

AMS Assembly

Thursday Jan 19th, 2012

Robert Sutherland Building, Room 202

8:00pm

Assembly called to order at 8:09pm on January 19th, 2012

1. Approval of Agenda. [Motion 1]

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations) moves to add to tonight's agenda the motion: Add that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Students Helping Students organization fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot. Motion carries.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 24th, 2011. [Motion 2] Motion carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Introduces Guest Speaker.

4. Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Condra- Director of Health Counselling & Disability Services

Dr. Condra: I'm Mike Condra. I'm from HCDS. I was hired by the University about 3 weeks after Abe Lincoln was shot. One part of that sentence isn't true. I've been here about 19 yrs. Before I start, I was kindly and graciously asked to come speak to you about mental health. I've been an employee here for 19 years. It's been a pleasure. It's a pleasure to be asked to come and talk to students like these. I'm going to focus my talk to student services and mental health. I'll leave plenty of time for questions at the end.

As we all know, 2009 and slightly before that was different for Queen's. Queen's had to deal with tragedies that we wish didn't happen but unfortunately do. We've had an increasing emphasis on issue of mental health. University environment, a huge focus has been on mental health of students. I'm going to describe to you some of the mental health activities that pertain to university and student health. I'll talk about education and our own version of bystander intervention first. I always like to talk about mental health by describing my own experience of 1 person in 800 person community that had mental health problem. The only way you'd know this, unfortunately would be because everyone else shunned him

We're in a very fortunate situation now and we have your generation to thank for it. People acknowledge mental health problems and the statistics (1 in 3 or 1 in 6) don't really matter. It's a testament to your generation.

The ways in which the university has responded to this is that we have a mental health working group in existence for about 5 yrs. It's been broadened to include undergrads, human resources, other areas of university, not just HCDS. Main areas: education, awareness, involvement by students and staff. For example, we've provided a 2 day program; the upside of it is you spend 2 days learning about mental health. Downside is that it's 2 days. But it's a good program, if you can find 2 days somewhere in your time, even in the next 10 years. It's really worth taking. However, that hasn't been the only focus. Also programs that last half a day, an hour, etc. We've presented a program called "Identifying and Responding to students in distress" It's been presented to students on campus, started in orientation last September and continued with faculty, students groups. I seem to be busy in late Aug and Sept because of this. It's tremendously enjoyable. All of those are internal, developed by us programs we are happy to provide to student. We'll continue to provide them as long as possible.

Embedded in all the programs we provide, if you remember my study of the 1 in 800, part of the distress of this person was brought about by community that was afraid of the person and shunned him. We need to understand what that feels like, your own family, your neighbours, the people you'd meet in church, pubs, around town, shunning you. Our programs emphasize just reaching out, supporting other people if we know they're in distress. It's not very complicated, everyone one in this room would have done this in some way of another with loved ones in the last month, and probably 20 times in the last year. That part of the program makes sure people know it's alright to reach out. I think, we are doing nothing but building on motivation that already exists in Queen's students. We've had numerous students come into HCDS because someone they know has a problem. This is about providing intervention and prevention, about reaching out and saying "Are you ok, are you alright?" Sometimes when you reach out, people rebuff you but you'll get over it. When we don't reach out, we miss out on reaching out to people in need. Human contact is the most powerful thing in the world.

The university is also involved in the Jack project, spearheaded by parents of son who died here just 2 years ago. Program trying to catalogue resources being provided to university students, we have someone compiling research, Jack project will continue: transition from high school to university for students and the second is ensuring adequate resources for assisting students with mental health problems and identifying students in distress early and getting the resources they need. At the moment, the project doesn't have much impact in day to day. As well, the Principal's Mental Health Commission will produce results sometime in April, some of you in room have talked to committee, have made a presentation; that's wonderful. I'm delighted people are speaking about this, I'm hopeful the commission will make recommendations to ensure resources but also culture of community caring that will alleviate mental health issues.

Our own department will appear in front of the mental health commission, we've been busy preparing, especially about what contextual things about how life in university can increase the chance of mental health problems: isolation and loneliness can result in anxiety, for example. How do we ensure no one is left behind so people don't experience this?

As a clinician, I'm also concerned about demands and pressure of student life. I know no one anymore holds romantic vision of Oxford student where at the end of taking 2-3 classes a day, student goes to cafeteria and has sherry and discuss Emanuel Kant. This doesn't happen

anymore. But the way universities have evolved in demand on student is not always healthy. What this will mean to changes of institution I don't really know. We need to start thinking more broadly about mental health in terms of being mentally well, connecting with people doesn't just mean studying, means coming to AMS assembly, going to movies, socializing, etc. That will be part of our presentation in front of committee.

