

AMS Assembly minutes - Thursday, October 25th, 2012
Memorial Room in Kingston City Hall

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

**assembly commenced at 6:57 pm*

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

1. Approval of Agenda of the meeting of October 25th, 2012

Motion(1) that AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of October 25th, 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?

CIA Faught: Only alteration currently is Motion (3) and I would like to make that a topic of discussion as opposed to a substantive motion. Clubs Manager Jeff McCarthy and I, as well as a few others worked with MBA Society President Mitch Gudgeon so his input is ultimately necessary. But I welcome everyone's feedback.

Motion to add a discussion topic regarding Enrolment Planning

Moved by Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long

Seconded by Student Senate Caucus Chair Eril Berkok

Motion carries.

Motion(1) carries.

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of October 11th, 2012

Motion(2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of October 11th, 2012.

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

Motion(2) carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: It's lovely to be invited to this wonderful venue. I am quite nervous because it's such a nice place. Let's just be on our best behaviour.

4. Guest Speaker – Mayor Mark Garretson

Mayor Gerretsen: Usually at city council meetings, there are older ears and they'll yell out about the microphone not functioning. Great to have you choose and use city hall as your venue for this evening. Two years ago after I was elected, I was invited to a similar meeting. I have some notes and then questions you can ask me later after that. Being here tonight speaks to the evolution of town gown relations over the past few years. Queen's students are a fundamental part of our municipality no matter how long you study. Feedback important and together we make our community our best it can be. Relationship between Queen's and Kingston is one of shared opportunity and deep roots. There is a strong focus on quality of life, community planning, student engagement and economic development. We will continue to work together to be more vibrant and for a more sustainable place. Provide new perspectives and we look for your continued involvement in these activities. By collaborating on town-gown strategic plan, Kingston can be a global leader in research and innovation by fostering an environment that promotes technology, research and skilled professionals. With regards to the retention of students, Queen's attracts people from all over the world, but most do not stay in Kingston after they graduate. We need to work together plant roots in the Kingston community. As a city we are taking very serious action towards promoting good employment opportunities after graduation. The Kingston Environment Development Corp. will engage the student population and there is a meeting of city council to Queen's campus on November 20th, in the west wing of Goodes Hall, room 108. Thank you for choosing city hall and asking me to speak and I look forward to the opportunities to continue dialogue with Queen's and AMS to strengthen that relationship we have come to enjoy.

Speaker: If you wish to address the mayor, please raise your placards and we'll make a speaker's list.

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman: Could you highlight some of the biggest challenges facing town-gown relations between Kingston and Queen's.

Mayor Gerretsen: I have the unique opportunity to see what it's like to be a resident, affected by Queen's student, and vice versa. Queen's has been here since the beginning of the city, and residents believe that it happens to be in Kingston and Queen's believes it's an institution that happens to be in the city of Kingston. We have to see ourselves as partners and I have had the opportunity to meet with my counterparts and other municipalities. Concept between innovation centres started in Waterloo which spawned to RIM, the municipality and university got together, which we all know is supplier to the blackberry product.

MCRC President Tuba Chishti: What are some things city council is doing or has done to bring students to Kingston and get them stay here?

Mayor Gerretsen: KEDCO gets all businesses in town to showcase what they do in the spring. Expose students to the businesses we have here. We do not want students to just experience Queen's but get out campus and become absorbed with the community and break through that bubble. Kingston Day in Grant Hall organized by KEDCO. Big employers such as Empire Life and Envista; smaller ones to showcase it to students on campus.

Proxy for ASUS Representative to AMS Daniel Basilio: Clean air and sustainability project? Where is it going in the future?

Mayor Gerretsen: Private business opened vehicle share program, and they started with three cars. There is one at Tindall Field, one at downtown and one also by Alfred/Princess. It's a great idea of sharing vehicles to move to an objective sustainability. For every one vehicle shared, it removes demand of twenty-six parking spots. If there is a membership of one hundred and four people, that is around 4 cars. If we can promote people to use this car sharing, bike sharing, we can get closer to those objectives to a sustainable city. Through the eyes of four pillars: environment, social, cultural and economic. It is an understanding that we prosper with one of those fields without advancing all the other ones. KEDCO asks what the quality of life in Kingston is, unless we have strong cultural programs and rich social amenities, we can't protect our environment.

