

AMS Assembly  
Thursday, September 15th, 2011  
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

-----7:00pm-----

MINUTES

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**Motion to approve agenda. Motion carries**

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs) addresses minutes, revisions?

**Motion to adopt from April 7, 2011. Motion carries**

**Speaker's Business:**

Patrick Allin (Speaker and Chief Electoral Officer) reminds assembly of proper conduct and respectful discourse. Dress code should be business attire but the issue can be debated during discussion period. Refers to guest speaker for future assembly.

**AMS President's Report: Morgan Campbell**

Update the assembly on activities –read, ask and email IMP. Input and suggestions are welcome

**Vice President's Report**

Ashley Eagan (Vice President of Operations): Article on executive progress and platform will appear in the Friday edition of The Journal

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President of University Affairs): presents summer report, Commissioner goal plans, and reminds assembly that a vote is to take place. Formal presentations will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> in addition to discussion regarding strategic plans and budgeting

**Board of Directors Report**

Mitch Piper (Board Chair) speaks

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs) presents rector's report: Aug 31 retirement. Continued until Nov 3, election to re-join body will take place.

**Announcements:**

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): written report available for various committees

Derrick Dodgson (ENG Soc President): thanks the assembly for a successful frosh week and opening of Clark Hall Pub.

Mira Dineen (Commissioner of Academic Affairs): reminds assembly of provincial elections in fall. Encourage students to become involved and vote. A Candidates debate will place at 7pm in Wallace hall and advanced polls are open next week Wednesday to Friday—please bring ID.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): encourages assembly to converse with him in person.

T.K Pritchard (Commissioner of Social Issues): The alternative orientation week will continue to run for another week and half. Info will be available upon request.

### **Question Period**

#### **The AMS Assembly votes to ratify Adam DiSimine as Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability. Motion Carries**

Mr. DiSimine articulates goals to shows deeper commitment to the environment and foster more student participation. Will work to make committee more visible to the student body. Bike Shop will become a campus maintenance centre to better support the cycling community.

#### **The AMS Assembly votes to omnibus motions 4-8 on the agenda. Motion carries.**

Ms. Allison S. reports on April hiring of 5 deputies: Andrew Green, Jocelyn, Naomi, Liam F.

Derrick Dodgson (ENG Soc President): recommends health and safety issues regarding alcohol.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): offers point of information, responsibility does not fall on deputies and question should be saved for question period.

Mr. Alex D: pillar of restorative justice—safe campus, learning from what has happened to rectify situations, knowledge—understanding, investigate properly. An impartial deputy council is needed to maintain justice

T.K Pritchard (Commissioner of Social Issues): will there be opportunity and incentives to keep deputies committed throughout the year?

#### **The AMS Assembly vote on motions 4-8. Motions carry.**

**AMS Assembly vote to elect Kelsey Patterson and Duncan Peterson as Student Life Centre Council Representatives. Motion carries.**

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): reports to assembly on the Student Life Centre Council, which is formed out of the JDUC council to include representatives from the AMS, SUPS and Student Affairs. Will take over operations for 4 student life centres on campus, review budget of operations for buildings and administrative processes. Asks assembly for nominations.

Nominees: Kelsey Patterson, Brennan Piper, Duncan Peterson

Question and Answer period follows.

**AMS Assembly votes to approve the increase of Student Centre Working Group size from 2 to 4 members. Motion carries**

Student Centre Working Group will monitor student fees in terms of how it is being used and transferred to the university. Will follow the plans for the Queen's Centre construction. Original group size has been amended from 4 down to 2 but will probably want to revert back to 4 for more student input and increased student voices in decision-making. Increasing positions to 4 will lessen workload for members and be valuable to AMS.

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): comments that this is a crucial committee; Increasing of membership will reduce a heavy burden on members. Will result in more flexible schedules and innovations.

**AMS Assembly vote to approve the change of "Student Village" to "University District". Motion Carries.**

David Sinkinson (Commissioner of Municipal Affairs): expresses intent to re-brand student village/ghetto, beginning with a change of name. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> part of a 3 step plan to re-energize this part of Kingston. Commissioner has been prompted after finding that landlords found the current name as offensive and didn't adequately represent the people in the community. The Commissioner reports that he has already spoken with city counsellors and found that the name "University District" is well received.

Elaborates on 3-part plan: will review student village program, name change did nothing to address the issues of housing quality. The intention is to fill in the gap of previous years and prompts the creation of SMART team. Team will visit the University District and provide free garbage clean up for students (they can also be hired by landlords). The last part of the plan is to market the new University District to students, which will be explained shortly.

Derrick Dodgson (ENGSoC President): based on the opinions of friends, the name sounds very reminiscent of the “red light district”. Mr. Sinkinson answers that the name is actually chosen because it is vague enough to be anything but nothing specifically.

Kathryn Wizinsky (CommSoC VP of Internal): believes it is worthwhile to improve mentality of students and Kingston residents. Asks commissioner for details regarding marketing amongst students. Mr. Sinkinson answers that there will be a full page ad in The Journal as well as Facebook advertising.

