AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, January 17th, 2013
Wallace Hall in John Deutsch University Centre

numbers beside motions are direct reference to those presented in the agenda
assembly commenced at 7:05 pm

Speaker Caileigh Simpson (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 January 17th, 2013.
Moved by: Vice-President (University Affairs) Mira Dineen
Seconded by: President Doug Johnson

Speaker: Any changes to the agenda?

Dineen: Addition of election/referendum approval motions from sheet handed out to members of Assembly (#12-39)

Motion (1) Carries

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of November 22nd, 2012

Motion(2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 22nd, 2012.
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

ASUS Representative Daniel Basilio: Minutes were not distributed.

Motion that the approval of the minutes be laid to the table
Moved by: Daniel Basilio
Seconded by: Leo Erlikhman
Motion Carries- Approval of Minutes tabled

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: Welcome to Assembly; Speaker offers clarification of Deputy Speaker Status and confirms presence of Quorum.

4. Guest Speaker – Principal Woolf

Johnson: Would like to introduces Principal Woolf

Woolf: Want to talk about a few upcoming things, thoughts on student government at Queen's and elsewhere
Government update: No Minister, no Premier, no one seems to know what's going on. Keeping ears to ground, will hopefully know in near future.
Strategic Documents @ Queen's: Strategic Framework – metrics & timetables to draw various other Senate-approved plans together. Approved by both Board & Senate. Feel free to communicate your views to Provost; hoping to have approved at March BoT meeting. Many themes already introduced in other plans.
Looking into International Strategy – never before taken a real "holistic" view of what initiatives Queen's should be involved in. Cannot spread resources over entire globe. Identify key areas, themes, and regions to invest resources in. Still yet to be determined exactly what those will be.
Student Government – Queen's Undergraduate, post-doctoral fellow, and now 3rd stint as Principal. Been at other schools in between. No other schools had same level of participation, interest, level of co-governance of the University as there is at Queen's. Allison Redford came to Queen's to talk about civic engagement; learned much of that from her time at Queen's. At other schools, many elections by acclamation with 1-2% turnout. At Queen's, there has always been much more than that.
Strategic Framework will highlight unique attributes of Queen's – student government and engagement is one of those things.
Closing thoughts on Principal Wallace – Admitted Alfred Bader, defended rights of Jewish professor accused of being a communist. In 1948-49, AMS demanded that Senate retract race-based admissions policy. May not always agree with student government, but sometimes you are right.

Speaker: Does anyone have questions for Principal Woolf?

ASUS Representative Alexander Prescott: What resource issues to you foresee with enrollment increases?

Woolf: Queen's never had much enrollment planning. Now embarking on most systematic long-range planning in university history. Much is uncertain/dependant on funding. Financial position of the University is dependent on requiring new revenue; not only concern. Adding new

residences without adding students. Re-opening PEC to alleviate gym overuse. Doing analysis of student support. Will need to grow eventually.

Speaker: Thank you Principal Woolf for coming.

Motion to open agenda
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

Motion to move all election/referenda motions to present time.
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

Motion to open agenda
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

14. New Business

d. Motion(12) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Andrew Aulthouse as a candidate on the AMS Undergraduate Trustee Ballot.
Moved by: Chief Returning Officer Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

e. Motion(13) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Andrew Aulthouse as a candidate on the AMS Undergraduate Trustee Ballot.
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

f. Motion(14) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Andrew Aulthouse as a candidate on the AMS Undergraduate Trustee Ballot.
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Candidates Leo Erlikhman, Nathan Utioh, and Andrew Aulthouse introduce themselves

Motions (12-14) carry

g. Motion(15) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Eril Berkok, T.K. Pritchard and Peter Green as candidates on the 2013 AMS Executive Election

Ballot.
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

h. Motion(16) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Alexander Prescott, Craig Draeger and Lisa Acchione as candidates on the 2013 AMS Executive Election Ballot.
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

i. Motion(17) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Troy Sherman, Nicola Plummer and Liam Faught as candidates on the 2013 AMS Executive Election Ballot.
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Candidates introduce themselves as teams "BGP", "PDA", and "TNL" respectively.

