

AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, October 10th, 2013

Grant Hall

**Assembly commenced at 7:03PM*

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

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of October 10th, 2013

MOTION ONE: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of October 10th, 2013.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Representative Chinniah: I'm wondering if there are issues with certain motions, can we amend that now?

Speaker: I would prefer to amend them with the motions themselves.

Motion (1) carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of September 26th, 2013

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of September 26th, 2013

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Motion (2) carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: So, I want to welcome everyone to the first Assembly in grant hall. I really hope everyone enjoyed homecoming. Thank you for putting in all of the work you have with your constituents. Thanks for staying here for the Assembly, especially with Thanksgiving underway this weekend. Wilson, speaker of EngSoc sent an email with a meeting to all of you about having an all speakers meeting, please get back to him. Also, if you're eating food, please throw it out and help take down at the end of the night to limit clean-up costs.

4. Guest Speakers

N/A

5. President's Report- Eril Berkok



AMS President Berkok: Only thing to add is that we met with the mayor regarding his “tweets”. We felt his tone was inappropriate regarding tweets to students. We asked him to ensure that he regards situations holistically instead of negatively. We have asked him to come to the dunk tank during the second weekend of Homecoming, and he said yes.

6. Vice-President’s Reports

a. Operations- Vice President Nicola Plummer

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: I just sent out an email, some of you got it, some didn't, about the budgets. If you have any questions commissioners can answer everything. Nothing else to expand on except for the referendum questions, I will stand up again and explain them later on.

b. University Affairs- Vice President Thomas Pritchard

AMS Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I have nothing to add, other than Commissioner Catherine Wright will be here in a little bit. We've delayed her budget. She's at an important town gown event regarding Homecoming and the community. Other than that, hope everyone has a good weekend and break.

7. Board of Director’s Report- Chairman Rico Garcia

Chairman Garcia: Not much to the report, we only have one meeting in October. That will be next Thursday. Other than that, if I had to use two words to describe how the board is going, I would say: very good.

8. Student Senator’s Report- Senator Isabelle Duchaine

Senator Duchaine: So brief update, Rector Francis will be talking about the board retreat more that was this past Saturday. We talked about enrolment issues. The responses will be posted on the senate website soon. If you have any thoughts, it's a focus group that will be up on the website soon.

9. Rector’s Report- Rector Nicholas Francis

Rector Francis: One thing is for those of you who have been here for a few years, you can see the effect enrolment has on students. It's an issue students would like to see addressed. For the work that students have done for the board, we spent five hours with the board just discussing enrolment, and it was very successful. Andrew Aulhouse will touch on what we accomplished with the board. Joanna Brady was a permanent staff member of the AMS in 80s, general manager, worked with ArtSci for eight years, and transformed the registrar’s office . So I decided



to focus on her It's a problematic culture to eliminate good people, who are going to stand up for student welfare. Barring the incident where students were attacked, the university district should be a safe place. As somebody who walked down Aberdeen on Sunday morning, I was overly impressed with the behaviour of some of the students. There is still a need for student programming on Homecoming weekend. There are a lot of alumni and such. As the word gets out to other universities and other cities that our Homecoming is back, we can see that discipline and good behaviour.

10. Student Trustees Report- Undergraduate Trustee Andrew Aulthouse

Undergraduate Trustee Aulthouse: So this past Friday the Board of Trustees had meeting. To highlight: update from initiative campaign, library archive master plan, approve audit statements from previous year, coming through from naming committee, and we have the name of the new residence. It will be called Smith Hall, named after David Smith, principal of Queen's 1984 to 1994. I would like to congratulate all the student engagement; we had quite a few students at large. I hosted a lunch with trustees I invited other execs to, get to know each other in an informal setting. It was a successful day all around.

11. Statements by Members

Rector Francis: I wanted to commend Commissioner Olver with setting up the space. It's awesome to sit in Grant Hall. It has so much history. It was used by the government during both world wars as a hospital. Lots of dances here over the last few years. So thank you to Commissioner for getting us in here. Take some time to look above, and be thankful that we get to sit inside such a nice building.

ASUS Representative Mason: This weekend, I'm scheduling the QES investigation committee. This space costs \$600 to normally book, and the university paid \$300 to make it as it is. That's something we can discuss at the committee.

Director Bone: Thank you everyone who helped with community clean up on Sunday morning. You were all a great help. We'll be doing it again next Sunday at 8:30. Thanks for participating in Homecoming festivities on Saturday night, because the mess wasn't that bad Sunday morning. Really, the mess wasn't bad. Thanks for keeping it pretty clean.

Commissioner Wright: Reminder that two Thursdays from now we meet at City Hall, not anywhere on campus. We meet at 5:30PM with a reception with town gown people. Great opportunity to meet councillors, and the mayor will speak at the beginning.

12. Question Period

President Hennick: For VP Plummer, can you give us a quick update?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Obviously this is something more directed to



directors; our services are doing well across the board. We do have two standout issues. Hit to QP and the Underground due to increased competition at the JDUC with the Tim Hortons and Khao. The other stand out: Queen's Journal is performing poorly this year, as expected from the summer. The services director and I will be meeting to discuss this.

13. Business arising from the Minutes

Vice President University Affairs Pritchard: Quick rundown on some of the similar things with the budgets. First thing is about the process of how we budget. We budget to zero, and re-budget each year. We don't budget from last year's numbers. We budget from the bottom up. Budgets come into me, and then VP Plummer looks over them. There are some changes as we switched to something called project accounting. Previously, if a committee before had one account line, when we ran the account line through our system, we would only have one number for all purchases that the committee had made. I'm glad we implemented this system. It will be installed next month on the computer, we can view all the commissions, and what they're spending on rentals, specific events, etc. It did make budgeting process trickier; I was asking them to do accounting stuff at the same time they did their budgets. There is a reduction of volunteer appreciation in the budgets, because we throw a volunteer gala with dinner and awards for volunteers at the end of the year. We decided to push that more as the overall collective appreciation dinner, instead of a strict Commission volunteer dinner. Also, salaries look higher but they aren't. The administrative cost of paying someone their salary (MERC) last year was seven percent, and this year it is ten percent. Archive assistant wage was not in Commissioner Olver's budget before, now it is. Hence, it looks like salaries have gone up, but they didn't.

