

AMS Assembly minutes - Thursday, November 8th, 2012
McLaughlin Room in John Deutsch University Centre

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

**assembly commenced at 8:33 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 November 8th, 2012.

Moved by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Liam Faught

Seconded by Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen

Speaker: Any changes to the agenda?

Student Senate Caucus Chair Eril Berkok: I would like to remove my topic of discussion about Online Learning and Virtualization.

Motion to omnibus(1) motions(6) through (7) and Omnibus(2) motions(8) through (10).

Moved by MCRC President Tuba Chishti

Seconded by Nursing Student Society President Kalem Boomhouwer

Motion carries.

Motion(1) carries.

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of October 25th, 2012

Motion(2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of October 25th, 2012.

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

Speaker: Any changes to the minutes?

ASUS Representative to AMS Tyler Lively: I would like to point out that the minutes did not show that the Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee did not answer my question last assembly and it should be on record.

Chishti: The first residence at Queen's was opened at 1925 instead of 1939.

Motion(2) carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: Mr. Basilio has a Movember group going on.

ASUS Representative to AMS Daniel Basilio: It's called "Student's of Queen's University" because I didn't want to exclude members or students who are not part of the AMS. Also I don't have the ability to represent all those here in assembly or on campus.

Speaker: Mr. Basilio will also act as deputy speaker because I will be delivering a report later about the elections of the previous referendum.

5. President's Report

AMS President Doug Johnson: The annual report is out and it's the second consecutive year that AMS has gotten it in on time with a modest 75 pages. For future years we would like to get it out earlier as soon as the draft audit statements come from KPMG. There will be some hard copies floating around the AMS eventually but it's online currently to paper and money. Queen's ITS migrating webmail to Microsoft 365 on January 2nd. From 1am to noon, the university will be starting to do that. If you are interested in having it done earlier, email me and I'll send the info over to ITS and they will require student's feedback on Microsoft 365, what works and what doesn't.

**refer to report for full details*

6. Vice President's Report

a. Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee: I will be giving a presentation on the AMS operating budget afterwards.

b. Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen: We opened a discussion regarding sororities and fraternities and we are in the process of putting a package of information for assembly. We have received responses from different departments of the university and will facilitate discussion in future assembly. Non-Academic Discipline Working Group had first meeting yesterday and the negotiations entailed securing the future of AMS. At this point we established a working group to ensure that to hold the university accountable so that they hold their side of the agreement. Campus Activities Commissioner Claire Casher, Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee and I have been discussing Orientation Round Table, seeing the structure, how it works and consulted with the heads of the weeks. If there are any changes that result from that, we will bring that back to assembly.

**refer to report for full details*

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Rob Gamble: Thanks everyone for coming out tonight and attending the Corporate General Meeting. I know everyone has a busy schedule. The Board met last Thursday and

looked over the consolidated budget. We examined the insurance for all the directors and officers of the corporation. This is liability insurance in case of any lawsuits. \$1 million liability policy has been increased to \$5 million coverage.

8. Student Senator's Report

Chairman Eril Berkok: I now have officer hours along with Chairman Gamble and Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long. It's in room 230 of the JDUC on Mondays 4:30pm to 5:30pm, Wednesdays 11:30am to 12:30am and Fridays 10:30am to 11:30am. I know it's a hard room to find so I might put up a fun video somewhere accessible to show exactly where it is.

**refer to report for full details*

9. Rector's Report

Rector Nick Francis: Those faculty societies who still have not sent in your representatives for the Tricolour Awards Selection Committee, please send them in as soon as possible. It's very difficult to schedule 16 individuals in to one meeting and we really want to get moving on that. Tomorrow is the Remembrance Day assembly at 10:50am in Grant Hall, planned by the Chaplain. I would like to plan a debate for this semester or next, and I would like the assembly's feedback on this. The topic would be 'Is Queen's a corporation, or an academy?' and if you know any students or professors who have some valuable input on this, please invite them to speak.

