

***AMS Assembly minutes - Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012***  
***Robert Sutherland Hall Conference Room 202***

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*\*numbers beside motions are direct reference to those presented in the agenda*

*\*assembly commenced at 7:03 pm*

**Speaker Scott Mason** (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Welcoming and opening remarks.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion(1) that AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Moved by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Liam Faught

Seconded by Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen

**Speaker:** Are there any changes that need to be made to the agenda?

**Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene:** Change Motion(7) to just read ‘*from Assembly*’ who can sit on the committee and not ‘*students at large.*’

*Motion carries.*

### **2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Motion(2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

*Motion carries.*

### **3. Speaker’s Business**

**Speaker:** Nothing in particular but make sure that all members follow the rules of order.

### **4. Guest Speaker**

*\*none present*

### **5. President’s Report**

**President and CEO of AMS Doug Johnson:** The Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee met on Tuesday and I will continue to advise you guys on the report. They are in the process of selecting a firm that will help write it. This will guide students in their attempt to use facilities getting from point ‘a’ to point ‘b.’ Consultation will take place over the next few years and representatives from that firm will be present at the AMS Assembly in the upcoming future.

*\*refer to report for full details*

### **6. Vice President’s Report**

**a. Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee:** I have nothing to add but happy to take questions now or later during question period.

**b. Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen:** We hosted a panel discussion at town hall to discuss the question from the Ontario government about post-secondary education. There was a good turn out and I will update as it continues.

*\*refer to reports for full details*

## **7. Board of Director's Report**

**Chairman Rob Gamble:** Nothing to add but happy to answer questions.

*\*refer to report for full details*

## **8. Student Senator's Report**

*\*Student Senate Caucus Chair Eril Berkok absent. CIA Faught read his letter to the assembly*

**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Liam Faught:** Dear assembly, I regret that I cannot attend this fine evening. The Student Senate Caucus met this Monday to discuss the Senate's upcoming agenda. Rector Francis found that the Senate meetings took on an 'info-dump' nature as opposed to one that facilitated discussion. We are gathering a number of interested senators to review procedures during Senate meetings and work towards a motion to submit in October.

*\*refer to letter for full details*

## **9. Rector's Report**

*\*Rector Nick Francis absent. President of ASUS John Whittaker presented on his behalf*

**President of ASUS John Whittaker:** The Tricolour Awards Nominating Committee will hopefully be struck by the next AMS assembly. Every faculty or society should send a representative that will sit on the committee done through a vote or to just send someone to be present. The first Board of Trustees meeting is tomorrow and Rector Francis will be there unless he's physically unable to stand.

## **10. Student Trustee's Report**

**Undergraduate Trustee Lauren Long:** I apologize to the assembly for not submitting a report. The main thing for the Board of Trustees is that they will approve a new fundraising campaign. As you all have seen over the past few weeks, the Initiative Campaign that will occur at Queen's over the next couple of years. I apologize in advance if I have to step out early.

## **11. Statements by Members**

**Vice-President of PHEKSA Caileigh Simpson:** Vice-President Colleen McLoughlin wants to apologize for not being here tonight.

**ASUS Representative to the AMS Daniel Basilio:** Thanks for putting the budgets online.

## **12. Question Period**

**Speaker:** Are there any questions for members? Seeing none we shall proceed.

## **13. Business Arising from the Minutes**

*\*none*

#### **14. New Business**

**[a]. Motion(3) that AMS Assembly elect \_\_\_\_\_ as the AMS Assembly Deputy Speaker.**

**CIA Faught:** Later we are trying to strike a nominating committee and the Deputy Speaker will sit on it as an ex-officio member. It is a fantastic way to get involved and support Speaker Scott Mason in all of his activities.

**Nominations:**

ASUS Representative to AMS Alexander Rotman nominates **ASUS Representative to AMS Daniel Basilio (accepts)**

**Speaker:** Your enthusiasm is fantastic.

**Motion(3) that AMS Assembly elect Daniel Basilio as the AMS Assembly Deputy Speaker.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

Abstentions: ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

*Motion carries.*

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**[b]. Motion(4) that AMS Assembly approve the dates for the Fall Referendum period, as seen in Appendix A: Referenda Are So Hot Right Now.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

**CIA Faught:** Dates for fall referendum period and spending limit subject to reimbursement and minimum number of signatures required to put a fee question on the ballot.