Motions(15-17) carry

Motion to Omnibus New Opt-Out Fee Questions (motions 18-28)
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

j. Motion(18) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.50 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Ultraviolet Magazine?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

k. Motion(19) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.75 fee subject to individual opt-out, to support Artignite?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

l. Motion(20) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.15 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Queen's Academic Quiz Team?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

m. Motion(21) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.25 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Queen's Half-Sky?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

n. Motion(22) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.25 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Queen's University Blood Team (QUBT)?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

o. Motion(23) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.50 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support LifeBeat Newspaper?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

p. Motion(24) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.10 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Queen's Soul Food?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

q. Motion(25) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree with the establishment of a $0.30 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support AIESEC Queen's?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

r. Motion(26) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.25 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Queen's for OOCH?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

s. Motion(27) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $1.25 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Queen's Debating Union?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

t. Motion(28) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the establishment of a $0.25 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Queen's Power Unit Youth Organization?*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Motions (18-28) Carry

Motion to Omnibus Triennial Review Opt-Out Fee Questions (motions 29-34, 36-37)
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

u. Motion(29) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Kingston Youth Shelter Project fee of $0.85 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 1999 and last went to referendum in 2010.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

v. Motion(30) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's University Students for Wishes fee of $1.00 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2009 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

w. Motion(31) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Positive Space Program fee of $0.25 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2004 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

x. Motion(32) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Best Buddies fee of $0.50 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2007 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

y. Motion(33) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Engineers Without Borders fee of $0.75 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2010.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

z. Motion(34) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Free The Children fee of $1.50 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2009 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

bb. Motion(36) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Students For Literacy fee of $0.75 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 1994 and last went to referendum in 2010.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

cc. Motion(37) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Sustainability Action Fund fee of $2.00 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2009 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Motions (29-34, 36-37) Carry

aa. Motion(35) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Social Investment Initiative fee of $0.70 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2010.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Vice-President (Operations) Tristan Lee: As VPOPs, I have authority to determine eligibility of fee questions. Removed two potential fee questions, would like Assembly to consider removing one more – the Queen's Social Investment Initiative Fee (Motion 35). Money from fee used for international loans.

Prescott: Question omnibusing this review.

JHRC President Matt Sheculski: Unsure of process for giving out these loans.

Basilio: Question for VPOPS: Is there any interpretation of student fee which would allow this fee to continue.

Lee: Could, but should not. Other fees may have passed in the past.

Corey Schruder (Proxy for ASUS Representative Tyler Lively): Making Queen's a bank. Why should we take these risks?

Dmitri Tchebotarev (Proxy for ASUS Representative Ali Zahid): No accountability shown.

Lee: Not necessarily important. Group receiving fee can determine how to oversee their funds.

Aesculapian Society President James Simpson: If it does not violate policy why should we strike it down? They got 750 signatures. It should go to referendum.

EngSoc Representative Doug Haney: Even if it does pass, it provides students the ability to learn about microloans. If you don't like it, opt out.

Motion (35) Carries

Motion to Omnibus Triennial Review Mandatory Fee Questions (motions 38-39)
Moved by: Doug Johnson
Seconded by: Mira Dineen
Motion Carries

dd. Motion(38) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the World University Services of Canada (formerly Student Refugee Support) fee of $1.95 (AMS Mandatory fee) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2004 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

ee. Motion(39) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 AMS Winter Referendum Ballot: *Do you agree to the continuation of the Telephone Aid Line Kingston fee of $1.00 (AMS Mandatory fee) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 1999 and last went to referendum in 2009.*
Moved by: Ali Tejpar
Seconded by: Mira Dineen

Prescott: Concerned that we impose mandatory fees on students and will be voting against.

Lee: Fees will be voted on by student body.

Haney: Agree with Lee.

Prescott: Referendum does not validate all student opinion and should not be affixed to majority support.

Lee: All voting systems operate on this principle.

Haney: Referendum has higher turnout than Assembly.

Motions (38-39) Carry

5. President's Report

AMS President Doug Johnson:

- Strategic Enrolment Management Group: met and will be preparing report in March
- Special Committee on External Alignment: meeting throughout term to evaluate Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance membership
- AMS entering 155th year. We work best when working together. Discuss concerns beforehand. Be respectful.

*refer to report for full details

6. Vice President's Report

a. Vice-President of Operations Tristan Lee

- Looking forward to what we can do with remainder of the year.

b. Vice-President of University Affairs Mira Dineen:

- SMART: questioning whether it should stay in MAC or become a corporate service. Will be investigating and bringing back discussion to Assembly.
- AMS Membership Bursary: will be bringing forward change proposals later in the semester.

