

AMS Assembly – Nov. 24.11

Last Assembly of Fall Term

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Vote to approve the agenda?

Motion carries.

We will move to the approval of the Minutes from the last meeting. Are there any revisions to the Minutes? See none.

Move to vote on the Minutes of November 10th, 2011?

Motions carries.

Speaker's business:

Ann not be joining us tonight, but she will be here on January 15th.

Mark, my partner in crime, is off working on his LSAT and might join us at 10.

With that, we'll move onto the President's report.

Morgan Campbell, AMS President: There's not much to add to my submitted report. For the November Senate, allow me to go into detail, there was a motion co-adapted by Rico and myself for a formalized process of the suspension to academic programs that should be codified. It has been received with some favour to success.

I am looking forward to re-debating this next semester.

Ashley Egan, Vice-President of Operations

I apologize to the members of assembly, as there was no written report this week so I'll fill you in.

First off, student activity fees – many of you wondering where the money is, and I ask the same question. Our representative at the registrar has been off for some time and that's why there has been no contact for a bit. I finally gave a phone call for Patricia who is not to be back until Monday. We will then hold a meeting because we deserve an explanation.

At this time, there is no timeline and final deadlines to transfer to organizations etc. I'm going to be emailing info tomorrow to recipients. I have been receiving calls and emails everyday for funding. So I apologize because this is presently out of our control. We will have a decision after the distribution is over.

As for some exciting news from Morgan and myself, we are a week and a bit away for retail for the Queens Centre – there are 2 tenants to be approved by board of trustees next week for December 2nd.

Look for a press release from the AMS around this time. Again, we have been sitting on this all term so this is really exciting.

Also, we are to have the 1st joint health and safety committee December 2nd.

It's going to be fantastic working on new policy for the AMS, tightening up health controls in society for members and staff to be safe.

Thanks, and I apologize for the report.

Kieran Slobodin, Vice-President of University Affairs: There's not too much to add. The communications officer asked you all to check out the website, which has been "winter-fied", and use the calendar.

Mitch Piper, Board of Directors:

Actually, I did on go on the AMS website and it is really cool – no pun intended. I can't believe we are already at the last assembly of the term. The board will have one more schedule, then one to be announced in December encouraging constituents to come out to the meetings.

So I hope you all will have a good exam period and should you have further questions, I'll be more than happy to take them in question period.

Johnson: Senate was on Tuesday. We had a full house this year, and we were saying earlier that we should have sold tickets; we probably could've gotten out of debt. There was nothing crazy in principal's report. There will be a full enrollment report in January. We are presently on target, with an increase in 100% this year for Undergrads. There were many questions about the BFA and we are also not very satisfied with the answers. He says he was in full authority due to a professor retiring and how to replace that with money.

There will be a follow-up that will come up December 9 at the faculty board.

Also, we have finally passed the academic plan! This is not over yet and we will be continuing to cycle reviews and focus on things left out such as: online learning, faculty, etcetera. There will be ongoing academic planning process by the Senate. Thanks go out to the students on it: Chris, Kieran, and Ian Reeve.

We finally have awesome documents for the academic planning process and the Seconded change for the GPA passed with flying colours.

Thanks to Morgan and Rico for the investigation of program suspensions.

This has been tabled to the next meeting and seems have lots of support.

If you have any questions about Senate, let me know. It has been an awesome couple of months and see you in new year!

Rector Report:

Nick Francis, Rector:

I apologize for having no report; my email was not on the list sent out.

It will be there at the beginning of the week.

So I will deliver an oral report! First of all, I've only been in this role for a couple of weeks, and my god, there's lots of work to do every single day although that's not to be compared to you all and executives!

There should be applause for all of you in your position since May and good luck for the next term.

Now, last week, I got to participate in the first set of Communications and heard lots of mixed opinions from complications. I had a fantastic time with many interesting guest speakers.

Bruce Alexander was there, the past AMS president. To highlight from his speech, he didn't talk about himself, instead, he talked about the country and people who impacted him and his country.