**MCRC President Tuba Chisti:** Why are the dates different from the ASUS assembly?

**CIA Faught:** I was not aware. Those are referendum for student activity fees on the ballot.

**ASUS President Whittaker:** That is for referendum and ours is for by-election.

**CIA Faught:** The dates are subject to different policies by our governing bodies. There are validation processes for different things.

**Speaker:** I advise all assembly members to please remember to raise your placard before speaking.

*Motion carries.*

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**[c]. Motion to omnibus [c]. Motion(5) and [d]. Motion(6).**

Moved by MCRC President Tuba Chisti

Seconded by President Matt Sheculski

*Motion carries.*

**Motion(5) that AMS Assembly approve \$50 as spending cap for referendum fee question campaigning, as seen in Appendix A: Referenda Are So Hot Right Now.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

**Motion(6) that AMS Assembly approve \$50 as spending cap for referendum fee question campaigning, as seen in Appendix A: Referenda Are So Hot Right Now.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

*Omnibus(1) carries.*

**[e]. Motion(7) that AMS Assembly select 3 AMS members (from Assembly) to sit on the Sustainability Action Fund granting committee.**

Moved by Commissioner Greene

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

**Commissioner Greene:** This is the policy that changed last assembly. Funded by \$2 opt-out student fee so there is a granting period in fall and winter. Members are needed to sit on this committee to give out the money. Time commitment of 3-4 hours in October and then February or March. You will get to see a lot of groups and initiatives trying to promote sustainability.

**Nominations:**

ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio nominates **MCRC President Chisti (accepts)**

**MCRC President Chisti:** What if there is a conflict of interest?

**Commissioner Greene:** Can step out and still be part. Don't have to step out for all.

President of PHEKSA Steven Gillies nominates **Vice-President of PHEKSA Caleigh Simpson (accepts)**

MCRC President Chisti nominates **Undergraduate Trustee Lauren Long (accepts)**

**Speaker:** Nominees to the front for questions from assembly.

**Commissioner Greene:** What are your top criteria for projects in selection?

**Long:** Not just one time but long term environmental impact.

**Chisti:** Look for something that has big buy-in so that other groups can get into and keep energy.

**Simpson:** Specific to student life and what we can see directly on campus.

**Speaker:** please step outside while we vote on the motion.

Ratify Member Chisti? *Carried*

Ratify Member Simpson? *Carried*

Ratify Member Long? *Carried*

*Motion carries.*

**Speaker:** considering it was unanimous consent we can clap when they enter.

**AMS Members sitting on the Sustainability Action Fund Granting Committee:**

Tuba Chisti

Caileigh Simpson

Lauren Long

**[f]. Motion(8) that AMS Assembly approve the creation of the Nominating Committee, a standing committee of the Assembly, and the associated amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1, Section 2 Part A, as seen in Appendix B: Nom Nation.**

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by President Johnson

**CIA Faught:** The nominating committee for assembly will change the process so that work would be done outside assembly time. This committee would solicit applications from students at large or from other assembly members. Those selections would be subject to confirmation and final review at the AMS Assembly. I would like to make an amendment in the ‘composition’ criteria to read ‘two members from different faculties, societies or residence life’ instead of ‘Society President or designate.’ As well, due to possible conflict of interest, there will be a policy that members on the Nominating Committee cannot vie for the positions.

**Speaker:** Seeing as Commissioner Faught is the motioner and the amendments are friendly, there is no need for them to be voted on.

**President Johnson:** I have been on the AMS Assembly for three years as well as the ASUS Assembly and two on the Senate. It usually takes half an hour to establish a committee, asking questions, especially if there are lots of people who want to fill a few jobs. This saves time and allows the AMS Assembly to amend and debate issues instead of choosing committees.

**ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio:** The Deputy Speaker should be a neutral position and not be on the committee.

**Faught:** Deputy Speaker on so to engage with assembly that they normally can’t or don’t.

**Basilio:** Add a third society president or delegate instead of Deputy Speaker.

**President Sheculski:** Explain the ‘determined on an annual rotating basis.’

**Faught:** same person for the entire year.

**MCRC President Chisti:** as long as three different people from three diff societies? If ASUS is on, can they go again next year?