Nursing Student's Society Vice-President Colleen McLoughlin: Can you talk about the public transit in Kingston? I know there is currently a project to start a new bus-pass system. I also heard rumours it will be more expensive than it was in the past. Are there any initiatives to keep low costs for students because that is how a lot of us get around Kingston and out of the bubble?

Mayor Gerretsen: I am currently not aware of price structure changes. This particular city council is committed to expanding the transit service. I know the Kingston transit system currently is being used not because people *want* to but *need* to. I know it's a different municipality but when I lived in Toronto, I had a car and never drove it because it made more sense to use TTC. We are committed to create a transit system that people want to use not because it's your only option.

Chairman Berkok: There is a proposed mandate statement submitted to highlight institution's goals. One of them is to increase enrolment of two thousand students by 2018, but by that time the student population will have reach the mid-two thousands. What are your thoughts and how do you see this affecting Kingston as a whole?

Mayor Gerretsen: Well in terms of economic perspective, more people in community will increase the flow of businesses. There will be a huge strain on the housing situation as Kingston has the lowest vacancy rate in Ontario. But because of high demand there are instances of lower quality housing. Williamsville at Bath Road and Princess Street, to revitalize that and a big part of that will be housing for more availability.

ASUS Representative to AMS Geraldine Zhao: A lot of businesses outside the downtown core do not feel as they are part of the Queen's bubble. How can we build student relationships to that area?

Mayor Gerretsen: I will take that to KEDCO and Chamber of Commerce. Primarily retail, entertainment, and more boutique style small businesses have that opportunity but other areas of city are chain-type. There will be more employment opportunities and I can see that happening in the near future as town-gown plans will address the city as a whole not just the downtown area.

VP of UA Dineen: Thoughts of homecoming and potential return of a 2013 homecoming?

Mayor Gerretsen: I think it is fortunate for Queen's to move homecoming to spring instead of fall four years ago. No doubt that fundraising and alumni relations affected. If that transfer had not been done, the event could have gotten bigger and bigger and spiralled out of control. People not only throughout the province but from the west side of Canada would come to Aberdeen Street. It started as a university alumni spirit building type event and spawned into something

else; more than half of the people there weren't even Queen's students. We are currently working with Principal Woolf on how to integrate that, and to return homecoming to the fall. It's their prerogative and I will work with them but do it in a way that we can control the negative side effects. Old Alumni coming back and that tradition needs to be kept alive but also need to respect the laws established by province and municipality such as intoxication and borderline rioting. This year I received neither email nor phone call after the event and the Police Services Board didn't really know when it took place. The event had extinguished itself over time and hope we can prevent the havoc that occurred four years ago.

Media Services Director Terra Arnone: What do you think is the biggest barrier between city representatives and Queen's students?

Mayor Gerretsen: I don't think there was a right amount of respect and a level appreciation for the two organizations. There is this idea that we can't come together to foster relationships and community we live in. Just this notion we shouldn't be working together because we did not in the past. Hope we are well down the road of moving away from that.

MAC Sherman: President Doug Johnson and I went to Boston to look at innovation start ups. What should be the city's role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship of students?

Mayor Gerretsen: The city is looking to supply spaces, grants and in-kind contributions and also other types of funding. We are serious about this as a municipality and we should work to have this done. The Governor General, when he was president at Waterloo he decided to talk to the mayor. And opening those doors and beginning that communication spawned RIM. I am behind it because I can appreciate the economic opportunities and spinoffs, which the public can still benefit from today.

ASUS President John Whittaker: What can the city do about the relationship between student tenants and landlords? Should be some checks on property standards and responsibilities fall on both parties or are students always for their living conditions?

Mayor Gerretsen: There is always a bad apple in the bunch but it shouldn't ruin everything else. I know that you guys have a Golden Cockroach award and Key to the Student Village to recognize the best quote on quote land lord and those are the kind of things that gives reputation at Queen's. It is vital to educate students on what is acceptable and what is not. For a lot of students it is their first time away from home. They may not know their responsibilities and let things go untaken care of and realize too late on what should be done. They should know what should is the responsibility of the landlord and themselves and by-law enforcement officers are there for them.

Speaker: On behalf of the Alma Mater Society, thanks for coming and speaking to us.

