



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 15K**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 5:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers, GH 111**

**Called to Order at 5:05pm**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

**Present**

Burke, Cao, Caramento, Clayton, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Enriquez, Faruqui, Guarna, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Tambakis, Yazdankia

**Absent Excused**

Sun

**Absent**

Ali, Almeida, Gillis, Ngo, Pakkal

**Late**

**Others Present**

Steph Neufeld (MSU Member), Zair Naim (EWB), Kathleen Johnson (MSU Member), Alex Wilson (TAC Coordinator), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Sarah Conrad (Incite Magazine), Jaslyn English (Incite Magazine), Nick Sully (EWB), Colin Brown (MAC Solar Car), Mhamod Slih (Mac Solar Car), Jonathan Diller (MAC Solar Car), Justin Monaco-Barnes (MSU Underground), Muhammed Ashraf (MBA Student), Issac Oakie (MSU Member), Jonathon Patterson (MAC Farmstand), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Saad Syed (External Affairs Commissioner), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Mike Gill (Spark Coordinator), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), Zafrin Islam (OPIRG), Diana Elborno (OPIRG), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

**Chair**

Inna Berditchevskaia

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** by Oliver, **seconded** by Faruqui that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

**Amendment**

**Moved** by Guarna, **seconded** by Clayton to add Commissioner Job Descriptions as Business Item #9.

- Guarna explained that she had missed the deadline but the job descriptions were circulated before the meeting.

**Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Amendment**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Tambakis to add MSU Task Force – Syrian Refugee Crisis as Delegation from the Floor #5.

**Vote on Amendment**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Amendment**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Nadarajah to move Committee of the Whole – Associate Vice Presidents to before Report Period.

- Osazuwa explained that Guarna and Nestico-Semianiw have to leave to go to OUSA Lobbycon and need to be here for the discussion.

#### **Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1**  
**Abstained: Yazdankia**  
**Motion Passes**

#### **Amendment**

**Moved** by Clayton, **seconded** by Oliver that Operating Policy 1.3.2 – Promotions and Advertising be added as Business Item #10.

- Clayton stated that this needs to be passed before next semester.

#### **Vote on Amendment**

**In Favour: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0**  
**Motion Passes**

#### **Vote to Adopt Agenda**

**Moved** by Oliver, **seconded** by Faruqui that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as amended.

**Passes Unanimously**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

- The Speaker welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the term. The Speaker reminded the observers at the back of the room to circulate, and sign the Observer's List.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved** by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Hsu to adopt the minutes of SRA meetings 15I – November 1, 2015, and 15J – November 15, 2015, as circulated.

**In Favour: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2**  
**Abstained: Caramento, Yazdankia**  
**Motion Passes**

#### **DELEGATION FROM THE FLOOR**

##### **1. Engineers without Borders – Kathleen Johnson, Steph Newfield and Zaiv Naim**

- Engineers without Borders went over their presentation with the Assembly.

#### **Questions**

- Hsu asked how people get chosen to participate for Junior Fellowship. Newfield responded that it varies slightly from year to year. She explained that this year there was an application and interview process and it gets narrowed down to two people. They then get sent to the National office to have interviews and if someone is chosen as the top choice then they are guaranteed to be a junior fellow.

- Ibe asked how many students were involved in the program at McMaster. Johnson responded that they have 15 exec and around 40-60 members.
- Yazdankia asked how the executive get elected. Johnson responded that they advertise the election and then those who are able to attend can vote for the executive positions.

## **2. Incite Magazine – Jaslyn English and Sara Conrad presented**

- Conrad explained that Incite Magazine is a monthly publication, and it is open to any student volunteers to contribute. She explained that the entire process is done by volunteers and is a great outlet to improve the community. She stated that every issue has over 50 student volunteers involved in the process.
- English stated that in the Fall term they have four issues, and in the Winter they have two due to budgeting and timing.
- Conrad stated that they run events in the Winter term, such as contests and shows.
- English explained that they print around 1500 magazines each month which costs around \$3,000. She explained that the money goes towards advertising, and having a volunteer appreciation dinner at the beginning and end of the year, and an art show.