10. Student Trustee's Report

**Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long absent*

**refer to report for full details*

11. Statements by Members

Member at Large Nathan Utioh: Recently there was a decision that the AMS Execs doesn't have first year interns. This takes away the opportunity for first year students to get involved and learn about student government. To suggest that they are too busy is an insult to every other exec. I myself was an intern to Morgan Campbell, the former President of the AMS, and have learned a great deal. No one from Class of 2016 will have this opportunity to get experience from the most influential body on campus.

President Chishti: Hope to have something in place next year's execs regarding interns.

ASUS Vice-President Tom Jacobs: ASUS Funding Grants are now available and the applications are due on November 16th. They are not just for Arts & Science students but available to all groups on campus.

Social Issues Commissioner Katie Conway: AMS Equity Grants are due tomorrow at 4pm. Next Tuesday the Mental Health Awareness Committee will be hosting a speaker series on depression in Common Ground. On Wednesday, the Religious Affairs Committee will be hosting a screening of the movie 'Reel Bad Arabs.'

Hospitality and Safety Services Director Keenan Randall: I had the pleasure of working as a Student Constable at two engineering events. The first one being Grease Pole and the second one being Sic-Formal this past Saturday. The care in both the organization and execution of these two events I witnessed this year. They were superb and I would just like to congratulate the Engineering Society as well as the respective committees that planned this.

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman: Over the next two years there will be discussions regarding a town-gown strategic plan that AMS will be submitting reports to. Some of the topics include active transport, student innovation, and homecoming and housing.

Academic Affairs Commissioner Isabelle Duchaine: The University has concluded that the Undergraduate TA Policy from 2005 is still in effect and should be followed by all departments. So we are making sure that all faculties and students are agreeing to it. The Senate Committee on Academic Procedures will have a report regarding the GPA and there will be an upcoming report on that soon.

President Johnson: A response to Member Utioh and President Chishti, the decision for executives not to have interns is not because we are too busy. There are a number of reasons but we do still see the benefits of having interns. I myself was an intern at ASUS during my first year and I have an intern who is now working at Tricolour Outlet. We are giving a presentation on Monday night to the Intern Council about the history of AMS and what we do individually. We are still interested in working lots of them but your points are duly noted and we'll make sure to pass it on to our successors.

Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene: I would like to apologize for my two absences as I was away on a conference and ill the second time. There will be a Waste Management Trivia Night at the Grad Club on November 21st at 8pm. So come out to win some prizes and have a good time.

VP of UA Dineen: External Alignment Committee is still seeking a student at large position. We are running advertisements in the journal so please pass this on to your constituents. The applications are due Monday at 4pm.

CESA President Philip Lloyd: Registration for Queen's Conference on Education is open on Monday. It is for all students, not only those enrolled in Concurrent Education, but it is on a first come first serve basis.

CIA Faught: The Non-Academic Discipline Working Group met yesterday and I think assembly members, especially council should be report back what happens and the kinds of discussions that occur in committee. We are looking to create a database that can be used by all non-academic discipline systems on campus. That's been lacking for many years now and something AMS has pushed for consistently. Looking to create a cohesive group discipline policy, for those groups who break code of conduct. Create a document and summarizes how non-academic discipline should work on campus. We want to make sure that though even the document has been signed, it still needs to be looked at and make sure those things a followed through. Your non-academic discipline record never ends up on your transcript and remains confidential.

EngSoc President Taylor Wheeler: Sic-Formal went really well last Saturday. Thanks to the student constables and ASUS for letting use the red room. In exchange we let the president and vice-president come with their dates. John(ASUS President Whittaker) took his girlfriend and Tom(ASUS VP Jacobs) took Nick(Rector Francis).

Campus Activities Commissioner Claire Casher: The hiring process for Orientation Round Table Coordinator has ended. We hired Samantha from nursing and she has lots of experience with nursing orientation.

Motion to turn over the speakership to Deputy Speaker Daniel Basilio.

