

***AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013***  
***Robert Sutherland Room 202 in the Policy Studies Building***

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*\*Assembly commenced at 7:15pm*

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*\*Assembly Representative refers to a member at large in attendance or a sitting member of Assembly, whose name was not recorded by the scribe.*

**Speaker Robert Thomson** (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Welcoming and opening remarks.

**1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Motion (1) that AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

**Speaker:** Any changes to the agenda?

**Motion to move motion 31 to the spot of motion 15.**

Moved by ASUS President Scott Mason.

Seconded by ASUS VP Irfan Tahiri

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to table motion 8.**

Moved by Undergraduate Trustee Andrew Aulhouse

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to table motion 9.**

Moved by CESA President Alex Marshall

Seconded by NSS President Jessica Searle

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to table motion 6.**



Moved by Student Senate Caucus Chair Isabelle Duchaine  
 Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to amend motion 24.**

*Motion is friendly, motion carries.*

**Motion to add two Motions to agenda, That AMS Assembly approve that the AMS Employee Policy and Procedures Manual shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the AMS Board of Directors, and that AMS Assembly approve that Sections 7, 8, 15 and 25 of the AMS Hiring and Appointment Policy and Procedures Manual shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the AMS Board of Directors.**

Moved by Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by AMS President Eril Berkok

*Motion carries.*

**Member at Large Lively:** I don't see my motion from the last Assembly of April 4<sup>th</sup>. I would like to add it in.

**Motion to remove sections 1 and 6 of AMS Policy Manual 3.**

Moved by: Member at Large Tyler Lively

Seconded by: ASUS President Scott Mason

*Motion carries.*

*Motion (1) carries.*

**2.Approval of Minutes of the meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Motion (2) that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

**Member at Large Alexander Prescott:** The last minutes were not included on the agenda.

**Speaker:** They have been online since April. The minutes were also sent out after the last Assembly to everyone.

*Motion (2) carries.*



**Member at Large Lively:** You all just passed a motion you have no idea about.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Motion to reconsider!

*Motion to reconsider. Motion fails.*

### **3.Speaker's Business**

**Speaker:** I want to welcome everyone to the first Assembly. I'm very excited for everyone to be here. I just want to quickly go over a few things we went through [at training] yesterday. Please raise your plaque to be added to the speakers list. If you have a point of order/information/personal privilege, please raise your pinky and you will be recognized as soon as the member speaking has finished their thought. That is all of my business and I am very excited for this year.

### **4.Guest Speaker**

(None)

### **5.President's Report**

**Speaker:** I now invite President Berkok to speak.

**AMS President Eril Berkok:** I hope you're all excited for the coming year. Nothing to add to my report but I welcome questions.

### **6a. Vice President's Report (Operations)**

**Speaker:** Vice President Nicola Plummer?

**AMS Vice President Operations Nicola Plummer:** Welcome back. I have nothing to add to my report.

### **6b. Vice President's Report (University Affairs)**

**Speaker:** Vice President Pritchard?

**AMS Vice President University Affairs Thomas Pritchard:** Would like to highlight that the AMS Membership Bursary application is available online and due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance will be visiting at the next assembly.



## **7. Board of Directors Report**

**Speaker:** Chair of the Board of Directors?

**Rico Garcia, Chair of the Board of Directors:** We had a fantastic full board.

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

**Speaker:** Senator Duchaine?

**Student Senate Caucus Chair Isabelle Duchaine:** Hi everybody. Thank you everybody who read my report. My report contained a little contest for breadsticks. Winner is Mark Godin! Unfortunately QP doesn't deliver, so we'll have to spend time together!

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

**Speaker:** Rector Francis?

**Rector Nicholas Francis:**

So I'm going to briefly go over some of my report. I will be hiring a case worker. Eggs Benedict Tricolour Award. Last year was successful. I would like to create the committee early this year. I would like to have it formed by the end of September. Commitment of about 2 weekends, 35 hours. I wanted to show some of you this flag. The idea as Queen's students is that we can sometimes be passengers of traditions. But we are a part of creating and delivering traditions. There is magic in these walls. This flag was signed by every frosh and frosh leader. A huge thank you to Robbie Thomson for painting this canvas.

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

**Speaker:** Undergraduate Trustee Aulhouse?

**Undergraduate Trustee Andrew Aulhouse:** Hello everyone. My report was fairly brief as there isn't much board work over the summer. Some of you may not know what I do; I serve on the Board of Trustee's, which oversees financial matters at the University. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## **11. Statements by members**

**Speaker:** Any statements by members?



**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** On Tuesday and Wednesday yesterday the clubs office organized several events. Clare the Clubs Manager has worked so hard and it was a huge success. I would like to thank them. They worked very hard and did a great job.

**NSS President Jessica Searle:** I would like to say welcome to our new Representative to the AMS, Hannah Yassine.

## **12. Question Period**

**Speaker:** Any questions? ..seeing none, we will move into business arising from the minutes.

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

**Motion 3: That AMS Assembly approve the second reading of the amendment to the AMS Constitution, Section 19: Transition, as seen in Appendix A: Lost in Transition.**

Moved by AMS President Eril Berkok

Seconded by AMS VP of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

**Speaker:** Any debate on this motion?

**Member at Large Lively:** This was submitted by last year's President and Vice President. Does this not require a first reading, as you are submitted a new motion?