### **Questions**

- Stegmaier asked if they distribute magazines off campus. English responded that they currently don't, but they are looking at My Dog Joe or Democracy.
- Ibe gave big ups to the group, as the magazine just keeps getting better. Conrad stated that it was great to see everyone improving.
- Hsu asked if they had any idea on the usage. English responded that they keep track of their usage through pick up, and activity on Facebook.

## **3. OPIRG – Jonathon Patterson, Diana Elborno, and Zafrin Islam presented**

- OPIRG went over their presentation with the assembly.

### **Questions**

- Caramento asked if they were planning on waging a counter campaign against those who are hoping to defund OPIRG. Patterson responded that they were.
- Jama asked if Black Lives Matters was still a working group. Patterson responded that it wasn't as of right now, as a counter group protested that members within the group weren't following consensus based decision models. He explained that OPIRG was currently separated from the group for now.

## **4. Solar Car – Jonathan Diller, Moe Salih, and Colin Brown presented**

- Solar Car went over the presentation with the assembly.

### **Questions**

- Cao stated that they had seven tutorials, but he wasn't emailed about them even though he was part of the mailing list. Salih responded that the email list gets cleaned up each year, so they only email people who have signed up at Clubs Fest. Cao responded that he received emails, but nothing about tutorials.
- Yazdankia asked how fast the car travels. Brown responded that it goes 85km/h. Diller added that next year it will go faster.
- Sun asked if they would consider an opt-out portion of the solar car fee. Diller responded that they provide value for all students by providing services and tech training. He explained that they felt that the student levy is worth it for all students. Diller added that if an opt-out was something the Assembly would like to pursue that would be fair.
- Faruqui asked if they aim to get the tech movement between faculties. Brown responded that the goal is to interact each generation.

- Mirza asked the group to explain if the Finance Committee has been communicating to Solar Car on why they would like to add the opt-out. Diller explained that it was just an idea that was discussed as some could make the argument that not all students get the value out of it.
- Tambakis asked if the money from Solar Car has gone to Formula Hybrid. Diller responded that they are separate teams.
- Cao asked in the past five years how many races have they gone to. Brown responded that this was the first one in the past few years.
- Hsu asked what they do with the car after the year is over. Salih responded that regulations change every two years and those that they can't use again become showcase cars.
- Tambakis asked what they have been doing if the team hasn't raced in the past five years. Brown responded that they have been picking up the pieces of a disbanded and dejected team. He added that the resources have been going toward reconnecting and building the team from the ground up.
- Tambakis asked where the money has been going over the past five years. Salih responded that it has been going towards building car pieces. Diller explained that they have had accurate financial records since 2013, when he joined the team.

**5. MSU Task Force – Syrian Refugee Crisis - Faizan Ashraf presented**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by McDougall to set parameters to be 10 minutes for presentation, and five minutes for questions.

**Motion Passes by General Consent.**

- Ashraf went over the presentation with the Assembly.

**Questions**

- D'Angela asked what the MOU would include. Ashraf stated that it will formalize the relationship that they already have. He stated that they would be working with the steering committee and making decisions on the project, and they need a place to protect student volunteers.
- Ibe thanked Ashraf for his presentation. He asked if he has forged any other relationships in Hamilton. Ashraf responded that they haven't, but looking into exploring more relationships. He explained that refugees will be going to other cities but around 300 will be coming to Hamilton. He stated that they will be working with Wesley Urban Ministries.
- Guarna asked if there was succession planning in place for when students graduate. Ashraf responded that if students are leaving they have to recruit someone to take their place.
- Ashraf added that they are welcoming more volunteers; if anyone was interested please contact Osazuwa.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Committee of the Whole – Associate Vice Presidents**

**Moved** by Guarna, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Associate Vice Presidents proposal.

- Guarna explained that she wanted to bring this forward as a discussion so that they could get feedback on the idea.