We need to start thinking about psychological, physical and social pillars of mental health, university has responsibility in regards to all of these, but especially to social pillar.

Will spend last min discussing changes to dept. You need to be aware of these because they pertain to mental health of students. 35,000 visits to department, roughly 1 in 9 counseling, 1 in 10 will see physician. 1 in 22 or 23 to disabilities. It's a busy place. We've been fortunate in last couple years that the number of family physicians have increased. More family physicians, easier appointments, not as long of a wait period, people seem happier. The building in other hand is really small. On the counseling side, even though the numbers are smaller, it plays an important part in students' lives. All across the continent counseling services have been documenting incr. in number of visits and degree of difficulties in issues. Same thing with HCDS. Counseling service engaged in evaluating of how it fulfilled mandate to university and students. One huge problem is high levels of demand, diff to get appointments in busy times. Began to look at balance btw seeing students quickly vs. seeing students 8-1- or 15 times over course of year. Model we've developed is fast access, removed triage, crisis positions, all the counselors do the same thing, see people as quickly as possible. This aft. I saw someone who waited 10 min. The average waiting time this fall was less than a day. Number of students see in fall term went up by 23%. Other side is not saying we will see them unlimited time, we will accomplish work in 4 sessions. Two things you need to know:

- 1) Need to accomplish pillars-better links to community, better access for long term care,
- 2) Development of skills to promote shorter term model.
- 3) No one will be turned away. If student is seen many times, they will still be seen. We saw a student 15 times to help them get back home and their parents couldn't get here for 6 months. Service as flexible as it can be, but we will help students find long-term services if need be.

Historically, number of times students that would see counselor was 4times.

It's been real fun working with students. It's been real fun providing mental health care to a group of people passionate in learning about us, who want to learn how to live in the world in which a lot of the people we reach out and touch have mental health problem (1 in 6). Good news is if you start walking across campus from Chernoff to Biosci, you'll bump into 20 people with mental health issues. Good news is it doesn't matter. Thank you for your time

Patrick Allin (Speaker): Does anybody have questions for Dr. Condra.

Member (anonymous): As someone who has struggled with mental health issues, I honestly cannot stress the important of the services of HCDS for people. If it hasn't been for Dr Condra, I would've been one of these statistics. Thank you Dr. Condra.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): We appreciate the work you've done this year, making it even more accessible and the way you articulate your perspective. Thank you so much. What do you think is the biggest challenge for HCDS and where do you think student leaders can have a role?

Dr. Condra: Biggest challenge is our space-to be honest it's really cramped, we'd have adequate space if there were about 7000 students on campus. On health side, health service can also generate funds because the department gets paid a portion of physicians billings. On health side, it curtails programs we could run. Accessibility to community members, for example. The counseling service-the next counselor we hire we'll be taking out one of the washrooms for them-there's not much space. Space is the most difficult because we've been fortunate for funds, hiring counselors, etc. but finding space is a big problem.

5. President's Report

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): Welcome back from the holidays. Campus looks like winter time. A couple additions to written report. Excited to have candidate hopefuls for exec team. Excited for turn out and great pool of candidates. Encourage all assembly members to come out to Debates next week. Additions: Kieran and I meeting with new IT director, **Vough Wineshiner**(sp). He is proving fantastic-student driven, bringing over model from Guelph, making student advisory committee to see what students are struggling with. He is looking for a member from each faculty society to join this committee. The first meeting will be Mon, Feb 6th at 5:30 Location TBD. The goal is committee will meet 1 per month until end of school year. They will make a report public, and recording of progress at end of year. It's a yearly process. It's fantastic that university department is looking for this level of student involvement.

I also have an update from the Rector. Tricolour Nominating Committee is looking for nominations-email delegate from each society to the Rector. The Tricolour Committee reviews nominations for the Tricolour Award. It is arguably one of most prestigious awards, given out to someone who has demonstrated contribution to Queen's-really involved in a wide variety of things-with both breadth and depth. Anyone who would like to be nominated, feel free to email the Rector or stop by his office.

And, the Retail Services are underway at the Queen's Centre-the grocery store and the pharmacy. Grocery store will open in the next month. Second retail location will open this term but a little bit later.

Grocery store is looking to hire as soon as possible-applications have gone out, and they're looking to hire front sales clerks and some manger positions with the potential for rehire in the next term. Apps due January 25th, interviews will be that night, training on Saturday or Sunday.