**AMS Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** This is the second reading of this motion. The original motion was moved by Doug and Mira, and so this is continuing what they began, as they are no longer AMS members. The incoming team is doing this. This simply clearing up what the last team wanted to clear up.

**Member at Large Lively:** Wouldn't that make it a new motion, requiring another reading on top of today?

**AMS Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** It would not because it simply happened in a different team setting.

**Member at Large Prescott:** What this policy will codify is what we saw last year. If any of the Executive resign the new members will rule that and put in anyone they want to. I would like to clarify that.

**Speaker:** A member may only speak to a motion once.



No other debate.

*Motion (3) carries.*

**Motion 4: That AMS Assembly approve the second reading of the amendment to the AMS Constitution, Section 2: The Society and Executive of the Society, as seen in Appendix B: No More Years.**

Moved by: Eril Berkok

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Speaker:** Opening the floor to debate. Seeing none we will now call the question.

*Motion (4) carries.*

**Member at Large Lively:** Point of information, on twitter, something was mentioned about band of brothers. What does that mean?

**Speaker:** I can't control what is on the members screen and I will not force anyone to speak.

**Member at large Lively:** Members are spending too much time on social media. Could it be then that the speaker could tell members not to use social media? If you don't take your job seriously then maybe you shouldn't be here.

**Motion 5: That AMS Assembly approves the second reading of the amendment to the AMS Constitution Section 10.02.02, as seen in Appendix C: NAD.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Commissioner Olver:** This motion prevents the Non-Academic Discipline system from dealing with cases of weapons on campus. We feel that we are not the appropriate body to handle these cases, and as such want to amend the constitution to reflect this.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** Does this mean all criminal acts are covered by the police only?

**Commissioner Olver:** We would never take jurisdiction over the police. Cases can be handled by both the NAD system and the police, however we would not take a case instead of the police. NAD holds Queen's students to a higher standard and as such a student can be in both systems.



**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** As long as weapons are involved NAD is not the appropriate body to handle these cases.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** I don't necessarily think that all weapon offences can be excluded. This requires more reflection.

**Member at Large Karetos:** Queens University has the authority to deal with cases of Non-Academic Discipline. Doesn't mean it can't also be processed by the law.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** there are certain crimes that should be governed by the law. But there should be some participation by this body.

**Member at Large Karetos:** We are very clear on what we are and are not able to handle.

**Commissioner Olver:** We can never take the place of Canadian criminal system. We are simply trying to specify that we can't take the place of Canadian law and rather work alongside it.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** It's maybe not so black and white, though I like that we are clarifying what NAD specifically can and can't do. There should be further efforts made in policy to continue this.

*Motion (5) carries.*

**Motion 6: That AMS Assembly approve the removal of Policy Manual 2, Section 8: Bus-It Working Group, as seen in Appendix E: Bus-It.**

Moved by: Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Kristen Olver

**Speaker:** Any debate? Seeing none we will now call the question.

*Motion (6) carries.*

**Motion 7: That AMS Assembly remove sections one and six from Policy Manual 3.**

Moved by: Member at Large Lively

Seconded by: ASUS President Mason

**Member at Large Lively:** This motion would remove sections 1 and 6. We should remove our commitment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Section 6 refers to the AMS stands against the education of Ontario. Enrolments have increased. Value of degree has gone down. I think introducing private universities has resulted in benefits. I think they go a long way



in increasing the quality of education. There's not really an incentive to develop.

**ASUS President Mason:** I seconded this motion; however I am a big fan of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I think it's great that any student can come to Assembly and bring forward these motions and create discussion, and have a chance to speak.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Motion to separate these two motions.

**Speaker:** All for separating the 2 motions?

*Motion carries.*

**New Motion 7: That AMS Assembly remove section one of the AMS Policy Manual 3.**

Moved by: Thomas Pritchard

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

**Speaker:** So we are on the motion That AMS Assembly remove section one of the AMS Policy Manual 3, the AMS Commitment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**Member at Large Prescott:** It becomes a question of whether you will do what you say, if that means that we should follow the Charter, then we should follow it. If we are not going to follow the Charter then we should not be bound to it. We saw it violated just last year.

**CESA Proxy Young:** The magic of this place is that any member of this assembly can speak here. I think that student leaders have responsibility to show proper posture and behaviour. On the charter itself, I don't think anyone really opposes the charter. There are some actions that the AMS takes that does not fit with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The AMS needs to be able to move in the opposite direction of the charter if so desires, if need be.

**Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** I will be voting against this motion. The AMS doesn't have to follow the charter. However we are encouraged with a responsibility to follow it. I would be concerned to see it removed from our policies.

**Member at Large Lively:** The incident of free speech wall being removed was a violation of the charter of rights and freedoms.