**Vote on Motion**

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

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Enriquez to move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

### **Motion Passes by General Consent**

#### **Rise and Report**

- Osazuwa reported that the Assembly discussed the proposal of having Associate Vice Presidents. There were discussions on expanding the scope of duties of the Commissioners and bumping up the hours to 15/week. Questions came up about who would be overseeing the AVPs and if they would be elected or hired. The majority of the Assembly agreed that they were okay with certain Commissioners having more hours than the others, and that they would like the Services Commissioner to be hired but the others to be elected. Osazuwa reported that the Vice-President (Administration) will be taking this feedback and host focus groups, and bring more information back to the SRA.

#### **REPORT PERIOD**

##### **1. Nursing Caucus – Enriquez presented**

- Enriquez summarized the report.

#### **Questions**

- Guarna stated that she was reading through everyone's yearplans, and the Nursing Caucus mentioned about helping students access the Hole in the Wall, and working more closely with MUNSS. Guarna asked how those were going. Enriquez responded that they have been speaking to someone about configuring their badges to get more students in but it takes around 10 days to get done. She explained that they have done well with integrating themselves with MUNSS but they have placement on the days the meetings are.

##### **2. Social Sciences Caucus – Burke presented**

- Burke summarized the report. She added that she received feedback on Innis library being open until 3 a.m., and that a lot of students stayed until it closed. They are looking at doing it again next semester after reading week and see if it a success.

#### **Questions**

- Guarna asked where the Social Science Caucus stood with the articles mentioned in the Yearplan. Burke responded that Gillis was putting this into motion, and they were thinking of doing one per semester. She explained that it was something they are working on.
- Osazuwa asked if they could speak more about the 'grad keepsake'. Burke responded that they wanted to give out something similar to what the nursing students get when they graduate, so they are having students design their ideas and submit them to be chosen. She explained that this will allow the students to be involved in the process and they will receive it when they graduate.

##### **3. Science Report – Hsu presented**

- Hsu thanked Pour-Bahreini and Clayton for their work towards the student lounge. Hsu thanked Pita and McDougall for their work on sustainability that they will be doing in second semester. Hsu thanked Pakkal and Nadarajah for working on student outreach. Hsu summarized the report.

#### **Questions**

- Guarna stated that the campaign of seven days of science was great. She asked if there was any data regarding the Nucleus and having more time in the space. Hsu responded that in terms of usage they will start tracking registration of those using the space. She added that they received good news from the Dean and they will be given permanent space by December of next year.

- Osazuwa stated that in the report it mentions there are plans on helping MACgreen. He asked if they have spoken to the Advocacy Street Team and External Affairs about this. Hsu responded that she spoke to External Affairs through Pita, but hasn't reached out to the Advocacy Street Team.

**4. External Affairs Commissioner – Syed presented**

- Syed summarized the report. Syed reported there would be a new meeting time in January, and hoped to have a time most people could attend.

**5. University Affairs Commissioner – Oliver presented**

- Oliver summarized the report.

**6. Executive Board – Nestico-Semianiw presented**

- Nestico-Semianiw summarized the report.

**7. Vice-President (Administration) – Guarna presented**

- Guarna summarized the report.

**Questions**

- Krause thanked Guarna for the updates. He asked about her Yearplan and to give an update about caucus meetings and supporting the SRA. Guarna responded that she only received two emails back, and that was from Science and Social Sciences, about the times. She added that Nursing also sent an email. Guarna stated that in terms of supporting the SRA more she didn't realize how much it would take to help the services, but that she is still around to support and assist with skill development.
- Yazdankia asked if the Student Leadership Conference would be the same as it was last year. Guarna responded that the conference will be vamped up, and that there will be different workshops and sessions.
- Enriquez asked what the push would be about getting PSL more ASIST training. Guarna responded that they had a conversation at EB with PSL, and they're looking about having the same type of recruiting that EFRT does. This way it will guarantee that there will always be someone on shift who has the training.
- Stegmaier stated that Guarna mentioned exec mixers being turned into volunteer appreciation. He asked if she would like to work on this together and possibly expand what has been done. Guarna responded that she would.
- Guarna noted that the Silhouette report cards will be coming out next week, and wanted to point out that it's easy to look at someone and hold up their platform and pick out items that haven't been done. She explained that once someone has stepped into the role they realize things that weren't taken into account before and time is dedicated on other things. Guarna gave the example that she never thought she would be writing out competencies for each PTM for hiring. She asked the SRA to reflect on what they're done as members, and to not let their Yearplans be a marker for success.

