

AMS Assembly
Thursday, October 13th, 2011
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

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

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:16 pm by Patrick Allin (Speaker and Chief Electoral Officer)

Moment of silence for Allison Borges

AMS Assembly votes to approve agenda.

Faria Jafri (ASUS Representative): move to add motion that AMS address individuals by their official titles instead of their individual titles. *“This motion moves that AMS assembly agree to change the identification of members by addressing individuals by position titles instead of mr/mrs./ms., which assumes individuals orientation”*. Motion carries

Ashley Eagan (AMS VP of Operations) move to delay approval of AMS consolidated budget. Motion carries

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs) moves that motions regarding mandatory AMS fees be stricken from the agenda.

AMS Assembly votes to approve minutes from meeting of September 29th, 2011. Motion carries.

Member Preston: minutes are now available on the website and the DropBox.

Speaker's Business

Member Allin: rector election validations will be taking place tonight, speaker will be stepping into the electoral officer role and deputy speaker (Member Brennan Piper) will serve as substitute.

Guest Speaker: Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance

Mira Dineen (Academic Affairs Commissioner) introduces speakers from Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance—Sean Madden (OUSA President) and Sam Andrey (Executive Director), Chris Martin (Director of Research)

Elaborates on the history of OUSA. OUSA Represents 9 student organizations including the AMS, new members are welcome, still growing and pleased to welcome Trent student organization and McMaster organization as new full time members.

Mission: works to develop educational solutions. 4 mission pillars all center around development advocacy. Member driven, go to membership to set agenda and priorities. Fairly easy to join and leave, accountable, very transparent in how money is used. Solution oriented. Work hard to develop well thought out and structured policies. General assembly is twice yearly coming together delegation to set the broad direction of the organization, approve policy papers, budget, and is currently the highest-ranking body. Below is the steering committee, comprised of the board of OUSA, meet monthly to figure out nuts and bolts of policies. Queen's is special that many positions overlap (Kieran Slobodin is voting member but Academic Affairs commissioner is also involved in the discussion process). Chosen by them is the executive. The president oversees the day-to-day operations, oversee steering committee. Working with him is Vice President of Administration, keeper of by laws, minutes. Federation of students at University of Waterloo, VP of finance, tracks spending. Working for them in Toronto is home office including two interns. Alvin Tedjo (Director of Communications) takes care of communications and press relations, Sam Andrey oversees operation as Chief Logistics, comes from policy development background. Chris Martin is currently overseeing policy files in conjunction with Laura Pin (Research Analyst). Serves as support for steering committee, takes question form general membership. Financials collect member fee for every AMS equivalent, last year was 268 now 286, around 341000 in membership, 90 percent of what they bring in another 8 percent is conference fees. That money goes to 5 subcategories, fifth in operations, office phone, website, etc. fifth in advocacy, meeting with the government, conferences. 5th in research and communications press releases, websites, magazines, 15 percent is OUSA conferences throughout the year.

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): asks questions about how delegates are selected. Sean Madden answers that the decision is up to member association, he personally chooses from external affairs beneath him. Kieran Solobodin answers the AMS chooses 5 delegates starting from President, Vice President of University Affairs, now working with external affairs coordinators, volunteers, they promote OUSA on campus and also are involved. Queens' are welcome to bring extra delegates but are not given voting privileges.

The association is concerned with various issues, including accessibility: policy approved by membership, support for underrepresented (aboriginal, first generation, northern students) address high student cost, advocates community outreach programs (Pathways) works with ministry of education on post secondary options, investments in online learning and ease of credit transfer.

Affordability: tuition fees should be regulated by the government and shouldn't make up more than a quarter of operations fees of a university. Should never increase more than inflation. OSAP should offer more grants than loans.

Accountability; ancillary fees, OUSA regulates control ancillary fees in the province, battle of what is and what is not considered an ancillary fee. Should develop better policy between government and university. Advocates changes that helps them focus on student priorities. Quality: improve teaching quality, strengthen student support services, and invest in the broader learning environment, international learning opportunities, chances outside of the classroom.

Three main branches of organization: research and policy (15 standing policies on 15 topics that require on a three year basis). Research papers on a variety of prices such as cost inflation, has research council involving various campuses. Regular focus groups held, biannual student services survey to see how students earn their money and spend it. Writes and delivers these papers to the government.

Advocacy: meet with various branches of the government all major parties (non partisan). On a provincial and national level, never takes endorsement. Cultivate strong working relations with all three major parties. Strong relations with faculty, administration, 3-day lobby conference where all MPPS are met and present and sit on committees. Communications and public relations: publications educate solutions,

government submissions. Web: website, Facebook, twitter, media, news, radio, tv, campaigns: campus visits, food for thought, blue chair, Alumni events, press conferences. OUSA.ca. Blog used often, student's blog and home office also blogs. In terms of media they do significant outreach to all of the outlets, Globe and mail, Star etc.

Blue Chair: allows each school to choose how they want to run their campaign. This began with success, presents a video from University of Waterloo. Addresses the fact that there are many people who cannot represent post secondary education (blue chairs are placed around campus) various barriers, motivation, financial etc.

Food for Thought: if you're on OSAP, OSAP has various pockets of money, meals should be 2 50 a day, which is found to be impossible. Successful in the sense that they did the campaign got a lot of media coverage and a week later the OSAP admin made a lot of changes. 2011 Ontario election: Queen's, AMS did a campaign to promote awareness and participation. Election platform comparison chart was widely successful and popular.