6. Vice President's Report

a. Operations

Ashley Eagan: I've been extremely busy with student fee reconciliation-last Assembly still waiting for student registration from Registrar. We didn't receive those numbers until Dec 21st, so we provided same amount of money for those with fees from previous years. With new fees, funded 60% funding for all optional groups. We're halfway through the semester and all groups have amazing initiative, and we must make sure they have funding. Approved by Board. However, on Dec 21st, we received the final numbers, so as soon as I came back, I've been doing a lot of number crunching. We'll be reassessing groups and they will be receiving funding before 2nd installment. If anyone has any questions about that, I'm more than happy to answer them. Something I'll be working on with Board is transitioning in the AMS-something all AMS teams, Boards, organizations want to work on, make sure institutional memory is not lost, and I'll be working hard on that this term.

Also, hiring is coming up for 2012-2013 year, AMS website has all the dates and the most upcoming applications.

Morgan did touch on two retail services, but apart from those, we still have 2 retail tenants in the JDUC- Signatures and the Tuck Shop. Now our job is to serve the needs of our other pennants, and work with them.

Final thing is the student fees. Triennial review is happening but also new student fees are being evaluated. How groups can be eligible for funding is important. I'll refer to Part 1 Procedures (reads from it) of Constitution.

One thing I want to add from policy is that when applying for a new fee, all groups have to submit a written description. With that being said, it's so important that if in this description it is not clear what this money is going towards, I do not deem it eligible. It's our job to assess these fees. Our job was to assess these fees to justify these fees to our current members and new members in the fall semester. I have made the decision to deem two of the receivers ineligible-Kingston Community House for Self Alliance and _____. They missed one or more of the requirements. We don't take this lightly; we want to provide the best resources to students but also that we can justify these fees. Welcome all questions.

Other than that, I'm super happy. It's my last year with the AMS, and I'm so excited for the new groups running in the campaign. I was standing here last year, just so nervous. Happy New Year.

b. University Affairs

Kieran Slobodin: It's about to be Election season. You're some of the most engaged students going into this election. I live with a group of guys who are not very engaged. My challenge to you is to get one other person to get engaged over the election period. For my report, the only thing is that it's Grant Season-they're mostly all open. Check out the website most applications due mid-February.

8. Student Senator's Report

Doug Johnson (Student Senate Caucus Chair): The next Senate meeting is on Tuesday in this room. Email Senate for a guest pass. Past meetings we've been talking about transcript notation, agreed that "DR" for dropping a course should not be indicated on a transcript, as students shouldn't be punished. Each faculty or school would have discretion in this case and we would have to follow up with policies in each faculty or school to make sure they follow them. Also talk on mental health, a couple questions posed to the committee. Senator Jones has submitted notice of motion on authority of academic suspensions. If you have questions, I may be on leave of absence. We are also electing a lot of Senators, so look out for that.

Student Trustee: Board met-briefing about BFA presented, didn't lead to too much discussion, did get positive feedback. Approved a design for new MEch ENg building, fundraising can commence. Residence fees came for approval, mistake in one of the motions, fee for West was higher. Proposed fee was to be the same as Legget and Watts, turned out to be atypo. New Office, Queen's Centre 608, office hours to be told at next Assembly. Also sitting on Queen's Centre Planning Committee (??)-ensure budgeting in line with academic priorities. Formulation of new budget model. Feel free to ask questions during question period and read written statement.

Other Comments by AMS Members:

TK Pritchard (Social Issues Commissioner): Equity grants are due Feb 10th. Email Kieran, because I'll take leave of absence.

Rob Staalduin (COMPSA President): project COMPSA's been working on COMPSA site services. Creation of making and hosting of websites for all students on campus. Meaningful employment and provide service needed. Produce websites for student groups. Service launched, ready to produce websites. If you or anyone else-feel free to contact me.

Leah Gater (PHEKSA VP UA): WAG fundraiser is an event that we run every year. Day of fun and physical activity for Kingston youth and surrounding area. Sled rides and tobogganing, super fun, to get out there that phys ed available for people with disabilities. Fundraised will be at Ale, tickets on sale in ARC this week-they provide you with line skip and free cover. Event will occur on Thurs Jan 26th. Hope you can all make it and support us.

Rico Garcia (ASUS President): We are hiring for ASUS camp counselors, they are 10 wk positions. Coordinator 16 weeks positions also exist. QCLC will be happening on Fe 14, Neil Pasricha, Author of the "Book of Awesome" will be he keynote speaker and the first few tickets will get free book. Check it out!

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): Shameless plug for BFA. Ontario Hall looks nice in outside, but inside looks like a dirty basement. So, BFA students have fundraisers and use the money generated to turn Ontario hall into an art gallery. It would be like going to NAG, but here on campus. This Fri is the first fundraising event. It will be a graffiti party at Alfie's,

Mira Dineen (Academic Affairs Commissioner): The fee for Centre for teaching and learning will be going up for referendum. It was established in 1992 by endowment. Volunteers in commissioner will be doing campaign. Get in touch with Kieran if you have any question about it-I'll be on a leave of absence.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): I just wanted to alert AMS Assembly to the great work Lauren Long did about catching the mistake for West Campus residence fee-I'd like to commend you publicly for work you did there.

