



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 14Q
Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 6:33 pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Abbas, Brodka, Craig, D'Angela, D'Mello, Gill, Guarna, Jama, Khanano, King, Kousoulas, Lehwald, Mallon Mazza, Mohamed, Mordhorst, Narro Perez, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliveros, Osazuwa, Paul, Saull, Soubas, Soukvilay, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Tweedie, Wilson, Zacharewicz

Absent Excused

Absent

Late

Chennabathni, Dufault, Gillis, Modi

Others Present

Dave Moore (MSUAA), Xenia Rybkina (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (MSU Member), Angela Mutoigo (MSU Member), Kayla Enriquez (MSU member), Emile Shen (MSU member), Natasha Sandhu (Services Commissioner), Shanthiya Baheerathan (WGEN Coordinator), Carly Hunter (WGEN), Ruchika Gothoskar (WGEN), Emma Perin (WGEN), Jay Krause (MSU Member), Jordan Manning (MSU Member), David Rios (MACGreen Coordinator), Naz Pakkal (SRA Elect), Katie Pita (MSU member), Kevan McDougall (MSU Member), Nicole Burke (SRA Elect), Lindsey Huff (MSU Member), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Lindsay D'Souza (FYC Advocacy Director), Christine Yachouh (MSU Member), Jess Shoker (Advocacy Coordinator), Mina Karabit (TAC Coordinator), Alan Rheaume (UA Commissioner), Adam Moniz (MSU Member), Kaitlyn Gonsalves (MSU Member), Blake Oliver (MSU Member), Inna Berditchevskaia (MSU Member), Iman Banerji (MSU Member), Megan Hsu (MSU Member), Naomi Pullen (DRO), Emilia Lussow (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair

Mike Cheung

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Gill that the Assembly adopt the agenda as circulated and attached.

Amendments

Moved by Lehwald, **seconded** by Tweedie to add Operating Policy 1.9.10.2 – Vice Presidential, Speaker, and Commissioner Elections as Committee Business Item #8.

- Lehwald explained that she didn't submit it before the deadline, but there was still enough time to circulate it.
- Tweedie was in favour of adding this to the agenda.

Vote on Amendment

Motion Passes by General Consent

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Gill that the Assembly adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion Passes by General Consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Speaker thanked the observer's for coming and asked that they sign the list being circulated at the back. He welcomed the new SRA members who attended the meeting. The Speaker encouraged the Assembly to be efficient and have quick debate, but not rush the meeting and to pay attention.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Farewell from the President

- Saull said his farewell to the SRA.

2. Farewell from the Vice-President (Administration)

- Brodka said his farewell to the SRA.

3. Farewell from the Vice-President (Finance)

- Mallon said his farewell to the SRA.

4. Farewell from the Vice-President (Education)

- Narro Perez said his farewell to the SRA.

5. Farewell from the Speaker

- Cheung said his farewell to the SRA.

6. SRA Awards Presentation

- Brodka went over the awards with the Assembly.

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

1. Compulsory Ancillary Fees – Teddy Saull and Sean Van Koughnett presented

Moved by Mallon, **seconded** by Khanano to set parameters for the delegation to be 20 minutes for presentation, and 20 minutes for questions.

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Saull and Van Koughnett went over the document with the assembly.

Questions

- Abbas asked what contribution was being re-directed from SLEF. Van Koughnett that around \$450,000 will be re-directed, but there will still be money to do projects as they aren't eliminating SLEF.
- Tambakis asked what the impact would be to core services if money wasn't transferred from SLEF. Van Koughnett responded that they would have a more difficult time sustaining the services over the next few years and that there would be tough decisions to be made. He added that if they wanted to sustain SLEF and the services a decision would have to be made on whether to pay more fees or cut service.
- Mordhorst asked if this transfer would be happening once or every year. Van Koughnett responded that it would be a permanent part of paying in to services.

- Rios asked why SLEF wasn't being used. Van Koughnett stated that \$250,000 that was previously collected is just sitting there, and he stated that it shouldn't just be sitting there and it could be used to put into services they currently have.
- Jama asked how many grad students have access to the services. Van Koughnett stated that graduate students access services more than other students on campus. He explained that the University will be meeting with them on Monday to ask for a fee increase to reflect the usage, and that if the grad students aren't willing to pay for the services then a decision will have to be made.
- Gillis asked what the expected increase in the fee will be for Ath and Rec. Van Koughnett responded that the undergraduate students won't be seeing a fee increase.
- Moore asked how they will address the \$200,000 funding gap. Van Koughnett responded that they will be looking at the whole picture and they are currently working on other strategies. He explained that they want to fix this but it will be a two to four year process.
- Guarna asked what was behind the SRA able to do an increase beyond CPI. Saull responded that the Board on the Student Services Committee can approve this, but he stated that they would rather come to the SRA for the recommendation. He explained that if any new programming was being implemented that would take the fee over the increase then it would have to go to referendum. He added that rarely would it be just the BOD making the decision. Van Koughnett added that this would be discussed with everyone on the advisory committee. He explained that he was hoping that there would be a lot of consultation happening with those who are already sitting on the committee.
- D'Angela asked what the increase would be on a per student basis. Van Koughnett responded that CPI is 2.4% so it would be 7.5 that it would be increased.
- Oliveros asked about the Ath and Rec fees. Van Koughnett responded that the purpose of the advisory committees is to have the members go through this with the Director of Athletics and give feedback. He added that this goes to the Student Services Committee as well.
- Gillis asked what guarantee that the money going to SLEF will be increasing by CPI. Van Koughnett responded that that's how much the student fees go up by so that will be the guarantee.
- D'Angela asked if they could get the current breakdown of the fees and what percentages are going into ath and rec. Van Koughnett responded that they could do that. He explained that they are taking what is already going to those departments and it will just directly go to the ath and rec fee, and will no longer be a part of the student services fee.
- Tambakis stated that this looks like it hinges on graduate students signing for the fees. He asked what would happen if the graduate students don't sign. Van Koughnett responded that plan would to look into the impacts on what the University will be offering to graduate students. He explained that the University would still like to approach the SRA and re-write the protocols anyway. Van Koughnett explained that the fees wouldn't take effect until 2016 for the graduate students and that will be the amount of time it will take for the transparent fee structure to be worked out for Mosaic.
- Rios asked if Van Koughnett could talk about where the deficit came from. Van Koughnett explained that he doesn't have the whole history, and that part of this year there was a surplus but they have been living with an unsustainable model where the costs were exceeding the fees. He stated that this isn't a brand new thing. He added that a problem has been that fees on both the undergrad and grad sides have increased by CPI, but costs have been going up more than inflation due to wage agreements and such.
- Jama asked why SAS wouldn't be included in the discussion and why it wasn't going to referendum. Van Koughnett responded that SAS isn't funded through student fees as they aren't allowed to charge compulsory fees for accessibility. He added that this isn't going to referendum as they aren't suggesting increasing fees by five percent; they are just trying to put together a new structure.

