituents and those closely associated with the union have noticed. Namely, the election of Vice Presidents, the election of Representatives and the composition of the Student Representative Assembly have all been discussed endlessly anywhere from informally at TwelvEighty to formally at both the Bylaws and Procedures and External Affairs Committees.

Following a discussion at a meeting of the Bylaws and Procedures Committee on Friday, November 18, 2011, a proposal was brought forth to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to examine variations of electoral reform, given that that meeting and the meeting prior had focused rather intently on said issue. No definitive conclusion was reached on the proposal, leading myself to inquire about the possibility for such a committee to be struck regardless. After consultations with the Speaker, Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner, Deputy Returning Officer and members of the Assembly, I decided to bring the proposal to a full meeting of the SRA.

I believe that it will be worthwhile for the Assembly to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss options for electoral reform in the MSU for the following reasons:

- The Bylaws and Procedures Committee should not be restricted in their work by burdening themselves with the detailed task of investigating electoral reform.
- This committee would, as per the stipulations of Bylaw 3, 6.1., “fall outside the jurisdiction of a standing committee’s responsibilities,” given that the Bylaws and Procedures Committee is merely tasked with “reviewing bylaws changes and other legislative initiatives,” not independently collecting ideas and developing proposals as the proposed Ad Hoc Committee would.
- An Ad Hoc Committee would ensure constructive, well-researched, workable proposals are submitted to the Assembly for their approval.
- Such discussions, which, at present, already occur informally, would be undertaken in a collaborative and engaging setting, taking into consideration the ideas and opinions of every participant.

I encourage you to support the creation of this Ad Hoc Committee. We have the momentum, we have the ideas, now all we need is the drive to get the job of electoral reform done.

*End of original memo*

After meeting with a number of individuals who were concerned with the makeup of the committee, I came to the conclusion that my original proposition would not be in the best interests of the organization.

As you’ll note in the revised structure, more emphasis is given to diversity of opinion, and seeks to include as many voices as possible. The role of chair is filled by the Speaker, as that role was meant to facilitate discussion and provide context, rather than set the direction of the committee which shall be done by every member.

Hopefully this structure will be the most conducive one for the kind of dialogue we need on such a pressing and important issue.

As always, in solidarity,

Chris Erl  
SRA Humanities

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC REFORM**

Shall be struck to gather ideas and facilitate dialogue concerning the reforms to the democratic structure of the McMaster Students Union;

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this committee shall:

- Shall consist of the following:
  - One (1) chair, who shall be the MSU speaker,
  - One (1) MSU President,
  - One (1) Chief Returning Officer or designate,
  - One (1) Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner,
  - Two (2) SRA members elected at-large, and
  - One (1) MSU member, elected at large;
- Ensure that any SRA member, the Vice-Presidents (Administration, Education, Finance), and the MSU Administrative Assistant will be noted as official observers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform;
- Investigate alternatives to the composition of the SRA, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the MSU, the election of Representatives to the SRA, but not limited to those areas;
- Set a reporting schedule to ensure the SRA is informed of the Ad Hoc Committee on Democratic Reform's progress;
- Provide a number of recommendations based on its findings to the SRA in order to allow the Assembly the opportunity to vote on which recommendation it deems as the most appropriate to undertake;
- Provide the Bylaws and Procedures Committee an opportunity to examine its findings to ensure its proposals do not conflict with or contravene the MSU Constitution or any applicable Bylaws;
- Provide the Operations Committee an opportunity to examine its findings to ensure its proposals do not conflict with or contravene any existing MSU Operating Policies;
- As per Bylaw 3, 6.2.4. and 6.2.5., dissolve upon the completion of their mandate or upon the end of the SRA's term in office.



# REPORT

*From the office of the Arts & Science Caucus*

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: David Campbell, Arts & Science Caucus Leader  
SUBJECT: Caucus Update – SRA 11L  
DATE: January 8, 2011

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Dear Members of the SRA,

My sincere apologies for not submitting this report on time. Here is what we have been up to so far this semester:

**Executive Meetings** – SRA ex-officio Naomi Pullen and myself have continued to attend all SASS-executive meetings.

**Office Hours** – Our new office hour time has been announced and will be held this week.

**Combining 2 Cultures** – Several members of the Arts & Science community are travelling to Waterloo this month for the annual C2C conference begun at McMaster by the program two years ago. We want to wish them the best of luck – I know I love the conference and I am excited to see it continue.

