

AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, January 31st, 2013
Wallace Hall in the John Deutsch University Center

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

**assembly commenced at 7:05*

Speaker Caileigh Simpson (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): **Welcoming and opening remarks.**

1.Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of January 31st, 2013

Motion (1) that AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of January 31st 2013

Moved by: Vice President University Affairs Mira Dineen

Seconded by: ASUS Vice President Tom Jacobs

Motion (1) Carries

2.Approval of Minutes of the meeting of January 17th, 2013

Motion (2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of January 17th 2013 as see in Appendix A

Moved by: Main Campus Residence Council President Tuba Chisti

Seconded by: Chief Returning Officer Ali Tejpar.

Motion (2) Carries.

3.Speaker's Business

Speaker: To start the assembly tonight, briefly capture what has happened in the last 24 hours as chief electoral officer. Can attest that the results are valid and reflect the will of the student's mandate. It was a trying time and I have to thank Ali Tejpar and the 4 deputies, as well as Joe Osbourne and everyone on the elections team. They worked tirelessly and I would like to recognize them. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their efforts. If anyone has question, please ask me about them *after* Assembly. I would like to reiterate that I am expecting to see a respectful and well-mannered conversation. Moving forward, Liam will now introduce our guest speaker.

4.Guest Speaker

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Liam Faught: I'm honoured to introduce Peter Miliken, alumni of Queen's and former AMS Assembly speaker, who also served as speaker for the

House of Commons for the last 30 years- making him one of our university's most distinguished alumni. Please join me in welcoming him back to Assembly.

Peter Miliken: Thank you very much for inviting me to join you this evening. It has been quite a long time. I studied in my undergrad here from 1964-68. IN 1964 the AMS had two groups: an inner group with cabinet and vice president and had an outer council half this size. And they decided a lot of things. I have two stories to share with you this evening. The first was in the elections of 1964 during Frosh week. I remember 2 of us running to be reps for our year on the arts council. I ran, as did and one of my classmates and I was the one who got elected. He's on the senate board now, and he went to Cambridge and then we went to Dalhousie and now he stays with me when he visits.

Other thing that happened was in my second year; George Anderson who is now running international organizations was here at Queen's (an Arts' 67) brought a change in the constitution that brought in a speaker so the president would not be chairing the meetings. Speaker was chosen in my third year. You applied for this job, was not elected by the membership. AMS council reviewed the applications, in my fourth year I applied for the job and the reason I did so was because I worked in my Christmas holidays for the government house leader in Ottawa and I took this job and learnt about standing order and wrote a report, I was hired on from there. I met with the committee; they said "you would be the obvious candidate". The President did not like this, but he did not have the choice. It was sometimes difficult, but we've remained friends and I have proper respect for his abilities.

Being the speaker was great fun, I enjoyed the interactions. Play a relatively minor role in the affairs of student government which has greatly expanded. Went to the pub you now run. Not the same experience in my day. Today I enjoy meeting with the professors. I studied politics and economics in my time. Old professor- in my 4th year he hired a person from Ottawa to work as an administrative assistant. Taught us how to drink liquor when it was on fire. Laura McDonald taught us this, and I went on to defeat her as MP in 1985.

I hope you're enjoying the Queen's experience immensely. Having been elected for parliament for this riding, the most fun I had was representing this University. I accepted invitations and enjoyed opportunities to meet with the principals, deans and professors and of course the students. Part of the work as an MP, meant I could be interacting with people on that basis. Students sometimes came into the office, though occasionally. Once I became speaker of the house. Usually more invitations to attend lectures on campus, but it became harder to do it. When you are regular MP you can do it- especially on a Friday or a Monday. Easy to visit schools and classes, once you're a speaker much more difficult and I missed out on a lot of speaking engagements in Kingston because I was unable to be here. Lectures became rarer and opportunities to meet people in the community became difficult but manageable. Experience was

most enjoyable, having read this “procedure junk” as a student; fun thing to have done that and get into the house and start using it. Debating the free trade bill and the government brought a motion for closure. I wanted to make a point of order. “This new MP wants to argue the government’s use of order”. Grey said it was ok. I got up and spoke for 40 minutes, and stated that this has been condemned in 1956. Therefore, everyone must agree with me now, because we were correct then. Drove them crazy, almost all the members were in there. I sat down and the house leader stood up and said, “Mr. Speaker, that just can’t be right” (laughter). Speaker stuck with the ruling in 1956 and the bill passed. I encourage you to learn these procedures at least at the AMS level and to enjoy your experience at Queen’s. Kingston is a great place to be, can easily get to the suburbs (Toronto, Ottawa). Can bring relatives in, it works very well. It’s an experience I enjoyed immensely, I find it a great place to spend time now. I hope that you are enjoying your experience, it is a fun body to be a part of, and it makes a difference for students, as well as the influence it has on the administration. Thank you for inviting me to be here tonight