President Mason: I'm really interested in project accounting, how was it transitioned? Would you recommend faculties to do this, too? What are the benefits to society?

Vice President University Affairs Pritchard: The purchase of everything was approved last year. You might find it worthwhile. Benefits, expense lines, or committees with many account lines in themselves might find this useful. Previously, equity grants were just listed as one account, now we can see exactly where it's put out; for food decorations, awards, etc. In the prior system, it's not clear where some of the money went out, so you might find it useful depending on how many lines are in your budget account.

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Academic Affairs Commission for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.

Moved by: Allison Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Williams: So I guess major changes from last year: it'll look consistent with last year's budget. Difference is that this year we'll have a provincial election, we cut advertising costs to make up for this expense. You'll notice that there aren't a ton of actuals. My accounts changed under Project Accounting; marketing, advertising, and public relations were not well defined, so I can't give too much in terms of actuals from last year, but things are relatively consistent across the board.



President Mason: Excellent, question is with the financial aid awareness committee. It had the largest change from last year.

Commissioner Williams: There is no committee anymore.

President Mason: In the previous year was \$44, but now budgeted is \$1700

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: The budgets on the AMS website are all from last year, please refer to the Dropbox.

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions:0

Motion (3) carries.

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Social Issues Commission for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.

Moved by: Michelle Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner M Williams: Hopefully you've looked through it. The budget has changed significantly from last year. I budgeted more for orientation for QUEER issue projects.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: For Queen's Journal ads, what's the nature of the ads? I know journal ads are expensive, so how much do you plan to buy out?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: At this time we have chosen not to run Journal ads. This is not reflected in the budget. It will switch to other types of advertising. It breaks down into we do a lot of advertising with grants and everything. Because we just made this switch, I can't tell you exactly how it will be spent, but it will.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: That's very reassuring, however, is it possible that it be changed to external advertisements, or is that not allowed?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: You'd still want it to be within the service of the AMS, or else it's more expensive. If we spend money on Journal ads, it ultimately comes back to us and won't affect our budgets, but if we spent money for ads in the Globe and Mail, it would affect our bottom line. So for the sake of expedience, let's just change that budget wide.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I'm all for expedience!

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions:0



Motion (4) carries.

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Campus Activities Commissioner for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.

Moved by: Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Savage: If you've had a chance to look it over, I'm happy to field questions. You will see some differences with two committees that no longer exist, but one new one on the way. Wheelchair basketball was taken away because students weren't interested in it. If there's any group interested to put on a similar event, I'm happy to help out. Other one is the arts council, what it's being compared to won't line up in the budget a hundred percent. People aren't interested with putting on arts performances. My hope is that as people have a more direct link to the arts committee, they'll have a more successful event. Another thing to note is that some of the allocations have gone down, where the one that changed significantly was Model Parliament. Last year's actuals show that it needs rejuvenation in its finances. It deserves more finances.

Representative Chinniah: Question for the QMP [Queen's Model Parliament] budget. Expenses were \$100,000, while revenues were \$85,000, creating a deficit of \$15,000, what was the deficit attributed to? Seeing as you were the Prime Minister last year, maybe you can shed some light on this?

Commissioner Savage: I put more thought into this budget than the federal budget! The main reason was with the fundraisers and sponsorship. We did not have as many sponsors for last year's QMP trip. Some reliable sponsors dropped out this year, hence the heavy advertising for new sponsors. The main reason why the expenses and revenues don't line up is because sponsors didn't make its target.

Representative Chinniah: With respect Mr. Prime Minister, if there were problems with reliable sponsors last year, why are you still budgeting for the same amount of annual sponsorship as years past? If the fee is not increasing, are we looking at increasing the fee of delegates?

Commissioner Savage: As hard as the decision was, we did have to increase the delegate fee to \$230 from \$250, as well as setting the sponsorship targets lower. QMP going into its 69th year, so we're relying on the past legacy of participants to contribute. Lots of Queen's alumni have participated, so we're hoping to invite them to events to help sponsor us. Things are looking good in that respect.

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (Chinniah)

Motion (5) carries.

MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Commission of Internal Affairs for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.



Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Olver: Most of the changes were already outlined by VP Pritchard. Major things going over again; salary increase is not due to an actual increase in salaries. Within the salaries line are now the archive assistant's wages. There is also increases in marketing. Additionally, the budget for the telephone changed because of problems with Votenet, so if problems arise again, we won't go over budget.

Representative Jones: Can you explain the 18,000+ you budget for Clubs?

Commissioner Olver: Last year Assembly approved that the uncollected student fees (\$15,000) would be directed to club space improvements, which is where that increase comes from. I did not budget any additional money for space improvements due to this.

For: all
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion (6) carries.

MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Commission of Environment and Sustainability for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.

Moved by: Colin Robinson
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Robinson: So you can see the big changes, biggest one being bikes and boards. It's exciting to see the increase in student services. Key thing is maximizing potential, we did require a larger investment, more promotional material with the hope of it being less of an assembly aid case, in hopes we can change more into a retail outlet. Another new initiative is under the former special projects line. There's a line in there that goes \$400 to \$1500, called the Speaker Series. It is a series of speakers from different career backgrounds. I have budgeted \$300 for each speaker. Finances, environment law, sustainability, are more increases you might see in the budget.