Arts & Science is undergoing several other changes including program/course updates, and an updating of the SASS constitution. If anyone would like to hear more about these initiatives, feel free to contact me for information.

Sincerely,

David Campbell  
SRA Arts&Science Caucus Leader  
McMaster Students Union



# REPORT

*From the office of the...*

## Engineering Caucus

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TO:	Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM:	Brian Jamieson
SUBJECT:	Engineering Caucus Report
DATE:	January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2012

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Dear Assembly,

Since last reporting to the Assembly, two months and three meetings have passed. It has been a very busy time, having undergone the end of midterms as well as finals. With such a heavy workload, the MSU and SRA took a backseat to more pertinent academic commitments. That said, I think I speak for all of us when I say that we have all been working to the best of our abilities with the limited time that we have had to communicate with engineering students and liaise with the MES, as we will always try to do. Today's report will cover what has happened since the last report, what we are currently doing, and what are our plans are for the future.

Since October 30, we have continued to create strong bonds with the McMaster Engineering Society. The MES is a great partner to have around campus and we look forward to the continued openness that they have towards us in 2012. Our caucus also intends on remaining open and assistive to any problems they may encounter. Currently, they are halfway through their Presidential election cycle, and we wish all the candidates the best of luck in their endeavours. In early December, we experienced yet another by-election, once again yielding fantastic poll numbers. For this we thank all the candidates who ran for bringing this important issue to the eyes of so many engineering students. On behalf of both myself and the rest of the engineering caucus, I would like to welcome our newest member Mr. Mukhtar Galan. We know you will be a fantastic addition to our team.

At the present time, we intend on continuing to work on previously laid out projects as outlined in the last report and our year plans, as well as continuing to promote the existence of the Assembly to our constituents. I personally intend on moving my office hours to the Blue Lounge (the engineering student lounge) in JHE so that I can be in a higher traffic area, and will be encouraging the rest of the caucus to do the same.

Looking forward, we have four months left to get some really great work done, and I have no doubt that we as a caucus will pull through. The MES will be having another general assembly event very soon, and we look forward to attending and observing all the great ideas that come from our constituents. If anyone has any questions about something that I did not cover, please send me an email at [sraeng@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:sraeng@msu.mcmaster.ca) and I will answer it to the fullest that I can.



# REPORT

*From the office of the...*

## External Affairs Commissioner

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Huzaifa Saeed, External Affairs Commissioner  
SUBJECT: SRA Report, 11L  
DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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Dear Assembly,

This Report covers my activities over the Fall semester of this academic term. It also outlines prior events, upcoming projects and long term direction of the committee for the rest of the year.

### **CASA Review**

Myself and the Vice President Education will be working on an progress update for our experience this year with our full time CASA membership. It will be based of the concerns identified in last year's report by the EA Committee. We will be looking at things like "prioritization of internal conflicts and discussions over policy issues", "policy development", "Media and Website", "Lobbycon experience" and so on. This report will be presented at the next meeting.

### **OUSA Research Projects**

I have continued my work on the OUSA Mental Health Paper with my research due at the end of January. I have found very interesting research and reports on the mental health impact of transition from Highschool to first year, Residence and Stigma of Mental Health Issue with young adults leading to a massive dark figure at Universities.

### **Municipal Relations**

Myself and the Vice President Education presented the results of the Your City Survey to City Council General Issues Meeting in early December. All members of the council including the mayor were highly receptive to our presentation. They were especially interested in the student retention angle

of our presentation. The Mayor requested a longer meeting in his office that will occur in the near future. This is probably one of the first time in years that the MSU has some foothold in Municipal Government.

### **Transit & LRT**

The Committee is on standby to work on expanding the approved Transit Policy with more comprehensive background research towards the latter part of the term.

### **MSU Advocacy Think Tank**

The MSU Advocacy Think Tank will officially begin starting next week and I already have a few interested students, I will be creating a Paper promotions campaign to supplement Social Media .

### **MSU PSE Policy Bank & Awareness Campaign**

Tuition: The paper is mostly completed after an extensive amount of time spent by the committee preparing for it. I proposed and experimented with a more self-directed and open ended approach to this abstract project and it has had promising and unproductive results at the same time. However I decided to delay the approval till next week because of the announcement of the Liberal Grant and the disappointing **Funding Cuts** to Student Aid programs and Demographic Exclusions means we need to further research. We are hoping to run an awareness campaign on the pitfalls of the student financial aid market as well as the alternate options available to them. Other policy projects include: Student Residential Housing & Deferred Maintenance.

