



Student Representative Assembly Meeting 15G
Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm
Council Chambers, GH 111

Called to Order at 10:07am

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present	Ali, Burke, Cao, Caramento, Clayton, D'Angela, Enriquez, Faruqui, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, Mirza, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Ngo, Oliver, Pita, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia
Absent Excused	Gillis, Pakkal
Absent	
Late	D'Souza, McDougall, Nestico-Semianiw, Osazuwa
Others Present	Bethany Crozier (AST Member), Mishaal Oazi (AST Member), Dawnie Cheung (AST Member), Sandy Tat (AST Member), Jenny Lee (AST Member), Julia Getchell (AST Member), Rhiannon Lloyd (AST Member), Alex Piccini (AST Member), Jason Dales (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Daymon Oliveros (SCSN Director), Ellen Veinot (AST Member), Ryan Threndye (MSU Member), Preethi Puwaneshwaran (MSU Member), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Emma Mitchell (SHEC Coordinator), Emily Smith (QSCC Coordinator), Dave Moore (MSUAA), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair	Inna Berditchevskaia

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Amendment

Moved by Hsu, **seconded** by Nadarajah to add 'Mac Votes' to Delegation from the Floor.

- Hsu stated that an email was sent out to everyone explained that the Advocacy Coordinator wanted to talk about the campaign and promote it.

Vote on Amendment

Motion Passes by General Consent

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Ibe to Challenge the Chair.

- Tambakis explained that he was challenging the Chair on a ruling on a motion he submitted about the Syrian Refugee crisis saying that it was out of order. He stated that the reason for the ruling was that having stances on external issues wasn't part of the Assembly's mandate. Tambakis stated that he was challenging this ruling based on that the Assembly should have external stances. He stated that nowhere in the Constitution does it state what isn't in their mandate. He believed that the issue affects students, and according to the straw poll done at the last meeting the Assembly would support this type of motion. He felt that this would make sense to reconsider the ruling and debate the motion today.
- Ibe stated that he agreed and felt that when the Chair is challenged the Assembly should have a say. He added that something debated doesn't mean it will pass.
- The Chair explained that when it comes time to vote, they will ask for a vote to sustain the ruling. The Chair went over their ruling:

The motion has been ruled out of order, as it falls beyond the scope of the SRA's mandate. According to Bylaw 3, section 3.1, the SRA shall:

- 3.1.1 Enforce and uphold the Constitution, bylaws, policies, and policy statements of the MSU;
- 3.1.2 Create, alter, or repeal MSU bylaws, within the restrictions of the Constitution and other bylaws of the MSU, to regulate the internal political affairs of the organization;
- 3.1.3 Create, alter, or repeal MSU operating policies, within the restrictions of the Constitution and bylaws of the MSU, to direct the administration of the organization and its component departments;
- 3.1.4 Create, alter, or repeal MSU policy statements; within the restrictions of the Constitution and bylaws of the MSU, to set forth principles guiding the actions of the organization and its component departments. Policy statements shall automatically lapse three (3) years after being approved unless reaffirmed by the SRA;
- 3.1.5 Elect MSU and SRA officers, and recall officers, as necessary, as provided in BYLAW 4 – OFFICERS;
- 3.1.6 Elect standing committee members as indicated in BYLAW 3/B – STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SRA;
- 3.1.7 Serve as the full members of McMaster Students Union Incorporated, and in that capacity fulfill duties prescribed by the MSU corporate bylaws;
- 3.1.8 Serve as the full members of CFMU Radio Incorporated, and in that capacity fulfill duties prescribed by the CFMU corporate bylaws.

According to the Constitution, section 4B:

Duties The SRA shall:

- a) Be the policy making body of the MSU.
- b) Appoint all Standing Committees.
- c) Appoint such special committees, as it deems necessary.
- d) Elect annually from the membership of the MSU, the Vice-Presidents of the MSU.
- e) Elect annually from the membership of the MSU by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SRA members present, the Speaker of the MSU.
- f) Appoint the Secretary of the MSU on an annual basis.
- g) Place restrictions on the functions of the Executive Board during the summer period.

The Assembly's purpose and procedures are defined by the bylaws and Constitution, and as can be noted, stances on external issues are not within the SRA's mandate.