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by MAC Sherman

Motion carries.

PHEKSA Vice-President Caileigh Simpson: There will be a winter games for children with disabilities in Kingston on November 16th.

a. Presentation of the Elections Team Report to Assembly on the Fall 2012 Referendum, as seen in Appendix A: 2012 Fall Referendum.

Chief Electoral Officer Scott Mason: We have a short presentation to give about the fall referendum.

Chief Returning Officer Ali Tejpar: The teams that did not pass this referendum were Queen's Quidditch Club, Global China Connection, and Union Gallery. We had a really good turnout and we'll be talking about the diagnostics of the all candidate meetings, marketing strategies that worked, voting system, turnouts, miscellaneous issues and recommendations for next semester

CEO Mason: Spoke to all members who were seeking to get on the ballot and explained campaign rules. The previous elections team put on a wonderful power-point so we didn't have to change much. We collected the contact info from groups and there was a great use of communication.

CRO Tejpar: We used the AMS elections team twitter account and we recommend all of you to follow it for next semester. We also posted extensively on the Class of 2013 to 2016 Facebook groups and worked with MCRC to get the word out to first year students. Also the stickers on Common Ground merchandise.

CEO Mason: The electronic ballot was set out by Votenet but there was a blackout with IT. Ali, Liam and I had a contingency plan to extend voting period by one day and to send out another email. There was a massive spike in voter turnout but not because of the longer voting period but when the students receive an email. Students either see the email and vote, or they not. Over 40% of votes casted were after the second email was sent out.

CRO Tejpar: Highest turnout for a standalone referendum that didn't include the rector, trustee or executive elections. 26.33% of all eligible voters which is 4111 students voted which is amazing given that we lost 7 hours of voting time with the webmail blackout. We got a lot of positive reactions from mass social media updating, invited people to the Facebook event. We are discussing about sending out a second email because it shows a necessity of reminders.

CEO Mason: We will work with the Commissioner of Internal Affairs to send another voting email for next semester's voting period but it will cost \$400. We will have to see if it's well spent.

CRO Tejpar: So there was more information on the campaigns and the referendum groups. There was a detailed tab to give the students a quick summary, their mandate and where the money will go. Perhaps the executive and trustee elections should have this too.

CEO Mason: One of our mutual friends trolled us on Facebook about how there was no option to abstain on the ballots. I think he was joking but we decided we could add this option on future elections. Or it's just not mandatory to click yes or no.

CRO Tejpar: Scott and I have been working with the Chief Information Officer Greg McKellar, to review the policies, fix redundancy and edit things. As for future plans we are just working with nomination packages for trustee, executive elections and the general referendum for next semester.

EngSoc Vice-President of Student Development Vikram Bhatia: Are the rules for the referendum campaigning available online.

CEO Mason: There are on the AMS website. If there were any issues we are fairly easy to get in contact with.

CRO Tejpar: The nomination packages given to groups contain details on policies, marketing and voting days. Everything was there physically.

CEO Mason: We put them through a long and gruelling presentation so they knew.

Member at Large Kanivanan Chinniah: The yes or no options were not randomized this time and I was wondering if that had any effect.

CEO Mason: The Commissioner of Internal Affairs made that decision.

CIA Faught: I introduced that as an idea to assembly and they declined or to comment on it at all and it was taken as mandate.

CRO Tejpar: The yes and no were kept in order and students are asked to make a conscious decision when voting.

Motion to turn over the speakership to Scott Mason.

Moved by ASUS VP Jacobs

Seconded by Chairman Berkok

Motion carries.

12. Question Period

ASUS Representative to AMS Alex Rotman: My question is directed to the AMS Executives. What is the position of the AMS regarding remuneration review and do you think this will lead to an increase of the AMS specific fee.

VP of Ops Lee: The decision is not something we are heavily involved in because we receive salaries as well and we have to wait for an outcome from the remuneration review before we move forward.