2. SRA Science Survey Results – Giuliana Guarna and Mirella Mazza presented

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by D'Mello to set parameters for the delegation to be 10 minutes for presentation, and 10 minutes for questions.

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Guarna and Mazza went over the results of the science survey with the Assembly.

Questions

- Narro Perez felt that the survey was well done and felt that this will help support the students.
- Rios asked if what their plans were for this survey. He asked if this was going to be presented to the Science Society. Guarna responded that they received the file on March 13 and had to have documentation in for the meeting on March 17, so they didn't have the chance to do much analysis or be able to present at MSS. She added that the caucus won't be able to do much with the information but it will be passed along to the new caucus. Mazza added that at the transition meeting with the incoming caucus they seemed eager to do something with the information.
- Narro Perez asked if the current caucus could do something with it now. Guarna responded that she could forward all the files to Dean Baker before the time is up as the Science department is going through restructuring and it would be important for them to have.
- Zacharewicz asked if this would be posted on the science website. Guarna responded that she could do that.
- Zacharewicz asked if there were any plans on disseminating the survey. Guarna responded that it would be up to the incoming SRA.
- Khanano stated that he would like to work with the incoming caucus to address some of the topics brought up in the survey.

3. Abilities Research Report – Nishan Zewge-Abubaker and Sarah Jama presented

Moved by Brodka, **seconded** by Osazuwa to set parameters for the delegation to be five minutes for presentation, and five minutes for questions.

- Brodka explained that they will be presenting the information compiled for a proposed pilot service.

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Brodka explained that a group put together an unofficial committee to talk about the needs of students on campus and for a service through the MSU. They took the time to gather research and look into a potential service for this. He explained that an ad-hoc committee will be struck in the 15/16 SRA term.
- Zewge-Abubaker and Jama went over the report with the Assembly.

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by D'Angela to extend the presentation by five minutes.

- Tambakis would like to hear more about this.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Questions

- Guarna asked that if in the budget included paying the PTM. Zewge-Abubaker responded that it would be just a pilot budget. She added that other universities have more in their budgets, but there are also other things covered in their services.
- D'Angela asked what the long-term vision for this service. Jama stated that there should be a safe space on campus for those with disabilities where they can have discussions. Zewge-Abubaker added that they have had the beginnings of discussions with the working group and would like to continue that in the long-term.
- Khanano asked if there will be another accessibility forum next year. Jama responded that it will take place every year.

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Gillis to extend question period by five minutes

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Brodka explained that this was meant for information and that the questions being asked are types of questions that will be parsed out by a committee that will hopefully be struck by the new SRA.
- Brodka stated that he meant to amend the agenda at the beginning of the meeting as there is supposed to be a presentation from WGEN. He explained that this was an oversight and it would be great if they could amend the agenda so that WGEN can present their work.
- The Speaker explained that the Assembly will first vote to consider it, and then vote to amend the agenda.

Moved by Brodka, **seconded** by Gill that the Assembly consider amending the agenda to add “WGEN Presentation” under Delegation from the Floor.

Passes Unanimously

Moved by Brodka, **seconded** by Gill that the Assembly amend the agenda to add “WGEN Presentation” under Delegation from the Floor.

Vote to Amend Agenda

Passes Unanimously

4. WGEN Presentation – Shanthiya Baheerathan presented

Moved by Brodka, **seconded** by Stegmaier to set parameters for the delegation to be 20 minutes for presentation, and 15 minutes for questions.

Motion Passes by General Consent

- Baheerathan went over the report with the Assembly.

Questions

- Jama ceded to Adam Moniz. Moniz asked if the manual was ready for peer support, and if they will be doing broader training. Baheerathan responded that they will be doing broader training than just the regular peer support.
- Kousoulas asked what the plans were for next year and where does she see the service growing in the future. Baheerathan responded that they will be focusing on advocacy and hoping to focus on community and permanent space on campus.
- Jama ceded to Elise Milani. Milani stated that it warmed her hear that this was happening and gave kudos to Baheerathan and the WGEN Exec.
- Jama asked what Baheerathan’s favourite part of the role was. Baheerathan responded that it was getting to know her exec and feeling supported by the MSU.
- Guarna asked if this passed as a full service does she see hiring exec fitting in the timeline. Baheerathan responded that if this gets passed she will be submitting the job description for the PTM as soon as possible. She felt that it could be accomplished before the semester was over.
- Kousoulas ceded to Milani. Milani asked how the Advisory Board worked out this year, and if it was something that they would continue in the future. Baheerathan felt that PACBIC was better at being a consultation body, and that the Advisory Board ended up delaying some processes.
- Kousoulas asked what the steps on having men volunteering for the service. Baheerathan responded that they would need to go through the same training as anyone.

- Gillis asked what was the biggest barrier to not achieving more success than they already have. Emma Perrin responded that they did quite a bit in three months, but putting on three main campaigns with three big events.
- Mazza asked how the peer support connects with the Peer Support Line, and how do they differentiate from each other. Baheerathan responded that PSL doesn't provide training for sexual violence, and she felt that in person support was important for that. She added that both services provide different types of support.
- Mordhorst asked if WGEN would collaborate with other peer support networks so that everyone knows how to deal with sexual violence so that WGEN isn't the only one. She asked if this was something they would like to look into. Baheerathan responded that it's a good idea to train all volunteers, but this type of training is time intensive for students and there would be a range of issues that would need to be covered. She felt that connections can be made and would like to support PSL. She added it is something that they will continue to think about.
- Stegmaier ceded to Emil Shen. Shen asked how the organization involves male hours in the process of gender equality. Ruchika responded that male allies are welcome in WGEN. She explained that they have one male volunteer at the moment and that in terms of welcoming male allies the only thing they ask for is respect and reciprocity.

Moved by Saull, **seconded** by Mallon that the Assembly recess for 10 minutes.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Recessed at 8:58pm

Called to Order at 9:11pm

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Absent Excused

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Others Present

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Chair

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REPORT PERIOD

1. Arts and Science Caucus – Nestico-Semianiw presented

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized the report.

2. Business Caucus – Mohamed presented

- Mohamed summarized the report.

3. Engineering Caucus – Osazuwa presented

- Osazuwa summarized the report.

4. Health Sciences Caucus – Mordhorst presented

- Mordhorst summarized the report.

5. Humanities Caucus – Lehwald reported

- Lehwald reported that it has been a good year, and that they did everything on their yearplan that they set out to do.

6. Kinesiology Caucus – Khanano reported

- Khanano reported that this year was awesome, and that they established a better social media presence and community outreach. He added that Heimbecker cup will be on April 2.

7. Nursing Caucus – Zacharewicz presented

- Zacharewicz summarized the report.

8. Science Caucus – Guarna presented

- Guarna summarized the report.