**Student Senator Duchaine:** I would like to speak to this motion. I think the removal of this motion it would reflect poorly on us as students and AMS members, and generally as Canadians. Instead of removing it we should continue to enforce it. Hopefully you guys will take this into consideration.



**Assembly Representative:** I'm of the opinion that we did apply the charter last year. "You have to have free speech unless it infringes upon the rights of others." Section 1.

**CESA Proxy:** I totally agree with what you said. If you take away the charter, then we would be able to take away the rights of students.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** I don't think we should reference the incident last year. It wasn't a direct decision from the AMS.

**Member at Large Prescott:** I would disagree. When it came down to it, we violated the charter. To remove the free speech wall the AMS did not subscribe to the charter.

**Member at Large Lively:** Many statements have over-simplified the debate. The problem with the Charter is that we only view the value of our rights as something given to us. Rights are something that are inherent to us as people. There is a lot more wrong with this than you seem to understand.

*Motion (7) fails.*

**Motion 8: That AMS Assembly remove section six of the AMS Policy Manual 3.**

Moved by: Thomas Pritchard

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

**Speaker:** On to the next part of this motion, That AMS Assembly remove section 6 from the AMS Policy Manual 3, Privatization.

**Member at Large Lively:** I read into a lot of incentives. The value of our degrees is going down as costs go up. It seems that education has become homogenized; it's just lectures and tutorials. There are people who learn differently. A private model can beat public universities, allowing people who cannot learn in conventional ways. Some of the best universities in the world are privatized, such as Harvard and Yale. I would like to hear your thoughts.

**Assembly Representative:** Does the Ontario government allow private universities in Ontario?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** In 2001 there was a discussion about universities in Ontario. Students were opposed to the idea of having private universities in Ontario.

**Aesculapian Representative Simpson:** Can you distinguish private from public?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** A private university would not receive



subsidization from the government, just OSAP.

**Assembly Representative:** I feel that this motion is favourable. The policy that queens must follow is the one that serves the students. I encourage everyone to vote for this motion, regardless of what the system might be in the future.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** *Reads section 6.* The AMS believes there is room to support public universities. There should be no creation of private institutions.

**Assembly Representative:** I don't think we should be taking that strong of a position.

**AMS President Berkok:** I think this is a very large question but it is too limited of a discussion. I would vote this motion down because it warrants a more expansive form. I think it's a really complex question and requires more attention.

**Member at Large Lively:** this is certainly a limited debate. i think those are some things to keep in mind. Student loans may disadvantage students. Theres certainly room for a private sector in Ontario. It's not appropriate to just say we don't want private institutions.

*Motion (8) fails.*

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

**Motion 9: That AMS Assembly ratify Jacob Trenholm as the Marketing Officer for the 2013-2014 year.**

Moved by: Eril Berkok

Seconded by: Nicola Plummer

**AMS President Berkok:** We are paying careful attention to the visual identity of the AMS, with a marketing research focus. Jacob Trenholm has taken over the position and has provided exemplary service. If we could pass this motion it would be fantastic.

**Member at Large Trenholm:** our brands must be relevant to students and must be hearing their voices. Students must be spending more money at student services to support the campus.

**ASUS Representative Sherman:** In the past, the AMS has tried to do marketing research but has had low response rates. How do you plan to overcome this?

**Member at Large Trenholm:** We are interested in gathering information in the changing of the operation of these services. That will allow us to make better decisions with even less data. We



will be incentivising people more regularly.

*Motion (9) carries.*

**Motion 10: That AMS Assembly approve that the AMS Employee Policy and Procedures Manual shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the AMS Board of Directors.**

Moved by: Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Theresa Hillis

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** This amendment is to ensure that AMS employee policy is under the exclusive policy of the Board of Directors. As members of the Assembly you are also a member of the corporation. This is to ensure that everything going through this policy manual is monitored by the Board of Directors. These changes can also be altered at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Board of Directors Chair Garcia:** I would like to remind all of you that we have the Board reviewing all of these policies. It's a highly qualified body. If you have any problems with it let me know. This policy will allow the Board of Directors to decide what a Board issue is and what an AMS issue is. We've already had some examples of issues stopped in meetings.

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** Through this amendment, changes made to this policy will from now on be approved by board of directors.

*Motion (10) carries.*

**Motion 11: That AMS Assembly approve that Sections 7, 8, 15, and 25 of the AMS Hiring and Appointment Policy and Procedures Manual shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the AMS Board of Directors.**

Moved by: Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Theresa Hillis

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** This determines who can be hired and how. This is both a board and assembly issue.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** This affects which portion of the policy?

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** Section 7 talks about service selection. 8 About corporate hiring.