Rector Francis: What is the composition is of Non-Academic Discipline Working Group?

VP of UA Dineen: I'm on it, Liam's on it, Harry Smith, Jeff Downey from athletics, an SGPS representative and Gail from the secretary's office is taking notes. Look at the role of SONAD (Senate on Non-Academic Discipline).

Francis: SONAD should not be reviewing its own practices since there are two members on the Working Group who are also on SONAD.

Dineen: The committee only meets twice and the results of our first meeting yesterday was to formally defer the recommendations 2 through 6 to SONAD.

Member Chinniah: If the remuneration review and increases your salary by twice, will you oppose it and make sure the AMS specific fee doesn't increase to fund your posh salaries.

Lee: I don't want to be heavily involved as I do get a salary. I don't think it should be double and too much by far.

Chinniah: Can we make sure the AMS staff doesn't try to influence this debate at all given that there was an article in the Journal that VP of UA Dineen showed favour towards an increase.

Lee: The article in the journal was directed towards the research process in the past years and not leaning towards either side of the debate. All our employees will be interviewed but the decision making is at the Board level, who are not employees of AMS. I will be abstaining from that vote.

Member Craig Draeger (proxy for ASUS Representative to the AMS Alexander Prescott): If the personnel committee recommends a salary increase, what result would you seek to ensure budget sustainability, pertaining to AMS specific fee. Would you raise it or find other ways to balance the budget?

Lee: I'll outline this further in my presentation. I would say that the options would not be including increasing the AMS fee, which I showed to the Board earlier.

Chinniah: Would you be open to censoring your AMS employees because it may sway the debate any way or the other.

Lee: We will consider and think about that. Our employees will have no effect on the ultimate result other than considering the opinions of their working roles.

Dineen: My invitation is to member Craig Draeger as he is a voting member on the AMS Board of Directors to speak on this issue.

Member Draeger(Proxy Prescott): Well I'm here now in assembly as a proxy tonight, and I will not dodge any questions or concerns anyone has as I am in my fullest capacity to answer them.

13. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Motion(3) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to the Minutes of the meeting of September 13th, 2012, as seen in Appendix B: HR Is Back.

Moved by VP of Ops Tristan Lee

Seconded by Human Resources Officer Laura Skellet

Lee: Regarding hiring process, a couple corrects are made and a final addition that a statement by Trustee Long was made regarding the lottery system.

ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio: Does Trustee Long know this amendment is being made to her word?

Lee: As far as I know, the answer is no.

CIA Faught: Trustee Long as has been notified and I would suggest to Tristan Lee that this particular amendment be tabled until the next meeting. We should just consider the amendments to the minutes of September 13th, as they stand right now.

Basilio: Will we know if the HR policies will come back to assembly for discussion?

Lee: That is something Laura Skellet and I have worked on. We hope to bring suggestions to the HR regarding the hiring period and management.

Faught: Point of information. The question of when the HR policy is brought back to assembly is not pertinent to this motion.

Motion carries.

14. New Business

a. Motion(4) that AMS Assembly approve the Operating Budget for the Alma Mater Society for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Moved by VP of Ops Lee

Seconded by President Doug Johnson

Lee: I performed this presentation for the AMS Board of Directors last week as well. I will entertain questions at the end.

**due to the extended details and lengthiness of the presentation, these following are the significant comments and questions raised. Please refer to slides for full details*

President Chishti: If there's a surplus of over \$300000, does that more than negate what was taken out of the advantage fund?

Lee: The advantage fund is not cash nor liquid capital but rather a split-second image of what it actually is. It fluctuates up and down and it was the board's decision last year to allocate from there. But yes the total surplus does negate that.

Chishti: There was a legal expense for the Board of Directors of \$5000 that was unbudgeted last year and not present this year.

Lee: Most of the legal stuff I can't really comment on.

Chishti: With employee remuneration, we should also look at performance evaluation. Not sure if that's in policy but there should be something there for the Board to look at. Everyone else has a one year term but permanent staff members don't have an expiration date. There should be a continual check-up before any salary increase.