Member Amanda Judd: Full time hiring is coming up, a lot of people in this room available for these. Job descriptions for council and officer will be online within the next half hour and also available in office. Encourage you to check those out and let people know they are open to anyone who is a full AMS member.

9. Rector's Report

Was given by AMs President, Morgan Campbell. See point 5.

10. Statement by Members.

No statements.

11. Question Period

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President University Affairs): Question to Mr. Girad, MBA Student Executive President, question about scotch tasting event the MBS Student Executive has, when and where are they?

David Girard (MBA Student Executive President): The scotch tasting event is for the full-time MBA program at Feb 16th; it's currently at capacity. Every Thursday the full time MBA program goes out for pub night. It's called a point 4 because allegedly there was a professor who said if you go out one night a week, your grades will suffer by less than half a percent. Happens every Thursday, I can tell you the locations for every single week going forward if you would like.

Proxy for Michel Scott: Question about Ashley Eagan's report. For the two fees not able to be voted upon, I'm curious to know when those teams were notified.

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): They were notified at about 4pm this afternoon. They did collect all the signatures and submit the blurbs.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): Those groups handed their write-ups in exemplary time, they were notified at 4pm, and were told to come to Assembly or come talk to me, or Ashley. That's a standing invitation and we haven't heard back from Kingston

Community House for Self Alliance, but have heard from other group. We are working on setting up a meeting to go over that with them tomorrow.

12. Business Arising from the Minutes

13. New Business

a. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Section 1, part N to AMS Policy Manual 2 as seen in Appendix. [Motion 3] Motion carries.

David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner) : Policy to go forward with University District Hockey League. Lot of success in November with it, fulfilled objective to provide alternative programming in the Aberdeen area. This is the policy for it, I wrote it, but the committee will go under the CAC, this is pretty straight forward. Budget will be about \$1000 to get jerseys.

Discussion:

Derrick Dodgson (Engineering Society President): I'm curious about the cup for this league.

David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner): Actually there was a large trophy. The name of first team that won it, Wasted Potential is now being put on the trophy. Hopefully you vote for it. It's a good idea.

b. That AMS Assembly ratify the MOU regarding the resolution of the student contribution to the Queen's Centre, as drafted by the AMS and the university with oversight from the Queen's Centre Student Working Group as seen in Appendix Queen's Centre. [Motion 4] Motion carries.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): Before you is a 3-page proposed resolution regarding Queen's Centre fee. December board meeting deadline, passed resolution pending AMS Approval. Reminded Board that AMS Assembly and Board are on same ground and that the AMS Assembly is the final body on the agreement. If you have issues with it, we can go back to the board table. That being said, it's a very good compromise. We believe the resolution amount should be 8.3 million dollars. 8.5 million was agreed upon in 2005. We came up with 10.6 reduced from 14 million. Bottom on page 2 and 3, additional agreements with university, compelling for students, and showing progress. Reason we settled for 10.6 million is that it's the amount of funding generated so far. Students next year will be saving money. 1.2 million will be re-invested in the JDUC, to be decided by students and the university to help make the JDUC into things initially made for Queen's Center. Feasibility study will be conducted next year, and the next AMS Exec will have their say on it.

Student management agreement signed in May of last year is to reviewed May of 2013. Settlement from University that as long as things continue like now, students management will remain. Student life buildings will be used for advancement campaign, and the revenue will come from benefactors as opposed to coming from students. I feel confident about it, but will entertain questions.

Discussion:

Member Jesse Waslowski: The JDUC does require a lot of maintenance repairs, what amount of that 1.2 million will go to fixing what was going on there.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): Thanks for question. This was a concern of ours. \$200,000 contingency for tearing down walls, etc. is there. It's difficult to distinguish from maintenance and renovation.

Derrick Dodgson (Engineering Society President): My concern is about relying on second agreement yet to be negotiated?

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): We wanted to get more feedback on what composition of committee will look like. Next motion is reconfiguring mandate. Body to get student feedback on where funds are to go to will be established.

Kelsey Patterson (COMSCI President): I wanted to thank the Executive and express my support for this MOU. It's a positive resolution for all parties and students at large.

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): Although we won't see other phases for some time, I'm excited to invest money back into the JDUC. It has become a little run down as we've been prepping for new student life buildings.

James Simpson (Aesculapian Society): I also think it's a great idea. Related to point 4, no specific project in mind, but timeline of this money is not until 2015. Why limit to just the JDUC?