9. Social Sciences Caucus – Jama reported

- Jama reported that this was an interesting year, and that unfortunately they didn't accomplish anything in their yearplan. She explained that her hopes for next year there will be more collaborations with MSSS and the Social Sciences Caucus.

10. Bylaws and Procedures Commissioner – Gillis presented

- Gillis summarized the report.

Questions

- Guarna asked if the report promised from the previous meeting was circulated, or was this report encompassing that one. Gillis responded that it was the latter.
- Paul asked about the survey and how the questions were drafted. Gillis responded that the survey kept being pushed back due to design and that the committee collaborated on the questions.

11. External Affairs Commissioner – Nestico-Semianiw presented

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized the report.

12. Finance Commissioner – D’Angela presented

- D’Angela summarized the report.

Questions

- Mallon was wondering how many businesses were on board for the off-campus discounts, and what type of discounts were being offered. D’Angela responded that he didn’t want to contact the businesses without specifics going forward as it would make the MSU seem unprofessional. He noted that the MES has a discount card so he wanted to talk to the president about how they did it. D’Angela hoped that next year’s Finance Committee can do the contacting.

13. Operations Commissioner – Paul presented

- Paul summarized the report.

14. Services Commissioner – Sandhu presented

- Sandhu summarized the report.

Questions

- Osazuwa asked who picks the services that get reviewed each year. Sandhu responded that it’s the VP Admin and Services Committee.
- Gillis asked about the Elections Survey. Sandhu stated that this wasn’t sent to the Assembly but sent out by the CRO and DRO to those who participated in the Presidential and SRA General Elections.

15. University Affairs Commissioner – Rheume presented

- Rheume summarized the report.

Questions

- Gill asked what will happen with the nutritional information going forward. Rheume responded that there just needs to be open communication with the TwelvEighty kitchen staff so that the menus are updated. Mordhorst added that now that a database has been established with the menu items it will be easy to input new information.

16. Executive Board – Guarna presented

- Guarna summarized the report. Guarna corrected the statement of total amount of voters, which was 26% turnout overall.

17. Vice-President (Education) – Narro Perez presented

- Narro Perez summarized the report.

Questions

- Gillis asked if Narro Perez could provide more context on how they are ensuring that the Ombuds office can offer the students the same service. Narro Perez responded that they had two part time staff in the role of one full time staff. Currently the immediate action is to have the office open for four days instead of five. He added they are looking into short term and long term goals.
- Paul stated that one of the suggestions under the informal education department referenced having two part time researchers. He asked if the MSU pursued having a full time researcher would these positions still be looked into. Narro Perez responded that there are pros and cons for having it. One of the pros would be continuity, but it would be quite a few hours. He explained that the education department is

small, and what it might need would to just increase the hours a bit and see what happens there. He added that there are steps they need to follow.

- Gillis asked if the meetings with Peggy Settler fell through, in which they were asking for other parties for their opinions. Narro Perez responded that he did meet Ms. Settler through OUSA week. He added those that were listed in his report he did meet were involved through the MSU itself.
- Gillis asked if it was not a priority to meet locally through the MSU. Narro Perez responded that Ms. Settler works closely with OUSA and everything would have gone through there. He added that the MSU meets with Mr. McMeekin often because he is local. Narro Perez explained that they are trying to spread their resources throughout the province as much as they can, and making sure they are always in communication.
- Abbas asked when the jobs for the research positions would be posted. Narro Perez responded that they already have a job description for one of the researchers and they would have to amend it for the University and Provincial/Federal ones. He explained that there is currently a hold up on this as hiring is based on the VP Ed's needs.

18. Vice-President (Finance) – Mallon presented

- Mallon summarized the report.

19. Vice-President (Administration) – Brodka presented

- Brodka summarized the report.

Questions

- Gillis asked what the process was for acquiring space for WGEN. Brodka responded that purchasing the space isn't an option as it's owned and operated by the University. He explained that they were told if the MSU could find an alternative spot for the University then they would be willing to open that space up for the MSU, as they aren't willing to forfeit the space without their own guaranteed space.
- Guarna asked about the shuttles and taxi situation for Student Recognition Night, and who would incur the difference. Brodka responded that they would be working that out with Alumni.

20. President – Saull presented

- Saull summarized the report.

Questions

- Tambakis asked why they have decided to not freeze the fee. Saull responded that there full discussion will be done in MSU Inc, and added that it was not unilateral decision for him to make.
- Gillis asked in terms of the participatory budgeting if it would continue if they moved forward with a new fee. Saull thought that it can and should continue. He explained that they built a thoughtful system that can be replicated and would be quite easy to promote the website and have students put their ideas in the pot.
- Tweedie asked who was assessing the weekend warriors program. Saull responded that it wasn't overwhelmingly successful but he still liked the idea. He added that he has been removed from the project, but that residence has some surveys that have been done.
- Gillis asked if Saull could elaborate on the subsidisation program and what it would look like for the peer tutoring network. Saull explained that it hasn't been designed yet, and that they are still working on the bare bones of the website.

21. Elections Department – Pullen presented

- Pullen summarized the report.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- Saull reported that tomorrow is General Assembly and that the meeting will start at 4pm.
- Mallon reported that the province of Ontario is raising the minimum wage to increase by CPI. He explained that this doesn't have an effect on the MSU since wages are already indexed to CPI and will be maintaining these requirements according to the MSU Bylaws and Operating Policies. Mallon reported that the HSR has announced that they will be having a strike vote on March 29 with the strike set to happen no earlier than April 3 if it were to occur. He explained that there things in place of what the MSU will do in that event, and to stay tuned if a strike does happen. Mallon reported that the budget will be going to the last EB meeting, and then will be brought forward at the April 19 meeting of the Full Members.
- Narro Perez reported that OUSA GA was a great conference and thanked the delegates for their participation. He added that all papers that were passed will be up on the website once everything is fixed. He reminded that Assembly that Change Camp will be on March 25 and to please register.
- Kousoulas announced that the Science Society will be hosting a fourth year farewell in University Club.
- Stegmaier announced that SWHAT is having their walk-a-thon this month. The goal is to have 200 walks and having all donations go to Relay for Life.
- Saull reported that Osazuwa have been doing a great job with transition. Saull reported that there was a concern about communication between a commissioner and department, and that is has been resolved. He explained that while the commissioners don't report to the Board of Directors they decided to intervene and was happy that things were worked out.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Nestico-Semianiw asked how the GA planning committee went. The Chair responded that the official planning committee was put in place to help the Speaker plan GA, and out of this they put together a great promo plan. The Speaker added that a lot of proactive work has been done as well for facilitating a large meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Recess for meeting of MSU Inc

Moved by Saull, **seconded** by Wilson that the Assembly recess and move into a meeting of MSU Incorporated.

Passes by General Consent

Recessed at 10:26 pm
Called to Order 10:57pm

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Chair

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2. CASA Membership Status

Moved by Narro Perez, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the SRA approve the termination of the MSU's membership with the Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA).