*Motion (11) carries.*

**Motion 12: That AMS Assembly reaffirm the creation of the Clubs Street Initiative Chair and Committee Member, as seen in Appendix J: CSI.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard



**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver:** Motion to strike this from the agenda.

*Motion to strike from the agenda carries.*

**New Motion 12: That AMS Assembly reaffirm the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 3 Section 9 Part D as seen in Appendix I: Sustainability Action Fund.**

Moved by: Colin Robinson

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability Robinson:** The SAF was created three years ago with the goal of funding sustainability initiatives proposed by university students, staff and faculty. The original policy dictated two granting periods, in November and February. The last two years, there were amounts of nearly \$10 000 ungranted in April. Two years ago the ~\$10 000 was pushed as a “rollover” into the next year’s fund. Last year, \$10 000 was given hastily to the University Sustainability office as a last-ditch effort to avoid another unconstitutional roll-over. The left-over money is not a result of an unnecessary student fee, but rather a structural inadequacy in the granting structure, as there is not enough opportunity for organizations to receive funding in a timely fashion. This summer, Council voted in favour of adding an additional summer granting period starting summer 2013, recognizing that earlier funding will translate into better results, and lessen the likelihood of unconstitutional student fee roll-overs. I call on assembly to approve these changes to the SAF policy.

**ASUS Representative Sherman :** I would like to amend the policy in section 5. It shouldn’t be dependent on this fund. There is a \$10,000 surplus but I think if we have a surplus we should be looking at alternatives to how we spend our money.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** It is important to note on ideas and proposals on how AMS spends its money.

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability Robinson:** In the past students have been granted small projects funds. I don’t want it to be explicit or biased. They should be given the scope of the AMS funds and proposals. We would like to figure out how to use this money in a way to really serve the students and to the best and most effective use without having to add anything super significant.

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** Just to speak on the funds being used on services. It’s highly unlikely that the Board would approve that the budget be used on anything insignificant.

**CESA Proxy Young:** I agree in the sense that it’s not about funnelling the money away from the AMS services.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** The fund is \$20,000. It has never been given out very well. It’s usually dumped out at the end of the year. We would like to pursue a variety of sources.



**Assembly Representative:** I personally believe the funds should not be restricted. I do agree that the spirit of these funds are for students doing grassroots projects and cool things student leaders are getting involved in. I think that we should not amend it in the way it has been suggested.

**Assembly Representative:** I don't see the difference between AMS services and AMS members taking part in this.

**Assembly Representative:** Just because they work for the AMS services doesn't make them a Queen's member.

**CESA Proxy Young:** I support the amendment. The money should always be properly directed. Ultimately it would result in the money being used in the best way possible.

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability Robinson:** This grant is for all students no matter where they work. They're making a lot of great sustainability projects.

**AMS Retail Services Director Bone:** Corporate services do make efforts to contribute to the sustainability action fund. All of our paper in the Publishing and Copy Center comes from managed forests.

**Assembly Representative:** the current policy reads that project proposals may be submitted from students and staff and faculty.

**Vice President of Operations Plummer:** We group all the surpluses together. This allows for ideas to be implemented. This allows for flexibility...

**Assembly Representative:** If there was a huge rollover happening every year, then I would not support the amendment.

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability Robinson:** If we are moving towards what the goal plan says, we start looking for more sustainable initiatives. If we do tend to get a \$10,000 rollover, I think that it's about initiatives that will be beneficial for all students.

*Motion to amend motion 14.*

*Moved by: ASUS Representative Sherman*

*Seconded by: ASUS President Mason*

*Motion fails.*

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability Robinson:** This fund is meant to finance anything from an administrator, staff member, anyone. It is a very open process. I would urge you to support it, wherever it is at Queen's.

*Motion (12) carries.*

**Motion 13: That AMS Assembly approve amendments to the AMS Hiring and Appointment Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 22.**



Moved by: Theresa Hillis

Seconded by: Nicola Plummer

*\*This motion struck when Vice-President Plummer divided previous HR motions.*

**AMS Human Resources Officer Hillis:** This is useful in the way that services lose so many of their staff in the middle of the year, and would allow us to open a hiring period in the middle of the year.

**CESA Proxy:** Would the hiring be open to people who were hired last year or would they not be considered re-hired?

**AMS Human Resources Officer Hillis:** In that situation it would be open to all except those whose applications and employments had been terminated within the last two years. There wouldn't be spaces reserved for first years midyear. Anyone would be eligible to apply.

*Motion (13) carries.*

**Motion 14: That AMS Assembly ratify Christopher Parker to the position of Chief Returning Officer for the 2013-2014 year.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Commissioner Olver:** Thank you to all those who have been waiting so patiently to be ratified. I am fully confident in Chris. Through working with him in the past few days and communication in the summer, he demonstrates an important knowledge of the process and encourage you all to ask him any questions.

**Student Senate Chair Duchaine:** What do you think is the most exciting part about running for the election?

**Member at Large Parker:** Running the elections or running in an election? I like competition. I like seeing fair competition. I know in the past things have come up but I am excited to see a nice smooth election.

**ComSoc Representative Jones:** Last year there was a ranking system. Will it continue for this year?

**Member at Large Parker:** The computer system last year was having problems and we are currently in contact with the creator of the program to ensure the elections this year run smoothly. The preferential voting system will continue.