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): Great Question. The reason for that is that when the fee passed in 2005, it would go directly to Queen's Centre. Tearing down of Ericson Wing, and building new Queen's Centre on top of that. We don't want to violate why students gave money to begin with so we are trying to figure out how to best invest this money. Decision was because this was in line with the initial thought.

In closing, it's great to have your support for this resolution. It's positive and sad-positive-see where students want to move. Also say that it's disappointing that over 10 years student leadership pushing for full Queen's Centre. All the faculty societies would move in the same wing on the same building-level of cooperation would increase-it's sad to say bye to this. But it's hard to push university to build something given the circumstances. In the course of my work on this, I've had a chance to speak with leaders who worked on this. While it's only a partial reality, we have to give thanks to those before us who gave this dream to us. Eventually we will have this full Queen's Centre vision we had.

c. That AMS assembly approve a new mandate for the Queen's Centre Student Working Group to reflect the changing nature of its oversight responsibilities as seen in Appendix Mandate Remix. [Motion 5] Motion carries.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): This is the follow-up to the motion we just passed. Will oversee the way in which this remaining student fund dollars going into JDUC. Functions remain the same, just changing the preamble and mandate.

Doug Johnson (Student Senate Caucus Chair): Seems to me now that we've fulfilled the mandate, it seems more beneficial to dissolve the committee entirely and start with new mandate. It's interesting that you decided to change it and not start something new.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): The reason we didn't is that it's student money that's going to the JDUC, still overseeing the final phases of the Queen's Centre. Loose ends need to be tied up. There's a history for this committee, it's been around for 8 years. Continuity of group is important.

d. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the AMS Accessibility Fund fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 6]

Patrick Allin (CEO): Motions run from d through x, up for tri-annual review. Every 3 years fees go up for vote in fall or winter. Y through VB are new fees that collected the correct number of signatures. AMS assembly will be voting to add those to ballots as well. Assembly voting for these fees is not endorsement. Signatures have been verified by the CIA There will be over 100 mandatory and opt-outable fees if they all pass.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): Motion to have d to x omnibus, while motions y to bb discussed individually. Up for debate, toss in your thoughts.

Patrick Allin (CEO): if there are fees to be discussed individually, we can remove that.

Vote to omnibus. Motion passes.

Discussion on Omnibus Fees:

No discussion.

Vote in favour of approving fees d through x. Motion carries.

e. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the After Hours Medical Clinic fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 7]

f. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Ban Righ Foundation fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 8]

- g. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Bus-It fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 9]
- h. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Campus Observation Room fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 10]
- i. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's International Affairs Association fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 11]
- j. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Sexual Assault Crisis Centre fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 12]
- k. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the AMS Food Centre fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 13]
- l. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Canadian Unified Student Environmental Network (CUSEN) fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 14]
- m. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Centre for Teaching and Learning fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 15]
- n. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Dawn House Women's Shelter fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 16]
- o. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Friday Friends fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 17]
- p. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the HIV/AIDS Regional Services fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 18]
- q. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's International Students' Award Program fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 19]
- r. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Medical Review fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 20]
- s. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 21]
- t. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's Health and Human Rights Conference fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 22]

u. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's SAE Formula Race Team fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 23]

v. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's Trivia Club fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 24]

w. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's UNICEF fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 25]

x. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Syndicus Magazine fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 26]

y. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Ultraviolet Magazine fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 27] Motion carries.

Dan Kucharczuk (ENG Soc VP): What is Ultraviolet?

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): It's a campus magazine that discusses issues of political nature, it's currently running on donations.

Dan Kucharczuk (ENG Soc VP): Is it student run?

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): Yes it is. They are footing the bill through ads, and it largely exists online. It's not an outside front coming in to use our dollars.

z. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's Chinese Press fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 28] Motion carries.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): This group is a local newspaper on campus pertaining to Chinese community, quarterly, looking to establish student fee after lost 2 years ago.

aa. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's Peer Mentor Program fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 29] Motion carries.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): This program is run out of HCDS, just had funding cut due to budget restraints, volunteers and director garnered more signatures than required, they do a lot of mentoring and disability related projects.

Jeff Heenan (Retail Services Director): Just a note that all these motions read 2011.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): In making the Assembly packages we made use of cut and paste. My mistake, and oversight on my part, should be 2012 referendum ballot.

bb. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's Student Auxillary Branch at Kingston General Hospital fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit. [Motion 30] Motion carries.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): This is a group of in students across all disciplines and help out with patients, get practical experience, good experience for community and beneficial for getting hospital setting volunteering experience.

