MSA Council Meeting April 22, 2014

Attending members: Ashley Tse, Viktor Sekowski, Jade Lau, Ashlee Yang, Riley Davidson, TaeEun Ahn, Greg Sawisky, Lindsay Bowthorpe, Cian Hackett, Claire Allen, Risa Namsechi, Mitchell Farmer, Sheila Wang, Dayhe Hong, Tracy Zhang, Chris Novak, Tania Pannu, Dean Hansen, Karl Aytton, Daniel Skubleny, Cam Shillington, Matthew Moore, Sean Goos, Madura Sundareswaran, Aven Crawshay, Adam Steed, Simon Hasan, Rohan Mittal, Samantha Lam, Charissa Ho, Parisa Shahrabadi, Jolene Johnston, Taylor Wong.

Non-attending members: Angelo Gunanayagam, May Choi, Irfan Kherani, Iyswarya Mani Bhaskar, Para Satija, Jenny Hong, Kirsten Sjonnesen, Edwin Cheng, Monique Raubenheimer, Ale Cojocaru, Veronica Lepp, Jennifer Chen, Pearl Tan, Charlene Belozer, Shelaina Anderson, Madalena Dearden, Brent Turner, Peter Zhang, Zia Saleh, Alex Preston, Bretton Hari, Brittany Kula, Keshav Sharma, Shivani Upadhyaya, Uyen Tran, Emily Ewen, Sachin Rathee, Peter Hong, Nicole Velti

Motion 1: That, upon adoption, the Constitution and Bylaws of the MSA may be renumbered as may be necessary to maintain all sections in order.

All following constitutional changes were approved by the council:

1.) First proposed change: Bylaw IV, substitute monetary for perquisite

2.) Subsection 3(1). Remove “or unwilling” and insert at the end “or is impeachment”

3.) Subsection 5(10) - insert “the preparation of an annual budget”, after “records”

4.) Subsection 6(8) - remove “grant such styles and honours as he shall deem fit”

5.) Subsection 10(1) - Substitute “coordinate” for “direct”

6.) Subsection 18(2) - insert “and maintain an inventory thereof” after “MSA”

7.) Subsection 20(1) - remove “and oversee”

8.) Subsection 26(3) - remove “oversight and”

9.) Subsection 27(1) - “including, but not limited to, Icebowl and Interphase” after “events”

10.) Bylaw V Section 1. Substitute “of the MSA” for “for all MSA elections”. Add “expecting the period of time for which an alternative appointment made pursuant to section 2 is effective” after Administration.

11.) Replace with 1 in Bylaw V “The Chief Electoral Officer may appoint such persons as he or she shall deem necessary to assist in the administration of an election”

12.) Remove sections 5, 6, 7, and 32. Insert “all shall forward such list to the Council via the VP, Internal” after “position” in section 32
13.) Remove honorary member

14.) Section 25, insert “with the consent of the Council” after “regulate”

15.) Other Section 30. Insert ‘with the consent of the Council” after shall

16.) Other Section 41. Insert “eligible” before “elector to that”

17.) Other Section 46. Substitute “forty-eight hours” for “seven days”

18.) Other Section 47. Substitute “three business days for seven days”

19.) Other Section 49. Substitute “24 hours to seven days”

20.) Other Section 51 Substitute “precedent” for “stare decisis”

21.) Section 5 - Replace with “5. The Vice President, Administration shall solicit the Council for business to be debated and shall distribute the order of such business to the Council”.

22.) Section 13 - Remove “No person, other than a member of the Council, may speak before the Council, unless invited to do so by the resolution of the Council.”

23.) Bylaw VIII Subsection 1(4) - Substitute “in the absence of the chair” for “if decided upon by a majority vote for the committee”

24.) Subsection 6(2) - Insert “(h) and other such persons that the Committee shall request” after “SHINE representative”

25.) Bylaw XIII Section 2 - Remove “except in the case of extraordinary expenses”

26.) Remove section 3 in Bylaw XIII

27.) Section 4 - Insert “in consultation with the Executive and Council” after “prepared”

28.) Proposed Revision - with the same bylaw, any abbreviation or acronym must be completely spelled out

Motion 2 “Tiebreaking for Elections” - MSA members have the second vote to determine winner of a tie, but the new change would give the tie to the Chief Electorate to determine the winner.

Motion approved.

Motion 3 “Elections Appeals Process” - 2 members of council and 2 members of non-council, but an even number is not practical. Proposal to add another member from the council randomly.

Motion approved.
Motion 4 “New Routes to Call Meetings” - …
Motion approved.

Motion 5 “Quorum change” - currently quorum is 13, proposed to change to a different number to avoid decisions made by a small group of people
Motion to have half number of MSA members to be quorum. Motion approved.

Motion 6 “Speaker” - often initiatives are brought up by the executive, we suggest to appoint a speaker to manage the meetings and to direct the debates. The appointed speaker would be elected during General Elections and would not vote. This would aim to minimize bias.
Motion fails 6 to 8 to move this topic to next meeting.
Motion carries

Motion 7 “Amendments threshold” - change in constitution threshold from 50% to 2/3
Motion fails. Motion to keep 50%
Motion carries