**INFORMATION PERIOD**

- D'Angela reported that he met with the Financial Aid Office a couple of weeks ago, and one of the things they spoke about was the possibility of setting up the emergency bursary through the University. He explained that they could set it up, and then hand it out on the MSU's behalf with provisions on how it was to be executed. D'Angela asked the Assembly to think about this and what they think the role of the MSU is in giving financial assistance. He explained that it would be a large financial and long-term commitment.
- Hsu passed on the contribution medal to Manning.

- Osazuwa reported that on Wednesday it will be FYC movie night in Clubs Space. He reported that he, Nestico-Semianiw, and D'Angela went to speak with the Chair of the Finance Committee of the University and they discussed interest being charged on tuition. Osazuwa reported that a student had been killed in a hit and run in Brampton, and that he was to write a letter to the family expressing condolences on behalf of the MSU. He explained that it is really hard to express how sorry someone is for losing a family member. Osazuwa reported that the flags on campus will be lowered on the day of the funeral and that the director of Alumni will be planting a tree for them.
- Guarna reported that the tree planting will also commemorate two other students who passed away this year.
- Pita reported that next Thursday will be 'Evening with the Arts' in CNH 104.
- Enriquez reported that last month she has the opportunity to sit on a planning committee for the DeGroote conference. She explained that she was notified that they were looking for Health Sciences and Nursing representatives, but that they will take anyone.
- Tambakis reported that the DCS survey hasn't happened yet, and that he will be taking responsibility for that. He stated that it will be done in January.
- McDougall passed his contribution medal to Krause.
- Yachouh reported that currently she and Oliver are working on the Mac Talks campaign, and everything will be finalized sometime this week.
- D'Souza reported that the past few weeks she has been meeting with MHS, and that they are working on Arts Matters Week. She explained that they would like to make it bigger this year, and are looking into having a gala at the end of the week and having it expand that arts is applicable in all faculties.
- Nadarajah reported that the planning team for Relay for Life just found out earlier in the month that if McMaster becomes the top fundraising school they will get a free Hedley Concert. She asked for the Assembly to form a team and help raise money.
- D'Angela reported that the Student Space Survey is on, and that they will be doing promo for it during exams.
- Clayton reported that McMaster Marching Band has two more parades coming up, and informed them that they are still opportunities for student to be colour flag guards. Clayton reported that the Operations Committee will be busy over the break working on policies being re-structured.
- Guarna reported that she will be circulating a survey through Facebook and email to see how everyone got involved in the MSU. She stated that this was directly meant for PTMs and SRA members.

**Moved** by Guarna, **seconded** by McDougall that the Assembly recess for 10 minutes.

### **Motion Passes by General Consent**

**Recessed at 8:02pm**

**Called to Order at 8:13pm**

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

<b>Present</b>	Cao, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Faruqui, Hsu, Ibe, Manning, McDougall, Muramatsu, Nadarajah, Osazuwa, Pita, Pour-Bahreini, Stegmaier, Sun, Yazdankia
<b>Absent Excused</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	Ali, Almeida, Gillis, Ngo, Pakkal
<b>Late</b>	Burke, Caramento, Clayton, Enriquez, Guarna, Jama, Kula, Mirza, Mutoigo, Nestico-Semianiw, Oliver, Tambakis
<b>Others Present</b>	Alex Wilson (TAC Coordinator), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (MSU Underground), Muhammed Ashraf (MBA Student), Issac Oakie (MSU Member), Jonathon Patterson (MAC Farmstand), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Saad Syed (External Affairs Commissioner), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Mike Gill (Spark Coordinator), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
<b>Chair</b>	Inna Berditchevskaia