- Narro Perez explained that they had their discussion with CASA at the last meeting, and here they will be acknowledging that work. He stated that the Board doesn't see the need for CASA as they aren't getting the bang for the buck.
- Stegmaier stated that there have been a lot of discussions about this already and was hoping that the Assembly could keep the comments concise and be able to make a decision on this.
- Nestico-Semianiw went over the report that the EA Committee put together. He stated that the discussion at the table was conflicted but they put together the report as the Committee wanted discuss issues that they didn't think had fair discussion at the last meeting. Nestico-Semianiw stated that that his personal opinion was that he would like to stay with CASA as the MSU could get the bang for their buck even though there is only one vote.
- Brodka hoped that the EA Commissioner could elaborate with the conversations on this, and summarize some the comments of those in favour of leaving.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the reason why the Committee didn't include those points were because they were handled well in the last meeting. He stated in terms of discussions by the Committee they discussed what they wanted to do and voted on it.
- Abbas stated that he was the other member on the EA Committee whose opinion was to not leave CASA. He explained that it was for two reasons: funding for a researcher is not the same as having a presence in Ottawa, and without a Federal advocacy structure in place they will suffer. Abbas stated that he didn't think it was a good idea to leave an organization instead of trying to make it better.
- Osazuwa stated that he will be voting down this motion as he believes they should stay in CASA. He explained that next year they could get associate membership for half the price. He added that the Federal Election will be happening in the fall, and he believed if they stay in CASA they can shake the direction of CASA.
- Gillis asked the EA Commissioner if he thought in his role that leaving CASA would be detrimental to the MSU as an organization, and why.
- Nestico-Semianiw felt that it would be because of the Federal Election; this is the only year they can be a part of CASA and have a reduced fee.
- Gill stated that he will be voting in favour of this motion, and that it's easy for the MSU to romanticize Federal advocacy. He stated that when they look at the reality and perspective of student value, and the value of money it's hard to say why they're sticking with CASA. He felt that CASA's biggest win was the single vehicle exemption from OSAP. Gill stated the fact that it's an election year and asked if the Assembly thought that CASA will be advocating differently regardless of the MSU being a part of it. He explained that CASA will be approaching the parties. He felt that they can get so much from advocating on their own to the University and with OUSA, and it has been proven effective.
- Shoker informed the Assembly that with or without CASA the election strategy will still be solid, and that the incoming VP Education and Advocacy team will still have to plan for the election. She stated that resources can be accessed either way, as if they leave CASA the MSU can still pay the fee and have access to their election resources.

- Narro Perez stated that things won't be starting from scratch as they still have the ability to meet with their MPs. He explained that the MSU was a big proponent about mental health priorities. Narro Perez explained that they coordinate times with members of government and they will explore to create their own advocacy plan. He added that OUSA has a dedicated paper to international students, and they will still lobby for the benefit for those students.
- Rios stated that the argument of this being an election year is a bad reason to stay. He stated that it should be about whether CASA is a good organization to be a part of.
- Tambakis stated that he will be voting against this as there aren't many options for federal advocacy. He felt that if they say no to CASA they will be saying no to federal advocacy. Tambakis thought that a lot of students need more of a voice.
- D'Angela explained that he is voting in favour of this. He stated that CASA gave a poor excuse stating that the MSU needs to take more initiative, and that they haven't pushed enough for change. D'Angela explained that he had major concerns about this as if CASA was working towards long-term alternatives they could ask us to work with them on it, but they want the MSU to wait another year but alternatives haven't been provided.
- Nestico-Semianiw explained that his main reason for not wanting to leave CASA was that they are the bridge and about shaping policy and platforms. He felt that they should just stay this year and if things aren't done they can leave the next year.
- Gillis pointed out that no one has said CASA is doing a great job on whether to stay or leave. He stated that in terms of context the MSU could do their own federal outreach but what do they get out of it. Gillis felt that it made sense to utilize the discount.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the biggest benefits that CASA could offer the MSU would be federal policy.
- Paul stated that the MSU were observers in 08/09. He felt that the MSU was in a good position to review membership, and he was in favour of leaving.
- Narro Perez stated that he circulated the response from CASA earlier, and he doesn't know how much more specific they can get when saying that CASA needs to restructure the fees. The MSU asked for it in June, September, and December and nothing was done. Narro Perez stated that with the federal election coming up Brodka and he will be going to the AGM and will have input about the strategy.
- Khanano stated that he would be voting in favour to leave as he personally felt that they should be spending time or money on something they don't have a definitive answer about.
- Brodka stated that he felt everyone was in consensus that federal advocacy is important and the emphasis is on doing it right. He explained that if they leave CASA it doesn't mean that the MSU cannot communicate with them.
- Abbas stated that even if this wasn't an election year he would still be voting against this as federal advocacy is important.

Moved by D'Mello, **seconded** by Soubas to Call to Question

In Favour: 15 Opposed: 17 Abstentions: 1

Opposed: Saull, Brodka, Mallon, Narro Perez, Oliveros, Gill, Guarna, Abbas, Tweedie, Osazuwa, Dufault, Gillis, Jama, Paul, D'Angela, Mohamed, Stegmaier

Abstained: Zacharewicz

Motion Fails

Back to Main Motion

- Mallon stated that the value in CASA is not there, as the principle for leaving is that the MSU asked them to make one of two changes and they haven't done anything. CASA won't change the voting structure. Mallon stated that they can still get election materials from CASA for \$5,000 and still be observers. He asked the Assembly why pay \$20,000 for a vote that the MSU won't see anything change. He didn't see the point in investing student money in the hope that something may happen.
- The Speaker reminded the Assembly to keep points new as the conversation was getting a bit circular.
- Osazuwa stated that CASA will still advocate for students, but the same could be said for any lobbying item. He explained that even if the MSU left OUSA they would still advocate for students but there

difference in being a member as they can advocate on our behalf. Osazuwa stated that he was getting conflicting messages from those voting in favour, saying CASA would never change but they need federal advocacy. Osazuwa felt that they should stay.

- Mordhorst asked where the money allocated to go to CASA would go.
- Mallon responded that currently the budget is sitting at \$5,000 for CASA as it was done based on the recommendation that the BoD gave to the Assembly. He explained that it's not a separate fee collected and it is part of the operations budget. Mallon added that if this motion failed that they would have to put in another \$20,000 in the budget line.
- Gill asked if they were concerned about being at the table or having a voice. He explained that compared to the number of votes and comparison to smaller schools, the MSU doesn't have a voice at the table. He asked the Assembly if they were willing to spend \$25,000 and not be able to contribute in impactful ways.
- Brodka stated that CASA is reactive instead of being proactive in doing research and policies. He explained that the tax credits paper was a four page policy, but OUSA put together a 40 page policy. Brodka stated that the issues go beyond the fees; the work is lackluster compared to other advocacy groups.
- Gillis stated that if there wasn't a concern about the election year he would vote in favour of leaving CASA.
- Paul asked how many OUSA schools have left CASA recently.
- Narro Perez responded that Waterloo has left last year, and that this year Western and the MSU are looking at other avenues. He added that Laurier left four years ago, and that all of them are happy with what they are doing now.
- Mohamed asked what the MSU had contributed to CASA this year.
- Narro Perez responded that they pushed the mental health advocacy within the federal level. He stated that CASA saw the MSU being a leader within the mental health strategy on campus. Narro Perez added that the MSU tried to participate within their committees and not a lot of work was done, and it was hard to engage. Narro Perez stated that he felt that they contributed as much as they could.