5. President's Report

AMS President Doug Johnson: Make sure to thank Troy, Liam and the Mayor for this evening. This weekend we drove through MIT, Harvard, Cambridge and we'll write a full report with Taylor Wheeler (EngSoc President) and Daniel Farewell (Commerce Society Internal Vice-President) for the assembly soon. We just got back from a 4am flight and haven't slept; being

powered by Red Bull right now. I look forward to be working with the Engineering and Commerce Society to see how this develops.

**refer to report for full details*

6. Vice President's Report

a. Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee: Budget processes are going smoothly. Taking a different method to ensure better consistency over the next couple of years and I'll bring it to assembly and the Board of Directors for approval soon. The question with the transit agreement is being worked on right now with the city of Kingston and AMS General Manager Annette Bergeron. Costs to AMS have increased from \$45.50 to \$46 to compensate for the past five years based on ridership and increases of services by Kingston transit. So we are dedicated to finalizing that and getting the lowest possible cost for students.

b. Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen: Last assembly we nominated members to the Committee on External Alignment. Applications are out right now for students at large to fill those spots and they are due Monday at 4pm. With regards to the AMS Membership Bursary, I have not been able to meet with the registrar's office yet. We don't really have a time crunch for reviewing the policy because next round of distribution is at September. AMS launched a blog post recently about fraternities and sorority at Queen's. It was to engage discussion and raise concerns and not to quantify a divide between the students. So I encourage all of you to read it.

**refer to reports for full details*

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Rob Gamble: Next meeting at McLaughlin room in the JDUC two weeks from now at 5pm. Please email me if you can't come and everyone here has a vote so if you cannot make it, send a proxy.

**refer to reports for full details*

8. Student Senator's Report

Chairman Eril Berkok: I have everything to add to my report since I did not get it in on time. I have been working a lot to improve Senate efficiency dealing with university affairs. One of the ways is procedural and a bunch of student senators and I have drafted up a motion to reform procedures of Senate. These include extending its maximum length, cutting down oral reports and possibly dropping May Senate. I've been also meeting with various Deans and other faculty members and presidents, to get their views surrounding Senate and to reconcile the tension. Meeting with the Principal tomorrow, as he has summoned me ominously, to discuss what I wrote in the Journal. In addition to that, the Academic Planning Task Force is meeting again this month next week and I am particularly working on developing a strategy to implement online learning and virtualization tools. Senate itself is next Tuesday, and Student Caucus is Monday evening, so notify me and I'll add you to the Observer's List.

9. Rector's Report

Rector Nick Francis: I did not submit a report but rather wrote a letter to all students posted to my website. Bring your attention to that: <http://www.queensu.ca/rector/news25OCT2012.html>

10. Student Trustee's Report

Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long: I would just like to touch upon the discussion topic I added to the Agenda. There was some stuff published in the Journal recently, and Rector Francis and I spoke with the Provost. We will be working to write a letter to the Board of Trustees, informing them with some issues that we see in terms of processes or lack thereof in enrolment planning. We need to identify what they university should be thinking when faced with the issue of growth. Some things to consider are counselling services, financial aid but other factors such as services at capacity that needs to be reworked and restructured to accommodate students. So think about that before we reach discussion period.

11. Statements by Members

ASUS Vice-President Tom Jacobs: The fall by-election has concluded and we have two new ASUS representatives to the AMS. They are Tyler Lively and Alex Prescott, sitting in the gallery right now and joining us in two weeks at the table. I would like to thank AMS for the support.

President Chishti: The MCRC is looking to donate to student groups at Queen's in addition to other charities. The applications are due tomorrow so tell everyone.

Social Issues Commissioner Katie Conway: Equity Caucus had its first meeting and elected the Chair who is the PHEKSA representative. We will see what our objectives are and there are still three societies not represented yet.

CIA Faught: I'd like to start by thanking the Mayor, the city staff, and the chief administrator who supported us. Also the Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman, QTV for live-streaming this event and my interns Marcus and Eddie for showing up. This was something in my portfolio that is very important to me and I wanted to see it follow through. During the fall referendum, Queen's webmail experienced a technical difficulty for over seven hours straight on Tuesday night. Traditionally, the first evening of voting experiences high traffic and a lot of potential votes were lost that. The Chief Returning Officer Ali Tejpar and Chief Electoral Officer Scott Mason extended it to 2pm today and sent out a second set of emails to students who had not voted yet. 26.33% of students voted which is the highest turnout for a referendum. In a large part, that is owed to the deputy returning and chief returning officers and Scott as well. The results are available on the AMS website, Facebook, and tomorrow's edition of the Queen's Journal. They contain the fees of clubs which are continuing or which are newly established. If any of you have questions on the process, feel free to contact Scott, Ali or me.