Kieran Slobodin (AMS VP of University Affairs): begins discussions about relying on mailboxes in student houses, recycling, compost, garbage bins, branding with Uni Districts, bring back hockey league – road hockey, with uniforms- to promote, encourage city to buy into idea, talked to councillors, going to businesses, promotions. Mr. Sinkinson answers questions about Hockey league, working with tricolour (prize: ticket for hockey game in Ottawa)

Student: Asks about geographic boundaries for the “district”. Mr. Sinkinson answers that the SMART team will work in areas with the greatest concentration of student housing, which is provided in the package on page 76.

**AMS Assembly vote to approve the addition of AMS Policy Manual 2 Part II Section 10, Part F as seen in Appendix Entouarge. Motion carries.**

David Sinkinson (Commissioner of Municipal Affairs) reminds the assembly of 2<sup>nd</sup> part of plan involving SMART team. Will encourage debate regarding philosophy of the program, which will offer yard clean-ups for students and other services to improve the University District.

Starting point for this year: will hire smart co-ordinator \$1000 – testing for the year  
Need to figure out real costs of plan (ex. Lawnmowers) #of trial runs throughout years.

Mitch Piper (Board of Directors Chair) asks questions regarding logistics issues, from service standpoint: has benefit to students- student \$ spent wisely, efforts and resources used well

Will place support behind the initiative as soon as logistical issues are worked out

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): proposes idea of tagging renovations to service, run out of LCS, energy efficient checks, window improvements for installation, more sustainability, save tenant and landlord money. Mr. Sinkinson answers that he is already asking lots of landlords to go on property to clean but has met a lot of discomfort on the part of landlords.

Ashley Eagan (AMS VP of Operations): supports program and service, points out that the AMS is always looking for more opportunities to hire students.

Duncan Peterson (ASUS Vice President): expresses concern for ability to attract people to do the job, which seems like a slightly prohibitive as job. Mr. Sinkinson replies that he will consider taking along other jobs or reduce number of people and increase hours. Will pay minimum wage but is confident in the program's ability to attract people. Reminds the assembly that the job comes with numerous benefits. Will also promote a sense of community, sense of ownership for the community, in interest of society and all constituents.

Mr. Sinkinson: opinion of students and landlords has been gathered and they feel the \$20 cost is very good. Reiterates the need to work with landlords so people are not alienated and know that the project is to improve housing quality in university district. Has made sure to assure landlords that they will not be accessing the inside of houses and has worked with Kingston Rental Support Association.

Ashley Eagan: addresses questions regarding hiring policies and comments that hiring students will be a great chance to hire from within the student body.

Adam DiSimine (Environment and Sustainability Commissioner): informs assembly of successful transition from office to commission this past month, will extend positions and committees and aims to be more useful to the student body. Imp. Mentions policy highlights that mandate sustainability. Will continue to work with event planners and asks them to be sustainable,

**The AMS Assembly vote to approve the addition to AMS Policy Manual 2, Part II, Section 10, Part G as seen in appendix Bored to Death. Motion carries**

Adam DiSimine (Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability) asserts that youth mentoring youth is a great way to foster involvement and participation in the Kingston community. The centre will offer food, energy, water and transportation education. AMS has supplied volunteers for the programs (last year saw 500 enter for environmental consciousness). Though it was shut down last year, CES wants to assume control of program to continue it. The committee will be formed under CES for initiative to be continues, will solidify control. Mandate aims to help support relations with city. Co chairs and committee will be responsible for contacts and sponsorship. Fundraising goal of \$5000 thus, \$65000 burden will be taken off AMS by sponsorships. Obligation to communicate with teachers and school board program has already run, reason to believe they want to continue or begin with program. Encourages contact with students in faculty of education, helped structure and give guidance for teaching which is an excellent opportunity that benefits both parties. There is talk of securing locations, may be allowed to use new SOLAR education center (Oct 15 Grand Opening). For the lesson plans, the co chairs and committee will be responsible for planning. Will not be starting from scratch but program will be taken over by AMS from last year.

**Discussion**

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President of University Affairs): expresses that planning has taken place over the summer. There has been diligent work done to construct and pass strategic goal plans for the year. Each commission will give a general presentation and open discussion for goal plans. Will take revisions into consideration and vote will take place on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mira Dineen (Academic Affairs Commissioner) presents goal plans**

The guiding principle for the commission this year is to actively engage with students which is best understood by the committees, coordinators and the centre. guiding principle: actively engaging with students, best understood by 3 : committees + coordinators+ centre. Will get a good understanding of the thoughts of students through social networking attention to feedback. Values undergraduate research and wants to prioritize more opportunities for undergraduates. Goals include bringing the provincial election into people's attention this fall and campaigns to encourage involvement will take place. Will continue to strive for representation, there are 2 positions for the assembly and 3 AMS members at large. The applications are due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**T.K Pritchard (Social Issues Commissioner) presents goal plans**

Goals plans primarily involve more transparent support for volunteers because of distance and misunderstanding of roles in the past. It is important for the commissioner herself to attend events, meetings and show support to raise awareness for the commission. Will also work on intersectional ties, working with other groups, communities working together, policy for training will be revised. Externally, will form better relationships with Human Resources in sharing advice and resources. In terms of event programming, the commission will continue giving sessions to services with the goal of tailoring impression-training session to ensure relevancy to each service. Will be bringing outside sources for better advertisements.