**Faught:** Engagement from as many societies as we can so trying to ensure a long term project. It's something that will help assembly in the long run even when I'm gone. Every society would have direct engagement with the nominating committee.

**ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman:** How about not for rotating basis? See as it prevents people from representing their society in future years.

**Chisti:** Motion to remove that if they are on the same society and want to help.

**Faught:** I accept that as a friendly amendment so that no longer on an annual rotating basis. As long as it is three members from three different societies on the AMS Assembly.

**Speaker:** Seeing as the mover finds this amendment friendly, no vote is required.

**Rotman:** So can you please read out the full composition.

**Faught:** The Commissioner of Internal Affairs, a member of the AMS executive and three members from the AMS assembly, society, residence or faculty. And the Human Resources Officer as an ex-officio non-voting member.

**Basilio:** Members of just presidents?

**Faught:** It should be society president, but three from all different societies.

**EngSoc President Taylor Wheeler:** How will those positions be filled?

**Faught:** Next meeting of assembly, we will be filling it through the committee.

**Rotman:** What is the logic behind society presidents, given that we allow just normal members on other committees? This places presidents over other members.

**Faught:** President gets first take and if they declines, they can pass it to designate but that was on a basis of rotating.

**Rotman:** Given that we took out the rotating basis can we amend to allow any member to sit on this committee and not just society presidents?

**Faught:** I accept that as a friendly amendment and any member as long as it is from three different societies.

**Speaker:** Seeing as Commissioner Faught is the motioner and the amendments are friendly, there is no need for them to be voted on. If you have a supplement to your discussion, please remember to raise the placard.

**Rotman:** I motion to amend the composition to read 'members' instead of 'society presidents.'

**Chisti:** I second that.

**Speaker:** Faught do you see it as friendly?

**Member Jesse Waslowski:** If the Nominating Committee is to be unbiased, then the Commissioner of Internal Affairs and the AMS executive should not be ex-officio members on it. I move to have all the members to be determined by assembly except human resources officer. If two out of the five members are on it already, it seems like a lot of power and conflict of interest.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Faught, do you see this motion as friendly?

**Faught:** No, I apologize, I do not see it as friendly. As Commissioner of Internal Affairs, it is unique that we deal with policy and when committees need to be struck. Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen and I are creating a timeline for all committees when they need to be struck and filled. It is important for those two to serve and start soliciting applications. Besides, we are outnumbered in assembly three to two anyways. There is no overpowering at all.

**VP of UA Dineen:** The applications all come back to assembly for ratification anyways but the work is done outside like the grant committees. Assembly goes through the decision and the final process, getting some of the work done outside.

**Chisti:** For committees such as sustainability action fund, do you guys only vote when there's a tie?

**Commissioner Greene:** There are five members consisting of Mira(VP of UA Dineen), myself(Commissioner of Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene), and three other members. Mira and I are ex-officio members with voting power.

**Basilio:** Then there is no reason for both to be on it. I recognize the motion is in good nature. How about adding a fourth member from the AMS assembly?

**Chisti:** I second that motion.

**Speaker:** Now we are entering a debate of sub-amendment.

**Basilio:** The executive should have some kind of vague opinion and should be there having a vote on the committee. I recognize Member Waslowski's concern so we should outnumber them by an even greater series.

**Waslowski:** The Commissioner of Internal Affairs is enough having the knowledge and experience for striking committees. This prevents power play between different executive groups.

**Rotman:** What is the current amendment for the composition criteria?

**Basilio:** Two AMS executives and four selected members from the assembly.

**Rotman:** If you want executive on the committee then just nominate them.

**Chisti:** Every committee has at least one executive and they are all are elected undergraduate committees. It should have the Commissioner of Internal Affairs and the Human Resources Officer as ex-officio members. The Human Resources Officer will make it a good transition and I don't see why this is the only committee not to have an executive voting member.

**Basilio:** I motion to call question on sub-amendments.

**Chisti:** I second that.

*Motion carries.*

**Speaker:** We are now voting on the sub-amendments.

**Waslowski:** Representative Basilio's amendment is vastly superior to mine and I would like to remove my amendment.

**Basilio:** For composition, The Commissioner of Internal Affairs and the Human Resources are non-voting ex-officio members. Then one AMS executive and four other members of the AMS Assembly from different societies are voting.