*Motion (14) carries.*

*Motion to omnibus motions 15-18.*

*Motion carries.*



**Motion 15: That AMS Assembly ratify Eddie Burroughs, Kristen John, Claire Cathro and Alexandra Jockwig-Welsh to the position of Judicial Affairs Deputy for the 2013-2014 year.**

Moved by: Judicial Affairs Director Apollonia Karetos

Seconded by: Kristen Olver

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Tell us why you think our student run non-academic discipline system is so important.

**Assembly Representative:** What's one characteristic you believe to be integral to this system?

**Member at Large John:** non – adversarial

**Member at Large Jockwig Welsh:** non – adversarial

**Member at Large Cathro:** non – adversarial

**Member at Large Burroughs:** peer administered, clearer with a much greater purpose

*Motion (15) carries.*

**Motion 16: That AMS Assembly ratify Deng Pan to the position of Judicial Affairs Clerk for the 2013-2014 year.**

Moved by: Judicial Affairs Director Apollonia Karetos

Seconded by: Kristen Olver

**Member at Large Karetos:** We have every confidence in him, every quality we're looking for in the office. If you have any questions ask away!

**Commissioner Olver:** You have the unique role of going between the Judicial Committee and Judicial Affairs Office. Either one or the other, what are you most excited about or what do you think is going to be the most challenging?

**Member at Large Pan:** I would be an ant because they work well in teams and carry tons of weight.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** If you were a fruit what would you be?

**Member at Large Pan:** I would be a mango. They're sweet. They're yellow, I'm yellow.

*Motion (16) carries*

**Motion 17: That AMS Assembly approve the creation of an ad hoc Assembly committee to**



**review the results of the FIPPA Request filed by the ASUS Executive for Queen's Event Services.**

Moved by: ASUS President Mason

Seconded by: ASUS VP Tahiri

**ASUS President Mason:** During the summer we were doing some work with queen's finances. We met with Queens Event Services. They charge students for rooms and for profit. I'm of the opinion that Queens should adopt a different policy; figure out whether we want Queens Event Services to continue operating this way. We made a request for access to information in late July. This delayed any progress for several weeks. We found 2 years of bills of everything that's going in and out, specifically for Orientatio week. We're not experts but we're going to do some research to see if we can change this operation. Why are we paying so much for extra space that we don't use for the majority of the rent?

**Student Senator Duchaine:** I would like to amend the composition to have Undergraduate Student Trustee Aulhouse on the committee instead of Rector Francis, as Trustee Aulhouse has more experience with finances.

**ASUS President Mason:** If this is alright with Rector Francis, I see no issue.

**Rector Francis:** Yes, that is fine.

**Assembly Representative:** When someone books a wedding do they pay more than students would to book a room?

**ASUS President Mason:** Non-students do pay more. Approximately 10% more.

**ResSoc VP Preisner:** Last year as a residence Don, a lot of our common rooms were converted into residence rooms. Last year I had to book a room for a floor meeting with \$100 out of my own pocket.

**Aesculapian Representative:** You can get smaller rooms free as long as they don't have projectors. That's how it operates now.

**Assembly Representative:** This is an excellent idea. We face a lot of barriers in hosting events. We need to have as many as possible and it is ridiculous to have room bookings as an issue.

**Rector Francis:** I would like to take part in this committee. I hit my head before and wasn't thinking straight when I said Undergraduate Trustee Aulhouse could take my place. I would like to remain with Trustee Aulhouse on the committee if that is O.K.



**ASUS President Mason:** Not a problem.

**Assembly Representative:** we understand that the university does have financial strains. As students though we pay some of the highest tuition fees in Ontario. Room bookings don't make up very much of the university's earning and could be eliminated.

**ASUS President Mason:** What we are looking for is one member from each faculty.

**Assembly Representative:** Whatever money you prevent the university from making I think they would make it somewhere else. I wonder if they would charge other bookings in place of room fees. I wanted to make sure everyone's keeping that in mind.

**Assembly Representative:** I don't feel comfortable voting on something that we don't have written down (regarding the composition).

**Rector Francis:** We were actually promised space by the University. Students were planning for years for that space to be available and the further phases of the ARC never happened.

**Assembly Representative:** I think this decision is for another time.

**Assembly Representative:** how confident are you that this will actually change?

**ASUS President Mason:** If we were to return and decide on something, it is my belief that it would do something and it is definitely worth a shot.

**Assembly Representative:** The campus I was visiting in France last year was charging us to rent a room. When people come to Queen's they should have space to have. I will support this motion because I support student having a place to meet.

**Assembly Representative:** What potential outcomes do you see in this committee?

**ASUS President Mason:** I would like to see things that are being taken care of for students... we don't know what the outcome will be at this point, the university did once do an investigation into what we need and space was a huge part of that. We won't pretend we're going to be moving mountains but it's worth a try.

**ASUS President Mason:** I would urge you all to vote for this motion. We would like to go ahead and investigate this. Please vote in favour of it.



*Motion (17) carries.*

**Motion to open the agenda**

Motion carries.

**Motion to withdraw old motion 22**

Moved by: Eiril Berkok

Seconded by: Nicola Plummer

**President Berkok:** What we need from the assembly is 2 voting members who will represent AMS at large on the SLC Council for the year. We will do this through Nominating Committee.