Moved by Tweedie, **seconded** by Sun to Call to Question

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 3
Opposed: Gillis, Tambakis, Osazuwa, Brodka
Abstained: Saull, Narro Perez, Gill
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Narro Perez, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the SRA approve the termination of the MSU's membership with the Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA).

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Abbas, Osazuwa, D'Mello, Nestico-Semianiw, Tambakis, Mohamed
Abstained: Zacharewicz, Gillis
Motion Passes

Moved by Lehwald, **seconded** by Guarna that the Assembly recess for 20 minutes.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Recessed at 12:09am

Called to Order at 12:37am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Abbas, Brodka, Chennabathni, Craig, D'Angela, D'Mello, Gill, Gillis, Guarna, Jama, Khanano, King, Kousoulas, Lehwald, Mallon, Mazza, Modi, Mohamed, Mordhorst, Narro Perez, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliveros, Osazuwa, Paul, Saull, Soubas, Soukvilay, Stegmaier,

	Sun, Tambakis, Tweedie, Wilson, Zacharewicz
Absent Excused	
Absent	Dufault
Late	
Others Present	Xenia Rybkina (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (MSU Member), Angela Mutoigo (MSU Member), Kayla Enriquez (MSU member), Emile Shen (MSU member), Natasha Sandhu (Services Commissioner), Shanthiya Baheerathan (WGEN Coordinator), Carly Hunter (WGEN), Ruchika Gothoskar (WGEN), Emma Perin (WGEN), Jay Krause (MSU Member), Jordan Manning (MSU Member), David Rios (MACGreen Coordinator), Naz Pakkal (SRA Elect), Katie Pita (MSU member), Kevan McDougall (MSU Member), Nicole Burke (SRA Elect), Lindsey Huff (MSU Member), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Lindsay D'Souza (FYC Advocacy Director), Christine Yachouh (MSU Member), Jess Shoker (Advocacy Coordinator), Mina Karabit (TAC Coordinator), Alan Rheaume (UA Commissioner), Adam Moniz (MSU Member), Kaitlyn Gonsalves (MSU Member), Blake Oliver (MSU Member), Inna Berditchevskaya (MSU Member), Iman Banerji (MSU Member), Megan Hsu (MSU Member), Naomi Pullen (DRO), Emilia Lussow (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
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- Nestico-Semianiw asked if they could nominate people for the VP and Speaker positions.
- The Speaker agreed that they could.
- Nestico-Semianiw nominated Natasha Sandhu for VP Admin – accepted
- Nestico-Semianiw nominated Saad Syed for Speaker – accepted
- Jama nominated Jess Shoker for VP Education – accepted
- Jama nominated Shanthiya Baheerathan for VP Admin – accepted
- Stegmaier nominated David Rios for VP Finance – accepted
- Mohamed nominated Tambakis for VP Finance – accepted
- Abbas nominated Guarna for VP Admin – accepted

3. WGEN

Moved by Brodka, **seconded** by Osazuwa that Assembly ratify the Women and Gender Equity Network as a full MSU service.

- Brodka stated that the Assembly had the opportunity to see the presentation, and hopefully they have read the report provided. He explained that this has gone through numerous committees and bodies and they have put forward positive recommendations that this go forward as a full service. Brodka emphasized that this service sits in the board landscape of the University, and that their response moving with this is bringing forward a trauma counsellor and a response coordinator.
- Guarna stated that a year ago they fought the good fight and passed WGEN as a pilot service, and they have seen tremendous effort on their part. She stated that she can only imagine what WGEN will be able to achieve as a full service.
- Mordhorst stated that the presentation was early on in the evening and that it was a possibility everyone's minds are made up. She stated that they should call it a day and vote on this.

Moved by Soubas, **seconded** by Sun to Call to Question

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 7
Opposed: Saull, Brodka, Khanano, King, Guarna, Gillis
Abstained: Oliveros, Gill, Osazuwa, Jama, Narro Perez, Paul, D'Angela
Motion Fails

- Gillis stated that he would love to see the Board of Directors pass this unanimously as a whole.
- Soubas stated that UofT has a women's centre, so does York, Guelph, Queen's, and Waterloo. She stated that this was a no brainer and something needs to happen on campus.
- Saull responded to Gillis and declared that the BoD will be voting unanimously on this, and that it has been recommended from EB, the BoD, and the other committees it has gone to.
- Gillis stated that was phenomenal.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

4. Operating Policy 3.12 – Emergency Bursary

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Abbas that the Assembly approve the creation of Operating Policy 3.12 – Emergency Bursary, as circulated and attached.

- D'Angela went over the memo and operating policy with the Assembly. He explained that his long-term vision for this would be to be a lobbying tool to go to the University and set up a joint system where they would be required to put up money for this as well.
- Abbas stated that he was grateful to D'Angela who worked hard on this. He explained that he came forward with this as an idea and was glad to see how much work has been done on it. Abbas explained that 60 percent of McMaster students are on OSAP, and that the University has the lowest amount of financial needs base. He felt that this would be a great thing for the MSU to do.
- Gillis wanted to address some items. He explained that the Operations Committee made changes to this policy, and he felt that that they were sidelined when the changes didn't come forward to this meeting. He stated that they recommended the amount of money given out per year be \$500. He stated that this reasoning was because a one bedroom apartment costs around \$500 a month and housing is more in outer areas. Gillis explained that the reasoning was in case a student was fired from their job or had a critical emergency then they would have enough money to make rent. Gillis stated that this is something that the SRA should take into consideration.
- Paul explained that while the Operations Committee made changes, EB holds just as much weight as the Committee.
- D'Angela explained that EB wanted a quantitative reason for the dollar amount so he did some research of finding out why \$300 would make sense. He stated that living wage is around \$15/hour and if someone worked 10 hours a week but couldn't for whatever reason it would cover one week's worth of pay. D'Angela agreed with Gillis about the \$500 per student would be more beneficial but he felt that they should think of breadth instead of depth, so \$300 per student would stretch the budgeted amount to benefit more students.
- Guarna stated that they did keep some of the suggestions from the Operations Committee by not having a cap on it per semester.
- Mallon felt that it would be best to focus on breadth, if they go to the University saying they gave \$8,000 to 100 students in various amounts they may some and help the MSU out. He thought it was important to focus on that in year one.
- Gillis stated that living wage is defined as an hourly wage for a family to afford housing, food, and other basic necessities. He added that this is based on living expenses for someone who is working full-time, not part-time. Gillis stated that as a working student, 10 hours isn't a reasonable number.