*refer to report for full details

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Rob Gamble: In-depth committee work being done.

*refer to report for full details

8. Student Senator's Report

Chairman Eril Berkok:

- Education GPA issue starting to come to an end, but work to be done.

- Academic Planning Task Force planning town hall meeting, will be contacting Faculty Societies for specific discussions.

refer to report for full details

9. Rector's Report

Rector Nick Francis absent
refer to report for full details

10. Student Trustee's Report

Undergraduate Student Trustee Lauren Long absent
refer to report for full details

11. Statements by Members

Engsoc President Taylor Wheeler: December 14th Goodes Hall steps were vandalized using gentian violet. Pleasantly surprised by students who later that day cleaned up the mess on their own. To ComSoc, please accept our apologies and convey our regret to your faculty/dean. Action was embarrassing and regretful, but cleanup makes me very proud.

Member at Large Sarah Witiuk: First time coming to Assembly, have questions regarding referendum accessibility. Clubs need to get 750 signatures in only 10 days. Hope policy could be changed to allow more time.

Tejbar: (response to Wikiuk) Circumstances may prevent some groups from getting 750 signatures, but groups/individuals have done so with only a few people.

Dineen: (response to Wikiuk) Suggest post-election review of policies to assess extent of issue.

NSS President Jessica Searle: First Assembly as NNS President. Really big year, going through accreditation. Thank you for warm welcome.

ASUS President John Whittaker: Campaign promise to launch new online news publication fulfilled – QueensTartan.com.

Media Services Director Terra Arnone: QMJC re-opened applications for this year.

ComSoc President Nicola Plummer: Raised $10,000 for Cancer society from "Jail 'n Bail" event. Thank you to President Wheeler for apology regarding Goodes Hall steps incident.

12. Question Period

Haney: How long does it take to organize election/referendum online? Would it be possible to allow collection of signatures during executive election campaign period?

Dineen: Purpose of having signatures is to show groups have enough support to be on ballot, and must be checked before Assembly to approve.

Tejbar: Signatures are demonstration of 5% student support.

Haney: Groups who could not should come to AGM.

Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene: To do so, must come from Assembly before AGM first.

13. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Motion(3) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to Policy Manual 2, Section 1 Part D: Orientation Roundtable, as seen in Appendix B: Knights of the Roundtable.
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Dineen: Undertook review of ORT policy with CAC and other advisors. Current policy is poorly organized. Working to make policy reflect how ORT should function. Corrected formatting; moved job descriptions out; changed some positions to better reflect what each job now entails; better articulated the reporting structure. Considered feedback from Assembly and made some changes.

Dineen: 2 friendly amendments – removing MCRC/JHRC and change regarding media communications, as shown on screen.

ORT Coordinator Sota: Support decisions made and policy as brought forward.

Tchebotarev: Have spoken with 3 previous ORT Coordinators and previous CAC & VPUA who indicated they were not consulted regarding this policy. Concerned it is being passed based on temporary experiences.

Sheculski: Why was MCRC/JHRC struck?

Dineen: Not presently part of ORT meetings.

Greene: Report through Residences to SOARB

Sheculski: JHRC not consulted?

Dineen: Suggestion from previous ORT Coordinator

CESA President Philip Lloyd: In support of policy and feel appropriate people have been consulted

EngSoc Representative Alex Savides: Correcting typo (commission/commissioner)

Prescott: Question on whether hiring was done on old or new policy?

Dineen: Old policy, but passing now will take effect immediately and those hired will operate under new policy.

Prescott: Were people hired under false pretences?

Dineen: Directors were hired with understanding that these changes would be coming forward and possibly taking place

Greene: Accessibility/sustainability started years ago and has been in effect, but not in policy

PHEKSA President Steven Gillies: Support motion and should be passed

Basilio: Why change from list to paragraph formatting

Greene: Job descriptions now moved out

Prescott: De-facto in effect, now trying to make de-jure. Find this disingenuous.

Dineen: Is necessary to address this based on external factors. It is not okay that previous years operated this way, ask that Assembly members let us move forward.

Prescott: Can we delay this effect until next year's ORT.

Dineen: Would violate directive from SOARB

Haney: Thankful for changes. Would suggest those with feedback to debate/propose amendments.