Basically, what makes life amazing is the amazing people who are around you. It's awesome and I hope to give you a hug there.

The following week after the assembly, I will give you follow-ups on a discussion coming along from last time, with lots of issues surrounding frosh week as they didn't seem to fit anyone's specific department.

The NSS president invited me to come to a council meeting to talk about a reading week aide with my mind blown by a guidebook.

Queens' doesn't have sweeping solutions, which is a reason for why we have frosh for each faculty. The idea is falling behind in relevance for one big solution. There is a motion tonight on table, something that the Vice President of University Affairs, myself and the SIC also worked on together. We would like your full support behind it, and will talk briefly about it. We are creating a plan for each faculty with mental health recommendations to the faculties.

The BFA committee, which struck up at last assembly, had a couple of meetings. Most of it concerns investigations as to why it's been suspended. On Monday night there was a draft motion, which got tabled.

Hopefully, it will get done in December. They had a chance to speak to Dean McClain with 4 BFA students and the associate dean on the committee.

I won't be sitting on it, but was asked to be an observer and bring back information to this assembly for thoughts on if they are moving in right direction.

As for the Board of trustees report, it is done and has been put online.

I hope you have good winter break!

So I will take a point of personal privilege as I have an essay due tomorrow.

Good night, and have a good assembly.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: The next item will be statements by members.

Rico Garcia, ASUS President: To all of you interested in a job with campus where you can lead a camp as director: We're hiring directors! The deadline is Monday at 4 pm all information online. It is a full time salary position during the months of summer. Be sure to check it out!

Derek Dodgson, EngSoc President: It's a good thing that Rico went first. That reminded me that I was also supposed to say something about that.

We also have a Science summer camp (Science quest) that undergrad students can also apply for, due tomorrow. You can check out the applications online.

Highlighting stuff from the report: a big thing is zero consumer waste with best packaging that is completely compostable 100% recyclable; biodegradable.

Come by and support this change.

There will be a C-service at Grant hall at 7:40. Everyone is invited to sing, and the reception will be after this coming Sunday.

As for Movember, I hope that from what you can see it around the room. There will be a big culminating event Tuesday next week. It is going to be Thursday at Clark, on a FaceBook event and I encourage you to look at our initiative on men's health

issues. Even if you're not supporting the moustache, I encourage you to support the cause with your wallet; one of the websites has a donation thing. Mine can be found at mogrow.co/dodgson.

NSS: Kate apologizes for being out of town. I'd like to introduce Calem, the new NSS president.

Colleen, Vice President, was transitioned Nov. 30th at the AGM.

Ty Green, Phek President: We've got Camp Day/Save Camps School day tomorrow. For some background information, it used to be that 3rd year students got this course (a really neat experience because of the outdoor experience education). Unfortunately, they've lost funding and for the last 2 years, had to fundraise. 2 years ago, they raised enough money for 2 years. However, the money ran out this year. So another fundraiser is happening tomorrow with a goal of \$20,000 for 2 years – called camp day – at University and Union between 9am and 2pm. We encourage you to come by... buy some goods and shirts. So if you have any shirts from camps, wear it tomorrow. It'll be a fun day at Queen's. There's also the Anglo ski trip, which is a little short on people so it's been opened up to the rest of the university! It's a great deal where you can save \$100!

David Sinkinson, Municipal Affairs Commissioner: I apologize for being late. I couldn't find shoes. Secondly, there are a couple things I'd like to update in the report: 1. The SMART is good with city officials and for Queen's sustainability; there are lots of stakeholders, more than willing to help!

One other thing, for the housing map – here's a quick sneak peek – is going live on Monday. All resource videos will be up.

There are between 400-500 properties North of campus, hopefully useful for students to look for housing which is pretty cool so keep an eye out.

TK Pritchard, Social Issues Commissioner: I forgot to put in a report that the committee has even called death.