Vice President Tahiri: I would like to commend the commissioner for the bikes and boards project. I've written a budget, it's not easy, so great job! I will be following up with the budget!

Representative Chinniah: What is bikes and boards?

Commissioner Robinson: It is a student run, all-inclusive shop for affordable functional transportation through bikes and long boards. We also advocate for better locks and bike storage. We also supply bike and board parts.

Representative Chinniah: Board parts?



Commissioner Robinson: It's a shop, you can pay for bikes and longboards. We retail homemade longboards. We procured used bikes, we bought them for cheap from the police auction, fix them up, and sell them.

Representative Chinniah: If it's a retail job, why do you need an initial investment?

Commissioner Robinson: For rebranding and promotional material. Also, we had no money to buy bikes in the first place, we spent \$400 buying new bikes, and we're going to sell them at cost.

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Are you wondering why they had an assembly allocation? In years past, this service fixed bikes, helped students get out there on bikes, but didn't do much selling and retail. They were more about offering workshops for fixing bikes. So, the idea of selling products is new. Does it have a future standing on its own? Not sure yet. It offers an easy fix that students can't really get anywhere else.

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (7) carries.

MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly approve the budget of the Municipal Affairs Commission for 2013- 2014, as seen on the Assembly Dropbox.

Moved by: Catherine Wright

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Wright: I'm excited to present this, mostly because my budget looks different but it's not at all. I'm happy to do a lot more this year, and we're saving or spending \$1000 less. Community clean up contracting is explained in my guide to the budget. \$6700 for AdHoc work, people going into university district to clean up, really helps with the town. We budgeted \$5700 in additional support. Another large addition was \$5000 allocated to the university. We're posturing with the city and Commissioner Savage to implement this. Estimate around \$3000, but it was half the area we wanted. AMS should be committed to this because it's important for Town - Gown relations. Civic responsibility. The ministry used to give this out. It's an award given to a student engaged in giving back to the community. It's a \$250 award. Committee budgets were fortunate to cut them naturally, so that was self-explanatory, expect smaller revenues from some of them, with more realistic expectations.

Chinniah: The municipal elections happen in November 2014, so your successor will be taking care of that, but are you making any preparations for this?

Commissioner Wright: No, at this moment we don't have a need to spend money on the municipal election; we're going to prepare our successors to deal with that.



Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Also, there will be a provincial election within this term, so we're going to get the students geared up for that.

Commissioner Williams: Further point of info, this year, there will be a provincial election, and that was not planned for last year, this is something where we got a higher allocation in the budget this year.

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion (8) carries.

MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the amendment to the AMS Constitution Section 7.01.13, as seen in Appendix A: GNAD.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Olver: As stated, this is the second reading. I want to address concerns from last meeting. I sent out an email to all clubs about how NAD works and would potentially affect them. I haven't yet received any feedback from any clubs, but we're open to receiving feedback.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (9) carries.

14. New Business

MOTION 10: That AMS Assembly appoint three members of the AMS Assembly to the Sustainability Action Fund Committee, as seen in Appendix B: Batman.

Moved by: Colin Robinson

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Robinson: As you might be aware, we have the sustainability initiative action fund. We talked about it in the first Assembly, the best part is that we can have three Assembly members on this. We get together five hours a week for the next few weeks, then again in second semester in February. We review fund applications, see if they meet criteria, and we will also be brainstorming about the potential this fund has, and if it can be taken further.

NOMINATIONS

Representative Wilson

Put forward by Representative Rubin

Seconded by Tahiri

ACCEPTED



Representative Purbha
 Put forward by Proxy Chisti
 Seconded by President Berkok
 DECLINED

Undergraduate Trustee Aulhouse
 Put forward by ASUS Proxy Grotsky
 Seconded by Senator Proxy Chisti
 ACCEPTED

Representative Lopez
 Put forward by Representative Chinniah
 Seconded by Senator Proxy Chisti
 ACCEPTED

Representative Savides
 Put forward by VPSD Godin
 Seconded by President Fleck
 ACCEPTED

Commissioner Robinson: Why is it important for students to engage in sustainability?

Representative Savides: I think it's important that at this level we focus on sustainability. In the past there has not been a strong focus, they sort of went ahead with what they were doing without thought of the future, and we can't do that anymore. We have to drive forth the fact that this is something that will affect the next generation.

Trustee Aulhouse: As students we are representatives the next generation; it's important to practice sustainability now so we can practice them later. I've seen "The Day After Tomorrow", it doesn't work out.

Representative Lopez: It's important because as we're all young adults, if we can learn how to be sustainable now, we can go forward with it. Everyone sitting here is a leader.

Representative Wilson: It really does fall to us as the people of today to go forth with sustainable initiatives. People around us, close to us, by having this organization, we can move that sustainability elsewhere.

Vice President Tahiri: So my question is regarding the specific part of responsibilities. Is promoting the campaigns to encourage student involvement and applications to the grant committee? I know it's tough to advertise to an area where a million things are being marketed, not many students know about this and there's a lot of money left over.



Trustee Aulthouse: I think for getting word out there, our best bet is social media, face to face promotion, class talks, and promotional booths. We need to get work out about sustainability and access to these grants.

Representative Lopez: I'm in the middle of my second year marketing class, what I've learned is social media and buzzwork. If we can make a meme, make something that sticks in people's heads, people will apply.

Representative Wilson: Something I feel though is that social media, people ignore it more because it isn't right in your face, we have to make it worth peoples' while. Yeah, I like the idea of class talks, having an on campus presence, etc.