- The Chair stated that they have had other people approach them about other stances but the line drawn was about if the MSU could do something in terms of policy within the organization then that would be in order. The Chair stated that this motion was not as it was no within governing abilities.
- D'Angela asked the Chair to clarify: since the motion doesn't have action dedicated to it, such as a boycott, that was the reason why it was ruled out of order.
- The Chair responded that was correct.
- Jama stated that the MSU has taken external stances before, and that it's nothing new. She mentioned BDS and the South African Apartheid. She felt that at the very least they should be allowed to discuss it.
- Yazdankia agreed with the challenge as this is something other schools have taken stances on, and that they should.
- Tambakis felt that this was limiting towards students and that this directly affects students. He added that he didn't see anything in the scope of the MSU limiting this. He added that the Assembly is the policy making body of the MSU and that this would be a policy.
- The Chair clarified that the MSU can take stances that affect their own policies, for example the BDS stance has an effect on the MSU purchasing practises. The Chair added that the bus pass would also be something considered as MSU members are paying into this. The Chair stated that this, in their eyes, is something different and is more of a principled motion and had the MSU taking a stance on an external issue which doesn't have any internal repercussions. The Chair spoke to the possibility of making this a policy, and stated that they spoke to Tambakis after this was ruled out of order and stated that this could be something that could be looked at as a policy but just not directly brought to the Assembly as there are

other routes to pursue. The Chair stated that they believe that this is an important issue but bringing forward to the SRA first without consultation is not the best issue.

- Mirza asked if the motion could be spoken to at the Assembly and then go to a Committee. She stated that she didn't understand why the process was only one way.
- The Chair stated that the correct flow would be to the Committee. The Chair explained that this wasn't in the SRA's mandate unless someone has been working on it, and that it could be brought on a separate level. The Chair clarified that during the process of appeal is that the appeal is debatable no more than once than by the presiding officer, and that anyone else on the Speaker's list who have already spoken can no longer speak to the appeal.
- Hsu agreed that this was an important issue, but not sure about it being in the mandate or not. She added that she wasn't against not discussing this but that she doesn't know enough about the topic to be discussing it right now. She explained that she would prefer prior notice and documentation.
- The Chair explained that a motion was submitted before Tuesday but it was ruled out of order.
- Caramento stated that she was in favour of this being overruled as having a stance is an action. She explained that given the motion does ask for action to lobby does make it action based.

Vote to Sustain the Chair

In Favour: 5 Opposed: 17 Abstentions: 6

Opposed: Osazuwa, Guarna, Burke, Jama, Clayton, McDougall, Nadarajah, Ngo, Yazdankia, Caramento, Mutoigo, Sun, Oliver, Mirza, Ali, Faruqui, Tambakis

Abstained: D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Pita, D'Souza, Cao, Stegmaier

Motion Fails

- The decision of the Chair was overruled. Motion may be added to the Agenda.

Amendment

Moved by Tambakis **seconded** by Osazuwa that the Assembly add the following motion to Business:

"Moved by Tambakis, seconded by ___ that the Assembly adopts the following statement:

Whereas, there is a major refugee crisis in Syria with refugees fleeing in record numbers;

Whereas, there is a perceived lack of support from the Canadian federal government;

Whereas, several major Canadian universities have pledged their support for Syrian refugees;

Be it Resolved, that the McMaster Student Union takes a principled stand in support of Syrian refugees through lobbying McMaster University as well as lobbying the Federal Canadian government to sponsor more refugees."

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 23 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 5

Opposed: Clayton, Hsu, Oliver

Abstained: D'Angela, D'Souza, Kula, Cao, Krause

Motion Passes

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Moved by Sun, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion Passes by General Consent

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

- The Chair welcomed everyone back. The Chair hoped that everyone had a lovely Homecoming. Office Hours are now live on the website; the Chair thanked Clayton for their hard work. The Chair reported that if a member needs their hours changed to please send an email. The Chair stated that there is an observer's list being circulated at the back, and asked observers to please sign in.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Enriquez, **seconded** by Clayton that the minutes from SRA meetings 15F – September 13, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2
Abstained: Osazuwa, Jama
Motion Passes

DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by D'Angela to set parameters for Delegation from the Floor to be 15 minutes for presentation, and 10 minutes for questions.

Motion Passes by General Consent

1. Mac Votes – Christine Yachouh presented

- Yachouh went over the presentation with the Assembly.