Speaker: Thank you commissioner for the kind words.

Director Arnone: CFRC Sponsorship and Outreach Manager applications are due 4pm on November 5th.

Academic Affairs Commissioner Isabelle Duchaine: One online midterm for a biology class took place during when the Queen's system has a technical difficulty. Measures are already put in to place so those student's be penalized. If you have any problems or questions please send me an email.

MAC Sherman: Thanks for bringing AMS Assembly back to City Hall and the Mayor and their staff for helping us out. Big thanks to all the councillors and members present and I think this should be a continued tradition since it shows a strong town-gown relation. Thank you members at the gallery for coming out and people watching via the live-stream provided by Queen's TV.

Campus Activities Commissioner Claire Casher: Few weeks ago we established the New Events Grant. Application forms are online and due November 2nd Friday. If you or your constituents have ideas, I welcome your application because we want to see as many possible. We have the flexibility to define what the processes will look like and all the proposals, criteria can be known if you talk to me.

12. Question Period

Member (soon to be ASUS representative to AMS) Alex Prescott: I have a question for the Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman. I was wondering if you could expand on the bike lanes that were mentioned in the Journal recently.

MAC Sherman: There are city councillors here in the audience and you should chat with them for a better picture. The project is on going to make a more sustainable city and provide more incentives for active transportation. Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene and I are working together to encourage sustainability not only on campus but also in Kingston throughout the city.

Member at Large Kanivanan: My question if for the Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee. I was wondering if he could report on the processes for hiring AMS workers. There is a narrow hiring window and if plans change, and certain employees decide to quit, will we be able to see a service that is chronically understaffed and are there any mechanism to replace these employees midterm if necessary?

VP of Operations Tristan Lee: AMS Board of Directors look at this very closely. Hiring period is short and only around September and March/April. Employees are not working for more than ten hours a week and it's not like they go through constant training. It's not feasible to hire outside people for short term. We do have a system of merit for actions, verbal warnings and suspensions. We never had the problem that we lost so many employees to the point that services didn't run. We do hire enough so that if we do lose some staff, we can still operate.

13. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Discussion Period

a. MCRC-JRHC Amalgamation

MCRC President Tuba Chishti: In 1925 the first residence at Queen's was opened. Ban Righ, Leonard Hall, and McNeill House had their own councils. They joined together because of common needs and better to be one instead of separate. I'm outlining some pros and cons amalgamating, and next week we will have our reports to all the assemblies and councils, whether or not we take this to referendum. None of this presentation is binding and this is only part of the consultation phase.

JRHC President Matt Sheculski: The demographic used to be students at the Teacher's College at Jean Royce Hall along with international and graduate students. Now it is predominantly first years and graduate students will go back to JDUC (John Deutsch University Centre) after the new residence buildings are developed.

Aesculapian Society Representative James Simpson: The AMS has no formal role in regards to this, and this is just consultation?

Sheculski: We value your opinion.

Rector Francis: What about the loss of the student seat at Senate Residence Committee?

Chishti: Because these two councils will be joined together, it's not possible to represent the entire residence community and we have received approval in removing that position.

Francis: West campus and international student voices can be lost. How will they be best represented at amalgamation?

Sheculski: Even though MCRC is one giant society they have sub societies between residences. We don't lose a certain demographic and have vice-presidents for both campuses and all their words are heard and none loss.

Chishti: The new assembly would have four house presidents if we amalgamate and different members at different levels.

CESA President Philip Lloyd: I think it's a great idea. Diverse group of people and make sure those different groups are not forgotten. It's much more effective this way in terms of advocacy.

AAC Duchaine: I heard a rumour that students on west campus have lower marks on average than main campus.

Chishti: The Director of Housing and Hospitality received an angry phone call from a parent that their child was transferring out of Queen's because they were placed at West but that's ridiculous. Placement is based on priority and on a wait list; residence is a privilege. First years are put on a lottery system but that rumour has no basis.