**David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner) presents goal plans**

Will implement the SMART plan and SMART team. Have already worked on lobbying to the city police and their presence on Aberdeen. Will reduce the size of their force on homecoming weekend and also discourage the use of horses club, which are problematic. Will reduce number of students attending Aberdeen street parties during homecoming weekend. There will also be a breakfast and University District Hockey League. Commission are planning on disbanding Golden Cockroach as it has alienated the local landlords. Will continue to market more efficiently to all students about volunteer positions, will also work on fire regulation to reduce malicious fire alarms.

**Adam DiSimine (Environment and Sustainability Commissioner)**

This year, the commission will primarily deal with the change from being an office to a commission. Will strengthen mandate and increase visibility among student body. Recognizes that Kingston is currently working to be most sustainable community in Canada and the commission is eager to participate. There will be a large increase in marketing, which will offer more services now but require more advertising. Will continue with branding to let people know that they are a part of AMS. Will try to reduce the impact of move out week in terms of waste and trash, will work with

Kingston community as well. Will try to make sure the budget doesn't balloon by being responsible with money and making careful budget considerations

### **Stephen Pariser (Campus Activities Commissioner)**

Will continue to work on off-campus event in liaison with local businesses and venues. Internally, will focus on a variety of interests such as sports, arts, and politics to show interest in student life engagement. CAC will always be a resource to off campus partners, and will re-invest in quality programming and community art and recreation. The CAC plans to adjust fiscal policy and mandates and deputy commissioners will work more efficiently this year. Will continue to engage more administration for the interest of students and will make sure the student body is being advocated for. Financially, there have been past problems with deposits and fiscal tracking system; new systems will be implemented.

### **Mark Preston (Commissioner Of Internal Affairs)**

Will continue to run assemblies efficiently and develop strategic planning (currently 2 employees in office). With respect to Mr. Dodgson's point from earlier, there will be issues facing the commissioner this year and will produce coroner's report. Will work closely with the administration and campus groups (security, human rights offices) and community groups. New administrators are in office and progress is ongoing but will be updating the assembly regularly. Goals for this year are to re-vamp assembly, change negative practices from past years and pay more attention to gallery members and constituent interests. Will utilize more multi-media such as the projector. A venue change is possible and the pillars are problematic in that they block the gallery. Robert Sutherland is a possibility, they are where senate meetings are, have built in multimedia technology, situated openly, good acoustics (good possibility). In terms of external efforts, will contract with QTV live streaming and draw wider attention to assemblies through online access, real time blog on AMS website. Hopes to update motion to motion to draw attention of students and twitter presence will make activities of the assembly more accessible and transparent. Requested that Assembly review rules of order, comparison of 2 most pervasive meetings (general guidelines for large meetings)—seek to complete, need to see in application to compare and incorporate throughout the year. Will also foster stronger ties with Queen's administration and take comprehensive look at assembly processes and judicial affairs.

### **Kieran Slobodin (AMS VP of University Affairs):**

Welcomes comments, questions and concerns over the next two weeks and continually throughout the year. Will present a more comprehensive PowerPoint presentation of each commission and budget, strategic plans, and motions. Over the summer, a special project sought to go over the AMS constitution, which has been broken down into sections. The constitution revision needs to be read twice and voted upon. Debate during

1<sup>st</sup> and second reading will also take place. The intent is to keep the constitution open and transparent.

Committee of the will suspend rules of order, speaker of the house steps down which will make discussion more fluid and less restriction to amendments.

#### **Discussion 14: New Registration Time Outline**

Mira Dineen (Academic Affairs Commissioner): feedback is needed for the current time line where the course timetable becomes available in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Enrolment would begin in July until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week but nothing in August. Tuition is also due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The idea of changing the timeline is important and may be changed permanently for the future. Possible implications include condensation of processes, less time to consider degree and courses balancing with extracurricular.

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): asks whether this would save money and is trying to understand the motivation for the change. Ms. Dineen answers that this would allow time for administration staff to take a break and university registrar office would also have the opportunity.

Derek Johnson: worked at Registrar, signed confidentiality agreement, aware of lots of problems with SOLUS and Registrar, next year: (opinion) efficiency will skyrocket, senior members, bring in new, younger members – more user friendly, should be able to see when courses are scheduled Ms. Dineen: when courses timetable posted, same amount of time to access course timetables to figure out classes as before, posted end of July

TK Pritchard (Social Issues Commissioner): students who seek employment, schedule issues—payment pushed up, affects alternate payment should courses change because of employment plans, less time to figure out financials from August to Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, slight worry.