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

- McDougall asked the Speaker or Guarna if there was an update about ‘Selfie with an SRA member’ contest. Guarna responded that the Communications Officer works Monday to Friday, so there hasn’t been time to update it.
- Khanano asked the Board of Directors if they have decided to run another Mental Health First Aid Training session. Guarna responded that they probably wouldn’t unless it was the summer. She explained that they can’t run it again without a group.
- Cao asked for an update about Maroons Minutes. The Speaker responded that Assembly members are still expected to write them up and submit them to the Communications Officer. The Speaker added that Clayton and the Communications Officer are working together on an agreement, and are hoping to have a standing agreement for next semester.
- Guarna asked the Kinesiology Caucus how the Yearplan item of having a first year exam prep guide was going. Muramatsu responded that she wasn’t sure, and that Ngo wasn’t there to answer.
- Guarna asked the Health Sciences Caucus if they were actively pursuing creating an SRA council. Sun responded that it wasn’t on the top of their priority list. Sun ceded to Oliver. Oliver explained that they were held during VP Elections and very few students showed up.
- Guarna asked the Engineering Caucus if they could explain their Yearplan’s point of ‘seeing what students would like to see’ as it was vague. Cao responded that they are talking to as many constituents as they can and doing their best to see if they can help. He added that next term they would like to do a survey to further that.
- Guarna thanked Tambakis for owning up about the survey. She asked what steps were being taken for the survey. Tambakis explained that he contacted Michael Wooder on November 12, but he was already on a leave. He explained that was his roadblock. Tambakis explained that he could have worked on it earlier but that was what happened. He added that they have consulted with the Associate Dean and to see what he would like to see with the survey.
- Clayton asked if the Student Space Survey was anonymous. D’Angela responded that it wasn’t as they needed valid results, and the only way to get them was to make it a closed survey. He explained that they won’t be looking for specific people’s information for the survey, just data.
- Osazuwa asked Guarna if she would be willing to help if Assembly members needed help with their platform points. Guarna responded that she was, and that they could always contact her or other members of the Board.
- Guarna asked Humanities where their yearplan was. She also asked what they have done so far. Yazdankia responded that his understanding was that it would be submitted at an EB meeting. D’Souza responded that it was completed on time, but not submitted. She apologized on behalf of the Caucus and stated that it was embarrassing. She stated that she will email out the yearplan.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. Open MSU Seat to Standing Committee**

**Moved** by Stegmaier, **seconded** by Osazuwa that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU seat on the Services Committee.

- Stegmaier stated that there was an opening on his Committee, and is looking for someone to fill that seat.

### **Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

### 3. Close MSU Seat to Standing Committee

**Moved** by Stegmaier, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly close nominations for one (1) MSU seat on the Services Committee.

#### Nominations

- Krause nominated Issac Oakie - accepted

#### Vote on Motion

##### Passes Unanimously

- Issac Oakie was acclaimed to the MSU seat on the Services Committee.

### 4. Bylaw 10 – Elections

**Moved** by Yazdankia, **seconded** by Caramento that the Assembly adopt the changes to BYLAW 10 – ELECTIONS, as circulated and attached.

- Yazdankia explained that this was brought forward to change the reimbursement and having candidates get five percent of the vote. He explained that he brought it forward since it was brought up at a previous meeting. He felt that this would encourage more people to run and not be scared of not getting 10 percent of the vote.
- Caramento stated that they brought this forward to the Bylaws & Procedures Committee to match practises and it passed. She explained that issues were brought up at they would have liked to see it brought down to zero percent. Caramento stated that they are just trying to eliminate a barrier.
- D’Angela thought that this was going back to the Bylaws & Procedures Committee after the last conversation. He hoped that someone could answer if it did or not. D’Angela ceded to Caramento. Caramento stated that this was brought to B&P on November 10, and then brought to the CRO after that. She explained that was why the amendment was brought forward.
- Gupta addressed the memo that was submitted on behalf of the Elections Committee. She explained that while she was open to having it be five percent but was worried about the integrity of the elections. Gupta stated that she was open to that and willing to see what would happen after the Presidential and SRA General Elections. She explained that after consulting with the Elections Committee and DRO she found out that they were opposed to lowering the percentage. They felt that it wouldn’t affect the financial accessibility of running as students would still have to spend the limit in order to run. Gupta pointed out that the spending limit for Presidentials was \$600 last year and reimbursement didn’t happen for a while after the election was done. She added that the Elections Committee was open to reducing spending limits, and would rather reduce the financial barrier by doing that and informing students about the loan program. Gupta explained that the Committee felt that reducing the percentage down to five was the equivalent of lowering it to zero.
- Osazuwa stated that he agreed with the bylaw amendment and encouraged the Assembly to vote in favour. He added that everyone from the working group “MSU wants you” are in favour of this as they are looking into accessibility.
- Hsu agreed with the sentiments and felt that lowering the percentage down to five is the right direction. She added that she was in favour of no financial barrier as well.
- Stegmaier pointed out that if they lower the percentage it will allow students to possibly manipulate the system. He felt that five was better than zero.
- Sun asked Gupta about the Elections Committee placing restrictions on spending if the percentage was lowered, and if this would happen so that the integrity of the elections could be upheld. Sun ceded to Gupta. Gupta responded that after speaking with the committee there was a general consensus that