Questions

- Hsu asked when the all candidates twitter debate was happening. Yachouh responded that it will be October 18.
- D'Angela asked if Yachouh could pick one thing that people should take away from the presentation, what it would be. Yachouh responded that it would have to be the satellite polls. She explained that this means that any student or staff can vote for their home riding or this riding in Celebration Hall.
- Mirza asked when registration for Elections Canada closed. Yachouh responded that anyone can register up until the day of voting.
- Caramento asked if clubs on campus would be giving out information on their parties at the mixer. Yachouh responded that she hadn't thought of that as it was to be a social mixer.

REPORT PERIOD

1. Health Sciences Caucus – Sun presented

- Sun summarized the report.

2. Humanities Caucus – Yazdankia presented

- Yazdankia summarized the report.

3. Kinesiology Caucus – Ngo presented

- Ngo summarized the report.

Questions

- Guarna asked how Ngo found working alone, and if there was anything they could help with. She also asked how the relationship with the Kin Society was going. Ngo responded that she's still learning the ropes and adjusting to roles. She explained that with the Kin Society she found that certain members weren't welcome to the MSU, but there are others who are and willing to work with us.

4. Operations Commissioner – Clayton presented

- Clayton summarized the report.

5. Finance Commissioner – Krause presented

- Krause summarized the report.

6. Services Commissioner – Stegmaier presented

- Stegmaier summarized the report.

Questions

- Osazuwa asked when Service Day would be run. Stegmaier stated that he was hoping that it would happen for Welcome Week, but that didn't work out so the next opportunity is Frost Week.

7. Executive Board – Osazuwa presented

- Osazuwa summarized the report.

8. Vice-President (Administration) – Guarna presented

- Guarna summarized the report.

9. Abilities Ad-Hoc Committee – Guarna presented

- Guarna summarized the report.

INFORMATION PERIOD

- D'Angela reported that the MSU Emergency Bursary has already gone through its allotment. He stated that \$8,000 was originally allocated, and \$10,000 has already been distributed. He explained that they aren't allowing any more applications to come in but they haven't gone through all of them yet, and it may be up to \$13,000 given out. D'Angela stated that a system like this where almost double has been given out isn't a sustainable model. He explained that the next steps will be to create a working group for those who are interested in looking into this issue. He added that he will try to schedule a semi-regular time for the working group to see how they can change the program.
- McDougall reported that Spark is putting on their academic event tonight.
- D'Angela reported that he will have budget updates each month and will post them online. He explained that when talking to students let them know it's a month to month update and that it's not necessarily a fair representation on how the MSU is doing financially. He added that due to working with issues with Mosaic things have been slow and the month of August will be sent out soon. The Audited Statements, once passed, will be posted on the 'your money' section. D'Angela reported that he will be sending out a memo about the Compass renovations to discuss expanding the expenditure.
- Zewge-Abubaker reported that Diversity Services will be launching a series of closed programming for students with disabilities on October 1. She explained that once a month it will be hosted in SWELL and once a month in Clubs space. She announced that on October 8 'Stories for the Soul' will be hosting in Bridges at 8:30pm.
- Nestico-Semianiw reported that the MACCESS campaign is done. He thanked everyone for helping to promote it. He stated that the next step will be to release a news article.
- Osazuwa commended Ngo for running a caucus alone. October 24 will be the Leadership Summit for Women. Osazuwa reported that since the last meeting he has been in talks with Dr. Deane and the Provost to discuss the Syrian Refugee crisis, and that they are looking for ways on how to collaborate to

sponsor Syrian students. He explained that it would have to be sustainable and for real. He reported that other universities are talking about opening seats but only nine people are being approved to come into Canada as students. Osazuwa stated that within the next week or so they will be releasing more information, but currently they are looking to sponsor two Syrian refugees. Osazuwa reported that he is a big fan of public praise and announced that they will be giving out an award to those who are putting themselves out there and doing things. He announced that Nadarajah and Ibe were the first winners.

- Clayton stated that a lot of students feel that if they miss ClubsFest that they won't be able to sign up for a club, she explained that that wasn't true and that students only need to go to Clubza to find a group they would be interested in joining.
- Burke reported that the Maroons opening ceremonies is on October 1 at 6pm in T28.
- Jama reported that groups on campus are working on their own 'Take back the Night' and will have a march on October 8.

QUESTION PERIOD

- Yazdankia asked Osazuwa if they should vote down the motion on the Syrian refugees if they are already having talks about this. Osazuwa responded that they are working on this, and that even if the Assembly voted it down the MSU will still be working on this with the University.
- Oliver asked the Chair where the Silhouette was with the live stream. The Chair responded that they were wondering the same thing. The Chair ceded their time to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that he wasn't sure what was going on but that he will be contacting the Silhouette about this and seeing who they can get for the next meeting. He added that there is a position dedicated to live streaming the meetings.