Mark Preston motions to add that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the Queen's University Information and Student Help: Students Helping Students (QUISH) fee question to the 2011 Fall Referendum ballot as seen in Appendix Fee-Unit Motion Carries.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): Passes opening to Ashley Eagan

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): At first not going to approve fee to come to Assembly, but did deem eligible because it didn't go against eligibility requirements for ballot. Justifying to students the fees we are assessing to them. QUISH seeking 20 cents to go to many fantastic initiatives but many that I feel already take place on campus. They are primarily looking for orientation events, supporting website, welcome booklet and volunteers in upper years. Many of these resources are available on campus already. I'd like to open it up for discussion.

Discussion:

James Simpson (Aesculapian Society): Did they get the required number of signatures?

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): Absolutely. Every fee in question did so.

Rob Staalduin (COMPSA President): No policy reasons to keep it off the referendum. Regardless of what we might think, it's for students to decide. We have no concrete reason to decide.

Lisa Acchione (MCRC Vice President (Discipline): I agree with Rob, no reason to deny it, but also agree with Ashley. I don't know where this club would have a space on res move-in day.

David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner): Agree with Rob, I don't think we should be denying them, but all their goals are completed

Adam DiSimine (Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability): I'd like to echo a couple statements to allow it on. There are a handful of problems, but the organization should justify those to the student body.

Derrick Dodgson (Engineering Society President): I never got the purpose of our ratification for these fees. What does policy say on this?

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): Policy I section 3 part A, sections 1 through 6 doesn't specifically outline Assembly's role but it does say Assembly may pass or deny these fees. By having these constructive debates, this grey area allows us to use our own judgment.

Jeff Heenan (Retail Services Director): It's also covered in Constitution. Assembly shall retain authority where passage of fee would pose significant threat to society.

Dan Szczepanek (Media Services Director): It was said in their blurb that they've been functioning this year. Is this a club on campus already? I want a background on them.

Mark Preston (Commissioner of Internal Affairs): This group was established in late Aug or early Sept but have been alive for the remainder of this 6 months. They don't have a lot of funding to my knowledge. I don't know all of their financial situation details, however.

Derrick Dodgson (Engineering Society President): Based on Constitution we just read, I don't think we should reject this fee. I think we should pass this, and see how they do when they try to get people to vote for it.

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): Reason I brought this up in discussion is that I do believe it's my mandate to use student funding appropriately, and as we approach 100 student fees, we really are putting the most essential groups on the ballot. But I do support student initiatives. It's fantastic to hear the group is operating on campus regardless.

Patrick Allin (CEO): So now we come to the most exciting part of Assembly. The next three motions concern Winter Executive Elections ballot. I'd like to call up teams to talk. Before we start, I have to announce my conflicts with the candidates. TK, I got to know last year through the Food Centre, Rico I got to know last year and Duncan through the Peer Judicial Group. Mira I know through the AMS. Everyone else, I just know purely through a professional relationship. Each team will have a two min intro, followed by some questions. I'm being removed as speaker, so I will invite Brennan Piper as speaker.

Brennan Piper (Speaker): We'll start with introductions. Try to keep it to 2 minutes or less.

Rico Garcia (Presidential Candidate for AMS Executive): We're team GPP. It's exciting to be here. We've been preparing for months, and we can start campaigning at midnight. Thank you to all of you who motivated me to run for this position. Team GPP we have many different point in our platform. We have 15 main points. We want students to know they're not taking away our time, so we'll have open office hours every day, a period of half hour to an hour every day when they'll know they won't be bothering any of us. We cannot call ourselves a student government unless we do that. We want Orientation Week to be kept alive, to be student run. Finally, we want to present some cool projects for the Queen's Centre-more booking space, more performance spaces.

Jeffrey McCarthy (Presidential Candidate for AMS Executive): We are team RMS. Our project began in October. We come from an external end-used perspective. This is the first time I've

speaking at Assembly and this is intimidating. We've read a lot of the past reports over the last couple months. Our platform is structured around improvement. Some of the things we'd like to improve are club support. Improving club support, streamlining procedures and carrying that to fruition. Honesty and integrity, accountability and approachability. It can be intimidating to talk to student leaders. Our platform also has 15 points. We've had a lot of different way we want the JDUC improved, we heard about the Queen's Centre capital contribution so that will be included in our platform. We're looking forward to getting ourselves out there.

Doug Johnson (Candidate for AMS Executive): We are team JDL. We spent a lot of time discussing different issues on campus, and we started to grow as a team-we weren't afraid to criticize each other, to disagree. We've developed a well-researched platform. We won't talk about the specifics, but it will be online this evening. It's centered around a couple main themes- what the AMS is and what the AMS can be. It's about how you can run the AMS as a team. There's a lot of road-bumps you have to work with as an Exec team. We do have a lot of experience on our side, we hope you take that into account. Feel free to look at our website.