there would be a meeting tomorrow to discuss ways on how to allow students to spend their money. She added that it might not be in place for Presidentials but it would definitely be in place for the SRA Generals. She explained that they are not happy about it as they would like students to be creative.

- Zeng stated that 10 percent is a big number depending on how they look at it. The way it is calculated is based on the amount of people who voted for the candidate. She explained that there are three spots open, and if it is a ranked ballot and 100 people are voting they can put up to three names each. This will be 300 ballots but then they would only need 10 people to vote for that one candidate. Zeng added that since they started doing the elections this year, only one person didn't reach 10 percent. She explained the barrier isn't actually that big.
- D'Angela stated that he would be voting this because having 10 percent is a good number. He added a good way to address financial accessibility would be to promote loans for Presidentials, but also give credits and creating a standing order for posters at Underground Media & Design. This way students don't have to hand over money and then be reimbursed.
- McDougall stated that it wasn't a full change he would like to see, and pointed out that when someone runs and doesn't get 10 percent it's not like they don't get any money back. He pointed out that spending money on campaigns is not accessible and it may be the initial cost of everything that may deter people, as a spending limit of \$50 is a lot.
- Krause asked for clarification from Sun or Gupta; if the motion passes the Elections Committee will then meet to impose a restriction on purchases. Krause ceded to Gupta. Gupta responded that only if the bylaw changes, and then it would be up to the committee to decide what restrictions, if any, they want to put in place.
- Tambakis stated that the percentage looks big, and the issue isn't what it restricts. He explained that for anyone who wants to run it looks like a really big number. He explained that he endorses the changing of the bylaw. He explained that the perception needs to be addressed.
- Gupta responded that the Elections Committee is not against financial accessibility. They want elections to be accessible but they also value integrity and transparency, and don't want people spending money needlessly and having to revert back to possibly changing the percentage again. Gupta added that in the previous two elections held this year candidates didn't even know they would be getting reimbursed until the all-candidates meeting, as there isn't anything mentioned in the rules. She explained that realistically not everyone reads Bylaw 10 before running in an election. Gupta added that the committee would rather reduce the spending limit and making elections more financially accessible.
- Stegmaier stated that it was ultimately an issue of clarification and that while 10 percent is a scary number, not everyone understands the context of it. He was worried that they are starting to talk about changing the process when all it has to be is clarified. Stegmaier added that they are just trying to get more freedom for students to run but in the end they might end up restricting them.
- Hsu stated that getting 10 percent in a large caucus was harder to do, but hopes that it would be manageable one day. She asked if the system that Elections was running was a loan or grant system. Hsu ceded to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that it would be a loan. He explained that if a candidate doesn't have the \$600 up front to spend then it can be covered by the MSU and the expectation would be to pay it back.
- Patterson stated that he was hearing concerns about costs not being justified, and asked if it was possible to make it zero percent in practise and have it go to 10 percent. Patterson ceded to Gupta. Gupta responded that the problem with that is they can't be subjective on who would be spending wisely and who wouldn't. They would have to place restrictions in the beginning so that an advantage wasn't created. She added that they want to be objective, not subjective.
- Sun stated that he would hate to put restrictions on spending, and that students should spend their money the way they want. He explained that they need to look into the integrity of the election, not the money, as the Elections Department is the third most expensive service. He stated that they are not about telling students how to spend, and that the Elections Committee doesn't want to put restrictions on spending but they will if necessary to uphold the integrity. Sun added that there needs to be safe holds to ensure that they aren't wasting student money.