*Motion carries.*

**Motion to add a motion that AMS Assembly appoint 4 voting members of AMS Assembly to sit as voting members on the AMS Assembly nominating committee.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Eiril Berkok

*Motion carries.*

*Motion to close the agenda*

*Motion carries.*

*Motion to extend assembly 10:52 pm*

*Motion carries.*

**Motion 18: That AMS Assembly approve the creation of the position of Recruitment Committee Member under the Human Resources Office, as seen in Appendix M: Recruitment Committee.**

Moved by: Theresa Hillis

Seconded by: Nicola Plummer

**Human Resources Officer Hillis:** Some people don't know that some jobs are available. I would like to create a committee that works specifically on outreach and recruitment in order to ensure students know about all of the opportunities available to them.

*No debate*

*Motion (18) carries.*

**Motion 19: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to Section 5.06 of the AMS**



**Constitution, as seen in Appendix N: Shaking It Up**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Commissioner Olver:** Please see the distributed amendment. The purpose of this motion is to make the Agenda more flexible. Should the speaker decide that the order be changed, that change can be overruled if Assembly disagrees. Agenda can be changed to move through the evening as efficiently as possible, and still allow for important discussion and statements if need be.

**Assembly Representative:** I would like to vote down on this motion. Last April was an awful experience but this democracy should be open to debate. if we put students comments at the end after a long debate then we putting their comments aside for a lot of people who have to leave earlier. I encourage you to vote down on this motion.

**Assembly Representative:** I will be voting against this. I think that the beginning of the assembly will be the time that members are most engaged in. I appreciate the urgency but we need to be mindful about the students concerns. Keeping members at large sit through the legislative process would be a constructive way to do it.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Keep in mind that a member was coming with a directive to the assembly, than they could still have that, instead of just a motion or statement.

**Assembly Representative:** I think it's really important to keep the question period before the new business. If we go through all the reports, those questions at the end will be at the back of our minds. I encourage you guys to vote against this motion.

**ASUS Representative Sherman:** I also find this concerning. I think we should get rid of the special guest at the beginning.

**Commissioner Olver:** I appreciate all your feedback. It is really important to me. We definitely do need to find a solution to the efficiency and speed of the assembly. We need to get important motions passed but we need to find balance between debating important motions and keeping and allowing for members to speak. For example at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly the Orientation Week budget almost did not get passed, which would have had detrimental effects on the execution of Orientation week.

**ASUS Representative Sherman:** Would it be possible to add a ratification section to the Agenda?



**Commissioner Olver:** I think it would be great to have section for ratifications. I would like to hear what everyone has to say first.

**CESA Proxy:** is it possible to table this and put it in a discussion period?

**Speaker:** It is possible but we'll wait until we were done the speaker list.

**EngSoc Vice President of Student Development Godin:** I would like to support this motion. I think it could be very successful and economical to our timeframe.

**Assembly Representative:** The speaker does have the power to stop conversations if he feels they are going on for too long.

**EngSoc President Fleck:** I support this motion, it is how we do things at EngSoc Council and is efficient.

**Assembly Representative:** The first question period is for the big topics. General questions are for the end.

Motion to table old motion 24.

*Motion carries.*

Motion to open agenda.

*Motion carries*

Motion to add a discussion period.

*Motion carries.*

Motion to add a discussion topic, constitutional changes, voting

*Motion carries.*

Motion to close the agenda.

*Motion carries.*

Motion to omnibus the next six motions, regarding the Commissioner goal plans.

Motioned by: Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard

Seconded by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver

*Motion carries*

Motion to reconsider omnibus.

Motioned by: Student Senate Caucus Chair Duchaine



Seconded by: ASUS President Mason

**Student Senator Chair Duchaine:** I know first-hand the amount of work that goes in to these, it is what they are paid for and is their entire summer and plan for the year. It is unfair to them to see this all passed at once; I would like to see them get the time they deserve.

*Motion carries*

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** I did change the format of the goal plan this year so that they would be living documents the Commissioners could easily go off of. The process started in May and they submitted drafts in June. I was very impressed, they put a lot of work into them.

**Motion 20: That AMD Assembly approve the goal plan of the Municipal Affairs Commission for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

Moved by: Catherine Wright

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright:** We're focusing on the relationship between Kingston residents and Queen's students. Again this year we will be holding an AMS Assembly at City Hall. We will have initiatives like by-laws on door hangers to help new 2<sup>nd</sup> years in the University District. Enhance the reputation of Queen's students throughout the Kingston community. I am also planning a tree-planting event. We are working to promote the University District plan, to rename the student ghetto; student village didn't stick. We are putting stickers on garbage cans reading University District. There will also be a Homecoming messaging campaign that promotes responsible partying. We will also promote propertyhousing.com which is especially great for incoming international students. We have an internal goal as well, to make a more interconnected commission, employment opportunities and volunteer opportunities.