5. President’s Report

Speaker: I now invite President Johnson to speak

President of AMS Doug Johnson- well under way with the campus planning process, there will be a town hall meeting in March. One of the pieces of that, is the prison for women site that we own and having done anything with. University has a website, it is in my previous report or ask me for any questions. Commend the elections team for their work and commend everyone who ran for elections this year. .Having run in these myself, I know how difficult it is, and I am thrilled to transitioning the new Exec and I congratulate all who ran you, should be proud.

6a. Vice President’s Report (Operations)

Speaker: Vice President Tristan Lee?

AMS Vice President Operations Tristan Lee: Nothing to add to my written reports. I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the candidates and the winner, and the elections team.

6b. Vice President’s Report (University Affairs)

Speaker: Vice President Dineen?

AMS Vice President University Affairs Mira Dineen: Nothing to add. I share the same sentiments as Tristan and Doug. Congratulations to all who ran.

7. Board of Directors Report

Speaker: Chair of the Board of Directors?

Proxy to Robert Gamble Chair of the Board of Directors (Duncan Peterson): Almost finished our mid-year review as well as our review of salaries and AMS positions. On track and will be finished by the end of the semester.

8. Student Senator's Report

Speaker: Call on the Senate Caucus chair, Eril Burkok

Student Senate Caucus Chair Eril Burkok: Town Hall task force- sending the discussion to the respective assemblies, and congratulations to all incoming senators. Transition manuals started a month ago. We will have a strong student Senate caucus for next year

9. Rector's Report

Speaker: Rector Nick Francis?

Student Rector Nicholas Francis: I have not submitted a report, but I can give..

ASUS Representative Tyler Lively: Point of order. Report cannot be presented if the report is not submitted.

Speaker: Need a motion

ASUS President John Wittaker: Motion to deliver
Seconded by Tom Jacobs

Tuba Chisti: Motion to create omnibus to include Laura Long
Seconded by Tom Jacobs

Two opposed
Motion carries.

Student Rector Nicholas Francis: I actually have nothing... no, just kidding. I want to thank the member for covering that in the policy. It's good to know that we have diligent members keeping us accountable. Tricolour award nomination period still open. Deadline is March 1st. Quickly discuss criteria, it's ambiguous in policy.. One of the best ways to describe it is people

who you consider a campus leader and have given a lot back to this community. Think about your friends or people that have helped you in the extra-curricular realm. Committee will decide in March.

International policy at Queen's. The university has a number of ways in handling international exchange, will work with President Whittaker in consolidating policy across exchange. When students come back, this is not counted as a pass depending on faculties. Commerce does their grading on a pass fail basis. I would encourage you folks to think about that, and if you have opinion or thoughts. Currently proposing pass/fail for all exchange credits

Reminder- you all would have received an email. Principal Woolf is up for review. Ends in a couple of weeks, and we're close to the deadline. If you have opinions and it is really beneficial if student contribute to this process. Thank you for letting me speak.

10. Student Trustee's Report

Undergraduate Trustee Laura Long: apologize for not submitting. Oversight on my part. Big congratulations to my successor. Andrew ran an awesome campaign and I was impressed by all this detail and research he did. You should have all received email for senate committees- not a lot of time commitment and you don't have to be a senator. I currently set on the academic committee-, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Oscillatory fees- tied to a course. Not allowed in the administration. We have had many discussions. If you feel you faculty has issues please feel free to shoot me an email

11. Statements by members

Speaker: I will now open this up to question period.

Tuba Chisti: I would like to thank everyone in elections for putting in the hours and for all the hard work.

Campus Activities Commissioner Claire Casher: I would like to take this opportunity to point out that the new events grants for winter term are out. They are online and in the AMS office. Please share with your constituents as we have money available

Tom Jacobs: Remind everyone of the ASUS formal on March 9th

Member Leo Erlichman : I wanted to say I have never been more proud to be a Queen's student. Highest voter turnout in AMS history, so glad to see such a high level of engagement

from the student body. Want to commend all the candidates. I think that the AMS needs to be commended that helped get everything out; true sight to see.