320 million to fund growth in post secondary education, creation of the online institute (brings online courses in all Ontario universities in one site and have access and take them more easily) 74 million dollars in credit transfer system, 25 million for mental counselors on university and college campuses. Student financial aid improvements: if making less than 50 000, repayment plan, will help you return your loan, great program and expensive for the government. ASUS assistant plan also grants an interest free period for 6 months after you graduate.

Value for the AMS for OSAP; AMS should be very local voice in advocating student voices in Ontario, Kieran Solobdin has been doing a great job in translating our needs in the provincial scale. Access to decision makers; build relationships with elected officials and tremendous access to people who are looking for policy changes, opportunity to bring issues to local and provincial government. Bring the ministry present a memo clarifying and saving students hundreds of thousands of dollars. Queen's recently reintroduced tuition fee payment deadline. The deadline has been changed because OSAP students usually have to pay a fee. Upwards of half of universities were changing the deadline, next year will be new regulations restricting when universities can charge late fees etc. resources to engage your

members: allows them to maintain home office staff who will take advantage the proximity to Queen's Park. A chance to throw resources at engaging politicians and engaging members in terms of buying materials for promotion, maintaining a website, and producing videos, possible in a large organization like OUSA. A fantastic opportunity for students around the province to come together and share ideas and advice

Member Long: asks, how do you feel about the dilution of post secondary education experience by invest in both, 7 out of 10 will require post secondary training, the solution is not to take back access. Resources haven't been there to invest in the quality of the education for students. Growth has been more supported than quality in the past few years. The solution is to not draw back access.

Member at large: national lobby groups student loans come from out of province students, pay back is done provincially. Canadian alliance student association is the national level equivalent of them and they regularly come together with OUSA, but they are ultimately in charge of this type of intra-province loan. They have lots of contacts. Paying of Nova Scotia student loan, made a regular contact of the Nova Scotia equivalent.

Tuition: an explanation and sneak preview by Christ Martin. Current context is tuition is regulated by the government since 2005 and cannot be regulated by the universities themselves. 5 percent cap idea is quite complex. 4.5 percent may increase for first year ARTSCI students, commerce engineering and graduate will increase at 8 percent a year and 4 percent increase in subsequent years. This means that the difference between a profession and arts degree will increase over time. Why is there a need for tuition increase? Though it is popularly disliked, the government continues to do so because ancillary fees have decreased overtime. Most recent number suggests students and government are at the same level when you combine provincial and ancillary fees together. Provincial funding has not in fact decreased, it has actually increased. But because of increased enrollment, per student funding has actually decreased over time. The system has grown from 263 000 to 419 000 in 2010. The university system size has doubled over the years but the government funding has not increased proportionally. They increase only about 5% a year. Tuition framework is not permanent and should have expired in 2010. Set to be

renegotiated this year. Average tuition is \$6640, Liberals who are newly elected introduces a new 30% tuition reduction grant. This will be available for all Ontario students out of high school for less than four years. Long standing concerns with tuition increases due to the principals such as accessibility and affordability. It affects low-income family tuition linked to increased employment, the demand for middle-income family. Total student debt owed increased about 75%. Out paced need based aid, which has only grown about 6%. Fairness concerns about tuition, student concerns, total student fees combines a close second many institutions in Ontario, student fees comprise a great number of fees fro money out of province. Students are equal partners in providing money or university. Queen's receives more than half of their operating grant through provincial grants. Tuition fees also about how we pay tuition. Schools have different structures. Flat fee basis is adopted in various universities, Queen's is concerned about that because we are paying for more education than we are getting if students are not taking courses to full course load. Also given the fact that students are being underemployed and OSAP being released after the beginning of the school year is an issue in that students do not have to upfront money they need to meet fee deadlines. Real indications that through crossing and meetings there is very little money introduced into the system. Their policy comes from what they like to see in an ideal world, a compromise has to be met between reality and the ideal. Operating grants should be increased. Tuition should increase by no more than inflation ideally to restore 2-1 cost sharing model. 1 percentage should be seen across all faculties so that student fees from different degree programs are not charged differentially. There should be no flat fee, should be based purely on number of courses taken, and should be able to be predictable for international students. Government unlikely to be interested in the present but once an international student is attending; the fee should remain consistent and should not increase on a year-to-year basis.

Discussion questions:

How can we improve the current tuition framework? What should our top priorities be? Where should these limited resources be directed, institution will argue that any reduction in tuition will mean reductions in quality. What would this mean for students?

Member Dineen: the AMS does have policy on tuition and university-funding (3) Member Slobodin mentioned that the policy manuals are being revised in conjunction with town halls and discussion meetings. Mitch Piper (AMS Board of Directors Chair): what type of relationship seeing as school individual admin have huge impact on operating budgets what type of relation does OUSA have with university admin, what kind of lobbying power do you have. Council of Ontario universities works in Toronto, they meet weekly, that is main vehicle. Campus visits will also mean sitting down with governor's chairs, principals to get sense of institutional climate. The boards of trustees have the power to increase fees every year but usually will do so uniformly.

What do you think the most important priorities or interests of Queen's students are? Member Slobodin: will continue to gather more information from students in general about popular opinion, will visit respective assemblies and councils and more information and questions will be collected throughout the year. Francis, member at large: questions is that an increase to the operating budget or the capital budget. Answers that both have increased, we often measure funding on per student basis because that appears to have the most significance. Ex. Increased operations funding is not important if not enough to hire the professor needed for student body. Asks assembly to visit www.ousa.ca to read the information and ask questions via email. Presentation will be sent out, wants as broad a swath of information and opinions as possible to work with government in terms of developing new framework.