Lee: I agree with that and it does occur every year. There should be indeed a full evaluation process of our staff before the review.

ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman: Why doesn't the AMS charge rent for organizations or student groups that can afford it?

Lee: AMS works to offering the lowest possible cost to student groups and organizations.

Rotman: How does the AMS decide which organizations they charge?

Lee: All external groups or organizations are charged, but internal ones are not. We charge them for spaces and retail services such as Sodexo and Tim Hortons. It's mostly for external groups and retail.

ASUS Rep to AMS Lively: Under revenue for Queen's Model Parliament, there is \$103 000, which is an extra \$30000, after including all the delegates.

CAC Cashier: QMP is a well established conference and has a long history. The remaining \$30000 is from sponsorship.

VP of UA Dineen: The full AMS budget is available online.

Member Chinniah: Lines for transition expenses and appreciation, just on the interest on accountability, how do you intend to spend your discretionary budget?

Lee: The staff appreciation is for all of our services and commissions who are volunteers and non-salary employees. Large portion of the executive discretionary are travel expenses for conferences when one of us is required to go. When there are meetings with different parties or external organizations, it is necessary for executives to pay for these things.

Chinniah: Executive discretionary for non-salary is budgeted but appreciation for salary staff isn't?

Lee: That is where the appreciation falls. Charges that have not been allocated will be in the executive discretionary but I think there should be a different line for accountability purposes.

Lively: Whether the appreciation is discretionary or budgeted, what do we have to show for it? How does it help students?

Lee: By AMS Mandate, employees are to be enrolled in a number of classes while they work. They work around 40 hours a week and there's a lot of stress sometimes. Necessary to validate

the work they do especially those on late nights and weekends. Some of the appreciation is within the discretionary budget and other in their services budget.

Chinniah: Why don't we have an allowance for these sources of accounts or debts?

Lee: No reason to plan to have those, and shouldn't have that. All expenses are accounted for and not be good accounting to do that in advance.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: What is the nature of the restricted fund and where does it go to?

Lee: It's an accessibility fund and a student fee of \$3 from SGPS and AMS, non-reviewable as with others as well. It is a set amount of revenue coming throughout the year and difficult to predict.

SIC Conway: Under my commission, they are for accessibility for projects on campus, such as note taking in class.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: Why this is a considered a restricted fund and why is it the only one that's operated that way, as in directed by the AMS.

Conway: Made restricted to ensure that money is used on accessibility projects and nothing else.

Lee: I will follow up and research it a bit more to get a clearer picture of the accounting side.

Rotman: I would like to pass my speaking rights to Member Wiener.

Member Wiener(Law Society): Does the AMS spend out each fund each year or accumulates and as long as there are projects that come up, there will be money to fund it?

Lee: Whatever is deemed necessary by the committee, and the fund will build up over time.

Dineen: It doesn't make sense to accumulate like that, established in 1983 and should be spending the student fee towards a certain purpose. If there aren't enough projects then we should be in the middle of looking for some

Conway: Accessibility grant itself has a committee and those selections are approved by Board.

Dineen: With an intention of capital projects, should the AMS or university be doing something the government does? Maybe we should revive the policy so the philosophy of the student fee is in line.

Lively: Can it show on record that this will be reported in the upcoming weeks.

Conway: We are having a meeting next week.

Dineen: No policy changes but we can report on this next assembly.

Lee: I'll do more research on that and provide more information next assembly.

Motion(4) carries.

b. Motion(5) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to Policy Manual 2, Section 5 Part B: Clubs Grants Committee (Subsection 3: Duties and Responsibilities), as seen in Appendix C: Grant At Me.