Representative Savides: I think problem with this has a twofold solution. The first solution is awareness. As for the grant itself, it would be more effective for us to approach groups that have a mandate adhering to sustainability. If we approach them on a direct basis, we create direct target advertising, and we won't be wasting our time.

VOTES

Lopez: 32

Aulthouse: 17

Savides: 27

Wilson: 24

Against: 1

Abstentions: 1

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, "Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Bands Fee of \$4 mandatory fee for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 1986 and last went to referendum in 2010." as seen in Appendix C: Plebiscite.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Just to present an overview of all the fees; I don't want this to go by so quickly that people approve it without knowing it fully. Essentially, right now, you're going to approve if a particular fee should go on the ballot. If it does, the students will vote for if they would like to include it in the AMS fee slate. There are currently 76 fees that are opt-outable. Some of the things we are looking at right now is adding some of these fees and continuing some of them. My expectation when I go to the polls that someone has looked at them, and determined if they're being used in a correct way. The VP of Operations of years past have struggled with this because it's not in our roles to be looking through the budgets to ensure that the money would be used effectively. I can't go through the 76 budgets, but I intend to do a



sample of them. Eligibility is defined when they pick up the packages. I really think that this body now should think about the eligibility and the merit of these fees, or else no one else is. People won't look at them coming to the polls. Background on what Commissioner Olver and I did; we went through the fees and their budgets. We examined the fee that they were asking for, determined from the budget if they were using them correctly. There were eleven groups that were flagged as potentially needing a lower fee or questionable budgets. After talking with representatives for some of these groups, that list went down to only four groups being flagged. It's not mandated that I do this, but I do it because we have a responsibility to students that the fees are used effectively, and someone has to do it. The remaining flagged groups are as follows. Queen's Dream; reason why was because the fee that they're asking for, all of the money that they're raising are going directly to charity. None of the money they're raising is going to events or Queen's students. That happens a lot in fees, but we have to discuss if that's the business we want to be in, or if we want the students to determine if it will go forth. Next one is Levana because it's a relatively high fee, and I need a better breakdown of revenues versus expenses because there's a \$30,000 discrepancy. Next is the Tea Room. That's one that definitely shows a departure of the normal student fees. This would be setting a precedent for services to access this fee. I think the closest thing to this is Queen's Student Constables. That's a question to ask ourselves, would you allow a service like Taps or CoGro to go on the fee list? Last is Ultraviolet. Their fee was a little bit high; it equates to \$5000, but they only show expenses of around \$875. Maybe there's something I'm missing here. They aren't here, and they never emailed me back. If there are any outstanding questions or concerns, they can go to the winter referendum. That's all I say to it. I bring this up because there needs to be a more transparent and accountable area around these fees. We're going to strive to make things clearer. If someone were to collect a fee and spend it on rent, we wouldn't know. It's this body's responsibility to look at this and ask about the student fees.

Commissioner Olver: Thank you to the elections teams for going through the all of the signature packages to examine eligibility. What we're voting on is not officially approving these as fees, just that they'll appear on the ballot and students vote yes or no.

Representative Gallipoli: Is there an amendment process where if they want to increase it by 50 cents, but we want it lower?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: We can amend it to be lower, not higher. You can also choose to withdraw it and have it on the winter ballot. We don't want a whole lot of these being pushed for the winter ballot because we have another election to run.

Representative Chinniah: Before I ask my question I want to commend the execs on auditing the budgets. To the question, I wonder, was every club up for renewal, and have they all submitted a budget? Is it available? Question on clubs and hypotheticals, for example, the research group puts forth a thing do they have to wait three years?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Groups looking to maintain fees have their budgets publicly available, and they have done budgets. I have requested budgets from a certain amount of groups. The best medium to present that might be the AMS website, but all the budgets are done different.



Commissioner Olver: Some groups have asked for their budgets to remain confidential. If a group is defeated, they can't go back in that same academic year, but they can come back the following academic year.

Representative Chinniah: Questions regarding wording, it says to approve the bands fee mandatory fee. Is the wording as listed there, you agree to the continuation of a mandatory fee, or is it a mandatory in front of Queen's bands.

Commissioner Olver: Yes, we can amend the way the questions are worded. It doesn't mean to say fee twice, there are a few groups that did not put the full language. We handed the groups a formula sheet on what to say. There's also a member here today to answer any questions you may have.

President Daya: Question regarding how bands have historically been elected. First year students are often members of Queen's Bands, but we find that they are constantly intoxicated. So does the money from the fee go into socials and purchasing alcohol?

Member at Large McCoviac (representing Queen's Bands): All of the money goes towards instrument and uniform repair, transportation, and accommodation. I can make the budget available.

President Daya: But where does the money for alcohol come from?

Member at Large McCoviac: We don't provide alcohol to our students, so that's all from upper years.

Representative Chinniah: Is there a specific way this should be worded?

Commissioner Olver: If you have the policy in front of you, under ballot section 9.0, depending on the ballot there are various appropriate wordings of the question.

Speaker: Representative Chinniah, do you have a specific amendment to the wording?

Commissioner Olver: To make life easier, it is a friendly amendment to change the wording to one formula for all questions (to follow policy).

Representative Chinniah: I have a question for the Queen's Bands representative. In the 2011/2012 academic year, Queen's Bands underwent a withholding of fees for bands for specific things that violated Queen's Code of Conduct. Have you taken steps to improve on that, and if the fee does not pay for alcohol, do the upper years pay for alcohol, or does someone pay for it, and the students are expected to pay it back?

Speaker: This conversation is about the current referendum in place, not years past.

Member at Large McCoviac: None of our fees go toward alcohol in any way, shape, or form.



Against: 2
Abstentions: 1
Motion (11) carries.

MOTION 12: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Ultraviolet Magazine?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This is one of the ones I raised concern about. I believe that the Media service director might have something to say about that.