Motion to consider items of great concern with regard to the nominations procedures for the rector election. *Motion to respectfully ask the assembly to consider upholding the considerations of a nominee based on the concerns brought forward.*

Motion to open agenda carries.

Motion to add above to agenda carries.

Motion to close agenda carries.

President's Report

See President's letter in agenda.

Vice President's Report

Ashley Eagan (Vice President of Operations): adds to the report that the consolidated budget is still in constant change and was passed just yesterday because changes continue to happen. Member Eagan looks forward doing the full presentation this evening and welcomes any questions.

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President of University Affairs): Obviously this is quite a full agenda, heads up before the budget presentation, will also present how budget allocations for the assembly will work. Welcomes questions about elections this month or about OUSA.

Board of Director's Report

Mitch Piper: update on consolidated budget, budget was approved yesterday, took keen interest in breaking down the numbers. AMS involvement in the Queen's Centre has drastically changed the budget and wants to commend Ashley on the detail work she put in. The board has questions regarding cost cutting measures, board plans on writing policy papers on philosophical balance between things to make sure they are running efficient society and generating appropriate revenues, looks forwards to discussion, keep schedules clear for Oct. 27th, corporate special general meeting (consolidated budget will be pass at 5pm). Members of the assembly are entitled to a vote and information regarding proxies will be offered. Please email him, the room is to be determined and will come out with the official notice

Student Senator's Report

Doug Johnson (Student Senate Caucus Chair) explains that he is currently caught in the middle between senate meetings, the update is out of date, and draws the 89 recommendations to senate. The SAPTF Task force are still taking questions and concerns, constantly evolving. Please email him directs people to attention to a motion that will be on senate agenda motion reads that therefore senate should resend motion that includes both percentage grades and letter grade in addition to the GPA. Academic planning task force.

Statement by Members

Campus Services Director: applications for the tricolor director position full time paid, salary: \$8000. Please feel free to reach him for any further questions.

Derrick Dodgson (ENG Soc President): invites assembly to Clark Hall Pubs 40th birthday celebration on Friday night and Saturday night, patio will be open at noon.

Rob Staalduinen (Computing Students' Association President): new events at computing, designer tomorrow conference, TEDSs/ idea city venture. Will cover topics pertaining to technology, science, design, arts, and philanthropy. This is taking place on Saturday November 12th in Toronto. Flyers are available.

T.K Pritchard (Social Issues Director) : announces visit by Jean Kilbourne (filmmaker, feminist author) will be giving a talk on the 27th, 7-9 pm Humphrey auditorium.

Stephen Pariser (Campus Affairs Commissioner): announces that Queen's has won the pump it up contest. Event planning pockets, need brains, wants help for running these events. Capture the faculty is going on next Sunday.

Rico Garcia (ASUS President): informs assembly that ASUS is still hiring 3 directors for the board, asks assembly to attend next Thursday 7pm McLaughlin Hall, JDUC.

Question Period

Member Long: where do we get tickets for concert. Member Pariser answers that we are still still not sure about the venue and the size of it will determine the distribution and number of tickets available.

Details will be available ASAP through advertising.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The AMS Assembly vote to approve minutes from the meeting of September 15th, 2011

Member Preston notifies the assembly a momentary delay in formatting. The minutes will be available as soon as possible and please contact him for a rough copy if needed.

New Business

The AMS Assembly vote to ratify Benjamin Burgar as the Judicial Affairs Clerk for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries.

The AMS Assembly vote to appoint Derrick Dodgson and Mitch Piper to the Special Committee on External Alignment. Motion carries.

Nominees: Derrick Dodgson, Mitch Piper, and Tyvone Greene.
Nominees proceed with question and answer session with maximum of three questions.

Mark Preston motion the AMS assembly open the agenda and add project red and Helen Toughs to the fee questions debate. Motion carries.

Member Preston; Project Red Charity Fashion Show, fell 10 signatures short and asks the assembly on thoughts regarding the matter .two thirds majority vote would be needed to overlook the discrepancy. Second group is similar except one member was home sick with one hundred or so signatures. Did not want to make the decision unilaterally. Signatures collected are a strong indication of student body involvement and feels the two groups do indeed reflect this requirement.

Member Long: why was project red short on signatures? Member Preston answers that some signatures were false or prank signatures. Sometimes the lack of student numbers is also an issue. Appears to be a technical issue, lack of truthfulness when signing the petition.

Mark Preston motion to the Assembly to close agenda, motion carries.

Mark Preston reiterates that motion 8-9 are removed and replaced by new motions 27-28.

Motion to omnibus motions 10-28, excluding motion 13 and new motions. Motion carries.

Mark Preston: essentially the groups before you are groups meeting requirements with the commission of internal affairs who are seeking an increase in funding via student fees. All cooperative so far and comply with the rules of the referendum. Invites questions and comments.

That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's TV fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Aint Nuthin' Butta Fee Thing. AMS Assembly vote to approve the amendment of "Do you agree that QTV fee of \$3 is no longer subject to individual opt out". Motion carries.

Member Dixon (Member at Large) proposes the change in wording to this particular referendum question.

Campus Services Director answers that QTV did go through the entire process, it was required. Mandatory fee wording is something the assembly can address as a whole and can move forward from. The signatures were collected with the present wording and it appears to be quite clear already to majority opinion. The question did go through proper procedure and was already passed.

Member Dixon proposes the amendment to add the fee amount to QTV Mr. Peterson feels it is a great point because the dollar amount makes it clear to students exactly how much money is being referred to.