BUSINESS

1. Recess for Meetings of MSU Inc & CFMU Inc.

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Tambakis that the Assembly recess for the meetings of MSU Inc. and CFMU Inc.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Recessed at 6:29pm

Called to Order at 6:46pm

CALL OF THE ROLL

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BUSINESS

2. Open one (1) SRA seat on Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Moved by Enriquez, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Assembly open one (1) SRA seat on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Abstained: Mirza
Motion Passes

3. Close one (1) SRA seat on Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Moved by McDougall, **seconded** by Jama that the Assembly close one (1) SRA seat on the Bylaws & Procedures Committee.

Nominations

- Enriquez nominated Ngo – not present to accept

Moved by Oliver, **seconded** by Hsu that the Assembly table Business Item #3.

- Oliver stated that they should table it to see if Ngo or anyone else is interested in the seat.

Vote to Table

Motion Passes by General Consent

4. Clubs Ratification

Moved by Clayton, **seconded** by Enriquez that the Assembly ratify the clubs recommended by the Clubs Administrator for the 2015-16 academic year, as circulated.

- Clayton stated that this will put them back over 300 clubs on campus.
- Sun asked about the clubs that hadn't been approved. He ceded his time to Clayton. Clayton stated that clubs that weren't approved were either because there was no one to run for executive, or the club was deemed not suitable for funding by the MSU. Clayton added that a few clubs are coming forward late because of miscommunication of training dates being sent to wrong email addresses and such.

Vote on Motion

Motion Passes by General Consent

Moved by Enriquez, **seconded** by D'Souza that the Assembly take Business Item #3 off of the table.

Passes Unanimously

Close one (1) SRA seat on Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Nominations

- Jama nominated Ngo - accepted
- Sun nominated Cao – declined

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

- Ngo was acclaimed to the SRA seat on the Bylaws and Procedures Committee.

5. Proposed Operating Policy 1.9.14 – MSU Maccess Service

Moved by Guarna, **seconded** by Stegmaier that the Assembly approve the creation of MSU Maccess and pass the proposed Operating Policy 1.9.14 – MSU Maccess Service

- Guarna went over the memo with the Assembly.
- Tambakis stated that this was exciting as it has been long in the making. He added that many people worked hard on this to put it together.
- Mirza thanked everyone for putting this together.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

6. Syrian Refugees

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Ibe that the Assembly adopts the following statement:

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Be it Resolved, that the McMaster Student Union takes a principled stand in support of Syrian refugees through lobbying McMaster University as well as lobbying the Federal Canadian government to sponsor more refugees.

- Tambakis stated that right now there are 12.2 million people in Syria without a home, who have been forced out by war. He added that people are hurting and are fleeing to Europe in record numbers. Tambakis felt that they, as the Assembly, have a moral obligation to stand a stand with the refugees and stand in solidarity. He explained that while Osazuwa has been working with the University on this that is just a start. He felt that they could collaborate with Osazuwa and clubs on campus to see a movement come out of this. Tambakis stated that Ryerson was able to donate \$270,000 that will help 11 families. Tambakis explained that he would like the Assembly to lobby the federal government because before September only 2,500 refugees were allowed into the country since the crisis. He felt that it was the job of the Assembly to let everyone know that they stand in support of student refugees.
- Nestico-Semianiw asked how they would like the MSU to lobby federally. He explained that they don't have access to the government, as they don't have consistent meetings with the MPs. He added that when they do get those meetings there is very limited time and their first priority are the students here. He asked if they would like to make this a priority over other student concerns.
- Krause explained that he wasn't speaking out against this idea, but that he will speak about the process on which this came about. He explained that there is a process and should go through committee. He added that the motion could have more detail to it, and due diligence should be done. Krause explained that he didn't think that the EA Commissioner has even heard of this motion. He stated that this should be sent to a committee before discussion happens here as they only know the basics and shouldn't make a decision on that.
- D'Angela felt that it would be valuable in the future to work on items with members of the Board and also talk with them to see that they're not already working on it.
- Osazuwa explained that they will also be opening donations with student groups and the money raised would go towards a student refugee. He added that he liked the flexibility of the motion and that it hasn't gone too much into detail, as he doesn't like be constrained by motions.