Member Jeff McCarthy: Applications for nominations clubs based awards- clubs, if you know people passionate.

Member Patrick Allen: congrats on elections team for all the hard work. Spent the last 24 hours I know it's hard. Poised, integrity of the elections as a whole.

Speaker: Any further statements?

Nursing Student Society President Jessica Searle: Congratulations again to the elections team. News from the nursing world, the school is going under accreditation. Welcoming the Deans from University of Alberta and Victoria, have some special guests on campus this week!

12. Question Period

Proxy to Alexander Prescott: Notice that StuCons are present. Wondering why they are here today?

Mira Dineen: Recommendation made my campus security and we followed it. Isolated incident, hope that it will not be necessary in the future

ASUS Representative Alex Rotman- Question for ASUS VP, is the formal inspired by song of ice and fire or game of thrones?

Tom Jacobs: I have never seen GOT. Inspired by recent flood at ASUS.

Tyler Lively: My question is for VP-OPS Lee. Prior to Christmas break you had said the new changes to the student fee policy would be made, namely a brief description of the club when people are voting. Did you bring forward these changes? I was not here last assembly.

Tristan Lee: They were made in referendum.

Tyler Lively: Is that in policy now?

Tristan Lee: It is not currently in policy but done in practice in this period

13. Business Arising from the Minutes

Speaker: Moving into Business arising from the minutes.

Motion 3: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 22nd 2012 as see in Appendix A

Speaker: Any debate on this motion?

Tyler Lively: I was not here last time and I was wondering why were these not approved?

Mira Dineen: My fault. I had difficulty getting the minutes in time to send with the agenda. I am sorry.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 22nd 2012 as seen in Appendix A [Motion 3]

Moved by: Mira Dineen

Seconded by: Doug Johnson

1 abstention.

Motion (3) Carries.

Motion 4: That AMS Assembly approve the second reading of the amendments to the AMS Constitution Section 7.01.03 as seen in Appendix C

Speaker: Mira will be speaking to the motion

Mira Dineen: Continuing discussion from last reading. Relating to fraternities and sororities. Reminding you that we under took the review because the original policy in the constitution was dated. Second reading and an additional to policy manual 3. The fact that they are separate is because our different policy manual makes more stance. Any thoughts? We look forward to hearing them and the debate on this motion

President of Engineering Society Taylor Wheeler: Engineering society will not be voting with his tonight. When the ban that was put in, voted on based on 1000 people. The reversal here is less than a thousand. How can we honestly make a responsible decision when not any of us have been elected not based on our position on this matter? Far more democratic way would be a referendum or a plebiscite question considering how easy it is to conduct a plebiscite vote. I find it unsettling and insulting that we are refusing to allow sufficient transparency. I am positive that having a thousand people would be a logistically nightmare. Clear that AMS in 1934 knew this

to be important, us voting on this now would be a great mistake. Engineering society will be voting against this and want this voting in the minutes.

Engineering Society Representative Doug Haney: I cannot stress enough the impact this will have. Need to have more scrutiny when we have the ability to do this, especially when this was done in the past and it was banned. Many members in this body voting against the student. This is just wrong- constitution can be made in one reading. However, if assembly is not taking the same survey, what is the point of a second reading? We just sit back and rubber stamp this motion. I refuse to rubber stamp this motion. Constituencies I have talked to are against this and believe that frats and sororities have no place. That they will take away from the spirit of this school, away from the Kingston society and the traditional Queen's spirit. I have some letters [quotes various letters]. Defining traits- we are turning a select eye to small groups. AMS are not fighting for conviction. All that is necessary for the triumph of-

Speaker: Your time is up.

Leo Erlichman: You are elected officials. People voted for you, I have full faith in this body. I think this should pass again. It has been fully researched and full discussed. Due diligence has been made. Let's pass this motion.

Tuba Chisti: We are very just because this has been ongoing for months. Everyone has time to take this back to their constituents. We have only heard 3 things and we feel AMS has the right to 3. If we do have a plebiscite we have to have 2 sides of the information. Who runs this. we cannot do that. How do we ensure that there are 2 sides.