Member at Large: most of the signatures are collected by making it very clear what the full motion meant, feels the adding of a number value makes a significant different and the dollar amount without context of what other services get paints an unfair picture. Since the amount is not changed, it is irrelevant, feels students can log on to SOLUS to see the dollar amounts and break down of AMS fees for themselves. A simple dollar amount on a ballot is not enough to provide enough contexts.

Member Staalduin believes that it is improper because it implies the assembly has the power to change questions after they've already been passed and made available to students for signatures.

Member Preston: shows policy that altering student activity fee by referendum. Clause d says that two-thirds majority vote is needed and if it's something 2/3 is voting on despite signatures, then it is valid.

Member Dixon: wants us to check what the AMS Assembly powers are in terms of amending fee questions.

David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner) provides a question: when fee questions go forth, do they go into the journal and there the number values are provided.

Member Preston replies that the description will be provided in the Journal during campaign period, that fee is going to be printed so that is something to consider.

Campus Services Director: when the question was put together, this is how we've worded it in the past, what assemblies before have agreed upon and is not necessarily needed. Having it addressed retroactively after the signature petition period is probably best left for the future.

Member Slobodin: answers that the assembly does indeed have power to amend the question to first vote it down and then voting a new question.

Mr. Dixon feels that the change is important for transparency and feels the figure will serve to better inform students in terms of seeing what they are voting for.

Brennan Piper assumes role of Speaker where Patrick Allin assumes role of Chief Electoral Officer

Motion to consider items of great concern with regard to the nominations procedures for the rector election. Motion to respectfully ask the assembly to consider upholding the candidature of a nominee based on the concerns brought forward. [Motion 27] Motion struck due to invalidity of the motion.

Dylan Marecak: was only informed today that the signature count for his nomination was not sufficient for his nomination. Is deeply disappointed by the news and is surprised since he personally counted the signatures before submission. Was reported by Mr. Preston that they counted some signatures short, very concerned by significant discrepancy between the numbers he counted himself and what the commission of internal affairs found. Was advised to make a motion to present his case. Feels the discrepancy is not a good representation of the signatures he did gather. He apologizes for the vagueness of the

motion, when he submitted the application on Wednesday, his deposit was in cash, asked for an envelope, was left alone in the Commissioner of Internal Affairs office. This left him concerned because the security of the location is not great and feels there was no one to witness the submission of his candidacy. He was left alone with the materials submitted by another candidate, and feels this is not at all secure. Feels that his signatures and other candidacy materials are compromised in some way. Not presuming to know whether it is deliberate action or an accident but respectfully asks the assembly for consideration. Feels his candidacy should be upheld.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): after the Rectoral candidates meeting, at that time the signatures had not been counted. He had personal and professional matters to attend to and when he got back to the office (10pm) both him and Member. Allin phoned Mr. Marecak two to three times and texted him. In regards to that, he could not have acted more expediently that he did. The timeline is right but he did say that he believes the numbers were approximate and believes that the number was 483, at which point Patrick did say he was sorry about that. With regards to the concerns about the room—he was indeed alone, keeps mandatory office hours (9-5). He cannot expect volunteers (class obligations) to skip their academic obligations to hold office. During the day, it was as safe as possible, is merely the reality of the commission to share an office with clubs manager, with utmost integrity and respect for the election process, he can stand behind in saying there was no oversight or tampering with the documents. When he came in, he was left alone for 30 seconds to get the envelope; he was the only person there. The other candidate was not in the vicinity and does not believe that there would have been opportunity for him tampering with Member Marecak's documents. In regards to signatures themselves, they came up with the number and can say that is approximately 320 signatures short which cannot be explained. It is standard practice to say that there may be clerical work that may be misplaced, but he did not actually find any discrepancies and therefore cannot account for the shortage reasonably. Furthermore, he asked Member Maresack how many signatures he acquired it was in a respectful and open manner. Further questioning gave Member Maresack many opportunities to find the signatures yet he could not offer any substantial reason for the discrepancy. He tried his best to rectify the situation but had no luck in doing so.

Member Mitch Piper: points out that there are approximately 25 signatures per page, about 13 pages is a significant difference. Asks the commissioner whether the pile he submitted appeared significantly smaller. Member Preston does recognize the marked thickness of the packages but some people do double side the signature pages so it was not especially noticeable during the time. Some candidates only had half sheets filled out so there is some variance in terms of stack thickness

Member Allin: raises concerns, supports the action taken in not adding the candidate to ballot. After the candidates meet, they counted the signatures thoroughly. Cannot speak to security of the office but then realized the signatures were below the required amount. Made all the efforts to contact the candidate. Read a section from rector elections policy that reiterates the mandate that the signature required for candidacy. All other candidacy has met the required signatures.

Member Dodgson, concern has been raised as to security of the office. Asks commissioner of internal affairs whether there would be any time these confidential documents were unsupervised other than the 30 seconds spoken of. Member Preston answers that there was a time when he left, the doors are locked however and the doors are secure. He also reiterates that he has upheld strict office hours during this time. Even when he leaves he office, he always makes sure the office is locked and the signatures are completely left out of sight and secured, not easily found by the public, no one would have been able to immediately find them

Member Dixon (member at large): motions that the candidate be amended to the rector candidacy list.

The idea of the debate is to address whether the AMS has taken all substantive measures to secure a fair election process.

Member Preston: reiterates that this motion is to be separate from the omnibus and. Makes Mr. Dixon's motion friendly

Member Allin: wonders if Mr. Marecak made the original motion, not clear on where the motion stands. Mr. m believes the motion is made under the same umbrella, asks the assembly to validate him as a rector candidate. The motion put forward is the same as what he previously put forth. Thus, the motion is friendly.