Motion to extend assembly 30 minutes 11:34

*Motion carries.*

**ASUS Representative Sherman:** I would like to commend you for going to city hall. This is something that has been needed for years. This is a big deal for the university. How will increased enrolment affect the availability of property?

**Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright:** It's about the Kingston community.

*Motion (20) carries.*



**Motion 21: That AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Academic Affairs Commission for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

Moved by: Allison Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** A lot of this goal planning process is not worked on autonomously. A lot of my work is not contained in here, this is a small frame of what I am hoping to accomplish. I am looking for more outreach engagement. The presence of the app on campus. The AAC has a very strong tradition for student advocacy.

The likelihood for us having a provincial election soon is very strong. We need to get the word out on elections. We want to make sure it's easy and convenient to vote and know how to vote. It's a huge problem that students do not vote in large numbers. To get more students at the polls would be a massive win. The marketing research component plays a huge part. It's really a shame that only a handful of people are getting involved.

The final thing is that a course syllabus must be available online by a certain date. You will be given bank statements and student awards. Helps you plan budgeting, workloads, assignment scheduling.

We've been using social media to organize projects. We are hoping that it will increase engagement.

**Student Senate Chair Duchaine:** How are we going to have the money to fund the campaign, is there a plan for a long term fund for any election plans and bring it to campus?

That in the year is sort of a special project. Budget approval will be coming to you guys soon. This year the amount of money is much more suitable for the budget to have a large-scale extravaganza for the election.

**Representative Simpson:** How do provincial elections fall under your jurisdiction?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** Student voter-ship plays into it in a very big way. It's fundamental to me in fulfilling my goal.

**Assembly Representative:** over the enrolment period here, I've noticed when classes were full I noticed some students were selling spots to others trying to get in. the very low demand. Are there additional resources to move high demand classes to bigger classrooms and low demand classes to smaller classrooms?

Not every professor would teach every course in that faculty. Timetabling is a nightmare for some courses and their arrangements with classrooms.



Motion to extend assembly 30 minutes 11:57 pm

*Motion carries.*

Motion (21) *carries.*

**Motion 22: That AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Social Issues Commission for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

Moved by: Michelle Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** The social issues commission should be completely open to applicants. We will move offices to the JDUC and will reopen it, updating resources with nonfiction, fiction, and flyers. A lot of people do not know that this service is not available to them. We will promote more heavily. I am also working on restructuring our publications portfolio. Our policy has been recreated and revamped to make larger decisions on confidentiality and more. I want to advocate for students supporting social issues. Finally a member from each faculty will support an equity project.

**Assembly Representative:** who exactly will be sitting on the advisory board?

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** Myself, Pritchard, our director, and reps.

**Assembly Representative:** what is the timeline for these publications?

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** That timeline was set originally in the summer and has been changed to the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Assembly Representative:** what are your thoughts on so many gender split washrooms on campus and lack of gender neutral washrooms?

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** There is a plan to begin building a facility in Mac Corry.

**Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Our bathrooms were all investigated. There were about 40 washrooms that could be altered. They were simply looking for the money to change them, looking at a \$100,000 cost.

**Assembly Representative:** one goal is to receive a large amount of publications and submissions. Have you considered a staggered launch date, one in the fall, one in the winter?



**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** We want to give publications as much attention as possible, but publishing twice a year is not really feasible.

**Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** we don't have a lot of applicants with design experience. We can't really recruit like that.

*Motion (22) carries.*

**Motion 23: That AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Campus Activities Commission for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

Moved by: Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** The commission has several parts, from Orientation to various conferences. I hope to improve on the weaknesses of the commission. The events have tended to stagnate and have stayed the same. We hope to revitalize the events and make the commission what the students want it to be. There is a need on campus for the thriving arts community feeling disconnected. We want to promote art on campus and taking away the stigma that you need to be an artist to go to an artistic event.

I think it's really important that these events have a strong impact on the Queen's community. The success of the commission relies on the creativity, engagement, and passion of those active in the commission itself and those supporting it.

**ComSoc Representative Jones:** what other events did you have in mind other than arts events?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** I think there is potential for holiday events like Halloween. Also we would like to try new events for the return of homecoming this year. Consultation is really important but must start early.

**Assembly Representative:** What will you be hosting in terms of the model UN?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** We have been having a lot of positive collaboration for model UN circuit, and moving model court. Queens delegates represent about half the delegates involved in the event.

*Motion to extend assembly 30 minutes 12:26*

*Motion carries*

**Student Senate Chair Duchaine:** Question: how does homecoming fit into your event



planning?

**Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** for the most part things were big and executive initiations. Homecoming is not seen as much in the core planning because a team is working it on.

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** We are planning student social events before and after the football game and that will be essential to the connectivity of the event of homecoming.

**AMS President Berkok:** The university is bringing back homecoming on a very stingy budget and that is its focus for now. They still remain committed to the alumni, and current students afterwards.

**Assembly Representative:** In terms of the event, what would be different for this homecoming than the last shameful event?

**AMS President Berkok:** There isn't going to be a substantial difference as a sad reality, as they remain committed to the alumni over the students for homecoming.