- Oliver felt conflicted on how to vote. She explained that she strongly agreed with the principle and spirit of the motion but would feel more comfortable that the MSU works with the University about this instead of lobbying the federal government.
- Tambakis stated that he did speak to the Vice-President Administration about this, and also consulted with WUSC. He explained that this wasn't just simply done on a whim. In terms of what Nestico-Semianiw stated, he felt that MPs should hear from them that this is a priority. He commented that this motion allowed most of them to have a mandate and then fundraise.
- Ibe felt that regardless of the outcome of the motion, they should give the BoD a specific amount of time to work on things and have them report back to the Assembly on the decisions made.
- Tambakis explained that this will allow them to tell their constituents on where the MSU stands. He added that it would be helpful, and he felt that Osazuwa shouldn't be the only person doing something.
- Jama felt that passing this motion tells students that the MSU cares and that they matter.
- D'Angela explained that if anyone is interested in getting involved, there are clubs on campus. He added that they have a list of groups on campus who would be interested in working on this.

Amendment

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Nestico-Semianiw to amend the motion to read: "**Moved** by Tambakis, **seconded** by Ibe that the assembly adopts the following statement:

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Be it resolved that the MSU takes a principled stand in support of Syrian refugees through partnering with McMaster University and related student groups and various external stakeholders."

- Osazuwa explained that they are already partnering with the University, but they can always partner with stakeholders. He added that this still gives it flexibility.
- Nestico-Semianiw agreed with it.
- Yazdankia asked for an explanation on why they wouldn't lobby the federal government.
- Osazuwa felt that this does more justice to the motion at hand and gives it more flexibility.
- Tambakis stated that he was in favour of this as the original whereas statements are there, and the federal government is still mentioned.
- Osazuwa added that it sends a stronger message if they all work together.

Vote on Amendment

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 1

Opposed: Mirza

Abstained: Krause

Motion Passes

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Tambakis, **seconded** by Ibe that the assembly adopts the following statement:

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Be it resolved that the MSU takes a principled stand in support of Syrian refugees through partnering with McMaster University and related student groups and various external stakeholders.

In Favour: 25 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 2

Opposed: Mirza

Abstained: Cao, Krause

Motion Passes

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. BYLAW 10 – ELECTIONS

Moved by Guarna that the Assembly approve BYLAW 10 – ELECTIONS, as presented.

- Guarna ceded to McInnis.
- McInnis went over the memo with the Assembly. He explained that they are just formalizing the reimbursement system which was tried out last year during SRA General Elections.
- Yazdankia asked if the 10% was of everyone voting or per faculty.
- McInnis explained that it would be per faculty.
- Caramento stated that at the committee level she voted this down. She felt that it should be amended to be a lower percentage. She stated that her concern was that this would stand as an obstacle for people running. She explained that people may worry that not enough people would vote for them and then won't be reimbursed.
- Sun broke down the percentage for the Assembly he explained that whatever percentage the faculty gets as a whole would be multiplied by the amount of people allowed in the caucus and that gives the voting percentage per person.
- McInnis stated that while speaking to the Elections Department they were quite firm on keeping it at 10%. He explained that this was to encourage candidates to follow through on their campaigns, and that the percentage was more effective for reimbursement.
- Oliver stated that since they can't amend it on the floor, and FYC is going on, they should pass this and then look at it again.
- Tambakis stated that he would be voting this motion down as it unintentionally creates a barrier.
- Caramento stated that the bylaw change was just an update to what they were already practising. She stated that they should still reimburse them if this doesn't pass.
- Mirza stated that it was a reimbursement, in that people have to spend money to get money back.
- Osazuwa explained that they probably won't need to encourage people to run. Last year 72 people ran for the SRA and only two people didn't get a full reimbursement. He added that if they vote this down reimbursement shouldn't happen as they should be following their bylaws. He encouraged everyone to vote in favour and then bring this back to the Committee to amend it. Osazuwa stated that they should be reimbursing FYC candidates but should always stick to the bylaws.
- Nadarajah stated that the Elections Department was consulted on this, and if this was brought back to the Committee they would still recommend this structure.