Doug Haney: I find it incredibly rude that people are clapping at this motion

Alex Rotman: Good reason why we are sitting here right now. Function this way, not direct democracy We as a body, need to take leadership on this issue. Important that we decide here on this issue. Don't have to make this a plebiscite. I believe that students have the right to do this off-grounds. This society should follow the spirit of the Ontario and Canadian Human rights code. We have the power to deny this. This is a compromise. Reason that this clause is brought up it that it is dated and unenforceable. It goes against the AMS traditional function. Would have the society persecute people in sororities I believe that this is the best compromise we can reach. I do not believe that what happened in 1930 should happen today. It's time we reflect this in our constitution.

Tyler Lively: I would like to thank member Haney, we do not always seek out public opinion. Ecstatic to see letters on the more mundane business and that is not a problem to be discussed now. Respectively disagree- even if this went to a plebiscite and passed. I would still stand by

the freedom of association. Respect Ontario and Canadian law and in not telling people the organizations they can and cannot join. Assembly should vote in favour of this motion

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Troy Sherman: We did seek out members from the community. Chief administrator office and mayor's office. Can say in full confidence- fair representation of people in the city and community

Physical Education and Kinesology Student's Association President Stephen Gillies: We were all elected. We have two parts on this job. Consult with constituents and making an informed opinion. We were not elected solely on our platform. We are not pretending, we have acted as Tuba Chisti said, we sought out opinion. We have done that part, going to a plebiscite or town hall is to find out what we already know.

Nick Hetherington: Our house council did not discuss to this motion. I did my role by consulting with my constituents.

Doug Haney: By being an elected official I am representing my constituents and using my judgements. This will not stop them [sororities and frats] from recruiting. Not something I want to see in this community. Every 5 -10 years this is brought up and historically it has always been shot down. What is making us feel differently now? We had freedom of association then. Town hall is for gathering public opinion on this issue Should I roll the dice and see what happens if it is enforceable .

Leo Erlichman: going in circles again. Discussion goes on a path. You choose to vote, your entrusted to do though. I will mention that plebiscite is not binding. Voices that wanted to discuss and ask questions, they have been able to online 24 hours a day for a while now. This is a compromise as Rothman brought up. We are just going in circles

Engineering Society Representative Alex Savides: If we had a townhall or plebiscite, we would better to engage the majority of people. People willing to stand up and the people who write letters and emails are much easier medium. The people I hear- day- to -day speak differently than what is heard here. Town hall would have their voice heard.

Stephen Gillies: I would argue that someone that takes the time to write an email takes far less time to dedicate a block of time to go to a town hall and speak there.

Proxy Alexander Prescott: Response to the engineering society, it is the principal that we are discussing. We have a monopoly on what the Queen's experience will be. Given that queen's

will not ratify not give student space. Have the principal that no one has a monopoly on anyone else's Queen's experience.

Alex Rothman: Every 5 years this comes up. It has not been enforced as there are members from in sororities and fraternities who exist, there is a ban, yet there is nothing that stops them from going around and stopping them. Not going to stop the problem. Really want to see a compromise, I personally don't see anything coming out of a plebiscite and I urge you to vote for this.

Leo Erlichman: This body is entrusted to make this decision. We make important decisions. We trust you to make important decisions. EngSoc has vocalized theirs and made it very clear. I fully trust this body. You passed it once, pass it again.

Doug Haney: Terms of restricting what we can and cannot do. Non- Academic Discipline, I can get in trouble with the law and the university. We can compromise but we shouldn't on this matter. Don't let appeasement let the words you will be remembered by.

Alex Rotman: I've seen when students get very passionate. Show up to assembly with 2000 votes, when students show up to vote. I believe that we have heard from the passionate students on this issue. In terms of appeasement, this does not capture what is going on in this room. There is already a fraternity that exists in the Kingston community. Has the sky fallen? Has this threatened the Queen's spirit? Let's be realistic here please.

Proxy Prescott: When Haney compared non-academic discipline, that is a step too far. This is someone wants to have a different experience. Cannot dictate what the Queen's experience should and should not be.

Haney: Would like to retract, that was a step too far.

Speaker: Last call for further debate

Mira: appreciate how much thought everyone has put into this since we last talked. Appreciate that you haven't given up, appreciate the effort and consideration. Hope you consider that this has been raised by alumni and other members of the community. Believe that this policy captures the spirit of discussion so far.

Doug Johnson: I would say that everyone needs to take a moment and breathe this in. Historic moment...take a look at all the creepy men and women staring down. It's just a creepy moment in my spine, not hesitation. We feel like this is the right thing to do. It would not be proper without some voting for it and against. Take a moment.