Director McDonald: I think the discrepancy is that they want to do a print edition. They lost their fees a few years ago, and went to an online copy, now they want to go back to a print issue.

Representative Chinniah: Vice President Plummer, can you confirm that this is one of the groups that you contacted without response?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Yes, but we also contacted them fairly late. Apparently they talked at class talk and confirmed that they will be making print conditions.

For: 19
Against: 9
Abstentions: 11

Motion (12) fails.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: If you're voting against it, I would encourage you to voice why. If you feel as if the merit of this fee isn't justified, I would suggest you table it. They don't even have a chance to answer questions.

Commissioner Olver: I also want to remind everyone here that these groups have submitted a successful application and signatures; this is serious and if you're going to vote no you need to have a good reason.

Representative: I vote against this is because they didn't show up to explain their reasoning. I would like to put forth a motion to table it to January.

Speaker: They were not asked to be here tonight.

Vice President Tahiri: Motion to reconsider motion.
 Seconded by Proxy McClain



Representative Chinniah: Point of order, in order to have a vote to reconsider, we need people to express why they want to.

Speaker: Motion to reconsider the vote to motion twelve, opening the floor to debate.

Vice President Tahiri: I will admit that the main reason that I did not vote for them, in addition to the concerns of Plummer, include the fact that they were emailed and did not come in, but as the speaker clarified, they were not asked to come in. I ask that we reconsider the vote.

VPSD Godin: I think the question here would be between merit and eligibility. Having read the policy on establishing fees, I think it's important to verify that it is legitimate; I think this question should be posed to the student body. I support reconsideration.

Senator Proxy Chisti: I think the Speaker mentioned this, there's a 300 word blurb about it, there's a lot of clubs and groups that don't even campaign, but not it's in the ballot sheets.

Representative Chinniah: This is a motion to reconsider, the intention afterwards is to table or to vote in favour. The motion to reconsider is just to revote.

Vice President Tahiri: Relating to the motion coming after, if there are individuals concerned with the finances, we could get them to come in in a few meetings. Question to the executive, what could we do to keep Ultraviolet accountable?

Speaker: Reminder that we are discussing just the motion to reconsider the vote.

Mason: I move the question to reconsider the question.
Seconded by Vice President Tahiri.

Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 0
Motion to move the question carries.

Speaker: Old motion number twelve, all for reconsidering it.

For: 38
Against: 3
Abstentions: 0
Motion to reconsider carries.

Representative Chinniah: Point of information, is it possible to move to table this motion for another Assembly?

Commissioner Olver: This has to be done today as the election is next week, so we can't table it to another assembly. I don't know if you can necessarily table it to the next semester's assembly.

Representative Chinniah: I ask that we table it because they are not here, and there are a lot of



lingering questions. I suggest we table it and put it on the winter ballot, so all members of assembly can have their questions answered and feel confident when placing a “yes” or “no” answer.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: There is another check in place. I will have this flagged for the next VP of Operations to survey their budget. Now, their expenses add up, I just wanted to ensure that the extra \$4200 is for printing.

Director McDonald: Again, detail into costs of the \$4200 gap, is to print one issue. To print 3000 units of three pages, would cost 2000 dollars. Also depends on colour font, etc. We have not asked the group to be here, if we fail this motion on those grounds, we should have to equally fail all other motion in which the referendum people are not here.

President Mason: Question for VP Plummer, would you restate your concerns with the group?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I don't have concerns with the communication of the group. It's an unfortunate situation that they couldn't be here, as I only messaged them today. I can call them tomorrow morning to make sure all is okay. As McDonald said, printing costs likely attribute for that large discrepancy. The next VP OP's can also survey this.

President Mason: In your best judgement, should we pass it?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I don't think that's for me to answer, my only concern was that I didn't know this \$4200 was for, but we now believe we have that accounted for.

Member at Large Young: I think that it is blatant that we should at least allow students to vote for this.

ASUS Proxy Randall: I am against this motion. I'm not comfortable voting in favour of having it on the ballot. I think submitting a budget with such a discrepancy is unreasonable. The idea is not that they haven't showed up, it's just that they submitted a budget, but did not include that \$4200. Students don't see the budget on the website. I would be happy to consider a motion to table.

Representative Chinniah: I move to table this motion to a future assembly.
Seconded by Randall

Representative Chinniah: You don't get to move the goalpost when you're going to lose.

Vice President of Operations Pritchard: I want to be clear that what we're talking about is, we're unclear if we can just table it to the winter. They would be able to go to a fee again. But because they collected signatures for the FALL referendum, they might have to get new signatures. I'm not sure we can do that. I think that if we table it from now, and didn't defeat it, they could go for a fee again, but they'd have to get more signatures.

Speaker: If we motion to withdraw, then Ultraviolet can go again in the winter.



Vice President of Operations Plummer: If you were to withdraw, and it hasn't been defeated, they would have to go again in the winter, and collect new signatures. If you table it, there's no purpose to tabling it, because you can't table something that students have 750 signatures for. The students want this on the fall referendum.

Representative Chinniah: With respect, my understanding is you get 750 signatures to get to assembly, then we hold an assembly to discuss if they even get on the ballot. The signatures are not specifically for the fall. The form is consistent, it's just for referendum.

Speaker: On each referendum sheet, anybody that signed them signs for the, "Fall referendum ballot" [quoting from the referendum application], not the most recent one that they're eligible for. You can motion to withdraw.

Representative Chinniah: Can I use a call a friend option, or call an Ultraviolet?

Speaker: I think we should get past this motion. Can I have a motion to open the agenda?

Representative McElroy: Motion to open the agenda.
Seconded by VP Aharon

Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries. Agenda open.