Amendment

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Mallon that the Assembly amend section 4.2.1 from \$300 to \$500.

Discussion on Amendment

- Gillis stated that this is worth considering. He felt that \$300 wouldn't have a substantial impact, especially to someone who struggles to make ends meet. Gillis asked to set this up for success and if they find it's too much money then they can cut it down later.
- Mallon disagreed as this will be running as a pilot of the first year. He didn't think the argument of it being just \$300 students wouldn't apply. If a student is in financial distress and they could potentially get \$300 for nothing they would take advantage of it. He felt that \$300 will give an opportunity to success and if there is a need later on they can change it.
- Oliveros agreed that \$500 would be a more accurate number.
- D'Angela explained that \$300 would affect more students if they kept it lower. He stated that he was in favour of making it for more people, and the students who get the full \$300 it would be a lot.
- Rios agreed with D'Angela and explained that there are niches like Bread Bin who can maximize the needs.
- Narro Perez felt that this was the right step for the MSU to focus on. He explained that the University does have emergency bursaries for students as well, but that they are barely accessible. Narro Perez stated that \$300 may not be enough but there are other avenues that can be suggested to the students.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Saull, Mallon, D'Angela, Craig, Chennabathni, Paul
Abstained: Lehwald, Osazuwa
Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Abbas that the Assembly approve the creation of Operating Policy 3.12 – Emergency Bursary, as circulated and amended.

Passes Unanimously

5. Honorary MSU Membership

Moved by Mallon, **seconded** by Saull that the Assembly grant Marn Lawton honorary MSU membership for her exemplary contributions to the McMaster Students Union.

- Mallon stated that at some point most of the people in this room have interacted with Marn Lawton while at McMaster. Mallon stated that Mrs. Lawton has worked for the MSU for 37 years, this means 37 BoDs, 37 SRAs, and close to 500,000 students. He explained that Mrs. Lawton will be retiring in June and this is a small token to show how much the MSU appreciates her. He added that Mrs. Lawton does her job and she does it with such class and grace and is a fantastic woman overall.
- Saull stated that they are good at recognizing students, but they don't always recognize the unsung heroes as staff.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

6. Commissioner Summer Hours

Moved by D'Angela, **seconded** by Saull that the SRA approve Commissioners receiving 100 variable capped summer hours.

- D'Angela went over the memo with the Assembly.

- Saull explained that this got vetted through the Finance Committee on behalf of himself after talking to all of the Commissioners. He explained that the protocol suggested would be presenting the hours to the Assembly as the Speaker does, and then it would be up to the Assembly to approve the hours.
- Khanano felt that this should be easy to pass. He stated that when this was brought to the Committee to increase the wages from six to eight hours the consensus was arbitrary on how it would affect some of the Commissioners but at the same time there is a lot of work to be done over the summer, and this will give them the opportunity to present the work to the Assembly.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that this was something that he has wanted for a while. He felt that there was still quite a few hours that are unpaid and this should be re-assessed at some point.
- Narro Perez spoke in favour of the motion as this will empower Commissioners to work on projects over the summer.
- Tweedie stated that she was also in favour of this, and pointed out that if you divide the 100 hours by 16 weeks the Commissioners will be working 6.25 hours.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2
Abstained: Nestico-Semianiw, Gillis
Motion Passes

Moved by Saull, **seconded** by Soubas that the Assembly recess for 15 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Recessed at 1:38am

Called to Order at 1:56am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Abbas, Brodka, Craig, D'Angela, Gill, Gillis, Guarna, Jama, Khanano, King, Kousoulas, Lehwald, Mallon, Mazza, Mohamed, Mordhorst, Narro Perez, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliveros, Osazuwa, Paul, Saull, Soubas, Soukvilay, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Tweedie, Wilson

Absent Excused

Absent

Chennabathni, D'Mello, Dufault, Modi, Zacharewicz

Late

Others Present

Xenia Rybkina (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (MSU Member), Angela Mutoigo (MSU Member), Kayla Enriquez (MSU member), Emile Shen (MSU member), Natasha Sandhu (Services Commissioner), Shanthiya Baheerathan (WGEN Coordinator), Carly Hunter (WGEN), Ruchika Gothoskar (WGEN), Emma Perin (WGEN), Jay Krause (MSU Member), Jordan Manning (MSU Member), David Rios (MACGreen Coordinator), Naz Pakkal (SRA Elect), Katie Pita (MSU member), Kevan McDougall (MSU Member), Nicole Burke (SRA Elect), Lindsey Huff (MSU Member), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Lindsay D'Souza (FYC Advocacy Director), Christine Yachouh (MSU Member), Jess Shoker (Advocacy Coordinator), Mina Karabit (TAC Coordinator), Alan Rheaume (UA Commissioner), Adam Moniz (MSU Member), Kaitlyn Gonsalves (MSU Member), Blake Oliver (MSU Member), Inna Berditchevskaia (MSU Member), Iman Banerji (MSU Member), Megan Hsu (MSU Member), Naomi Pullen (DRO), Emilia Lussow (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair

Mike Cheung

7. CASA Delegation

Moved by Narro Perez, seconded by Brodka, that Rodrigo Narro Perez and Jacob Brodka be ratified as the two (2) delegates for CASA's 2015 Annual General Meeting.

- Narro Perez explained that the MSU are still members until the end of April, and that this is the fourth and final conference of the yearly cycle. He stated that one of the reasons why they are excited to go is that they would like to ensure that CASA will consider giving the MSU observer status. Narro Perez added that because of the timing of the conference it would mean asking Nestico-Semianiw to miss school, so a Board member has stepped up to go to the conference.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

8. General Policy – Accessibility

Moved by Jama, seconded by Narro-Perez that the Assembly adopt the MSU Accessibility Policy Paper as circulated.

- Jama explained that this policy was compiled from the concerns voiced at the accessibility forum.
- Narro Perez thought that this would be a good step for the MSU. He added that they will be amending bits of the policy.

Amendment

Moved by Narro Perez, **seconded** by Saull that the Assembly amend the policy and remove recommendation number 10 and add recommendation 8 to read: "...the MSU and work with MIETL to assess how universal design is implemented as appropriate at McMaster."

Discussion on Amendment

- Narro Perez explained that MIETL is thinking of having this developed by a diverse student body and limit the accommodations to be accessible and making sure the practise is implemented.
- Saull explained that this doesn't change the spirit of the policy.

Vote on Amendment

Motion Passes by General Consent

Back to Main Motion

- Narro Perez explained that he will be recommending striking recommendation seven as the MSU shouldn't be addressing themselves in policies.