Member Slobodin: the debate has been around whether the signature lists were compromised. Wondering if the original motion could detail the original process in collecting the signatures and petition that he did indeed get the required total. Mr. Marecak answers that he has asked many professors to visit their lecture halls corresponded extensively throughout the faculties, large and small classes. He is concerned because the signature pages were double sided; he was worried the stapled package would have had loose pages. Is wondering if any of the loose pages had staple marks on them.

Member Slobodin asks did he say collected primarily within “law school”? Member Marecak replies no, he said within “all faculties”.

Member Preston answers that the package had 5 pages all together, 3 non-double sided pages, and many loose sheets are not full signature pages. Even if they were double sided, which they are not, it would still not account for the discrepancy adequately. Some of these have been removed from staples, but believes it’s not very relevant. He can only say what was handed to him was definitely not misplaced or compromised to his knowledge and belief. There were several other candidates who were able to submit a full package and there is some merit to that to be noted.

Member Mitch Piper: out of curiosity, has all authority to this has been delegated to SGPS, if we nominate him to the ballot, does the SGPS have to do the same thing. Member Allin answers that the electoral team is comprised of both AMS and SGPS representatives. Each society has its own vote, the candidate’s name so any decision taken by AMS tonight may only affect the AMS ballot with SGPS ballot being a separate issue.

Laura Stairs (Member at Large): I’m also a prospective candidate and I can attest that Mr. Marecak has gone out there with passion to obtain the signatures, and feels the point of the signatures is to show investment in the election and passion, and Mr. Marecak has indeed shown that.

Alex Rotman (ASUS Representative): asks Member Preston to clarify whether 400 were the number before checking for repeats etc. Preston: only a small number of names had to be remitted because they were not real, did not decrease his signature number by any significant amount and should not account for the large discrepancy.

Mr. cherstlc: knows the policy for SGPS that they do not need to be validated at council but the signatures are needed. Knows that Dylan has been out there are working hard and hopes that the assembly can do what we can for him. It is best for the students, the more candidates we have, the better

Robyn Laing (member at large): because there is reasonable doubt that the signatures may have been lost, is it possible to extend the election period for all candidates including Mr. Marecak to collect the required signatures. Member Allin replies that campaigning begins 3 hours from now and believes the rector election team would need to sort that out and feels they have already done their due diligence (searched very thoroughly, contacted the candidate many times) feels that a dangerous precedence may be established for the future. It is not a question of who's right but a policy implementation problem, wants to follow the election policy as closely as possibly

Member Gracie Goad: worried that if the candidate is on the AMS ballot and not on the SGPS ballot, would that be an issue in that the SGPS ballot would not recognize him. Member Allin: determines a winner based on combined votes. Member Slobodin: ballots should include identical phrasing and identical candidates. It is the rector elections team to make this decision.

Member Preston: met with SGPS team this morning and presented them with the issue, told them about signatures. They supported us in the action that has been taken, and reminds Assembly that they believe this decision is something the team should uphold

Tyvone Greene (PHEKSA President): do we have power to change this? Member Slobodin: no we don't

Robyn Laing (Member at Large): asks why there isn't a 2/3-vote procedure similar to that used for referendum fee policy. Member Preston answers that they are not the same issues because joint policy has been struck between the two parties so he feels the AMS does not strictly govern the policy. The two parties are separate from referendum fee question.

Derrick Dodgson (ENG Soc President): asks for wording of the new motion: *The AMS approve the addition Dylan Marecak to the fall 2011 rector election*

Member Slobodin: if we do not have the power to make amends, the motion would be struck.

Member Long: asks for a non-bonding vote for whether we want to support Mr. Marecak's candidacy.

Member Slobodin: the mover of the motion should appeal to the rector election team, we must move on to the agenda because there is no valid motion to be debated.

Assembly breaks for 5-minute recess

Member Dodgson motions to proceed with agenda. Motion seconded and carries.

Mr. Staalduinen moves to omnibus motions 27-32. Motion seconded and carries.

Assembly enters question and answer period with Rector candidates.
Member Preston: campaign will officially begin midnight and wishes the candidates luck.

The Assembly approve the addition of Asad Chisthi as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

The Assembly approve the addition of Mike Cannon as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

The Assembly approve the addition of David Myers as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

The Assembly approve the addition of Robyn Laing as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

The Assembly approve the addition of Laura Stairs as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

The Assembly approve the addition of Nick Francis as a candidate to the Fall 2011 Rector Election Ballot. Motion carries

Patrick Allin declares any conflicts and associations with Rectoral

candidates.

For Laura Stairs, he is predecessor for Food Centre, Met Laing last year through ASUS. Has met Chisthie met through other functions and other candidates are all met at the beginning of the nomination process.

Member Allin asks for referendum fee questions and rectoral election policies. All candidates should have equal opportunity to campaign. Asks assembly to step forward with any concerns or observations. Everything is confidential and will help make sure we have a fair election.

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President of University Affairs) motions to extend assembly for 30 minutes, Motion carries.

Member Slobodin motions to table first reading of the constitutional amendments to the next assembly. Motion carries.

Member Dodgson, point of information: When speaker indicates break for a specific time, lets try to respect those time lines.

Faria Jofri (ASUS Representative) moves to add motion that AMS address individuals by their official titles instead of their individual titles. *This motion moves that AMS assembly agree to change the identification of members by addressing individuals by ~~position titles~~ "member" instead of mr/mrs./ms., which assumes individuals orientation.* Motion carries

Member Pritchard: personally and officially agrees with the motion and believes "orientation" should be changed to "gender identity" because of discrepancy in definition.