Shown "flight from death" met with physical plant services for bathroom situation. We're moving now as we had a hard time hearing back. We met with them today and will see changes, hopefully next semester.

Mira Dineen, Academic Affairs: For an update on the issue last assembly about dropped classes remaining on transcript, thanks for your feedback. Doug and I were advised not to bring this to senate this week. Formally on December 14th, it has been moved to another day.

The Academic Agreement Centre will be closed during December, as all volunteers will be working on exams. Should there be any questions or concerns during exams, issues with professors, etc., I'll be more than happy to help them, so let me know. The Faculty and students committee will be hosting, on Tuesday November 29 (next week) at 7pm, Alfie's last lecture series! If you like to engage outside campus, Dean Tripp will be doing a lecture there! (18 plus)

Lauren Long: I apologize for not having my report in on time, it seems like a trend. I'm really happy to be 'chilling' with you guys. Pun intended. The next board of trustees will meet December 2nd.

Open board will be at 7:30 at Robert Sutherland hall, you're all welcome to attend; anyone from queen's committee. We have an interesting agenda line- up.

Also sitting on question planning committee, December 9th is the first committee between the board of trustees and senate for an academic mission.

I'll bring an update next assembly.

Something else I'll be working on next semester is the campus planning process – embarking on an exercise simulation to academic planning looking at sustainable Residence Space allocations.

A full plan will be drafted, needing student involvement. For now, it's a good thing to think about.

It is a good opportunity to leave a mark on Queen's. If you're interested, feel free to send me email or talk to me after!

James Simpson: I'm looking to be an entrepreneur. The Medical School will be putting on a talent show with lots of skits. It will be \$10, from Monday to Friday, at west campus. It'll be a great show!

If you're interested in med, you can come see shenanigans.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Does anyone else from the AMS wish to speak?

Alex Love: I don't have much to add to my report; the only thing is that we are closing registration tomorrow. We filled all 250 spots of our conference, and started a waiting list for people from 7 different universities around Ontario.

Callum, Proxy for NSS VP: I apologize for not including this in the initial report, but I want to highlight the NSS planning its 11th annual fund. It will be at Monkey Bar and lot of fun. I highly suggest bringing \$10.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Anyone else?

Mitch Piper, Chair AMS Board of Directors: Something I forgot to mention is that Board of directors conflicts with many meetings, when looking at for next term to make sure it remains open. I know its been a problem in the past, sorry it was not mentioned in my report earlier, I will work on it.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Would anyone else like to make a statement?

Move onto question period?

See none.

Moving onto business arising from the minutes.

Move onto new business item 13a: AMS ratifies orientation coordinator for 2011-12 year; motion 5.

Opening from Member Pariser, commissioner.

Stephen Pariser: We opened applications, and chose Dmitri. He's fantastic for orientation weeks. First and foremost, you don't have money for frosh week so you can't buy frosh week stuff; the AMS can order all t-shirts and all other things to be ready for you and you can pay back at the end of the year.

For our senate orientation representative, the senate group oversees better fun that is friendlier for students, acting as a liaison between societies.

He blew us out of water, went through an all-diverse plan with great ideas for future orientation.

With that being said, I'd like to pass it onto Dmitri.

Lauren Long, undergrad student trustee: Frosh not only get to make friends, but they also get to know resources through orientation leaders, how will you make sure for training and pass on resources and information that can pass that on to frosh?

Dmitri Troboderick: Leader training happens twice, once in March and once in August. They work with academic people and relevant material. There's a lot of it, with things that each faculty do specifically relating to programs. For example, Computing has their own relevant program with regards to that.

Mitch Piper, Chair AMS Board of Directors: Pariser indicates that these are great ideas, elevator speech – so from bottom to top, what would you say?

Dmitri Troboderick: So there are a couple things happening: funding for committee members to all get first aid- control risk association. There is a plan to raise awareness for alternates to orientation week; we are working with fynirs and residence to make sure they can plan a better week; working to keep the concert back on campus. It works with all weeks to make our lives easier!