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

In Favour: 7 Opposed: 14 Abstentions: 3

Opposed: Osazuwa, Burke, Ibe, Manning, Clayton, Jama, Ngo, D'Souza, Yazdankia, Caramento, Mirza, Ali, Stegmaier

Abstained: Guarna, Enriquez, Mutoigo

Motion Fails

Back to Main Motion

- Jama felt that if there are issues with this motion, it shouldn't be passed to be fixed later. She felt that it should be voted down and go back to the table.
- McInnis stated that it was up to the Assembly to balance what they want. He explained that the onus was on the Elections Department. He felt that discouraging candidates wouldn't be on the election, it would be not formalizing their reimbursement.
- D'Angela didn't understand why anyone would vote this down if they were in agreement with the changes. He explained that if the committee didn't approve this, it wouldn't have come forward. D'Angela stated that he hasn't heard anyone saying they had a problem with reimbursing candidates. He added that he didn't think that as an Assembly they should contravene their bylaws just because they want to

and just change them later. He stated that if members have issues then they should bring it to the committee and have them bring it forward to the next meeting. He asked what would happen if the exact same bylaw was brought forward. D'Angela stated that they should start the reimbursements and think of it as a positive change.

- McDougall stated that he would like to see something being changed as the percentage is not effective.
- Yazdankia felt that it should be worked on more.
- Osazuwa pointed out that candidates haven't been reimbursed until this past year. He explained that for this reason this was why he would be voting in favour. He added that if they don't pass this then the first years running in the FYC election should not get reimbursed as the MSU needs to follow their own bylaws.
- Hsu felt that they shouldn't be telling the committee how it should be run as they voted for these members to be on the committee. She added that if they vote this down they are showing that they don't support this bylaw change of students being reimbursed.
- D'Angela agreed with McDougall and felt that it should be a different percentage, but they shouldn't vote this down because of that. He felt that these changes were positive and that they should be passed, and if the Assembly wants to see more options, they should work with the Elections Department to find the solution.
- Mirza suggested they make the reimbursements retroactive. They could have the best of both worlds.

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

In Favour: 17 Opposed: 5 Abstentions: 4
Opposed: Caramento, Ibe, Jama, Clayton, Mirza
Abstained: Osazuwa, Ngo, Mutoigo, Yazdankia
Motion Passes

Vote on Motion

Moved by Guarna that the Assembly approve BYLAW 10 – ELECTIONS, as presented.

In Favour: 22 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 2
Opposed: Caramento, Tambakis
Abstained: Enriquez, Ali
Motion Passes

2. BYLAW 7/A – PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Moved by Osazuwa that the Assembly approve BYLAW 7/A – PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL, as presented.

- Osazuwa went over the memo with the Assembly.
- D'Angela agreed with this change. He explained that the representative from the Board of Governors is better suited for this council than academic affairs.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Guarna to consider adding "Open one (1) seat on the Executive Board" to New Business.

- Osazuwa explained that he would like to give everyone advanced notice.
- Yazdankia asked why a seat was being opened.

- Jama responded that she lost her seat due to attendance.

Vote to Consider

**In Favour: 23 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
Abstained: Caramento
Motion Passes**

1. Open one (1) seat on the Executive Board

Moved by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Guarna to open one (1) seat on the Executive Board.

- Osazuwa stated that the seat will be closed on October 18.
- Guarna explained that there are bylaws stipulating attendance and they have to be carried through. She added that those who lose their seat are allowed to re-run.
- D'Angela reminded the Assembly that Executive Board meetings are Thursdays at 8:30am.

Vote on Motion

**In Favour: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes**

Nominations

- Sun nominated Nadarajah – accepted
- Yazdankia nominated Jama – accepted

TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, October 18, 2015
5:00pm
Council Chambers, GH 111**

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present	Ali, Burke, Cao, Caramento, Clayton, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Faruqui, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Manning, McDougall, Mirza, Mutoigo, Nestico-Semianiw, Ngo, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pita, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis, Yazdankia
Absent Excused	Gillis, Kula, Pakkal
Absent	Faruqui
Late	
Others Present	Bethany Crozier (AST Member), Mishaal Oazi (AST Member), Dawnie Cheung (AST Member), Sandy Tat (AST Member), Jenny Lee (AST Member), Julia Getchell (AST Member), Rhiannon Lloyd (AST Member), Alex Piccini (AST Member), Jason Dales (MSU Member), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Daymon Oliveros (SCSN Director), Ellen Veinot (AST Member), Ryan Threndye (MSU Member), Preethi Puwaneshwaran (MSU Member), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Assistant Director), Emma Mitchell (SHEC Coordinator), Emily Smith (QSCC Coordinator), Dave Moore (MSUAA), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
Chair	Inna Berditchevskaia

ADJOURNMENT

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

Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 8:09pm

/vs

DRAFT