Motion to approve the second reading of the amendments to the AMS Constitution Section 7.01.03 as seen in Appendix C [Motion 4]

Moved by Mira Dineen

Seconded by Doug Johnson

7 opposed. No abstentions.

Motion (4) Carried.

14. New Business

Motion 5: That AMS Assembly adopt the Policy Manual III stance as seen in Appendix D.

Speaker: Vice President Dineen will speak to this.

Mira Dineen- We have separated the amendments. Constitutional amendment just passed and policy manual 3. It is what the 3 that we mandated to work on. Needs to go hand in hand. Constitutional amendment was inadequate. 88 years later, what was the nature of discussion of this time want to be clear and unequivocal. This piece of policy – goal throughout this is to elaborate the rationale. AMS will not be allowed to ratify with the AMS or University, cannot do recruitment or be given resources. Most important pieces of this that the old piece did not touch on. Such as the lack of debate for frats and sororities on the basis of gender- there is no room for this today. Promote a gender binary and does not capture the range among on our students, can touch on town-gown relations. This is a very real concern, not in line in other efforts that we are taking. Proliferation or influx would cause damage in cohesion by fragmenting the student body that does not need to happen and shouldn't happen. Strongly encourage you to not water this down, if we are going to have a stance against. Let's to the future AMS executives a huge favour and outline the rationale

Doug Johnson: we did add one line, ["free to amend it until next assembly"] we did add something. First sentence at the end of first long paragraph. Initially somewhat there, not made explicit, but now reads "No room"

Doug Haney: Clarify- if theoretically a sorority recruits on campus?

Doug Johnson: Next steps include in student code of conduct. Should this happen, because it is against AMS and code of conduct, would be removed after complaint by campus security. And back to non-academic discipline system

Leo Erlichman: This policy is very well written, commend them. I think you should fully pass this.

Alex Rotman: I want to preface what I am about to say. I will support this, but I have concerns. I worry that this policy tends to throw the baby out with the bath water, treats all frats/sororities the same. I personally do not think it always goes against the society, I think they can provide a platform that they can build their own cultural/religious group. I worry that this policy may come into tension with section 2.0.03. Something to take into account when moving forward in the future.

Nick Francis: Share my opinion. This issue has been around for a long time. It's very complex issue and I remember last semester when we had the discussion period. Whittaker mentioned that we should have policy in front of us, when I thought that this task would be very difficult and was somewhat skeptical, but from what I have in front of me now, I have confidence in what they have brought forward. Through the virtual town halls, I think that it was done in a respectful member; there are members of this society who are involved in a fraternity. Commend them for their phenomenal job. Reflects our values. Encourage members to vote in favour.

Proxy to ASUS President Alexander Prescott: Congratulate on job well done.

Speaker: Last call...Closing statements?

Doug Johnson: I used my good close on the last one... I'm not known for closing. Genuinely on behalf on the 3 of us, this has been an incredible experience- high, low, all over the place. Thank you everyone for your feedback. We believe we have brought the right policy forward; I thank everyone for putting up for this for the right 3 months. This will guide for the next 80 years when it comes up again.

Motion to approve the adoption of Policy Manual III stance as seen in Appendix D [Motion 5].

Moved by Mira Dineen

Seconded by Doug Johnson

1 abstention

Motion (5) Carries

Motion 6: That AMS Assembly approves the removal of AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 3, Part I: Student Maintenance And Resource Team, as seen in Appendix E: The Future of SMART.

Mira Dineen: proposal that deal with SMART's future, I will explain and highlight the basics. Believe this is the best thing moving forward. Government generally runs service that do not generate revenue. For example, Peer Support center- run by volunteers and do not generate revenue. The exception would be the bikeshop. Those services closely align with the governance expertise. SMART is a strange hybrid child of both corporate and governance side. It does not fit on either side. Goes with MAC but there is increasing concern that you need to have an organizational structure that isn't tailored to skills Governance doesn't have. VPUA and commissioners to not have the skills – i.e., staffing, wages, contracts throughout the budgeting, goal plans, sales pitches - nothing against the head manager of the commission. I believe that most people in my position cannot provide the support it obviously needs. The Board of Directors has agreed to take on SMART if assembly agrees on letting it go

Tristan Lee: We have been discussing this for the entire year. Continued growing and is a huge asset for us. Want this to continue and needs a long term and sustainable structure. The resources are available on the corporate side, not on the governance side. I was a head manager, and my skill set lends itself better to services. Less transitional. Costing and goods of services in the summer- how much it costs us, and how much we will charge. SMART was set up to lose money. John McDiarmid stepped in to help resolve this issue. Not about the individual's ability, it is about long term sustainability. Consistent liaison with the service – vital this is maintained.