Speaker: Are there no additional comments? We will move on to the next part.

Chishti: The next part in my presentation is about residence culture.

Francis: They are different numbers of students in different residences and how does the council prevent the divide?

Chishti: The new staff members usually stay on where they were, so main on main and west on west but we will try to get better representation from people who know both campuses.

Trustee Long: What about office hours and how will office space work?

Sheculski: We are looking to demolish a space in Jean Royce hall and to extend the cafeteria. The other office can accommodate us easily and we'll see if two offices are even worth it but students can definitely find us.

Proxy ASUS rep to AMS Basilio: Do the students have a say in the change in policies regarding residences?

Chishti: Ballots go through assembly, they are voted on, and go through three readings. During house councils, presidents can only vote how the rest of their house votes and only if they have quorum or else they must abstain. But input is always welcome if we have the amalgamated council.

Sheculski: MCRC first year representative is paid but on JRHC we give ours a big budget to plan events.

ASUS Rep to AMS Zhao: The two councils have two separate budgets and how will this work?

Chishti: Though non-for-profit we do have surpluses from past years. But those from main campus only go back to main because it was money that came from those residences. We would look at our end of our year surpluses before signing anything and allot a certain amount for particular residences.

ASUS Representative to AMS Alex Rotman: Most meetings structured to take place on main campus. Access issues for students at west who want to be at council meetings?

Sheculski: JRHC alternate between main and west so we don't miss out people from graduate representatives. But if students want to go, they will definitely show up and the transit system operates to serve them.

Chishti: We send out packages to those who are interested but the rotation does help to show how great west campus is.

Speaker: If there are no more questions, we will move on to the next part.

Chishti: Human resources integration will remove duplicate tasks and easier planning of training and for orientation and better consistency across the board. But some executive positions will be removed and there may be lack of knowledge of things that are specific to west campus. MCRC does the hiring and interviewing and JRHC picks from that pool so it's not fair for both sides.

Sheculski: We want more of the time to go towards the students.

Trustee Long: Lowering student fees if possible?

Chishti: They are passed through our assembly separately and we've already changed that policy at MCRC. But they are heavily tied to residence fees and we hope to get both perspectives but ours is higher than JRHC.

Sheculski: Students on west campus are not required to buy meal plans. They are optional and originally, students with financial need would choose west so they don't have a mandatory feeling to pay for that. If you do have financial need then you get on main campus with half-price.

Chishti: One thing to note would be the operations such as front desk services. For some reason there are very high turnouts for board games and we need to look for more resources, equipment and accessibility. We would try to establish similar events and opportunities for all regardless of campus residence. The MCRC Sustainability Co-ordinator has no technical role at west campus even though when Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long was in that position, she did go to west campus. MCRC is a corporation and JRHC is not, but we spoke with our lawyers and the amalgamation would result in a corporation.

Sheculski: JRHC misses out on corporate sponsorships and we can't always reduce costs for students. We would need more marketing and the services would have to serve all students and the amalgamation will need to meet high demands. We already work together and so it's better for us to turn it into an official partnership.

Member at Large: What about the elections process for executives at JRHC?

Sheculski: Vice-presidents of different positions in JRHC if amalgamated will be redundant and we'll just make it a vice-president of west campus and the positions will represent all of campus residences.

b. Student Fee Protocol

President Johnson: In 1994, the government asked the Ontario Colleges and Universities Council to submit one but Queen's never wrote one. Because AMS was so thorough and amazing at that time, we didn't need it. But sixteen years later, the administration reminded us that we needed to submit one. A lot of it is just about language and to communicate how student

fees are established and viewable by students. University can no longer charge us a service fee but it has to be approved by the assembly. President's caucus has already seen it and it is not a rush because it's been a long process so far. The university would like to see this done quickly though, as the Vice-Principal's Operations committee and Board of Directors will look at this soon. Our Information Officer Greg McKellar has been working on it for several years.

VP of Operations Lee: Under Section 6, the university would not be paying and provide funding to AMS until November 1st but the bank account does not have enough to run things. Around \$6 million dollars last year and the AMS needs \$1 million dollars from the university to pay the faculty societies. We are proposing to have a cash-advance, and then provide the reconciliation documents in November, with opt-outs calculated.