Lloyd: Support Executive's action. Would prefer knowing about potential changes during hiring. Searle: Queen's takes pride in accessibility/sustainability, we should not be operating against that.

Leo Erlikhman (Proxy for ASUS Representative Alexander Rotman): Concern is regarding hiring. No one is questioning policy merit.

Schruder: Setting precedent by arbitrarily changing job descriptions.

Lee: For salaried staff they have contract; this is for volunteer position and is permissible to change.

Greene: Due to timelines, must have done hiring and bring changes now. Such circumstances unlikely to occur with other

Erlikhman: Need to discuss accessibility. Unfortunate how it happened.

Motion that the question be put
Moved by: Leo Erlikhman
Seconded by: Doug Haney
Motion Carries

Motion (3) Carries

b. Motion(4) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to the AMS Hiring & Appointment Policy and Procedures Manual, as seen in Appendix D-1: HI in the Mix, and Appendix D-2: HR Report to the Board of Directors & Assembly.
Moved by: Tristan Lee
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Lee: (Presentation to explain hiring policy changes.)

Erlikhman: Propose amendment from 500 to 300 words.

Lee: Accepted as friendly.

Erlikhman: Should put up the fall and the spring numbers as it encourages students not to apply all services.

Whittaker: Through consultation since last assembly, happy we have reached this compromise.

Lee: When lottery comes into play, applicants will be notified.

Whittaker: Amend that in extenuating circumstances, changes to policy be published.

Lee: Accepted as friendly.

Basilio: After disagreement, now in support.

Witiuk: Suggest providing feedback.

Erlikhman: Difficult to do so on a large scale at once. Suggest doing when requested.

Tchebotarev: Are we not back to same process by screening whole list?

Lee: Yes, but can be done more quickly by briefly screening.

Witiuk: Would it be feasible to push back hiring so as to not rush decision?

Lee: This only affects pre-screening. Hiring timeline with interviews takes several weeks.

Haney: Would it be feasible to have a blanket rejection email sent to unsuccessful applicants regarding feedback process?

Lee: Already advertised to seek out HR Office for those questions. Difficult for managers to give specific feedback due to number of applicants

Haney: What about cases when applicants can apply to more than one position?

Lee: Will be addressed in system.

Haney: Amendment (grammar)

Lee: Accepted as Friendly

Erlikhman: In event of large number of applicants, can time for managers to screen be extended?

Hospitality & Safety Services Director Keenan Randall: During this period of time incoming managers are not getting paid. Difficult to extend workload.

Lee: Would cut into interview time, but could be done.

Tchebotarev: Ask that VPOPs report back to Assembly after this hiring period based on effect of this policy.

Lee: Will do so as best I can

Motion that the question be put
Moved by: Philip Lloyd
Seconded by: Keenan Randall
Motion Carries

Lee: Closing, thank you for taking the time to discuss. Appreciate meeting with the ASUS caucus and coming to consensus.

Motion (4) Carries

c. Motion(5) that AMS Assembly approve the Fall 2012 Equity Grants, as seen in Appendix C: Aaron Equityhart
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Social Issues Commissioner Katie Conway: Equity grants are for groups falling within mandate, based on information provided. Received 8 applications. Giving two grants as seen in appendix.

Dineen: Originally decided to evaluate all grants at the same time to ensure groups did not receive funding from multiple sources.

Schruder: Are these all the applicants?

Conway: Yes, five provided enough information to make decision. Three others require more follow-up

Schruder: Can we help them find other ways to fund their initiatives?

Dineen: Yes. Made suggestions and directed groups to other resources.

Motion that the question be put
Moved by: Leo Erlikhman
Seconded by: Corey Schruder
Motion Carries

Motion (5) Carries

d. Motion(6) that AMS Assembly approve the Fall 2012 New Events Grants, as seen in Appendix D: Granted, These Events Are New
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Dineen: Pilot project this year with budget of $2000. Went through process and made allocations as indicated in appendix.

Prescott: What happens to unallocated $1100?

Dineen: Does not specifically roll-over to next year, unlike Sustainability Action Fund. This is Fall Semester allocations; more may come this Semester.