Daniel Basilio: question for the Board of Directors and or VP Ops Tristan- under which portfolio and which director would this service fall under?

Tristan Lee: proposals for service director portfolio's restructure. Not sure where it will fall, it would fall under retail service, or a new position.

Proxy to Robert Gamble: in support of this motion discussed this extensively. Best option we have for SMART on the corporate side financial oversight. As chair of finance and audit, I believe this is much more accountable and appropriate. Political goals will still be a focus and will still have communications with MAC. Important to be on the corporate side so it can better develop.

Ali Zahid: Business model?

Tristan Lee: Our mandate is to continue building on contracts already established. Premier service provided. What has been established is ideal with the SMART landlord contracts. Want in place and add more based on reputation. Where the service will go in the coming years? Under the current business model- sky is the limit.

Proxy to Alexander Prescott: will MAC have formal ties?

Mira Dineen: MAC would sit on the hiring panel with service director and would have regular meetings and sit on the landlord advisory board to facilitate feedback on how the service can improve.

Motion to approve the removal of AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 3, Part I: Student Maintenance And Resource Team, as seen in Appendix E: The Future of SMART. [Motion 6]

Moved by Mira Dineen.
Seconded by Tristan Lee.

All in favour.

Motion (6) Carries.

Motion 7: That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the amendments to AMS Constitution Section 5.01.01 (iii) as seen Appendix G We are Never Ever Ever Being Apart Forever

Tuba Chisti: 1 residence in society for everyone to forget about. Member society would have 7 votes combined. We are not a member society, and would like to replace subsection (iii) with a constitutional change to read “three Representatives from Residence society” as opposed to one from JRHC and two from MCRC. First reading.

Jean Royce Hall Council President Matt Sheculski: 1 or 2 positions? My opinion that we have room for a 3rd member, representing the interest of students

Daniel Basilio: Concern with the number. Isn't it dependent on the people who are represented?

Tuba Chisti: We are not a member society so that does not apply.

Motion to approve the first reading of the amendments to AMS Consitution Section 5.01.01 (iii) as seen in Appendix G We are Never Ever Ever Being Apart Forever [Motion 7]

Moved by Tuba Chisti
Seconded by Matt Sheculski
1 opposed. No abstentions.

Motion (7) Carries.

Motion 8: That AMS Assembly amend AMS Policy Manual I as seen in Appendix H.

Speaker: Vice President Lee?

Tristan Lee: Apologies for not sending this out, I have printed off copies for everyone. Submitted myself and a number of others, including internal affairs. Gone through changes we think needs to be made (mostly housekeeping). All organizations receive funding. And spend responsibly. Section 3.1b- addition that requires a detailed budget. In advance of going on the ballot. I found it difficult to accept or not accept on how money will be spent. Information to assembly on certain pieces if fee was declined. Practice- piece of policy that VP-ops, must approve if it goes on the ballot itself. Some groups did not know that. Collect signatures, and then Tristan could not sign off. Prevent this. Section 3.5- housekeeping. In order to decrease the fee, just a notification. Can be done, with a less formal process, Related to Queen`s Center- eliminate section 8.4- any student registered in a course that is below the student center fee- strike that out no longer relevant. As it currently stands, if they do not spend appropriately can be withheld. If funding is uncollected would go to Queen`s center contribution- not relevant. Can be transferred in special project grants of clubs grants. More relevant. 125,000 of club grant proposals, have 30,000 to get out. No doubt the funding is needed. Cannot hold that money itself. Happy to take questions, thank you.

Daniel Basilio- I really love this. In 5.8 VP-ops, consider that the VP-Ops could add that this is presented. Does this reflect faculty specific?

Tristan: No

Proxy Prescott: Can we detect who has opted out and disperse funds back?

Tristan Lee: No current process in place. Under registrar constraints, not an option we have at this time.