President Mason: Motion to move presently debated motion to bottom of docket. In the interim we can try and contact Ultraviolet.
Seconded by VP Tahiri

Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 0

Motion 12 moved to the bottom of the agenda.

President Mason: Motion to close agenda.
Seconded by President Purba

Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I just want to quickly address something that Proxy Randall asked. We didn't totally address it before. The constitution does override our policies manual, the section before 3.043 and 3.01 references you need two thirds to add a question, and two thirds to add a student fee, and two thirds to reject a question.



MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the War Child at Queen's Initiatives?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Kristen Olver

No debate.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (13) carries.

MOTION 14: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Concrete Toboggan fee off \$0.45 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? The fee was originally established in 2008 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

No debate.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion (14) carries.

MOTION 15: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the Muse Magazine fee of \$0.50 subject to individual opt out for the next three years?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

President Mason: I move that we just read the motion, not the whole spiel associated with it.

Speaker: All for letting me read less?

Everyone but Representative Chinniah.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (15) carries.



MOTION 16: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Debating Union's fee of \$1.40 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years? This was originally established in 1986 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of Operations Plummer: two debating union fees, fee of \$1.40 and then there's a Queen's debating union fee of \$1.25, you can't have two student fees for one group. The \$1.25 goes to world competition. There is a memorandum that the \$1.25 will no longer exist after this year, you're just affecting the permanent one now.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion (16) carries.

MOTION 17: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Synthetic Biology Organization?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (17) carries.

MOTION 18: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Discovering the Reality of Educating All Minds (DREAM)?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This is one of the fees that I expressed concern for, I want the assembly to know that this fee is not spent like most. Most other fees are spent on fundraising efforts, this fee is going straight to charity.

Member at Large Yoo: It doesn't directly impact AMS numbers, a lot of the students contribute to charity. We do have more than 5 percent of the student population support, please respect that, it's opt outable, so we're not forcing them to pay this fee.



Proxy Randall: Why are you seeking a fee to directly support charity?

Member at Large Yoo: We do take some of the money we use for fundraising for our club.

Representative Chinniah: What is your charity, what does it do? Follow up, this money is coming in, and directly going out to the charity?

Member at Large Yoo: To support world literacy, we collect the money from our resources, at the end of it, we put forward that amount to the charity.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: There are other student groups that do similar things to this; it's up to them to campaign why they deserve to be on the slate. If there's anything glaringly wrong, we should look at it. In my recommendation, there's nothing glaringly wrong.

Vice President Tahiri: This is not specifically to Queen's Dream. If the CIA or someone who put forth these motions can put forth that clubs now include their budgets to opt out or to opt in on the ballot, then the exec would only have to ensure that the budget is good to go. That way you have students reviewing the budgets.

Commissioner Olver: To put it under the vote itself is not something I'm sure we can do because we're using Votenet. If we have that option, it'll add a huge cost, probably of \$1000. It's something I can look into for the winter referendum. Also, our VoteNet commitment is up in August so any additions would only be relevant for one more election period.

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: We want to do an overhaul of how our fees are processed from on campus organizations and community groups. We are looking at more ways to make these groups more apparent, we're looking at different ways to change the policies, and we're in the process of rewriting everything. It's something we're taking into consideration. We're in the middle of the process.

Speaker: Also, to note, the description of the club is in the 300 words that are published in the Journal.

Vice President Tahiri: Yes, but that's a description, not a budget. We should discuss the technical requirements. It's already policy, so I'm not chastising, but this is something we should entertain.

Commissioner A Williams: POI, regarding ministry policy of creation of ancillary fees. Based on policy on how you can levy fees to students, sending money straight to charity?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Roughly speaking, in the referendum will they approve or deny my request for an opt out fee. There are ten groups going for establishing a new student fee, last year there were two or three, this is the most fees ever, quidditch didn't get it, the quiz club didn't get it, it's common that groups won't get it over will get it.

Vice President Tahiri: Question for the exec, for the fall one, is there a way to see how much it



would cost for Votenet with regards to the budget or link? What's the viability?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: As I said before, we're open to this, it's not currently in the policy. I'm happy to do it, though at this point of time, I think it would be impossible, and we don't have the money budgeted or laying around, but it's something we're interested in. Send Commissioner Olver an email with your concerns.

Vice President Tahiri: You said it's not likely for a fall, winter, or both?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Definitely not for fall, I can look into it for winter.

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: If it's the budget that is the issue, what if the groups included a link in their descriptions?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Again, I think that we have allowed some groups to not make their budgets public. It's not in policy. That would require us to go back on that. I would recommend that we look at this for the winter referendum, because we're already in this now.

President Marshall: To be honest, it's an opt out able, let the students decide. Mandatory fees, we can debate those, but you can opt out of this.

Vice President Tahiri: To speak to this, most students don't know where to go to access that stuff, there should be a quotation over to help decide.

President Marshall: That should be debated. How we should properly educate students on this.

Speaker: When each student gets an email to vote, we can link to the AMS page with all of the descriptions. That's what we can do.

Rector Francis: Allowing the students to decide, it's not fair for this group to decide if this hits the ballot. They collected the amount of signatures. We can't aim the election process, it is in itself, it's about how far we should be going as representatives on this body. Our students aren't out to lunch on these issues, some care a lot about these fees.

President Searle: POI, out of curiosity, the goal of a student fee is to provide another opportunity or, just curious, this process is it in the spirit of the AMS? Is this supposed to be providing students with more opportunities, or is this a charitable donation?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: We don't have enough info, as I said before; we should only not allow them to campaign to the students. There are other groups that do it this way; it's not this group's response. To decide if this shouldn't even have the opportunity. We should all go back and educate constituents.