Duncan Peterson, ASUS VP: For orientation week 2012, what do you plan to improve the most?

Dmitri Troboderick: There's an interesting, big thing; to improve awareness of all things through registration. Instead of email, checks will be done online with all faculties to help make them aware of what weeks they're available.

Rob, Compsi pres: Executive of orientation is the most important part of orientation – would you continue Rachel's bringing of snacks to meetings?

Dmitri Troboderick: I'll answer the 1st question; there are lots of things on our minds, which is something to bring up on meeting with directors, who were recently rehired. I'll make sure to spend lots of time with this issue.

I'll take time to meet with faculty orientation heads outside of meetings to make sure I'm addressing any concerns for by the time I'm going into the meeting.

Ty Green: You will be overseeing all 9-orientation weeks and you have talked with all weeks. Name and explain one event from each week!

Dmitri Troboderick: ArtSci has an event that exemplifies traditions with the frosh tam ceremony.

Commerce has a BBQ which is a great time to socialize.

Engineers have highland games which build community.

PheKin goes to camp. That's great.

Con-ed... they involve paint and have a paint fight, I believe.

Fynirs go on a boat cruise; the highlight of the week.

Newts? Spend a week on a bus trip.

...And I'm missing 2 weeks.

ComSci has a land party. They get to socialize as well!

Residence orientation: they have a lot of fun events as well, for example, they take a tour of the town on buses.

Nursing has an event where they make everyone hold hands and walk around campus; they can get out of their shells and get comfy.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Last question from Dodgson.

Derek Dodgson, EngSoc President: You get the option to oversee events: what is one event you are most looking forward to?

Dmitri Troboderick: I would say the Commerce bbq. (laughter from AMS) I hear it's very exciting and I'm looking forward to it.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Closing from Pariser.

Pariser: When we went into the process, we had large criteria, and when we sat down and interviewed Dmitri, he hit lots of points and put more on. My only regret is that I will be gone in May and his greatness won't hit until September. I hope you vote for him!

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Move to vote for item 13a motion: AMS ratifies Dmitri as orientation coordinator for 2011-12 year.

All in favour? Oppose?

Motion carries! (applause)

Next motion is item 13b on agenda. AMS adjusts in conjunction with reps from each faculty.

Opening from member Baker.

Baker: Nick already touched on this, following discussion at the last assembly surrounding mental health, Nick came to NSS and after some discussion, and one approach will be effective because each student has unique programs. By taking a department's specific approach (the talk of nursing arose) to assess nursing

subtended mental health and bring recommend. To improve – created project for 4th year nurses Kathy and self got project- working this sem. thru focus groups and key informant in community – form assessment certain areas of improvements recog. – Recommend brought to school of unnursing – by checking stressors – recommend. Can be made to improve well-being
2 main ones to help problem – keep them from occurring in first place

TK Pritchard, Social Issues Commissioner: Actually, the chair of mental health advisory group, it is not MHAC, came out April 7th, “HAG” is the name of it – as chair, I think it’s good idea - I’m fine with it.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Any further discussion? Going once? See none. Closing from Baker. No closing move to vote on motion.
Investigate mental health concerns in conjunction with representatives of each faculty society: motion 6.
All in favour? Oppose? Extensions?
Motion carries!

Next non-constitution 13c: AMS approves the fall 2011 clubs grants and allocations as seen on allocation hadout motion 7.
Opening?

Greg: About \$104,000 is required this semester, \$12,500 for allocations. There was about \$18,000 last year. It is a little lower, but this allows more money for next semester. The Club grant committee met yesterday, consisting of: Mark, Kieran ad myself.
These are the results we have come to. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Derek Dodgson, EngSoc President: I noticed an applicaton for grant mandate?