I am also open to any ideas SRA or MSU members have. The realm of External Affairs has endless potential for issues one can conduct research or policy work on. Feel free to email me!

Sincerely,

**Huzaiifa Saeed**

**MSU External Affairs Commissioner '11/12**

## **University Affairs Committee Report**

Dear Assembly,

As I presented the completed tasks of the committee in a delegation from the floor prior to the break, this report will summarize our accomplishments in first term and discuss our objectives for second semester.

### **Teaching Evaluations**

The committee held an open forum on teaching evaluations to obtain valuable feedback from students as to how they felt teaching evaluations could be improved during the first term. During the open forum we entered into a dialogue with students from various faculties including: Humanities, Science, Social Science, Health Science, Engineering and Commerce. Students shared their opinions and experiences with respect to various questions. The major questions posed to students were the following:

- 1) Should teaching evaluation questions be more specific to individual faculties?
- 2) Would students like to have access to the results of teaching evaluations, and why?
- 3) Do students prefer to fill out evaluations online or in paper format in class?
- 4) How can the effectiveness of teaching evaluations be improved?

\*The results of this feedback can be seen in the Teaching evaluation open forum report which is attached.

### **Plans for Second Semester**

As a result of the feedback obtained from the open forum, the project has evolved into a two fold operation. Mr. Yu, Ms. Ali and myself are still working to ensure that students are able to access the results of teaching evaluations. *In fact it was discovered that there exists a portal on MUGSI dedicated publishing the results of teaching evaluations.* As a result we shall be launching a campaign in partnership with TAC both inform students that this exists and to encourage professors to continue to release their results. We have also entered into a dialogue about the possibility of the MSU running their own teaching evaluations form the MSU website where the results would later be made public for students.

Currently Ms. Ali, Mr. Yu and myself are also consulting with the Associate Deans of each faculty and the Senate as they enter into discussions regarding the *complete overhaul and modernization of teaching evaluations.* This is very promising as we have decided to embark on this project during a time when the university administration is considering this an important issue. Furthermore we have constructed a strategy for prioritizing what students believe to be the

most egregious issues with teaching evaluations and have are working with university administration to make this modernization a reality.

### **Quality Of Education Assessment**

The committee worked in partnership with OUSA, Abacus Data, Mr. Dillon Leitch and Ms. Ali to successfully modify and administer the Quality of education Assessment. The committee was able to tailor the survey to accommodate for McMaster students and we were pleased to discover that we received over 1600 responses.

### **Plans for Second Semester**

We intend to review the results of the assessment and determine if there are any improvements that can be made for the educational experience for McMaster students. Abacus data should be able to provide us with the results of the survey no later than the end of February.

### **Communication Operating Policy and Vlog Operating Policy**

These policies were completed and presented to the SRA in a delegation from the floor. They will be coming forward for approval at the January 22 2012 meeting of the SRA. In drafting these policies, valuable input was obtained from the Operations Commissioner, the By-Laws and Procedures Commissioner, the External Affairs Commissioner the Board of Directors and students. The policies were unanimously approved the the university Affairs Committee and we look forward to any SRA feedback with respect to these policies.

### **Bringing CFMU To Residence**

Ms. Daniels has been working with CFMU, Residence, IRC and myself to bring CFMU radio to the lobbies of residences. We continue to communicate with residence as they investigate the ideal process for implementing audio in residence lobbies. It is likely that any funds required to make this project a reality shall be applied for through the Student Life Enhancement Fund in conjunction with the Finance Committee.

### **New Second Term Projects**

#### **The MSU response to Forward With Integrity**

The Board of Directors has tasked the committee with examining the letter produced by Dr. Dean on September 21 2011 and determining various ways the MSU can respond. We wish to determine various methods of incorporating the underlying sentiments and objectives of the letter into our organization - The MSU. This is an open ended and exciting project the committee is looking forward to tackling this semester, in conjunction with Mr. Saeed and the External Affairs Committee.

### **Quality Of Student Life Survey**

The Committee shall be compiling and administering a quality of Student Life Survey. Our intention is to gauge the overall sentiments of students with respect to McMaster life outside of the classroom. In order to accomplish this we are in the process of examining previous quality of student life surveys that the MSU has administered in the past and modernizing their content. We hope to administer and this survey before Reading Week- February 17 2012.