Proxy Prescott: Could we in principle amend policy manual in the future, that anyone who wants a fee is ratified and is a legitimate fee that goes to a club that does exist

Tristan Lee: You don`t have to be a ratified club to receive the fee. These changes brought forward is recognition of mistakes in the past year, this is a general acknowledgement. Syndicus magazine collected last year, but does not exist. Error on the part on the AMS. Something moving forward acknowledgement that this has been noted

Daniel Basilio: The Vice President of Operations will confirm that added fees deemed non-compliant must be presented to Assembly.

Speaker: Last call

Motion to move the amendment to AMS Policy Manual I as seen in Appendix H. [Motion 8].

Moved by: Tristan Lee

Seconded by Doug Johnson

All in favour.

Motion (8) Carries.

Jessica Searle: Point of information—Gaels are up 5 nothing (hockey)

15. Discussion Period

Speaker: The merits of having an Equity Grants Committee, introduced by member Lively

Tyler Lively: introduce this because equity id not best done by generating money to clubs, generally go to events. Events that are worthwhile. Queen`s is a welcoming place, I am sure people do not believe nor respect diversity. People are not likely to go to events that promote equity and events. Paying money to these groups does not respect diversity. I come from a more rural place in Nova Scotia, I have seen little if not any equity. I don`t think throwing money will solve the problem. It is done by individual members of this society, By telling people that are bigoted, racist and homophobic. Hopefully move forward and this

Daniel Basilio: I have been here for a long time, looking at Mira and Duncan. I understand that this is your first year. An ASUS president was almost impeached for inappropriate comments. I think funding initiatives is this body`s mandate. I think we need this.

Mira Dineen: I don`t know that it is fair to say that the community is welcoming to everyone. It is not in ways I do not personally understand. The events and initiatives are not simply to create forum, but it is also to create safe places Does need to be paired with other initiatives. AMS does need to be doing more, and I do think it is a worthwhile proposal

Member TK Pritchard: I have given out equity. I stand here and say that for this student, campus can be a hard place to be, I think that these grants are extremely relevant for a student like me. Not about educating other students. Putting condom dispensers, practical things, and they work to create safe spaces. Important to give out these grants. I find it a little offensive that we are having this discussion, owing to what they do.

Haney- I always feel these grants are important. Keeping the publicity alive and have the places, propaganda for the society's mandate. Keep the public aware, potential for pressure to be lost.

Social Issues Commissioner Katie Conway: Social issues and their effects on education. Co-chair of sic had some of this friends how were homophobic, and his friends confronted this. I think it is obviously important. 500\$ for women in science and engineering.

Prescott Proxy- I don't think it's fair for social affairs commission to attack this. Overemphasis on this. if it distracts from the bigger issue. I share her sentiments, I come from a racialized group I do feel put of place and I know where the members are coming from. We cannot judge based on the amount of money we give out. Queen's Feminist Review- 1 issue in April, people coming out in April. Healthcare- add on certain coverage, If we change the publication. Lots of things we can to increase equity, I do not think we can judge this in terms of grants and I would say some questionable groups. Henry report and money given to a group-in appropriate, cannot rely solely on equity grants, there are certain things that we can fix

Member at Large Donaldson: Reiterate most of what Prescott Proxy said. We have to not label this as offensive. Problem we have with AMS services, we do not have enough awareness. I'm thinking of last year, when the professor made racist remarks. We should market the programs we have. Opportunity to save money effectively

Claire Casher- one aspect of this debate- useful use of Events are close to my heart, all you have to do is attend something. Quality is as important as quantity. I think this is valid outcome. We have an environment that is welcoming, having them publicly displayed makes it even more welcoming. Atmosphere of events it interrelated. I know that a lot of scrutiny is made and decisions are not taken lightly.

Doug Haney: available to ratified club?

Katie Conway: Equity grants is only one part of that. Currently publications are in April- frankly time constraints. It is an 8 month process, submission deadline. 2-3 months manually putting it together, potential is currently being reviewed and discussed. Queen's Feminist Review has relevance ears later

Chelsey Morphy: We should continue to support equity, As a women on this campus, recently experienced comments that made me uncomfortable, I think gender issues are extremely important. The way women look at themselves and how men look at women. I think it's ridiculous that we are talking about this.