Member at Large: In regards to clause 2.9, I know Carleton University started charging student societies and this happened a few years back.

Member (soon to be ASUS representative to AMS) Tyler Lively: In regards to clause 5.3 in order to establish a fee, purposes of revenue to be used, where can a student see this purpose?

Lee: Ensuring as we are transparent as possible and funding by students will go towards a good cause.

Member Prescott: Details about the organizations themselves?

VP of Operations Lee: More of that is provided and the students can see it.

Member Lively: Can students that pay the fee access this information.

Member Lively requests that the records show that Vice-President Lee did not directly answer the question posed.

Lee: The details are on the ballot themselves when they are voting.

AAC Duchaine: There is a breakdown of every activity fee seen on SOLUS so students can view it online.

Lee: In terms of the budgets of clubs and other organizations, they are currently not shown to students because it is not readily accessible. But I have the ability to audit and I want to audit more clubs at random to see their spending and if they are using student funds properly.

c. Enrolment Growth

Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long: I want to bring this topic to discussion because it will be important to get all the factors that would be affected by having two thousand extra students coming to Queen's by 2018.

Aesculapian Society Rep Simpson: How will this affect funding from the ministry?

Long: Formula for funding is BIU (Basic Income Units). The provinces gives money to universities based on students admitted but discount after a certain threshold reached.

Duchaine: I would say all levels of student life, especially if we pay attention to a survey on student satisfaction by Globe and Mail. Queen's got a B- for course registration. More flexibility in course planning and the education we are receiving would be good.

Nursing Student's Society VP McLoughlin: Enrolment at nursing will be detrimental since we know everyone in our class, first name basis with professors and associate directors. Increasing student enrolment will affect morale and learning opportunities. We currently have a strong network within our small faculty.

President Whittaker: I can see the student teacher ratio getting out of hand if we look at the long term trajectory. We pride ourselves on being this middle-size residential institution with research and undergraduate experience.

PHEKSA President Steven Gillies: Class sizes will undoubtedly be affected with loss of community in our faculties.

SIC Conway: Counselling as well as other services will require more employees, such as disability and we currently lack employees as it is.

MAC Sherman: I think housing will be a huge issue because there are no places for students to go. We need these answers to accommodate enrolment if we have 0.2% vacancy rate across the city.

ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman: What is the breakdown with the two thousand students?

Chairman Berkok: In the proposed mandate statement, most of them would go into Arts & Science, then Commerce and then Engineering.

Rotman: Then we would need more infrastructures and I would be worried about if there is enough money to compensate.

Chishti: Some of the funding for residences comes directly from donations. Another issue would be the need for more campus security.

Rector Francis: Deans submit a list of how many students they want take in and show it to the Provost Office. It is an incentive for Deans to have more students because this would mean more access to funds. Arts & Science a lot of services they need to run and the law school might start offering undergraduate classes to have more people in their faculty.

Commerce Society Representative: These students would compete for the same number of jobs and companies have to select candidates from a larger pool. This can also be said the same for graduate applications.

CAC Casher: The space on campus, orientation week, expanding facilities and gatherings throughout the year.

Lee: Student services such as athletics and recreation, far above capacity right now at certain times of the day.

Simpson: High burden on health services and local hospitals.

Conway: Study space and libraries.

Proxy Basilio: Does this affect the students who are studying at the Queen's Castle?

Berkok: There is nothing in the mandate statement but we will look into that.

CESA President Lloyd: What are some positives instead of negatives?

Francis: Benefits would include the provincial government giving more contributions to our institution, since right now it is at 47% of operations. Increased enrolment is a revenue generator and residences are like that too.

Proxy Commerce Society External Vice-President: The transition for first year students such as nursing and computer science since we have small numbers to being with.

Member at Large: University should be an opportunity for all and education is important, and even though there is competition, it should not be looked down upon.

Long: Currently no citations of academics in regards to growth in enrolment. We are entering a knowledge-based economy and degrees are required for a lot more jobs than decades ago.

Commerce Society President Nicola Plummer: With regards to the competition, there was no negative nature insinuated.

Francis: Financial aid, scholarships and eligibility.

Long: Vice-Provost of Budgeting and Planning Joanne Brady said that scholarships stayed at the same dollar amount even when tuition went up. Queen's is freezing the dollar amount until we meet that standard because we are above it.