### **Stakeholders In Education Manual**

This project is intended to empower student leaders to accomplish their goals in the most efficient and substantial manner. The manual shall consist of a list of the largest stakeholders of educational quality at McMaster. it shall contain their purpose, contact information and current location. The committee has already begun research on this project and opportunities for MSU students and other SRA members to contribute are now open.

### **Access to nutritional information on campus and within the MSU**

It came to my attention two years ago that the ease of accessibility to nutritional information on campus for students is virtually non existent. I began investigating the ability to locate this information and came to find that the process was less than desirable. As a result I have begun research and developed plans for the process to make nutritional information available to students on campus both within the MSU at establishments such as 1280 and Hospitality Services' kiosks. The committee is working to make this become a reality. We have also been fortunate enough to gather many MSU students who are willing to assist with this project, despite not being voting members on the committee. We look forward to working on this project.

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In closing the University Affairs Committee now meets weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the SRA office. All are welcome to attend. Furthermore the committee is always open to ideas and is always happy to review projects and answer any questions.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Tanya Kuzman- University Affairs Commissioner  
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**REPORT**  
*From the office of the...*  
**Vice-President Finance**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
FROM: Duncan Thompson  
SUBJECT: Vice-President (Finance) Report  
DATE: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

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Hello and welcome back from the Christmas break, I hope that everyone had a great time off school and hopefully had a chance to spend time with family and friends.

The past while as been busy, and I've been keeping you all up to date as much as possible. So let me outline the projects, both completed and ongoing.

**Clubs Banking System**

- In a partnership with Mac Credit Union, I have set in motion the process to convert the clubs bank accounts to their cheaper and more accessible banking option.
- The end result will be a less expensive banking opportunity and added control for the clubs.
- All clubs will have access to view their account balance and transactions online. Before this was not possible because with the major banks online access is tied to debit card numbers and accounts with multiple signing authorities cannot issue debit cards. This system is specifically built for us and will allow access to our clubs.
- Now that we have worked most of this out our Clubs Administrator and MCU's Senior Manager of Special Projects are working out the semantics presently.
- If you have any questions please contact me, I'd love to share any details I can with you.

**ATM**

- The contract was signed for a profit sharing ATM installation in TwelvEighty.
- Installation is slated for the next couple of weeks depending on the delivery schedule of the supplying company.
- This will be an MCU ATM meaning the lowest access fee and the most student friendly use of the money
- Again, I'm very excited that this happened and I'd love to talk about this more. Please feel free to ask me any questions you'd like.

### **Accounting Department**

- The vacant position of Payroll Administrator has now been filled by Mr. Kevin O'Mara.
- The process of finding a suitable candidate was extensive and time consuming, hundreds of applications came in for the position and interviews came down to only a handful of people.
- After two interviews and many follow up discussions, the accounting team, Mr. McGowan and I are all confident that the best candidate has been chosen to fill the role.
- I encourage you all to stop by the office when you have a chance and meet the newest member to the team.

### **Digital Purchase Order**

- As many of you know this is a project that has been ongoing since 2009 and has seen all kinds of setbacks.
- Our sever has been updated and we're working out the kinks with cheques right now. The system will soon be in a position to get things back up and running.
- In order to be successful this project must be started just after fiscal year end so that the accounting department is not burdened by anything else at the time.
- This can happen but it needs to be set in motion at the end of my term and then carried on by the next V.P. Finance, whomever that may be, for the betterment of our organization.

### **MARS Apprentice**

- In an effort made possible by Adnan Ahmad, the MSU will be entering TwelvEighty as a case in the MARS Apprentice pre-challenge.
- The project is a marketing challenge for McMaster Commerce and Engineering management students.
- It will be an amazing opportunity to get our students working on our TwelvEighty Marketing to make it even more successful in the New Year.
- I am currently starting work to produce a challenge package suited to this, I will keep updates coming as this should be a great project to follow

### **Sil Board of Pub**

- The sill board of pub needs to meet this term to continue discussing advertising contracts with the different suppliers.
- We're going to need to coordinate schedules and find a time to make sure we can get back to work.

As always, I appreciate questions on my projects and they're something I'm very passionate about. Please e-mail me or come and see me about anything you'd like to discuss.