Tyler Lively: This is not a discussion that is ridiculous. I am discussing how we can be efficient as possible with equity, to have this called offensive, offends me. I like the discussion. I am not saying it is important. It is about how to do this in the most efficient way possible

Commissioner of Environment and Sustainability Ty Greene: equity grants- AMS recognizing that we don't provide anything to students. We have clubs grants, sustainability grants, we recognize that people have great ideas and the fact that we have equity grants on top of this. this is a priority on this campus. As casher pointed, out events assist in this

Tuba Chisti: people think we are going too far, but we are not going far enough. Groups not part of AMS that helped me in 1st year. Culture shock. That I could relate too. One of the few things that did not make me feel alone. I'm not trying to say that, we are not going far enough I have struggled to feel at home. Part of why I am here today. We are still at the point where we need them

Doug Haney: Moving forward on tangible things we have gone. Focusing on the publications. Golden Words- is it possible that people who have not heard of publications more accessible. Better advertising without increasing costs

Jess Searle: Opposite of engineering. We have male nurses and I think that equity grants would be used for that, I think that the AMS takes this seriously.

Doug Haney: point of privilege. Questioned not answered regarding distribution points.

Social Issues Commissioner Katie Conway - goal plans review- different methods. Published through fb page, available at SIC, Grey House, focus distribution

Tuba Chisti: Point of information: on residence as well.

Ali Zahid- commend ASUS this year, for their advertising at Cogro their publication.

Katie Conway: point of information advertising seen on the bookshelves

Proxy for Alexander Prescott: go on Haney's point- SIC budget for publications .Outsources graphic design. Could we not do this internally?

Katie Conway: Mixed bag dependent on the skills of the chairs. Some designed by chairs entirely. Printing cost that AMS offers. Does not cover the outsourcing costs. Moving in house is not simple nor practical.

Doug Haney: both sides cool if AMS put some pressure on the Journal – should offer space on their pages for events and services

Katie Conway: Article regarding this a couple of weeks ago

TK Pritchard: The last 2 years under myself and now Katie Conway, we cut the budgets into a more reasonable place. Equity grants are 1 50th of what the SIC does. Happy to tell you what else the commission does, it is a small portion of what we do. Empower students to take control of their own issues. There are so many other equity initiatives; I think it important to put it at the fore front of the AMS.

Tyler Lively: closing statement. Thanks for your input. One of the most junior members here. I have never been oppressed in my life, I found this enlightening. Misrepresenting the narrative of this debate. What I wanted to discuss was how to promote equity in the most efficient way possible. Not just about money, we have to remain accountable. I hope we have taken something away from this discussion.

Tristan: I did not explain the documents (as seen in Appendix H). If people have questions, please ask.

Prescott: explain personally to members after assembly?

Speaker: Straw poll

Motion by: Keenan Randall

Seconded by: Alvin Suen to second

Speaker: Prefer to speak after assembly- unanimous.

Proxy to Alexander Prescott: Add a discussion if it is possible. This election season has been engaging, never been more stark visions for the AMS, it is good to have this discussion, I cannot commend the elections team enough. The speaker learnt a lot in her time, want to commend her for this. People know who strenuous and lack of sleep pounds lost or gain. To move into discussion topic: in regards to elections room last night. Problem in vote count. This was also a light problem during the last election because there were also 3 teams. We had a commissioner of internal affairs last year, motion to discuss whether the commission of internal affairs as a condition of employment. I apologize if this is offensive to anyone. I believe this is a discussion that we need to have.

Doug Haney: Point of order- not voted on formally.

Doug Johnson: Point of order. Policy is vague. Not stipulated. Up to the speaker if the agenda should be altered or if we keep this in discussion. Discretion of the speaker

Speaker: Will move forward on this topic

Mira Dineen- to have a productive discussion. We can share information with you on what has been discussed in the past. It is worth continuing, but it may make more sense to have information in front of you and the different consideration to be take into account for next assembly

Proxy to Alexander Prescott: Amendable to next assembly?

Tuba Chisti: Take home topic- we all have the same thing to say, and other in favour, no way of knowing or gauging this, thinking of something to allow us of the process to move faster. If someone is saying something we agree with- tap on the desk rather than go around. Topic to be discussed for next time

Haney: Duty of the speaker to curtail circular debate.

Daniel Basilio: Might I propose iclickers?

Speaker: Denied.

Tuba Chisti: Just something to think about for next time

Speaker: in the next couple of weeks- capacity of CEO will look at election good and bad, will look forward to addressing everyone on those issues, I will now motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by Ty Greene

Seconded by Terra Arnone.

3 opposed

Motion carries

**assembly ended at 9:47*

Minutes by Marina Makris