Member at Large: I would hate to see some of my classes if I was first year to be pushed online. If town-Gown relations were strengthened, money allocation to residences, or space was not an issue, what about the virtualization of courses?

Duchaine: No doubt there will be a pedagogical impact and virtualization will be a cost saver as opposed to physical space. But to initialize an online course, the start up costs is quite high and it is cheaper to offer them in a giant stadium than online.

Long: Queen's experience, the bubble of living, studying with people you are close with and the spirited alumni cohort.

Berkok: Enrolment growth is inevitable but what should be considering is an adequate planning process.

Francis: We are not trying to put up a strong stance but rather to hear all the concerns with regards to the addition of two thousand students. And the \$400000 with residence planning kind of came up out of the blue and we should have the residences first before enrolment planning.

Motion to extend discussion for 10 minutes

Moved by Student Senate Caucus Chair Eril Berkok

Seconded by SIC Conway

Motion carries.

President Plummer: Student societies are lacking representative positions because of class sizes due to competition but enrolment will obviously change the mentality.

EngSoc Representative Douglas Haney: There is a decline in the Queen's geophysics program as the professor has left, and only a few people still know how to use the equipment. This profession is high in demand and the student enrolment will target towards this success.

Proxy Basilio: This is the same with biomedical computing with about thirty students. Enrolment growth will be substantially good in that sense. What about affecting the accelerated medical program?

Long: SCAD (Senate Committee on Academic Development) will look at those proposals.

Prescott: This ultimately comes back to money and funding of the university. We should develop financial solutions and suggestions for the university.

Haney: Queen's was \$14 million dollars in debt before, and enrolment is good for the institution as Maritime universities have like \$6 million dollars in surplus.

Member at Large: Queen's can be in a deficit if there's a recession and have a surplus during good times. No need to make drastic cuts because it fluctuates back and forth.

Prescott: There are certain issues at play that affected the financial structure and these problems need to be flushed out and resolved first.

Francis: At a very simplified view, increasing enrolment means more dollars and bringing down the deficit. Does the money from those students cover all the problems raised with the enrolment growth?

d. Club Grants (previously Motion(3))

CIA Faught: This was originally a motion but it has been moved to discussion period. \$30000 dollars to be given in two sessions, the fall and winter terms. The committee will allocate the grants in November and then February. Clubs will show us their proposed budgets and the projects they are interested in pursuing. But this is tailored to a school year from September to April. MBA Society goes from May to February. Many clubs populated by MBA society members can't make effective use of the club grants pool. Appendix C gives Club Grant Committee up to \$4000 dollars outside fall and winter session, which addresses a fairness issue.

Up to \$4000 dollars of that \$30000 dollars could be given to clubs that can't have it at other points of the year.

NSS VP McLoughlin: Our nursing programs run through the summer months too.

Rotman: How can clubs show that they operate on a different schedule and cannot make that deadline?

Faught: They would have to demonstrate very clearly to the committee that they can't make use of the regular club grants period and can only make use of the additional period.

Rotman: Then I think the motion should be more explicit and the enough details that justifies the additional period.

Proxy PHEKSA: What is the thought behind \$4000 dollars, why not more or less?

Faught: Most of the pool money is given to the majority clubs that can still use the normal grant allocation periods. It is to better serve as many clubs at possible as a whole.

Chishti: Do they have the same requirements?

Faught: There would be an additional question of why you were not able to use the normal period.

VP Jacobs: This would be great and provide more benefits to Kingston community. The eight month schedule is restrictive and also the Good Times Kitchen does not have funds allocated during the summer.

Member at Large: How would assembly oversee the clubs that are not running during the normal period?

VP of UA Dineen: We will look at their funds and a list of their projects they are running. They would need to provide an entire timeline of the budget drafted over the year. At the last meeting of AMS assembly, what is expected over the summer will need to be shown to us.

16. Speaker's Last Words

Speaker: I applaud all of you for your insight and the proxies here tonight that brought new opinions. It was very thoughtful for the two recently elected representatives, Mr. Lively and Mr. Prescott, to come out and participate. With that being said, may I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn assembly.

Moved by PHEKSA Vice-President Caileigh Simpson

Seconded by Rector Nick Francis

Opposed by Rotman

Motion carries.

**assembly ended at 9:37pm*

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