**Assembly Representative:** are you planning on extending or creating new events? Are there any events that have been eliminated?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage :** Wheelchair basketball was not very popular in the past 3 or 4 years that it's been running so has been eliminated. Arts on campus hasn't had much interest in the past couple years and hasn't gained much success. My goal in the arts council is to bring students who don't have invested passion in that art and giving them a change.

*Motion (23) carries.*

**Motion 24: That AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Commission of Internal Affairs for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver:** My portfolio consists of AMS clubs, Non-Academic Discipline, Elections, and Assembly. The Commission has become very static, we want to move forward. We want to establish a framework for group discipline. We want to figure out the most effective way to process and organize the groups. My goal is to revamp the clubs office, space allocation, etc.

More reaching out to students with clubs street initiative. Clubs can rent out committee for



helping hands. It is a middleman between clubs and the office. I want to create more volunteer opportunities within CIA. I am cleaning up policy for the AMS, updated and more efficient. I want to create a more welcoming space. We want to set up booths around campus for voting.

**ASUS VP Tahiri:** how would we make it easier for students when changing assembly locations?

**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver:** We will be advertising assembly locations more heavily. We will use social media, twitter will allow students to know when and where to go.

**CESA Proxy:** You have outlined in your plan a database for NAD. How will information remain private when it goes online?

**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver:** Confidentiality is very important to us. We want to have as minimal pieces of information out there as possible. We are at a standstill waiting to hear back from the administration; though all involved in the system are legally bound by confidentiality agreements.

**AMS President Berkok:** our security is very much on top of making sure private information remains private and secure.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** They have a lot of concerns with students' information slipping through the cracks or getting leaked. Everyone will sign a confidentiality agreement.

**Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver:** We do have lawyers involved.

Motion to extend the assembly 30 minutes 12:54

*Motion (24) carries*

**Motion 25: That AMS Assembly approve the goal plan of the Commission of Environment and Sustainability for 2013-2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.**

**Commissioner of Environment & Sustainability:** Sustainability office has been well maintained and has had a large impact. We would like to take the approach this year of a reinforcing strategy. Upstream strategy is more strategic based while downstream is about preserving. The number of people we've been able to help is really increasing. About 7 years ago they sent a report that organics should be available on campus and it now is. We put together an energy efficiency plan for the JDUC, which is not very sustainable at this point. The university is required to pay into maintenance for the JDUC.



We're trying to get as many people involved as possible.

*Motion (25) carries*

**Motion 26: That AMS Assembly appoint 4 voting members of AMS Assembly to sit as voting members on the AMS Assembly nominating committee.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Eril Berkok

**AMS President:** Tonight we need 4 people to represent a voting unit for the committee.

**Representative Jones:** I think I would bring a really open perspective to the committee. I have a lot of experience with this kind of position. I am also an accounting student and can bring that expertise.

**ResSoc President Daya:** I have a lot experience interviewing.

**ASUS Representative Rubin:** I bring fresh new perspective.

**EngSoc VPSD Godin:** I would bring a great sense of team work and efficient perspective.

*Motion (26) carries*

**Speaker:** The voting members on the nominating committee (not including a member of the AMS Executive shall be Representative Jones, President Daya, Representative Rubin, and Vice-President Godin.

## **15. Discussion Period**

### **1. Volunteer position for the ASUS core assembly**

**Commissioner Olver:** It would be really great for students to get involved with Assembly. Assisting members at large on how to take part, when to speak, how to vote, etc. A position that serves members at large.

**Speaker:** Email Commissioner Olver for questions and comments.

### **2. Order for assembly**

**Member at Large Mattiussi:** Secret ballot ideas. Ballots would remain secret. Motions would be done by roll call instead of hand votes. We would prohibit secret ballots when disciplining



members. The council throughout the year would be the same length, 75 minutes in decent sized rooms. The time and place of the various committees posted a week in advance on social networking sites.

**Commissioner Olver:** I will have everything posted in writing as soon as possible. Perhaps not in 72 hours.

**ASUS President Mason:** Addressing the secret ballot, how did you arrive at that conclusion?

**Member at Large Mattiussi:** It really does come to accountability when you're doing a secret ballot it's a next step on how you vote and that requires a bit more support in my opinion. If the vote is green enough there should be enough support. If there is such a demand to meet.

**Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Role call is in our policies already. All votes are read to be taken by ballot, 'secret' not specified.

**Member at Large Mattiussi:** We are refining the constitution more than changing.

**Representative:** When it comes to disciplining a member, our secret ballot policy should be consistent with the rest of our policies.

**Assembly Representative:** We should think more about these discussions and bring back motions.

**Member at Large Donaldson:** Our legislative plan was to get the current 45, we will be introducing it in several different motions. To respond to the secret ballots, we should know what their intentions are. We need to change the vote from hand to role call. It is appropriate to have that secrecy but we need to do role call so that information will eventually be available.

**Member at Large Donaldson:** With regards to the 72 hours following the assembly, a short summary should be posted immediately afterwards with a more detailed account at a later and more convenient time.

*Assembly adjourned.*