Motion (6) Carries

e. Motion(7) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to Policy Manual 1, Section 2 Part A (Subsection 55): Assembly Policies, as seen in Appendix E: NomCom
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Dineen: Correction, should be moved by Philip Lloyd

Lloyd: Nominating committee met to determine how to proceed with its business. Making addition to policy to ensure demonstration of rationale for appointments.

Johnson: Amendment to add to last sentence "Regarding the applicants"

Motion that the question be put
Moved by: Steven Gillies
Seconded by: Doug Haney

Motion Carries

Motion (7) Carries

f. Motion(8) that AMS Assembly approve amendments to Policy Manual 1, Section 2 Part A: Assembly Policies (Subsections 2 and 5), as seen in Appendix F: Time
Moved by: Tyler Lively
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Schruder: It makes more sense and gives people more time if we change from 48 hours' notice to 72 hours.

Conway: Reports will now be one extra day behind.

Tchebotarev: It can make it into next report.

Erlikhman: Or in verbal report.

Haney: Nice to get one assembly package. Limit supplemental emails?

Johnson: Updates come progressively. Could move to Dropbox for additions.

Haney: Will this make things more difficult for assembly package composition?

Dineen: Should be manageable.

Motion that the speakers list be closed
Moved by: Jessica Searle
Seconded by: Philip Lloyd
Motion Carries

Erlikhman: Dropbox system would be convenient. Should look into next Assembly.

Tchebotarev: Adherence to deadline is more important than current "flexible" deadline.

Schruder: Closing, gives extra time. There will still be last minute amendments, but it gives more time to look over agendas and minutes.

Motion (8 Carries)

14. New Business

a. Motion(9) that AMS Assembly approve the addition of a plebiscite question to the AMS 2013 Winter Referendum as seen in Appendix G
Moved by: James Simpson
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Simpson: Addition of plebiscite question.

Motion to amend that the plebiscite question would take place after reading week.
Moved by: James Simpson
Seconded by: Ali Tafti

Basilio: Don't we have to pay more money for additional referenda?

Dineen: Yes, would be approximately $450. Assembly can commit to spend if it wants.

Basilio: Would prefer to spend money differently; urge to vote against the amendment.

Dineen: This will get lost in everything happening now, should be later.

Basilio: Subamendment to two weeks after reading week.

Simpson: Accepted as Friendly

Amendment Carries

Simpson: Very important question and time should be taken for consultation and informing students on issue. Want to focus question on 3 points: is this needed; wording; and timing.

Erlikhman: Do not feel plebiscite is necessary. Will cause undue stress to members of fraternities. Legal opinion is that this is illegal.
Simpson: Aware of legal opinions on both sides; none of us are qualified. Want to seek opinion of students

Whittaker: Oppose plebiscite as best way to gain opinions of students. Need discussion with more depth than yes/no answer.

Simpson: AMS executive sought consultation and received response from less than 1% of the student body. Plebiscite is not ideal way, but best way to get general opinion of students.

Dineen: Got 150 responses on blog, had discussion at Assembly, and received a number of email opinions as well.

Prescott: Feel that plebiscite is too restrictive. Suggest perhaps Town Hall

Sheculski: How will plebiscite provide better answer than Constitutional Amendment in next motion?

Simpson: Since change would have such a great effect, we should get wide opinion.

Basilio: With timing, difficult to have full implementation after vote.

Dineen: Have 2 Assemblies and AGM.

Lloyd: Feel we have got enough opinion and we should make decision based on our

Haney: Previous motion from '30s was done based on Town Hall engagement. Think plebiscite is good, but amend to add "prior to vote there will be a town hall on issue".

Simpson: Accepted as Friendly

Searle: Complicated question, like quantifiable results but how will yes/no answer help?

Simpson: Not a binding referendum question, but will help shape discussion.

Erlikhman: Negative effects of discussion so far. Should go with executive proposed motion.

Tchebotarev: Don't think plebiscite will negatively impact members of fraternities to a great degree. Complex question, not sure a high participation rate will

Randall: Opposed to plebiscite question. Members of Assembly are representing constituents and should make the decision.

Gillies: Against the plebiscite.

Motion that the question be put
Moved by: Steven Gillies
Seconded by: Fowler
Motion Carries

Simpson: Closing, hoping to gauge larger student body which hasn't been engaged so far.