- McDougall asked D'Angela to clarify the loan system. He asked if a candidate took out the loan and got the percentage of votes if they would be reimbursed. McDougall ceded to D'Angela. D'Angela responded that it would be contingent on not getting fines.

**Moved** by Pita, **seconded** by Dales to Call to Question

**In Favour: 20 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 6**  
**Abstained: Osazuwa, Clayton, McDougall, Hsu, Nadarajah, Mutoigo**  
**Motion Passes**

**Vote on Motion**

**Moved** by Yazdankia, **seconded** by Caramento that the Assembly adopt the changes to BYLAW 10 – ELECTIONS, as circulated and attached.

**In Favour: 16 Opposed: 10 Abstentions: 4**  
**Opposed: D'Angela, Nestico-Semianiw, Burke, Ibe, Nadarajah, D'Souza, Sun, Kula, Dales, Krause**  
**Abstained: McDougall, Enriquez, Mutoigo, Cao**  
**Motion Fails due to lack of Majority of Assembly**

**5. Committee of the Whole – Engineers without Borders**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by D'Angela that the Assembly move motions #4, 5, 6, and 7 omnibus.

**Vote to Move Motions Omnibus**

**In Favour: 21 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0**  
**Opposed: Dales, Cao**  
**Motion Passes**

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Engineers without Borders presentation.

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Incite presentation.

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the OPIRG presentation.

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Solar Car presentation.

**Vote on Motions**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Hsu to move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

**In Favour: 25 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0**  
**Abstained: Mirza**  
**Motion Passes**

**Rise and Report**

- Krause reported that for Engineers without Borders concerns were raised on fiscal management, and that they will be working with McMaster Financial Affairs to clear up budgeting for both fiscal periods. Krause

reported that the Finance Committee gave a positive recommendation for moving forward. The Assembly agreed.

- Krause reported that Incite didn't go through a full scrutiny of the Finance Committee, but the Committee made a positive recommendation to move forward. The Assembly agreed.
- Krause reported that OPIRG was very responsive and communicative when working on this, and gave the official external audited statements to the Finance Committee to look over. They felt that the programming was positive and they received a positive recommendation from the Finance Committee. The Assembly agreed.
- Krause reported that there were concerns raised about the Solar Car project. They spoke about the financial state and reporting back to the McMaster student body. Krause reported that they would like to do some one on one discussions with Solar car to look at the future of the program.

## 9. Commissioner Job Descriptions

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the Commissioner job descriptions, as circulated.

- Osazuwa explained that there was a memo circulated. He stated that Commissioners didn't have individual job descriptions, and that these were reviewed by the Commissioners.
- Nadarajah stated that they look good.
- Mirza asked if they would be debating the hours.
- Osazuwa responded that the hours are currently under review.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes Unanimously**

## 10. Operating Policy 1.3.2 – Promotions and Advertising

**Moved** by Clayton, **seconded** by McDougall that the Assembly approve changes to Operating Policy 1.3.2 – Promotions and Advertising, as circulated.

- Clayton went over the memo and changes with the Assembly.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes Unanimously**

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 1. Bylaw 9 – First Year Council

**Moved** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the changes to BYLAW 9 – FIRST YEAR COUNCIL, as circulated and attached.

- Nadarajah explained the changes to the Bylaw and hoped that everyone read the memo previous to the meeting.
- D'Souza asked if there was discussion for implementing training for FYC.
- Nadarajah responded that there wasn't any to her knowledge. She thought that the Elections Department gave FYC the bylaw after they won. She added that Osazuwa took an active role in supporting them this year. Nadarajah stated that with the structure right now there is the Maroons Coordinator, an SRA member or FYC member if they need transition.