Member Dodgson: wants to make sure that people without official titles are still encouraged to speak. Faria Jofri mentions that member at large would be a title for those without official titles.

Member Brennan Piper: wanders whether there will be confusion for multiple ENGSoc representatives etc.

Member Preston: offers the idea of using “Member” as a title because it is gender neutral but still specific enough to avoid confusion.

Tuba Chisthi (MCRC Representative): points out that members already say their titles after their name

Member Mitch Piper: points out that he would have to be “chairman” piper, which still indicates gender.

Member Dodgson: likes to propose amendment those members be referred to as “Member _____, followed by position title”.
Member Jofri recognizes motion as friendly.

Dan Kucharczuk (ENG Soc VP of Operations): asks for clarification.

Member Jofri: clarifies that now that the AMS Assembly agrees to the identification of members by addressing individuals by “member” instead of mr/mrs./ms., which assumes individuals orientation.

Member Dixon (Member at Large): points out that he cannot read the last names on the placard and proposes the ability to refer to a person solely by their position if the last name is not known (since the debate is after all, about accessibility)

Member Pritchard: feels that this is something already done. Feels that the difference is not warranted for a different motion.

Michael Scott (ASUS Rep): feels that the current way we do things is fairly complicated enough and feel that the two motions should not be amended

Member Allin: tries to address the issue as a moderator and feels that the spirit of ensuring there is a productive engagement within assembly. Suggests a neutral idea of avoiding a gender specific title.

Member Jofri: closes by clarifying the motion that speaker will refer to members as “member”. Expresses hope that the motion passes.

Motion to extend assembly by half hour carries

Kieran Slobodin (VP of University Affairs) introduces budget presentation.

The strategic plan and what the commissioner’s personal objectives will change the program each year. Goal is to maximize utility for students and minimum cost. Second objective is to use extensive budgeting initiatives to reduce cost, make sure we’re getting the best product deals and most effective contracting arrangements etc. The comparison of the allocation of each commission is shown in the slide. The reason there is no budget actual is because it is identical across commissions. With the exception of campus affairs commission, all allocations have increased. There is also the matter of inflation to consider where real growth is calculated by subtracting this inflation value. Personal important for him that there is a precise breakdown of allocations. Campus Activities is an interesting case that will be elaborated later. Orientation week is budgeted in a significantly different way. Every time we approve a new committee, we are approving a new cost. Part of the challenge is that we see needs in the community but we can see the cost until the following fall. We have to keep in mind when we approve a new salary, the decision comes at a cost. Environment and sustainability are allocated new salaries, bike shop. Social Issues have a significant salary increase and allocations for a publication that was not budgeted for last year. Telephone bills have all increased by \$300 for all commissions; it is required for all to have data plan and smart phone to be accountable and accessible. Asks the assembly to look through every thing and be critical

AMS Assembly votes to approve the budget of the Academic Affairs Commission for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries

Relationship with Goal Plan: foster student engagement with the provincial election. Actively engage with students on academic issues (town halls, online surveys, Facebook ads, advertisements in campus

publications, etc.) There are many policies in the budget that directly correlate with her goals.

Strengthen internal committees and allocate funds more appropriately, new initiative, more marketing, smarter marketing. Increasing awareness of academic services such as Academic Grievance Centre, ExamBank, Whats What. Developing special projects deputy portfolio.

Highlights key items in the budget:

In terms of fostering engagement with provincial election (budget 4900) used on print advertisement, bookmarks, buttons, posters, tricolor agenda advertisement, debate. Entire campaign was a new initiative in the sense that the scale of campaigning was much larger this year.

The lines that don't have numbers next to them (verification enrollment prints and posters) they are not line items but sub-line items. They are in there for the future academic affairs commissioner to know.

Miscellaneous (\$50) used for tape etc.

For engaging with students on academic issues, there is a pretty big allocation for Journal ads during the summer on registration. Was successful based on positive feedback from students

In terms of internal committee, the difference almost exactly matches the provincial election campaign. The Teaching Awards Committee is standardized (\$1000 less). Student faculty relations, a major change in terms of actuals due to new events being planned. The committee will be putting on a zombie invasion crisis simulation. That accounts for more money needed. International and Castle Committee allocation has been reduced because the attendance of their events didn't warrant the allocation previously. The chair is going to be hired by tomorrow morning. That plan could change slightly but not significantly.

In terms of services and public relations, the exam bank, and What's What will be the majority of the allocation. What's What is a syllabus bank for checking up on professors and accessing the results of their evaluations. Special projects deputy will be taking on this matter in

terms of advertising. Exam Bank will be using Facebook Ads, which is cost effective.

The last goal of developing a special projects portfolio, it seems like a lot of money 6800, 6400 was for the provincial election campaign. The center for teaching and learning will launch a creativity conference this year.

**CommSoc Representatives leaves assembly for academic purposes.
12:04 AM**

AMS Assembly approves the budget of the Campus Activities Commission for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries.

Last year the commission requested 61,527, which have gone down to just 57442. Orientation accounts for approximately 30,000 a year and this has been taken out. Totaling to an amount of 90,000 as deficit. At this point the CAC has made a big step forward in comparison with this time last year. Has reduced amount for office operating, there is money left over from initiatives. Salaries have gone up, volunteer appreciation budget was not fully spent last year but that is because of lack of fiscal tracking, making for an unrealistic budget. More efficient and standardized accounting practices have generated more accurate numbers this year. \$3800 will be allocated for volunteers, which is modest for the number of volunteers actually involved in CAC. The CAC deputies are also allocated some appreciation money but that amount has been reduced from last year. Will be putting more marketing initiatives back into CAC budget. QMP sells itself every year so marketing is largely reduced. Orientation week provided several bursaries this year for students who are not able to attend for financial reasons, which has accounted for some of the budget increase.