Moved by CIA Faught

Seconded by Clubs Manager Jeff McCarthy

Faught: The club grant allocation policy states it will occur in two periods, one in the fall now, and one in February. There are AMS ratified groups that cannot benefit from those grants because of the schedule of their school years. I worked on this with MBA Society President Mitch Gudgeon and Clubs Manager Jeff McCarthy but both of them are not here. It opens up, and gives leeway to the Club Grant committee to solicit applications and make decisions outside of the normal two periods. Last assembly we received two very important pieces of feedback. One, that AMS assembly still has oversight over those funds such as the sustainability action fund, rector's grants or the rest of the club grants pool. We changed the policy read that it is subject to approval to the next meeting of assembly. Depends when the grant allocation committee have their decisions. If the applications were solicited in the summer, then they would be available for approval at the first meeting of September. Language needed to be tuned a little bit more to state more specifically to what it is being corrected and the remedy. This feedback has been taken from last assembly and is reflected in the changed policy.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: The \$4000; where does it come from depending on the \$30000. And are they equal in both sessions?

Faught: Allocating from the pool, committee does use discretion into how much is designated for the fall and winter. \$13000 in both fall and winter.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: I would like to introduce an amendment, to remove the word 'normally.'

Speaker: Commissioner, do you regard that as friendly?

Faught: Yes, that's friendly.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: I'm also curious as to how you arrived to the \$4000?

Faught: We took an inventory of groups that approached us with this concern. It's the average sum and multiplied by the number of those groups that have that concern and increased it

somewhat. We kept the sum relatively low so I think we achieved that. 13% is an insignificant proportion in relation to the rest of the pool. It's not a target but a limit.

Chishti: What about the clubs those start in the summer, but approval doesn't start in assembly at September.

Faught: The funds are not released until the mandate is received from assembly. But September is still better than what we have now.

Motion(5) carries.

c. Motion(6) that the AMS assembly appoint Dave Wood as a non-elected, non-voting member of the Corporation for the purpose of enabling him to qualify as a Director of the Corporation.

Moved by President Johnson

Seconded by VP of Ops Lee

d. Motion(7) that the AMS assembly appoint Annette Paul as a non-elected, non-voting member of the Corporation for the purpose of enabling her to qualify as a Director of the Corporation.

Moved by President Johnson

Seconded by VP of Ops Lee

Johnson: In order for them to continue their role at their corporation, and still act on Board but cannot come to CGM or assembly to vote. You are all members of the corporation as well and have a voting right.

Lee: Tricolour Award winner and Grant Hall Society member.

Omnibus(1) carries.

e. Motion(8) that AMS Assembly, on the recommendation of the Assembly Nominating Committee, ratify Justin Sandhu for membership on the Equity Grants Committee, as seen in Appendix D: Report from the Nominating Committee.

Moved by SIC Conway

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

f. Motion(9) that AMS Assembly, on the recommendation of the Assembly Nominating Committee, ratify Ara Dungca for membership on the Equity Grants Committee, as seen in Appendix D: Report from the Nominating Committee.

Moved by SIC Conway

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

g. Motion(10) that AMS Assembly, on the recommendation of the Assembly Nominating Committee, ratify Christopher Fee for membership on the Equity Grants Committee, as seen in Appendix D: Report from the Nominating Committee.

Moved by SIC Conway

Seconded by VP of UA Dineen

Conway: Equity grants are meant for organizations in community outreach, awareness raising projects, foster anti-oppression work on campus. It requires three members of AMS or students at large. The Vice-President, I and three Social Issues Affairs deputies sit on it as well.

Dineen: Nomination committee passed by assembly and done. If you have feedback on what they should do and info they should provide, let us know. We are confident in the candidates selected.

Basilio: Are the candidates here? So we can ask them questions.

Dineen: No they are not, that's the function that the nominating committee assumes.

Faught: The questions and answers were in both good quality that lead to the selection of these individuals.

Basilio: No clue on who these people are and qualifications. Assembly should not be rubber stamping what the nominating committee puts forward.

Dineen: This is the first time we are going through it. Makes sense for the nominating committee to put forward an explanation and maybe next time we can provide the questions that were asked.