*Motion carries.*

**Member at Large:** The depth of knowledge of this entire assembly is deeper than any scientifically chosen committee is less opaque body than this assembly.

**AMS Academic Affairs Commissioner Isabelle Duchaine:** This saves time and since we only meet every two weeks, time should be reserved for more important things. But the results will come back to the assembly for debate.

**Member at Large:** I implore this assembly to defeat this motion because when each and every one of you were elected, you promised time and duty to your positions.

**Dineen:** Ultimately, the decisions are ratified by the assembly anyways and the final voting process comes back to us.

**Faught:** This is a time saving measure and fundamentally an equity issue to solicit as many applications as possible from different societies having more diverse representation. This is better than having them standing here and for you to ask questions and have the nominees answer them on the spot. Thank you for all the questions and debate and I urge you to vote in favour of it.

**Johnson:** Two weeks ago it took us twenty-five minutes to fill a committee of two people. Questions asked were not of experience nor interest but rather things like 'what two animals the candidates would like to combine to form a 'super-animal.'

**Amendment to Composition section:**

Non-voting ex-officio: Human Resources Officer

Non-voting ex-officio: Commissioner of Internal Affairs

Ex-officio: Member of AMS Executive

Member of the AMS Assembly

*\*Members elected from the AMS Assembly are to be from different societies*

*Motion carries.*

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**[g]. Motion(9) that AMS Assembly approve the creation of AMS Club Awards, Policy Manual 2, Section 5 Part C, as seen in Appendix C: The NCAA.**

Moved by Clubs Manager Jeffrey McCarthy

Seconded by CIA Faught

**McCarthy:** Clubs committee allows for personal growth, social networking, and professional development. Makes university feel like home and also lets students give back to community. Winning clubs invited to AMS club awards ceremony so they feel part of the work and history. Not expensive to implement and already hired two interns. It is a great way for first years to get involved.

**Faught:** Giving power away after it's been created. Giving interns and deputies the ability to do something constructive as well. I encourage you all to vote in favour.

**Chisti:** Clarify on the number of clubs and no monetary recognition?

**Member at Large:** Does this apply to existing clubs?

**McCarthy:** We are looking for groups that are just starting with new initiatives and things that didn't exist in the community already.

**Speaker:** closing words?

**McCarthy:** I am looking forward to working on this project.

**Faught:** I am looking forward to work with Jeff.

*Motion carries.*

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**[h]. Motion(10) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Section 1: Part N to AMS Policy Manual 2 as seen in Appendix D: Blue Ivey.**

Moved by Campus Activities Commissioner Claire Casher

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

**Commissioner Casher:** Administer grants for new activities on campus. Source of funding for new ideas with criteria such as innovating, engaging to students, enhancing campus life, and a link to broader Kingston community. This is a onetime event that could become annual. It would also allow the applicants to come in and give a short presentation to share their passion that was not clear on paper. Pilot year to see what will work and what will not. Bring the report and changes to assembly. Start on small scale and grow during future years.

**Speaker:** The floor is now open to debate on the motion.

**ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio:** ASUS also has grants or do we mind they get both.

**President Whittaker:** Disclose if they apply for both and so that AMS and we both know.

**Member Waslowski:** They want you to look for money in more than one place.

**Trustee Long:** How you would define an event?

**Casher:** As long as it is on the above criteria.

**Member at Large:** Any student can apply for this grant even those with additional restrictions or memberships not ratified by the AMS.

**Casher:** We stipulate that the applicant be an AMS member and the committee would oversee if any activities were harmful or unsafe to the Queen's community but no specific criteria.

*Motion carries.*

**CIA Faught:** Motion to proceed with Andrew Stoke's goal plan and budget of the Student Maintenance and Resource Team. The agenda takes precedence.

**Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman:** I second that.

*Motion carries.*

**[j]. Motion(12) that AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Student Maintenance and Resource Team for 2012-2013, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox and at <<http://www.myams.org/about-your-ams/cia-commission-of-internal-affairs/ams-assembly/assembly-documents/additional-assembly-documents.aspx>>.**

Moved by SMART Manager Andrew Stokes

Seconded by Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman

**Stokes:** It was passed last year at AMS Assembly but the program began this year. We are rebranding the student village as a university district and trying to rename the student housing area. It obviously didn't stick because most people still call it the 'ghetto.' The Broken Window Theory states as long as the physical conditions are still poor, the sight and thought of it will facilitate that even further. So we pick up trash that has been blown away and try to keep the neighbourhood clean. SMART also responded to the city's RFP(Request for Proposal) for municipal by-law enforcement.

**Speaker:** The floor is now open for questions for the manager.

**ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio:** Do you guys also shovel snow during the winter?

**Stokes:** Kind of. We are liable if anyone gets hurt by slipping on the sidewalk. We say it is an act of kindness that gets us off the legal hook.

**ASUS VP Jacobs:** Are you guys paid for these acts of kindness or just straight from the heart?

**Stokes:** Yes we are paid.

**Member Waslowski:** Are the workers are WSIB(Workplace Safety and Insurance Board) certified?

**Stokes:** I am done part of my training and finishing the next part soon. I focus during the sessions and also tell my workers to refuse unsafe work.

**Waslowski:** Can the AMS be sued if anyone got injured?

**Stokes:** The Ministry of Labour will send someone to investigate the matter and see who was at fault in that situation. But every reasonable precaution is taken.

**EngSoc Representative Douglas Haney:** Is it shift work with SMART? How can you guarantee that the employees are there the very next day?

**Stokes:** They have twenty-four hours to respond to summons but we have all the hours laid out.

**VP of Ops Tristan Lee:** Certain weekends and employees must be available as stated in their contracts.

**Member at Large:** How much will be required for a red cup clean up booking?

**Stokes:** Twenty-five dollars an hour and then any additional work, they pay for the next hour.

**Speaker:** Any additional questions for the manager? Any last words or anything to add?

**MAC Sherman:** I sit on a lot of town-gown, and SMART is singled out as one of the best initiatives and it keeps a good relationship with the community.

*Motion carries.*

**[k]. Motion(13) that AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Student Maintenance and Resource Team for 2012-2013, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox and at <<http://www.myams.org/about-your-ams/cia-commission-of-internal-affairs/ams-assembly/assembly-documents/additional-assembly-documents.aspx>>.**

Moved by SMART Manager Stokes

Seconded by MAC Sherman

**Stokes:** It has already been reviewed and passed by the Board of Directors.

**EngSoc Rep Haney:** Is there no contingency built in to the budget seeing as it is running in its first year? What if you don't get enough resources?

**Stokes:** We undersell what we do.

**VP of Ops Lee:** Never built an explicit contingency plan because this would increase assembly allocations. As well this would not be an accurate form of expense administration.

**Stokes:** I would like you to approve this budget.

*Motion carries.*

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**VP of Ops Lee:** In reference to section 6.03.08 of the AMS Constitution, the budgets have not been overseen by the Board of Directors and cannot be approved. Budget presentations can be still performed and questioned on but will not be voted on.

**Motion to table said motions(11 through 18) with the exception of (12 and 13).**

Moved by VP of UA Dineen

Seconded by President Johnson

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to add budget presentations of commissioners to Discussion Period**

Moved by VP of UA Dineen

Seconded by ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

*Motion carries.*

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### **15. Discussion Period**

*\*Because the following budget plans of each Commissioner has not been approved by the Board of Directors, these are only the significant questions and comments raised during discussion. For full details, one should refer to the individual reports and charts of the respective budgets.*

**VP of UA Dineen:** AMS Specific Fee that funds the assembly budget. Building up to justify every dollar. Reduce your budget in a reasonable way that doesn't harm your functioning or mandate.

**Budget of the Municipal Affairs Commission** presented by **MAC Troy Sherman**

- 9.4% cut overall
- \$500 honorarium for holiday house check manager and \$250 for patrollers.
- More consistent numbers for volunteer appreciation. Gives committee ability use those funds for MAC clothing.

**Chisti:** Explain the volunteer appreciation and MAC dinner under the general operating fees.

**Sherman:** MAC dinner is for the executives only. Volunteers can decide if they want to have a dinner too or to get MAC clothing

**Dineen:** Need to appreciate volunteers and but spend reasonably.

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**Budget of the Academic Affairs Commission** presented by **AAC Isabelle Duchaine**

**ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman:** Do you have a contingency budget for a possible provincial election that could come up?