Amendment

Moved by Narro Perez, **seconded** by Guarna that the Assembly amend the policy and remove recommendation number 7.

Discussion on Amendment

- Narro Perez explained that this was used for other bodies, but there are ways the MSU can address the issues through our own bylaws and policies.
- Gillis stated that he originally put this bylaw forward to be changed and was told he shouldn't have, and because of this he was withdrawing changes that would have been able to achieve this.
- Jama felt that leaving concerns keeps the doors open for this to continue and she hoped that the SRA continues the discussion and comes to a solution.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Gillis, Tambakis
Abstained: Lehwald, Mordhorst
Motion Passes

Amendment

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Oliveros that the Assembly amend the policy in recommendation 13 to remove 'related and to'

Discussion on Amendment

- Guarna stated that it didn't make sense.

Vote on Amendment

Motion Passes by General Consent

Back to Main Motion

- Guarna asked if they could correct the grammatical errors by sending them to the Administrative Assistant.

Vote on Motion

Moved by Jama, **seconded** by Narro-Perez that the Assembly adopt the MSU Accessibility Policy Paper as amended.

Motion Passes by General Consent

9. Compulsory Ancillary Fee Agreement

Moved by Saull, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Student Representative Assembly empower the Board of Directors to sign an updated Compulsory Ancillary Fee agreement with the university, contingent upon its adherence to the conditions summarized above and presented on in the delegation from the floor.

- Saull stated that he hoped that the Assembly had the chance to flesh out their questions while Sean Van Koughnett, Dean of Students, was here. He stated that this was something the Board supported.
- D'Angela agreed with everything done to clarify the agreement and supported the removal of SLEF into core services.
- Mohamed asked if the GSA didn't sign it, would the Board still sign it.
- Saull stated that the way that it's structured if it wasn't adhered to then most likely the next BoD would have to come up with a compromise and a plan b. He explained that the idea is that the University would like the Board to sign it without the grad students, but this will give the MSU leverage.
- Gillis stated that he had concerns about giving the BoD power to sign the agreement. He felt that the Assembly should be going over the agreement first as it's on the Assembly to approve it. Gillis pointed out that the OUSA document on ancillary fees, that compulsory student fees have tripled and students are paying for most of the operating budgets. He stated that SLEF as it exists is a capital fund for capital improvements, but the University is asking to put the money into operating costs. Gillis felt it was a problem that the association that the MSU are members of say that they shouldn't be doing this, and that as an organization they should be taking their policy papers seriously. He stated that the Assembly should be making the decision, not the Board.
- D'Angela stated that it's not recovering operating costs, the fees would be put into ancillary services that benefits student life and that's why the SSF is there. He stated that he would be voting in favour for this

will be putting in more money, which is what the MSU is asking for all the time. He stated that empowering the Board to sign this agreement isn't a problem.

- Mordhorst stated that it was important to mention that just because money is being taken out of SLEF doesn't mean they are taking all of it out. She added that not all of the SLEF money is used any way. Mordhorst felt that the University is showing a serious need to support core services.
- Mallon stated that it was brought up that they would be taking away from student development and capital funds and putting the money into operating funds. He pointed out that they are taking away from a student cap fund that is grossly underused and repeatedly carrying a surplus over from year to year and now it has doubled in size, and it will be put into core services. Mallon explained that all of the things students have been asking for this is the way to do it. He added that they have worked on this for eight months and it has also been worked on by previous Boards, and this has been a long time coming. Mallon explained that they are in the best position to have a successful and new agreement. The CAF protocol will clearly outline what will be matched by the University and there won't be any more cases of justification.
- Gillis explained that he wasn't saying it was a bad deal, not like he would know as the agreement isn't in front of the Assembly. He stated that it's legally mandated that it is the Assembly's responsibility to pass this. He asked to see it before they vote on it.
- Guarna asked if there was any time sensitivity to this document. Guarna ceded the rest of her time to Saull. Saull responded that the Board would like to be in a position if the graduate students vote next week and that could mean that this Board would sign off on it. He explained that their last meeting is in April and there is a prospect of a plan b happening in April.
- Gillis asked for the Assembly to consider the ramifications, as they are taking money out of a democratic fund and just saying the University can spend it on whatever. He felt that the University was taking away the student voice from funding. He asked to see the agreement before voting.
- Mallon responded saying that the University was taking money out of a democratic fund is unfounded as there is nothing mandating that students have input on SLEF. He explained that ideas get submitted to be considered. Mallon added that it's only been recently that it has been open to student ideas as it used to only be Student Affairs and MSU Department Managers submitting requests. Mallon explained that SLEF will still exist just on a smaller scale, and then it's just putting money into services that students need.

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Stegmaier to Call to Question

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 5 Abstentions: 0
Opposed: Saull, Brodka, Osazuwa, Abbas, Gillis
Motion Passes

Vote on Motion

Moved by Saull, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Student Representative Assembly empower the Board of Directors to sign an updated Compulsory Ancillary Fee agreement with the university, contingent upon its adherence to the conditions summarized above and presented on in the delegation from the floor.

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 3
Opposed: Gillis, Nestico-Semianiw, Soukvilay
Abstained: Stegmaier, Jama, Soubas
Motion Passes

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bylaw 10 – Elections

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Mallon to strike Committee Business Item #1 from the agenda.

- Gillis stated that there were some discussions had and they felt that this was not the appropriate time to change the bylaw, but that he will be putting it in his transition report.
- Tambakis felt that discussion this bylaw was critical.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 3
Abstained: Tambakis, Lehwald, Stegmaier
Motion Passes

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Osazuwa that the Assembly consider amending the agenda to add a Delegation from the Floor.

- Gillis stated that Tambakis had a few word for the incoming SRA and he should be allowed to speak to them.
- Tweedie felt that this shouldn't be brought up now and when the bylaw comes back to the new assembly it can be spoken to then.

Vote to Consider Amending the Agenda

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 6
Abstained: Saull, Brodka, Tweedie, Paul, D'Angela, Soubas
Motion Passes

Moved by Gillis, **seconded** by Stegmaier to amend the agenda and add a Delegation from the Floor.

Vote to Amend Agenda

In Favour: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 7
Abstained: D'Angela, Paul, Tweedie, Gill, Narro Perez, Brodka, Saull
Motion Passes

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

- Tambakis stated that three weeks ago a student came to him who had a serious medical crisis and had to drop his courses and therefore couldn't run because of the Elections Bylaw. He felt that it was important to change this as they should be allowing students to run. He urged the incoming SRA to take notice of this and make a decision.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. Bylaw 16 – House Leader

Moved by Gillis that the Assembly approve BYLAW 16 – HOUSE LEADER as presented.