Motion (9) Fails

Motion to extend Assembly
Moved by: Corey Schruder
Seconded by: Ty Greene
Motion Carries

b. Motion(10) that AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Constitution Section 7.01.03 as seen in Appendix H.
Moved by: Mira Dineen
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Dineen: After previous discussions, Assembly tasked the Executive to propose a resolution. View this as best compromise solution. Encourage Assembly to voice opinions in making this decision.

Erlikhman: Kingston fraternities are happy to exist without University support.

Schruder: Wrong to say that GLOs are illegal or that they promote division in the community. People should not be forbidden from being members of organizations they want to be a part of. This motion allows maximization of freedom for people to affiliate as they please.

Sheculski: Things still to be resolved, but this is the best compromise.

Fowler: Could complaints be brought against Fraternities/Sororities?

Johnson: Not against institution, but individual members are still bound by code of conduct.

Haney: Prefer stricter policy which ensures the traditional "one-fraternity" of Queen's. Spirit and the morals of the Society are threatened by the existence of fraternities and sororities. By coming to Queen's, you chose to abide by the rules of the Society.

Searle: Queen's as a whole is very inclusive to be a part of.

Conway: PoI – GLOs reinforce exclusive gender binaries and there is evidence of greater sexual assault prevalence at fraternity houses.

Prescott: "I commend the executive on reiterating the policy ASUS caucus presented last Assembly." It is a good compromise.

Erlikhman: (response to Haney) Chose to come to Queen's but didn't know everything about what I'd want to do.

ASUS Representative Erin Paulsen: Question regarding interpretation of existing definition of fraternities. How do we differentiate between philanthropic organizations?

Dineen: This policy is written for GLOs. If it is not clear, that should be rectified.

Carbone (Proxy for ComSoc Vice-President External David Koke): See this as good change which will allow freedom and support for student.

Stephan (graduate student, speaking rights passed from Prescott): Don't want to make specific. Take statistics with a grain of salt. Don't let one/some speak for all.

Schruder: People should be able to associate with those they choose.

Haney: AMS has not been following up on discipline in accordance with policy anyway.

Basilio: Should clarify definition of fraternity.

Johnson: Previous definition unclear too.

Motion for 15 minute recess to consider more appropriate definition.
Moved by: Daniel Basilio
Seconded by: Alex Prescott
Motion Carries

Johnson: Amend definition to read "typically defined as externally affiliated organizations that are exclusive in membership, have secret oaths or pledges, and has a sign of identification such as a pin or greek letters." – Accepted as friendly.

Motion to extend Assembly
Moved by: Daniel Basilio
Seconded by: Ty Greene
Motion Carries

Simpson: Am member of cooperative which some people consider a sorority. Understand point of motion but don't necessarily agree with change.

Erlikhman: Some people need support from GLO type organizations.

Fowler: If this does not pass, will the AMS take action?

Dineen: Non-Academic Discipline requires a complaint to be made

Motion to amend to remove "and has a sign of identification such as a pin or greek letters"
Moved by: Carbone
Seconded by: Leo Erlikhman

Johnson: Take as unfriendly. Feel having the "typical" qualifier clarifies the definition.

Basilio: Would interpretation of fraternity/sorority be up to JComm?

Dineen: Yes.

Dineen: Having greek letters is important to reinforce that the spirit of the policy is for GLOs.

Amendment fails

CESA Representative Hannah Ramsay: CESA discussion was in line with motion.

Tchebotarev: Leaving wiggle room in definition is good and policy is clear.

Johnson: Closing, appreciate discussion.

Dineen: Closing, feel that Assembly was the proper forum for this discussion. Wish to make clear that the executive does feel fraternities/sororities discriminate based on gender and that this is reprehensible. A representation policy manual change will reinforce that the AMS should advocate for fraternities/sororities not becoming a significant part of life at Queen's.

Motion (10) Carries

c. Motion(11) that AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the Hiring and Appointment Policy Procedures Manual as seen in Appendix I.

Moved by: Tristan Lee
Seconded by: Doug Johnson

Lee: HR policy amendments allow using online application system for upcoming hiring period.

Motion (11) Carries

15. Discussion Period

Motion that the discussion period "The merits of having an Equity Grants Committee" be laid to the table
Moved by: Philip Lloyd
Seconded by: Doug Johnson
Motion Carries – discussion period tabled

Motion to end Assembly
Moved by: Steven Gillies
Seconded by: Ty Greene
Motion Carries

*assembly ended at 12:10am

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