Faught: Judging from experience, the qualifications of candidates for committees have not been explicitly questioned.

Chinniah: Assembly should not be rubber stamping names. Defer it so the assembly can see these candidates later.

Draeger/Proxy Prescott: We should expect this committee and other committees to put forth how they spend a grant and they should be here to defend this.

Motion to table omnibus(2).

Moved by Member Craig Draeger/Proxy for ASUS Representative to AMS Alexander Prescott
Seconded by ASUS Representative to AMS Tyler Lively.

Conway: Between now and November 22nd for equity grants. Report in next semester to see how the funds are being used. Pushing it two weeks later would make successful groups not available to have it until next semester.

Dineen: ComSoc President Nicola Plummer, CESA President Philip Lloyd, and ASUS Representative to AMS Alex Rotman were part of the proceedings and might make sense for them to give their concerns.

Aesculapian Society Representative James Simpson: Nominating committee would serve no purpose if they came back because the striking of this committee was this whole idea.

Chishti: Oral report will suffice for now but next time a written report as well.

Lloyd: Purpose of the nominating committee takes the discussion out of assembly time. There will be some confidentiality issues that arrive when speaking on behalf of the applicants.

Rotman: While the nominating committee was going through the applicants, it would be beneficial to have future candidates to answer questions that assembly might have for them. It doesn't take away the mandate from the nominating committee; it's beneficial to introduce the candidates to assembly and to distribute a report afterwards.

Chishti: If we are tabling then we should actually be looking at to re-amend that policy or to not have the nominating committee. Since there are confidentiality issues and assembly members not approving candidates who we don't know.

Draeger/Proxy Prescott: We need to recognize that it is insufficient for the nominating committee just to put forward candidates.

Motion to call the question(tabling Omnibus(2)).

Moved by EngSoc Representative Douglas Haney

Seconded by ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

Motion carries.

Motion to tabling omnibus(2) fails.

Speaker: Debate on omnibus(2) continues.

Rotman: Vet the candidates in a more thorough way than in the assembly. Does not mean we cannot present them before the AMS assembly. Do candidates feel comfortable when coming to assembly? It's transparent for them to come after being selected to be ratified by the assembly to see whether these candidates would be able to fulfill their roles and to execute their abilities. In the future we will have typed out a full report so that the assembly can also ask them questions

Aesculapian Society Representative Richard Veldhoen: Bringing them back here means we don't trust the committee and ourselves.

Lloyd: This committee was to improve efficiency and to bring them back here negates the purpose. Being transparent is one thing but it was to improve efficiency. If we are bringing

members back here then the entire committee should be put under review, as member Chishti said.

Rotman: I don't think it's a big issue to bring them back to assembly. Receiving ratification does not mean questions being asked. Members added to committees and assembly should have the opportunities to do so. To make it efficient does not mean we cannot ask questions and it's hard to get up before this room. Regarding their appointments to committees, when we request for them to come, they are already selected, it's supplemental and if there are extra questions.

Basilio: For future reference, we should have more reporting and understand some of the reasoning as to why they were chosen.

Haney: I trust the decisions of the nominating committee and maybe we should motion to call the question. Since we are strictly not just talking about the ratification of the people but the nominating committee itself, this should probably be a topic of discussion.

Lloyd: Assembly members should provide questions to the nominating committee before hand.

Motion to call the question.

Moved by ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

Seconded by Member Craig Draeger/Proxy Prescott

Motion carries.

Francis: Does that included executive members for nomination committee?

Dineen: Yes.

Omnibus(2) carries.

15. Discussion Period

Motion to add a discussion topic on the 'purpose and reporting structure the of nomination committee'.

Moved by ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

Seconded by Member Craig Draeger/Proxy Prescott

Motion carries.

Berkok: Don't we need a four hour minimum? And we started at 8:30 pm.

Rotman: It's past 11pm.

Motion to extend assembly.