- Gillis stated that this has been set out for a month now and that everyone should know how they were voting at this point. He stated that he was looking forward to thorough discussion.
- Guarna stated that she would be voting against this as there are a lot of problems with the bylaw. She added that there was too much ambiguity about the strikes and warnings.
- D'Angela stated that this was brought forward and was about accountability. He asked how they would hold the House Leader accountable. D'Angela stated that in the way the bylaw is currently written the only way to keep the House Leader accountable for a poor decision would be to fire them.

- Mallon stated that he was opposed to this as the bylaw was too vague. He felt that it wasn't right to have a hired position that can decide to kick off an elected representative. He added that they already have bylaws about recall processes. He thought that this wasn't a good idea and that the Assembly should vote it down. Mallon stated that instead of hiring a House Leader to be the police, the Assembly should be honouring the bylaws and operating policies and holding each other accountable.
- Nestico-Semianiw stated that he would be abstaining from the vote, but would like to commend Gillis for trying to put accountability measures in place. He stated that it's not that easy to just call each other out, especially if you have vested interest in people. He felt that the Board should be doing this.
- Brodka stated that he would also be voting down this bylaw. He stated that there are ways to hold each other accountable and perhaps they need other solutions but he doesn't see it being a House Leader.
- Gill stated that he would be voting against this. He felt that there should be important conversations and move into the future about productivity and negligence instead of going straight into disciplinary. He felt that the next step should be hiring a disciplinarian. Gill stated that they possibly need more training to help the SRA foster the accountability and using the tools available to them. He added that perhaps the returning members could take on leadership roles and then they wouldn't be required to hire a position to police the SRA.
- Jama stated that the incoming SRA are brand new and that she liked the idea of a guiding person like a house leader to assist in transition.
- Guarna stated that she was not opposed to the idea in principle but wasn't sold on the bylaw. She felt that she couldn't in good consciousness pass the bylaw as is.
- Gillis stated that this has been two years in the making, it wasn't a new project. He stated that he addressed the fact that the SRA didn't want a punitive role in the bylaw, and added that the likelihood of a member getting five strikes would be next to impossible.
- Guarna ceded to Miranda Clayton. Clayton stated that she was one of the MSU members on the Bylaws and Procedures Committee, and that they have been working on this bylaw for a while. She explained that she was bothered by the fact that a MSU member would be more accountable on a committee than some of the SRA members. She felt that the House Leader was a great idea to help people out and make people accountable to the general student body.
- Gill responded to Gillis and stated that members have demonstrated that they are accountable. He asked if having House Leader position would have rectified the fact that a Commissioner failed to submit reports on time.
- Gillis responded that it would have.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 6 Opposed: 15 Abstentions: 5

Opposed: Saull, Brodka, Mallon, Narro Perez, Wilson, Khanano, Lehwald, Soubas, Kousoulas, Gill, Mazza, Guarna, Tweedie, Sun, D'Angela

Abstained: Oliveros, King, Mordhorst, Soukvilay, Nestico-Semianiw

Motion Fails

3. Operating Policy – Bereavement

Moved by Paul that the Assembly approve OPERATING POLICY - BEREAVEMENT as circulated.

- Paul went over the policy with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

4. General Policy – University Sustainability

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the University Sustainability General Policy.

- Nestico-Semianiw stated that the Committee did a phenomenal job, and that the footnotes will be formatted later. He went over the policy with the Assembly.
- Narro Perez applauded Nestico-Semianiw and the EA Committee for the language used in this policy, and felt that it will give the MSU things to lobby with.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

5. General Policy – Hamilton Public Transit

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the updated version of the Hamilton Public Transit General Policy, to be titled the Hamilton Public and On-Campus Transit General Policy.

- Nestico-Semianiw went over the policy with the Assembly. He thanked Jama for the help with accessibility on transit.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

6. University Sustainability Maroon Paper

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the University Sustainability Maroon paper.

- Nestico-Semianiw went over the memo with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

7. Hamilton Public and On-Campus Transit Maroon Paper

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the Hamilton Public and On-Campus Public Transit Maroon paper.

Amendment

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw, **seconded** by Gillis to amend the motion to read: “**Moved** by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the Hamilton Public and On-Campus Transit Maroon paper.”

Vote on Amendment

Passes Unanimously

- Nestico-Semianiw stated that this is the Maroon version of the policy that just passed.

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Nestico-Semianiw that the SRA officially pass the Hamilton Public and On-Campus Transit Maroon paper.

Motion Passes by General Consent

8. Operating Policy 1.9.10.2 – Vice Presidential, Speaker & Commissioner Elections

Moved by Lehwald that the Assembly adopt the changes to Operating Policy 1.9.10.2 - Vice Presidential, Speaker & Commissioner Elections as circulated.

- Lehwald explained that they made the changes that were discussed at the meeting. She explained that there now isn't a reimbursement process and the documents for the candidates will be submitted to the Administrative Assistants.
- Mallon stated that he was in favour of passing the operating policy. He added that Paul came and met with him before this was sent out to ensure that everything was good.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Osazuwa
Motion Passes**

TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Sunday, April 12, 2015
10:00 am
Council Chambers, GH 111

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present

Abbas, Brodka, Craig, D'Angela, Gill, Gillis, Guarna, Jama, Khanano, King, Kousoulas, Lehwald, Mallon, Mazza, Mohamed, Mordhorst, Narro Perez, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliveros, Osazuwa, Paul, Saull, Soubas, Soukvilay, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Tweedie, Wilson

Absent Excused

Absent

Chennabathni, D'Mello, Dufault, Modi, Zacharewicz

Late

Others Present

Xenia Rybkina (MSU Member), Ryan Deshpande (MSU Member), Angela Mutoigo (MSU Member), Kayla Enriquez (MSU member), Emile Shen (MSU member), Natasha Sandhu (Services Commissioner), Shanthiya Baheerathan (WGEN Coordinator), Carly Hunter (WGEN), Ruchika Gothoskar (WGEN), Emma Perin (WGEN), Jay Krause (MSU Member), Jordan Manning (MSU Member), David Rios (MACGreen Coordinator), Naz Pakkal (SRA Elect), Katie Pita (MSU member), Kevan McDougall (MSU Member), Nicole Burke (SRA Elect), Lindsey Huff (MSU Member), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Lindsay D'Souza (FYC Advocacy Director), Christine Yachouh (MSU Member), Jess Shoker (Advocacy Coordinator), Mina Karabit (TAC Coordinator), Alan Rheaume (UA Commissioner), Adam Moniz (MSU Member), Kaitlyn Gonsalves (MSU Member), Blake Oliver (MSU Member), Inna Berditchevskaia (MSU Member), Iman Banerji (MSU Member), Megan Hsu (MSU Member), Naomi Pullen (DRO), Emilia Lussow (MSU Member), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

Chair

Mike Cheung

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Khanano, **seconded** by Tambakis that the meeting be adjourned.

Passed by General Consent

Adjourned at 3:24 am

/vs

DRAFT