Brennan: There will now be 3 questions total, 1 for each position.

Questions:

Ashley Eagan (VP Operations): Apart from winning the campaign, what are you most excited about for the upcoming campaign- this question is for the Presidential Candidates.

Doug Johnson (Candidate for AMS Executive): Over the next 10 days, I'm excited about spending 24/7 time on campus and getting to talk to as many students as possible and getting to know our volunteers.

Jeffrey McCarthy (Candidate for AMS Executive): We're excited for our creative approach, how can we get our name out there. Bought 40 foot cloth and we will ask questions every day focusing on theme of "what do you want to see from student government". This will become the background for our website.

Rico Garcia (Presidential Candidate for AMS Executive): We're super excited; we've been planning for months. It's been a wonderful experience, getting out of the routine, getting to know what the campus is about. I picked Queen's for extracurricular involvement, so I'm most excited about meeting new people.

Jeff Heenan (Retail Services Director): For VP Ops, keeping in mind the mandate to provide useful services for students, what is one service you think the AMS isn't offering and what should it be offering?

Bryor Snefjella (VP (Operations) Candidate for AMS Executive): Hub for special events-where the brand is special events-we want that space to be Alfie's. We'll rename it; brand it as THE place to have special events.

Duncan Peterson (VP (Operations) Candidate for AMS Executive): New service that deals with helping students submitting taxes. There's a lot of money to be gotten from tax returns, but it's a confusing process. So we're excited about this.

Tristan Lee (VP (Operations) Candidate for AMS Executive): It shouldn't be up to us to decide what services we add. We should consult with many other people-we currently have 11 very strong services. I do believe this needs to be a collaborative thing as it would be a very large funding.

Kelsey Patterson (COMSCI President): To VP UA Candidates-what's the most pressing academic issue facing students?

TK Pritchard (VP (University Affairs) Candidate for AMS Executive): There are a couple to choose from-losing programs is huge issue, we need to preserve programs. We do have plans to work through other issues, but losing programs is the biggest thing-fighting for those students, meeting with those students, working to keep those programs intact.

Mira Dineen (VP (University Affairs) Candidate for AMS Executive): Wonderful question, I care about very deeply about it. We did a lot of consultation with students, they are concerned with loss of quality education. Specifically, we are interested in the student life center as a hub, the libraries as a hub for academic life, we've been building a positive relationship with the University Librarian, and have come up with ideas-they will be on our platform launching at midnight.

Sean Renaud (VP (University Affairs) Candidate for AMS Executive): There's not one main issue, a bunch of little ones-all facing trouble, we really have to work with admin to make sure that as Queen's goes through these changes, it's important we work with the admin to make sure it doesn't suffer in quality.

Motion to Omnibus. Motion Carries.

cc. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Rico Garcia, Duncan Peterson and T.K Pritchard as candidates on the 2012 AMS Executive Election Ballot. [Motion 31] Motion Carries.

dd. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Jeffrey McCarthy, Bryor Snejella and Sean Renaud as candidates on the 2012 AMS Executive Election Ballot. [Motion 32] Motion Carries.

ee. That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Dough Johnson, Tristan Lee and Mira Dineen as candidates on the 2012 AMS Executive Election Ballot. [Motion 33] Motion Carries.

Patrick Allin (CEO): Campaigning starts at midnight tonight, and it will run for 10 days, will conclude on Monday night at 10pm, Tuesday and Thursday Jan 31st and Feb 1st are voting days-ensure that every member of your society knows to vote and how to vote. We would love to have a 40% voter turnout. We have an intensive marketing campaign developed for this. Also,

please keep your eyes out to ensure the election is done fairly. Please send me an email if you have any comments- it helps maintain the integrity of the elections process.

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): Patrick, tell us the dates of the debate.

Patrick Allin (CEO): First debate will be Jan 23th on West Campus. The second debate on the 24th will be at JDUC, and the last debate on the 25th will be at Common Ground.

14. Discussion

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): I'd like to start a discussion on something that will come up on Tuesday at Senate on the mental health commission-three questions posed to Senate. Can be found online. [Reads questions]

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): In response to academic structure and design mitigating student stress- a lot of students are under pressure to graduate, get a job, etc. 50 years ago, students didn't have a lot of stress on getting a job-it was just a fact. The difference between 89% and 90% is huge now-increased career services, support, mentoring would help alleviate some of that stress. Looking at the "DR" notation on transcripts-some of these policies will help with this. As our campus grows larger its harder to develop person relationships with profs and students.

Member, Fran (ENG Rep Proxy): I'm a TA for Engineering, we had a discussion about students coming from high school and failing courses-all TA's should have opportunity to learn about where to direct students.