**Duchaine:** No, but we will look at it as it develops and it is not in our best interest to develop a contingency plan for a minority government.

**Chisti:** What about during fall and winter orientation? How will you keep track?

**Duchaine:** Committee volunteers would need to provide documents for things they purchased during events so they can be reimbursed.

### **Budget of the Social Issues Commission presented by SIC Katie Conway**

**Conway:** Greater oversight for committees and applications for deputies to be approved faster.

**Basilio:** I think it would be better to advertise Queerorientation Week more during Orientation Week.

**Conway:** We will put that into the transition manual for next year.

**Rotman:** Where did most of the advertising expenses go?

**Conway:** Most of it was during the sidewalk sale on Friday during Orientation Week.

**Chisti:** Who sits on the Equity Grants Committee?

**Conway:** The Social Issues Commissioner, Vice-President of University Affairs, Deputy Commissioner and three other members.

**Whittaker:** Why are the Deputies receiving half their honorarium than last year?

**Conway:** That was due to the standardization from the Board of Trustees.

### **Budget of the Campus Activities Commission presented by CAC Claire Casher**

**Casher:** We are different than other Commissions as we spend larger amounts of money.

**Chisti:** For Office Operating last year it was \$248.37 and this year it is five-times that \$1410.00.

**Casher:** There was a lot of misinformation and different things not belonging to this section from last year. I began by calculating the volunteers and how much they use, less during the summer and more during the rest of the academic year.

**Basilio:** Some of the input is not present until last year's budget is closed so there's no overlap.

**Chisti:** ORT hiring?

**Dineen:** We are waiting for transition documents from the outgoing team before discussions.

### **Budget of the Commission of Internal Affairs presented by CIA Liam Faught**

**Faught:** Most of our operating budget is from assembly allocation. Two major expenses are salary and club grants which make up almost 80% of all our entire year. We have a 7.11% cut in assembly allocation despite clubs operating over 649%.

**Basilio:** What are set up charges?

**Faught:** The SLC charges us using this room for \$100.

**Rotman:** What are the miscellaneous charges?

**Faught:** They are incentive programs for submitting reports on time. The first three people get points and at the end of the year, the winner gets a \$50 gift card for Milestones. If you miss submitting a report, you are automatically ineligible. The other fees are for when placards get damaged or people requesting extra assembly documents. Contingencies are in place.

**Rotman:** Last year it was \$1203.17

**Faught:** Robert Sutherland Hall was used many times.

**Lee:** There is a secure accounting system in place but we are looking for a new module with better consistency. Lack of consistency in the past was what caused troubles in the accounting.

### **Budget of the Commission of the Environment and Sustainability presented by CES Ty Greene**

**Chisti:** Can you talk about community gardens?

**Greene:** Students can ask for them to be installed in or around their house. We pay an organization called Living Cities to do this. We have a funding of \$2000 so that is about five gardens' worth. As well, there were only five applications anyways last year so we do not want to overshoot it.

**Speaker:** Are there any more additional topics of discussion?

**Commerce Society President Nicola Plummer:** The salaries range from 13% to 77% averaging around 46%. That is about the tuition fee of two thousand students. How is this communicated to the students? What is the accountability behind it? How these numbers were arrived at and if this was based on precedence or history, when was the last time this was checked over?

**Lee:** The documents are posted online on the AMS website. Students can find more details in the annual report coming this November. Based upon CPI 5% reviews by the Board of Directors. These are strenuous positions that require a lot of work and if we look at the entire AMS budget over all it's not a large portion. Wages would make a more major section because we are putting

money back into the student's pockets. These jobs must require full time employment.

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### **16. Speaker's Last Word**

**Speaker:** I would like to recognize the work of the council in putting together these goal plans and budgets. It is truly tremendous amount of work for the society and for the students at Queen's. Thank you everyone for arriving promptly so that we began on time.

### **Motion to adjourn**

Moved by Speaker

Seconded by All

Opposed by Basilio and Rotman

*Motion carries.*

*\*assembly ended at 10:17pm*