For the Arts Committees, the costs should equal predicted revenues and thus equal out to a net of zero. Best Singer on Campus is a one-day event and has adopted a more rudimentary budgeting strategy. Hoping by the end of the term, commissioner will have a much better process for determining allocations. Charity Ball is kept the same, and the costs are adjusted to inflation. \$2500 was donated from Charity Ball last year. Budget this year is \$27000 budgeted for

revenue, have identified many costs that can be eliminated. Will try to increase revenues by increasing marketing and cross cutting.

Politics Committees: no change, didn't even adjust for inflation. QMP has expanded sponsorship base, without charging more to students, we can provide the same quality and experience. QMP deficit last year was due to lack of depositing; several checks did not make it into AMS caucus. QMUN had some difficulty in accounting, which will be addressed this year.

Sports Committees is one of the easiest ways to get involved with the AMS for student body. Again, keeping things constant, deferred payment processes will ensure that no money is wasted on pre-ordering t-shirts in bulk. Catch me if you can: has increased up to \$1500 because it is a four-week event. Wheel chair basketball, working on that in terms of programming but saw great success last year, should see revenue of about \$750-\$1000. More money is put aside for catch me if you can because turn out was low last year.

Orientation committees: FYNORs ran into several concerns, enrollment for fynrs in orientation was very high this year (\$150). Capital costs were very high so fynrs is looking at a small deficit. NEWTS week, flipped the surplus, increased costs pretty heavily and was unrealistic, last year had problems with the games being stolen, far more enrollment than anticipated. Will run a large surplus for NEWT week.

New Stuff: last year there were three special projects but none of the money was spent. This year, arts have a profound interest in special projects. The politics committee will not be doing a special project, so has not been budgeted. Several Commissioners of projects have been appointed to regularly attend the events, fosters community engagement. Requested \$2250 for projects commissioners.

Member Peterson (ASUS VP): the stolen fees for newts (\$20,000) were they recovered and how will you make sure it does not happen again? Answers that we cannot expose any of the details regarding the volunteer responsible or the process and policies, but can assure that all reprimanding policies are followed. To avoid it in the future, the commissioner will better track where money is going, whether

money is used properly, reimbursement, receipts etc. there will be a decrease in ambiguity in how money flows through CAC. None of that money was recovered.

Member Staalduinen motions to extend assembly for half hour. Motion seconded and carries.

AMS Assembly vote to approve the budget of the Commission of the Environment and Sustainability for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries

Commission will see a \$23000 to \$33000 increase. There is an increase of \$35 000 for marketing due to collection of new services that need advertising, goal of increasing visibility as an AMS commission. A lot of this money is allocated to AMS services such as QTV and The Journal, which is something the commission, believes in. With regards to allocation from assembly, the allocation has decreased with a large gain in sponsorship by \$5000 mostly due to youth Mentoring Youth Program. Someone on the committee will be personally responsible for sponsorship networking. \$65000 allocated to misc. costs last year, which has been deleted because it was not very transparent. Various committees such as Greenovations and the Bike shop now have their own lines.

Special Projects (sustainability action fund): \$20 000 is money given out for this fund and \$15000 is also roll over from last over, \$2000 will be used for installing community gardens, which has increased from last year. This year gardens will be sponsored in student's backyards to help promote eating local food and improving the University District appearance.

Revenue overview; allocation from assembly increased by \$13000, with regards to total revenues increase by \$38 000. The AMS allocation was \$13000 but taking out salary increase, it is only an increase of 6\$000 which will be spread out over many new initiatives. \$11000 total increase revenue, the numbers can be looked at in comparison with other commission allocation, the CES is asking the smallest allocation.

In conclusion, this year will determine whether the AMS is

committed to the new commission and hopes the body works towards its goals.

Member Peterson: in terms of the community garden and going into backyards, how will that improve visual outlay of the university district? Member DiSimine answers that it's more of how people are thinking about the district, people owning up to their own neighborhood and doing things they would do in their own homes

Member Long: how are the garden spots being selected? Member DiSimine answers that the special projects deputies will be taking the lead on this. The applications will be accepted around March and the applications will be reviewed and pay a visit to the sites to make sure it is actually feasible.

Mr. Stalduin motions to extend assembly for half hour. Motion seconded and carries.

That AMS Assembly vote to approve the goal plans of the Commission of Internal Affairs for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries.

The coroner's report: needs a flexible strategy with the administration give and take approach. Deferral of offenses, utilize a team approach to form a united front approach in terms of meetings and liaisons and student affairs office. Assembly review will start using QTV stream dates, twitter updates and use of projector. Venue change may happen, pre mingling days (snacks and food) online ballot will be done for students, more station to make voting more accessible to students. Strong marketing presence, general voter awareness, and some general work with the elections team to get a 5% increase in voter turn out.

Administration ties; continue previous relations fostered with admin. Refers to members who have carried over from previous years and over the summer, this has been worked on as well. Have invited some guest speakers from administration

Policy revision: update AMS constitution and policy manual,

Judicial affairs have similar goal plan in terms of raising awareness

of non-academic discipline system. On campus groups, there have been city councilors and series of Journal articles and ads. In past years, the effort here is to make the sanctions as clear as possible.