Moved by ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman

Seconded by SIC Conway

Motion carries.

**the piano collapsed*

Speaker: I'll accept a five minute recess.

Motion for a 5 minute recess.

Moved by Chair

Seconded by Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott

Motion fails.

Motion to move to a committee of the whole.

Moved by ASUS Rep to AMS Basilio

Seconded by ASUS Rep to AMS Rotman

Motion carries.

Speaker: It's less formal, you don't have to stand when you speak and you can loosen your tie.

Lee: I don't think we should remove the nominating committee because the purpose was to save time in assembly. But I agree with many of the points raised tonight that there should be more reporting and communication between the committee and assembly itself. This discussion should be about the reporting structure and the goals of the nominating committee not whether we should have it at all.

Director Randall: I think it's better if we put this discussion to a later date as some members have been in this room for over six hours. You can personally reach Mr. Faught afterwards to discuss any amendments.

Chishti: We should have assembly be able to provide questions to nominating committee. These will in turn be given to the candidates.

Aesculapian Society Rep Simpson: When this committee were struck some people opposed it and those still same people do. Perhaps it would be better to make more requirements in reporting back to the assembly.

President Plummer: We've already passed it and I'm confused why it's coming up again.

ComSoc External Vice-President David Koke: People who are elected are people we trust along with their opinions and the whole purpose would be defeated if we brought them back to assembly.

Sherman: This happens at city council too and it is a great practice and time saver. They had enough faith in the nominating committee for that and to make this a much simpler process.

Member Draeger/Proxy Prescott: Is the nominating committee in its present formulation, meeting publically?

Faught: Not open to public and not specifically addressed in the policy. There's nothing barring it or allowing it but the default is not public.

Lively: Nominating committee was elected by everyone here. But this is my first night here. I don't want to make an uninformed decision when it comes down to accountability of student dollars, it should be used to its most efficiency. And the grants and fees come back to assembly for approval I believe.

Basilio: I don't think it should be a rubber stamping body. Just a more formal reporting structure.

Faught: I would not feel comfortable with outlining the reporting structure and I think that should come from assembly.

Dineen: Can come from assembly or the voting members of the nominating committee.

Jacobs: Do we have to ratify and does the same thing happen at city hall?

Sherman: Yes it is used by city council as well; they present the report and the names.

Lee: In response to what Member Lively said earlier, we are not making uninformed decisions because then how do we trust the decisions of past assembly members?

Conway: Equity grants come to assembly at the end, providing a summary and why certain groups get funding and why some do not.

Haney: We all want a little more reporting, more information from the nominating committee and how they got to their findings.

Johnson: It is a time saver and we should trust the elected members of the assembly. University Senate has 16 or 17 sub-committees and they solicit twice a year. Never been a debate on it in my two years on senate. I do see the value in coming back and giving a short description. I don't see the benefit of having these people coming up to assembly and being asked many questions.

Chishti: At CGM we have chosen elected members and overturned them. When we rely on the nominating committee, and all their decisions made would come back to us. Rubber stamping is not the best practice because just voting without knowing.

Dineen: For the special committee on external alignment, student at large positions are selected by lottery and there is no policy to change that right now.

Chishti: We have two options. Because there's nothing coming up over the next two weeks, there's no rush. Assembly can wait for the report from the nominating committee regarding their structure. Or we come back in two weeks and discuss this issue even further.

Randall: Those two options are not mutually exclusive. The committee can meet and propose and we can all come back and discuss this later.

Motion to end discussion.

Motion carries.

Motion to move committee out of the whole.

Moved by President Johnson
Seconded by Director Randall

Motion carries.

16. Speaker's Last Words

Speaker: I got a little confused guys. Sorry and thank you for keeping me on track everyone.

Motion to adjourn assembly.

Moved by MAC Sherman
Seconded by ASUS VP Jacobs

Opposed by Basilio, Rotman and Draeger
Motion carries.

**assembly ended at 11:37pm*