- Mirza stated she didn't know how useful it was to making sure that one of the official observers is there at all times. She stated that they should be acting as a resource not inhibiting them.
- Nadarajah explained that her rationale was that FYC wanted someone there to guide them, and while it would be a hindrance to them if someone doesn't show up, there should still be accountability. She asked for the changes to be passed and if they wanted to they could re-visit this section.
- D'Souza liked the idea of bringing it back as she would like to implement mandatory training.

**Vote on Motion**

**Moved** by Nadarajah that the Assembly approve the changes to BYLAW 9 – FIRST YEAR COUNCIL, as circulated and attached.

**Passes Unanimously**

**2. Operating Policy 1 – Services**

**Moved** by Clayton that the Assembly approve changes OPERATING POLICY 1 - SERVICES as circulated.

- Clayton went over the memo and changes with the Assembly.

**Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

**Moved** by Krause, **seconded** by Cao that the Assembly recess for five minutes.

**In Favour: 21 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 1**  
**Opposed: Jama**  
**Abstained: Faruqui**  
**Motion Passes**

**Recessed at 9:53pm**

**Called to Order at 9:58pm**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

<b>Present</b>	Burke, Cao, Clayton, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pita, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis
<b>Absent Excused</b>	Guarna, Nestico-Semianiw
<b>Absent</b>	Ali, Almeida, Caramento, Gillis, Ngo, Pakkal, Pour-Bahreini, Yazdankia
<b>Late</b>	
<b>Others Present</b>	Alex Wilson (TAC Coordinator), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (MSU Underground), Muhammed Ashraf (MBA Student), Issac Oakie (MSU Member), Jonathon Patterson (MAC Farmstand), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Saad Syed (External Affairs Commissioner), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Mike Gill (Spark Coordinator), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)
<b>Chair</b>	Inna Berditchevskaia

**3. Operating Policy 1.9.9 – MSU Clubs**

**Moved** by Clayton that the Assembly approve changes OPERATING POLICY 1.9.9 – MSU CLUBS as circulated.

- Clayton went over the memo and changes with the Assembly.

- Hsu asked how Clubs were picked for awards.
- Clayton responded that they are picked by the Clubs Executive.
- Ibe asked if there were any thoughts by the Clubs Administrator.
- Clayton responded that she did speak to the Clubs Administrator about the policy. She added that it was sent to Clubs Executive Council and there was a resounding yes from everyone.
- Tambakis felt that this was done really well. He asked if there was anything a club could do if they get rejected from the application process.
- Clayton responded that this concern was brought up to her, and she stated that the lottery should be able to mitigate any issues.

**Vote on Motion**

**Passes Unanimously**

**TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday, January 10, 2016  
5:00pm  
Council Chambers, GH 111**

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

**Present** Burke, Cao, Clayton, Dales, D'Angela, D'Souza, Hsu, Ibe, Jama, Krause, Kula, Manning, McDougall, Mirza, Muramatsu, Mutoigo, Nadarajah, Oliver, Osazuwa, Pita, Stegmaier, Sun, Tambakis

**Absent Excused** Guarna, Nestico-Semianiw

**Absent** Ali, Almeida, Caramento, Gillis, Ngo, Pakkal, Pour-Bahreini, Yazdankia

**Late**

**Others Present** Alex Wilson (TAC Coordinator), Ryan Deshpande (Diversity Services Asst. Director), Justin Monaco-Barnes (MSU Underground), Muhammed Ashraf (MBA Student), Issac Oakie (MSU Member), Jonathon Patterson (MAC Farmstand), Labika Ghani (MSU Member), Saad Syed (External Affairs Commissioner), Nishan Zewge-Abubaker (Diversity Services Director), Mike Gill (Spark Coordinator), Christine Yachouh (Advocacy Coordinator), Hayley Regis (WGEN Coordinator), V. Scott (Recording Secretary)

**Chair** Inna Berditchevskaia

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Osazuwa, **seconded** by McDougall that the meeting be adjourned.

**Passes by General Consent**

**Adjourned at 10:09pm**

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