Member at Large Young: I'd like to echo President Marshall about educating people. If people



don't educate themselves, we can't help that. How can we change that? Students aren't out to lunch, we are voting on if they can vote out.

For: 30

Against: 4

Abstentions: 8

Motion (18) carries.

MOTION 19: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$1.30 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I invite the members of Levana to speak if they are here. I was concerned about the difference between the amount they're looking to collect, and their expenses.

Member at Large Ashley: We are formally the women's centre at Queens. We became Levana to include more issues. When we brain stormed how we could use these fees creatively, we are currently collaborating with members of the community, we're doing a broad based awareness campaign for the blue lights, and in the campus bookstore. We are asking for a large fee, but we want to establish this place as a centre on campus for students. These are issues for the students. We have been very active in the last four months. The original budget was based on the expenses over the summer; the secondary one was how we intend to use the money from student fees.

Representative Chinniah: Thanks for coming. Levana used to be the women's centre; do you have affiliation with any other clubs or groups that have funding?

Member at Large Ashley: We don't have any other sources of funding in terms of our partnership with clubs with the university. We collaborate with Queen's Pride, we also had a concert at the grad club. We have many collaborations but we don't get money for that, we actually provide funding to groups that write to us about funding.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: My concerns can easily be fixed if I can just talk to Levana. Motion to recess?

Seconded by Proxy Randall

ASSEMBLY RECESSED

Assembly called back to order at 9:56PM

Vice President of Operations Plummer: My concerns are no longer there.



Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (19) carries.

MOTION 20: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the DECA Queen's fee of \$0.50 (Subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? The fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 1
Abstentions: 1

Motion (20) carries.

MOTION 21: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the Friends of MSF: Queen's fee of \$0.25 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2010.” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (21) carries.

MOTION 22: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of Queen's Conference on Education fee of \$0.75 (subject of individual opt-out) for the next three years?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (22) carries.

MOTION 23: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree in an increase in the Queen's Concrete Canoe Team's individual opt-out fee from \$0.35 to \$0.40, an increase of \$0.05?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.



Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (23) carries.

MOTION 24: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.55 fee subject to individual opt-out to support Queen's Pride Project?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (24) carries.

MOTION 25: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.75 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support TedxQueensU?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Moved by: Kristen Olver
 Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (25) carries.

MOTION 26: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to an increase in the mandatory Golden Words fee from \$2.00 to \$2.50, an increase of \$0.50?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Commissioner Olver: Golden Words established this as a mandatory fee; they’re up for triennial review. If you approve of this increase, you are also approving their fee to exist. That way they don’t have to go up for review again. They’ve already been established as a mandatory fee.

Representative Savides: Reason why it is mandatory is because the cost of the paper in addition, other student papers are a mandatory fee, so we require the increase to basically meet the printing costs with the increase in rent and paper, even then, it's barely enough. If it's optional, we won't get enough money.



Representative Chinniah: Did they have to collect the signatures?

Speaker: Yes, I counted them.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (26) carries.

MOTION 27: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the continuation of the Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Healthcare (CUCOH) fee of \$0.25 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion (27) carries.

MOTION 28: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support The Queen's Events Project?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This is a new fee; the person currently running queens events, is currently not an AMS member. She is working with someone who is an AMS member, and she has assured me that that person is doing all of the on campus work.

Representative Chinniah: Why is there the word “projects” after queen's events?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: That's what she calls it.

Speaker: It's not just the website, it's all ideas in itself.

Rector Francis: This is an interesting request, it's essentially Queens events is a student business that advertises itself, is now going to become a student fee funded project. I had a conversation with Sarah asking why she thought it was necessary to have a fee, as she is leaving, and the fee is so someone can take it over. Just to put that out there. Why she needs the fee is so someone can take it over.

Representative Chinniah: In light of that, does she have a business model, or a service model?

Rector Francis: I don't feel as though I am informed enough to say whether or not she is making a profit.

For: 35



Against:

Abstentions: 7

Motion (28) carries.

MOTION 29: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to an increase in Queen's First Aid's mandatory fee from \$3.50 to \$3.75?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

For: 39

Against: 1

Abstentions: 1

Motion (29) carries.

MOTION 30: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$3 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Kingston (OPIRG)?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Representative Chinniah: To confirm, this is one of the initiatives that was defeated three years ago, right?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Yes. I'm going to mention this; I think it's important; this group does have a permanent staff member who is salaried. No other student fees operate quite like that, however there is a memorandum of understanding. The only other fees that do would be the journal, QTV, Stucons, and Walkhome.

Member at Large Aguilar: OPIRG pays its full time co-ordinator \$30000. We receive other revenue totalling \$22,000; we receive a revenue of \$11,000 being a research organization. The money goes towards admin work, any revenue gained goes towards programming as admin costs are already covered.

Representative Chinniah: Do you have a breakdown of the percentage of fees of what goes to the co-ordinator, what goes to operations?

Member at Large Aguilar: To simplify, basically 100% goes towards administrative costs, except \$750 for a hip hop festival. 100% of the fee would go towards programs and establishing programs.

Representative Chinniah: I asked, what's the percentage of the overall budget that goes towards the coordinator?

Member at Large Aguilar: The largest expense is \$30000 for coordinator, we have \$40,000 expenses for a \$68,000 budget.



For: 39
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

Motion (30) carries.

MOTION 31: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.30 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Queen's Conference on Philanthropy?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (31) carries.

MOTION 32: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of MyVision Queen's fee of \$0.35 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (32) carries.