Many outreach opportunities including clubs night and a winter clubs night as well. Make funding more accessible for clubs through clubs grants and will try to allocate them as responsibility as possible. Expand outreach for clubs, help with marketing, which they will gain at the clubs conference.

That AMS Assembly vote to approve the budget of the Commission of Internal Affairs for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries.

The money is mostly going to paying three full time staff salaries and volunteer honorariums for various committees. \$35000 allocated to club grants and 1600 for operating.

Other allocations are running campus wide election services such as VoteNet. Fees associated with that (\$4900) are bound by year-to-year contract that we have to honour. Candidates are also entitled to a reimbursement, referendum: each group s entitled 50 dollars to promote their referendum and there are \$2200 in total

Marketing is \$1800 this year for four elections and rector election is campus wide. New line item because the accounting this year has been centralized this year, which was not done in the previous years. 93000 going to marketing such as Journal ads etc. also Judicial Committee bonds that shows up debit and credit. Bonds are in theory repaid in full, then this must be returned at years end. The fines are the same premise, take the fines and they are going back to campus security blue light fund. Only about 5000 increase after considering inflation. Banquet type dinner and socialization events will be allocated. General operating costs, telephone costs, long distance etc., which are now more accurately accounted for.

The AMS Assembly vote to approve the addition of Project Red Charity Fashion Show and Helen's Tufts questions to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot. Motion carries

The signatures were short due to extenuating circumstances and commissioner of internal affairs feels the situation is valid for bringing to the assembly for debate.

The AMS Assembly vote to approve the budget of the Municipal Affairs Commission for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries.

Member Sinkinson presents the budget and reminds assembly that the version in the drop box is out of date.

Breakfast Club is expected to bring in money this year and Kaleidoscope will also increase in revenue. Actual revenues are at the top of the consolidated budget.

Increase in budget because of deputy of special projects, \$500 per deputy to give chance to grow. Marketing will also grow; commissioner salary also grew, which is universal across all boards. Holiday hose checking increased due to new summer house check project.

General operating expense has increased due to the need to provide honorariums and commissioner salaries.

Committees: changes to internal allocation for committees, reduced by \$1500, more pressure on committees to raise more money. Generations has serious issue with holding its budget due to silver bells (renting Ban Righ is \$900) will not use Ban Righ this year which will be cheaper. 420 increase for holiday house check, kaleidoscope decreasing, new line for volunteer coordinator.

Advertising revenue allocation of \$64000. It's going to journal advertising, increased by 2 ½ QTV and Videofactory for the Aberdeen project. Facebook advertisements will be constant. P&CC stickers, poster printing etc. design costs and swag (cups for queen's in the park and sidewalk sale)

Internal allocation (\$3000, which is \$3000 less than last year) this is due to no municipal election. Special projects are up to \$3000 for deputies, University District signage \$1500.

Derrick Dodgson: \$500 seems like a lot for Facebook advertising. Answers that it is averaged out at \$2.50 a day. There is a purpose for each part and if any one wants that, the specific breakdown can be made available by email.

Motion to extend the assembly by half hour carries.

The AMS Assembly vote to approve the budget of the Social issues Commission for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion carries

General Operating: meal exchange conference happened for \$310 etc. public relations and advertising brought down from last year.

Telephoning allocations is standard and of course, salaries have gone up. Peer Support Centre director salary makes up a significant portion of the increase in allocation. Volunteer appreciation at \$3000 for 250 volunteers. Deputy honorarium is standard.

Committes: Equip budget is \$2100 who also runs the Queerorientation event. Students Against Poverty sees a slight increase due to drive to increase student advocacy tick or treat etc. art and poverty event this year will also have a price attached to it. Many speakers also have large price tags. Peer support center \$3914, lot of it goes into advertising (coursepacks, tricolor agenda, frosh week). POSSE decreased, looking at the fact that the advertisement has increased to get them into more high schools. Also included a cost to help cover gas because committees drive to their events. Religious affairs committee has slight increase of \$200 because this year they are planning 6 events as opposed to 3 this year. Education on gender issues will also increase because last year's budget was not realistic. The publications (cultureshock ABLE etc). did put a cap on them this year in terms of spending to make sure that they are accountable. Deputy special projects were tightened this year. Intersectionality special projects funding, 1000 for other special projects that do arise during the year, these projects often have a cost attached to them. Equity grants have a standard approved amount.

Member Dodgson: deputy honorariums seem a bit higher than last year and how was this decided upon? Member Slobodin explains that the deputy honorariums this year will become more standardized a lot of hiring occurs before the budget is set. Have that standardization in

place.

Member Peterson: what was the extra 100 on equity grants last year?
Member Pritchard, does not know, no explanation where that went to, don't know because it's not budgeted for.

Michael Scott (ASUS Representative): there is a slight mistake in the final amount per spending and the amount \$388 in reality. Member Pritchard answers that his numbers are based on the printouts, understand that there is an overflow, someone not being reimbursed for something. Member Slobodin: also could have been misattributed to another line.

Member Long: the salary amount for commissioners, what is the decision for increasing that? Why there has been an across the board increase. Ashley Egan explains the salary is reviewed and passed every year at the board of directors' level, everything is broken down by hours worked by commissioners and the amount of service/labour.

Member Preston: The second constitutional review will be tabled until next assembly.

Ashley Egan asks to table to consolidated budget presentation. Motion carries

Proposes a full presentation will be added to drop box, make sure you are reviewing the consolidated budget, should be good to go now, there are two budgets that need to be added.

Assembly concludes at 1:28 am, October 14th, 2011.