Rob Staalduinen (COMPSA President): Think about mentality shift of students in last 50 yrs. Students have developed a lot, but classrooms have not changed in decades aside from ppt. Blended learning, e-learning, etc. might help to reduce stress levels, etc.

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President University Affairs): Recent change with GPA and what it means to mark on GPA system is important. Marking in old habits will disadvantage students. This is crucial in project work or humanities-it's ridiculous, like everyone thinking in miles and then converting to kilometers.

Lisa Acchione (MCRC Vice President (Discipline): I actually see this in my faculty-profs still using arcane methods to grade my papers. A deeper look into the GPA system and also the fall reading week-it would still be a great idea to put through a reading week, and a mention of it would be really good.

David Sinkinson (Municipal Affairs Commissioner): In arts, it's really hard to find a job once you graduate. It is a stress and it adds a lot to the end of your degree, finding a job

Dan Kucharczuk (ENG Soc VP): It's really hard, especially in engineering that we get graded in GPA system-you either get it right or wrong. I'm getting really hurt when I'm getting 79% vs.

80% because it's a massive change in GPA, but not a huge change in % form- It would be great if it could be looked into. In faculties like ours, it's hard to mark starting in GPA form.

Morgan Campbell (AMS President): Talking to Alumni who started at Queen's when it had 3000 undergrads as opposed to 15,000 currently. What made Queen's supportive was its small size and the emphasis of community. Students would have dinner with profs, etc. You can't do that with a size of 15,000 undergrads. It's easy for people to get lost. Faculty Societies have a better chance of getting through to students. Clubs and services exists but what about students who don't get involved in that. Cohesion within departmental societies-smaller scale and size facilitates this. Need to find this community building, more of a principle, not an action plan. Don't assume they come naturally.

James Ahlin (CESA Rep): In terms of profs, we have to realize a lot of them are here for research first. More emphasis should be put on TA's and smaller class setting. Also noticed a lot of these questions have to do with academic stress and academics, and that's only one part of mental health. The university has a role in these factors, like building a community. How do you reach people with mental health, that's a very tough question. Unfortunately I don't have the answers to that.

Lauren Long (Undergraduate Student Trustee): Question 2, how can the role of academic advisors be optimized has not been discussed.

Amanda Monteiro (ASUS Rep): I've had a lot of personal problems with academic advisors- I can never meet with them- they should have designated office hours.

Member Mira Dineen: in terms of academic advisors-mental health training would be good. A lot of them are cold and un-compassionate, and students in crisis are in a sea of bureaucracy. Finding a place to go to is an issue. Academic advisors are first point of contact.

Gaiter: Academic advisor in PHESA is great-never an issue booking an appointment. Nearly 500 students, 1 academic advisor, not an issue getting appointments. Newsletter she sends out is really helpful. Lots of tips on academic things-just a suggestion for other faculties. Not aware of how many academic advisors there are for other faculties—look into the ratio.

Rob Staalduinen (COMPSA President): More publicity on Academic advisors-not knowing they are available or not knowing how to contact them.

Lisa Acchione (MCRC Vice President (Discipline): With ArtSci, it's a rush to call in-there are 8 or so advisors, unfortunately that doesn't reach everyone. There's just not enough counselors. I do want to see Mark Jones' plan on how good the Writing Centre is. I think the Writing Centre can be much better. Another thing is I don't see anything in residence for academic planning. A lot of first year students don't know what degree program to go into it, etc.

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President University Affairs):: Worked with a lot of academic issues students have. The biggest problem is Google. Because advisor websites are awful, academic advisors don't come up. The university has to think about how students search for info.

Kalem Boomhouwer(NSS Pres): We have a resource tab on our website that has academics, advisors, health resources, everything-in a way it operates like Moodle. New files, resources, comes up as announcement.

Tuba Chishti (MCRC Representative): During Add-Drop period, I could only call in morning. There should be a system to call back in a day or a system to book an appointment but limit the number of appointments students can have.

Member Nicole William: The change in way appointments are booked is more helpful-it was much more difficult before. There needs to be more communication between. academic advisors and departments. Make sure academic advisor is knowledgeable and communicates with department. Also, giving them a transcript of the conversation to go to the department with.

Kieran Slobodin (Vice President University Affairs): Illustrate exercise that Engineers take Econ- but it has a different appeal system than Engineering. A problem when you approach appealing an unfair grade. Every system is different, it becomes so daunting that students don't bother. The university has failed when students don't bother. Differences include contacting TA vs. prof, triage system for booking appointments, etc. Little differences are enough to dissuade student from appealing. Knowledge is really jolting for students as they try and navigate their way.

Assembly moves into Closed Session

Assembly called to close at 10:52 PM

Minutes submitted by Eni Rukaj