Greg: Sure, so for a couple instances, it will go to individuals. There were some organizations that showed budgets such as: money spent, utilities spent, clothing etc.
So, in brief, I suppose primary mandate of grant is to allow AMS clubs to expand operations and potentially all of AMS would be interested. I feel that’s not the case, as we’re not in position to offer money.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: Further debate? See none. Closing? No closing.
Motion reads that AMS approves fall 2011 grant.
All in favour? Anyone oppose?
Motion Carries!

We’re going to set up the projector. Then member Slobadin will set up and move onto constitutional amendments. Until then, talk amongst yourselves.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: We're going to begin constitutional readings with item 12a on the agenda. AMS approves 2nd reading of sections 10-13 as seen in the drop box.

Kieran Slobadin, University Affairs VP: We cut out 14 last week and I apologize that the projector doesn't really work. Hopefully next semester we'll be in another place. I'm not going to go through it unless anyone wants to highlight anything.

Patrick Allin, Speaker: disc. On amendments?

See no disc. Closing. No closing

Motion reads: ams approves 2nd reading – sect. 10-13 as seen in dropbox

Motion carries!!

Item 12b – AMS approves first reading of amendments – section 14 as seen in drop box

Kieran Slobadin, University Affairs VP: I'd like to highlight 2 main sections. The policy section from last week (passed) used to have a policy that did not line up with university policy – any questions?

Mitch Piper, Chair AMS Board of Directors: 1401-1402- what was deleted? 14.01-.02 was deleted?

14.01 is new – has been replaced with text seen at top

Morgan Campbell, AMS President: The lower level talks about any members with the university can wear, and communications officers noticed this, the university's recent trademarking, actually from 8 years ago brings us inline with...the law. Always a good idea.

Kieran Slobadin, University Affairs VP: We won't stop on minor changes. There is one substitute change near the bottom, in section 19-01-02. This is fun! The way of constitution currently reads that most of you no longer hold post. On assembly, we're officially supposed to turnover, considering that's a little weird as each faculty has been nominated into assembly and different times.

"Will be retired as of May 1st" will instead be simplified to say that assembly will retire members; they may change in accordance with policies.

Daniel Sczcepanek, Media Services Director: Putting a name is constant; it won't change anymore for 15.0202 specific clause – referring to a staff member and the tri-colour yearbook (yearbook and design services).

Kieran Slobadin, University Affairs VP: Are there any more questions?

Mitch Piper, Chair AMS Board of Directors: Section 19.0101 and 0102, should it read retire as of April 30th instead of May 1st? Isn't that when the new exec takes power?

Kieran Slobadin, University Affairs VP: I think it refers to when they take power.

Morgan Campbell, AMS President: When the clock hits 12 on may 1st; they will be “retired”.

Amanda Judd, member at large: I’d like to ask if we removed one section of 15.05.02. I believe it is referred to publication that AMS as manual; to what used to be produced before the tricolour agenda by YDS. I’m not sure if it is appropriate to have it there or if it is more appropriate for a policy of the tricolour agenda. Right now, I don’t think it make sense to have it in there.
Or perhaps change it to refer specifically as “tricolour”.

Daniel Sczcepanek, Media Services Director: It’s been going back and forth, in case of future decision – not a mandate – I’m fine with removing the section.

Morgan Campbell, AMS President: Are there any concerns?
Cool. It is removed.

Patrick Allin: See no further discussion, no closing.
Move to vote to approve the 1st reading of section 14 as seen in the assembly drop box?
Motion carries! (Applause)

As for our last item, this could be a record assembly length!

In conclusion of our assembly, last one of 2011; 6th one of academic year; halfway through assembly cycle, we will be sending out an anonymous survey in few weeks asking for suggestions for improvements.

Move to item 14: discussion time.
See none.

Morgan Campbell: I wish you all happy holidays! Congratulations to you all on the shortest assembly and I’m looking forward to see you next semester! Feel free to send any suggestions our way! We’d be happy to do this.

Kieran Slobadin: I cannot stress this enough, but she’s happy! Derek and I will be chilling in the Yukon.

Patrick Allin: That concludes the agenda we are finished!