MOTION 33: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a Tea Room fee (subject to individual opt-out) of \$1.00 for the next three years?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This is another group that I flagged. I reiterate what I said at the beginning that approving this would open the door to allowing student services such as TAPS and CoGro to try for a fee. This is a significant departure of how student fees are allocated. Revenue generating services that sell a product. Ramifications of allowing this, you're setting a precedent that any revenue generating service can come to this body and ask to be put on the fee slate. There's a whole list of services that operate on the faculties that

I didn't receive a full budget. I don't think it's necessarily appropriate for me to have received one because I oversee a competitor of it. I would like to see a proposed budget of what the fee money will be used for. The money should be used for a new initiative, not a deficit coverage. With a service if there is a deficit that can't be recovered we would just shut it down. Again, I have nothing to say whether I'm in support or not in support of this fee. I'm just raising the point that we are setting a precedent.



President Fleck: I have a spiel prepared. This fee is for a student experience, not to generate money. Engsoc is proud of Tea Room; it's non consumer based, opened in 2006, gained international attention. A lot of people come to it to see what it looks like. The issue would be that there's a high cost in products, the tea room has been cutting back on everything in the past three years. They cut their staff from 65 to 45, and reduced hours 22%. They have done everything they can. The entire purpose of this is to have student experiences, so given that the tea room does not run a surplus, a student fee would go towards workshops for sustainability initiatives as we are an environmentally conscious body. Things that have to get done aren't. Most people who signed the document that thought this was a renewal, they see value in it.

ASUS Proxy Randall: What was the deficit last year? And will this cover it?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Last year's deficit was \$8,400.

President Fleck: This fee would go towards supporting things we can't currently do, not towards the deficit, I understand the connection, but that's not what it'll be for.

Representative Prussky: Why can't you raise prices? In theory, if it's for student experience, why can't they acknowledge that by paying for it out of pocket through increased prices? Why would we tax the entire student body instead of just the people who will benefit from this?

President Fleck: General competition: this year is already quiet by increasing costs, we would lose more customers. This year, there isn't the option of raising prices, already higher than competition.

Representative Prussky: Is this the appropriate way to raise money for let's say the sustainability fund, when this might not necessarily be a student wide initiative?

President Fleck: It's hard to budget based on soft money.

Chairman Garcia: Two questions, I believe I know the answer to one of them. You mentioned some of the initiatives you haven't been able to partake in, what are those? From what I understand, you don't have to be an engineering student to work there.

President Fleck: Don't have to be engineering, typically we have quite a few not engineering involved in our services. Items of initiatives; the main one is promoting sustainability on campus. Some people come here for their daily coffee, so we can help improve and market this sustainability.

ASUS Proxy Randall: Is there any consideration into not having this for three years? Is there any worry about sustainability and the service moving forward?

President Fleck: Sustainability is critical, that's why we're here. Last year was projected to be better for long term success, but we can't do things that we want to.

Member at Large Lloyd: Given that this could set a precedent, not necessarily on the tea room,



would your answer be yes? If another service might ask this, what your response would be if the general principle is yes?

Representative McElroy: In terms of precedent, there already is precedent: the optional 50 cent student fee. There is already precedent in this happening to sustainability programming.

Chairman Garcia: I guess just point of information, if there was any information as to grants that the AMS offers, and if you have applied to any of them. And what the percentage of opting out is. If let's say it's 80 percent of that students, how did you get one dollar?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I'm not sure what you're asking about the grants. Grants deadline hasn't passed yet, but there is a grant. It can be applied into by any organization. Other grants aren't applicable. In terms of opt out rate is, 32 to 36 percent.

VPSD Godin: It's been estimated at 1500 annually to support this initiative; we are actively looking into applying for these grants. They applied last year.

Representative Wiseman: Does Engsoc have a fee?

President Fleck: All services have a fee, but it isn't related to the deficit.

ASUS Proxy Randall: What's the fee?

President Fleck: In terms of the \$60,000 in grants from this past summer.

VPSD Godin: Some ideas that they have, a \$5000 renovation, \$2000 towards educational initiatives on environmental issues, \$1000 towards the worms, \$5000 extra in staff training.

Member at Large Young: I'm torn because I love the tea room, and I'm an idealist, but at the end of the day, it looks like a business model because it is sustainability, if you can find a way through grants, then great. This is a service integral to Queens, but at the end of the day, I don't know if we can rationalize putting this on a fee. As much as it breaks my heart, I don't think it's appropriate.

Representative Chinniah: Will this fee go towards alleviating the deficit and the surplus will go towards initiatives, this is a capital investment. Would you consider amending the question to include capital costs?

President Fleck: In terms of the mandate, the intention is to cover capital expenses. It's just that students are losing out because they cannot reach out to others. If there was a way, then that would be acceptable.

Representative Chinniah: I would like to amend it to earmark it specifically.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: It may make the signatures invalid because that's not what they signed for. When they submit a budget the following year, we would see that reflected



Representative Chinniah: Can't we defeat this one and put forth a motion to ___?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I don't think you can have a fee for that specific of a mandate.

President Mason: I think it's an excellent debate, I think that the tea room is a remarkable business expenditure.

President Fleck: I want to clarify something, the tea room was at one point a sustainability business, when it changed locations, and fewer people knew that it existed. We need to market it out there.

Director McDonald: The AMS, when our services run deficits, does the engineering society expect services to be reciprocal? But also to bear the cost of future years my understanding is that services will run deficits and surpluses over time, and the reciprocal changes will run a net zero cost. One would think that the engineering society would adopt the same thing in expecting cycles in surpluses and the deficits.

VPSD Godin: We're foggy on the meaning, the tea room yes was financially stable in the past due to competition. Cogro has changed, Tims has come, that has changed in a big way, that's what caused the initiatives that they took on with the worms.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Closing, talking about hanging the culture around student fees, if it passes tonight, they are signalling that services can apply for business model is no longer sustainability, we don't want to send the message to others. Taps management is taking cues on this. There is severity in this. I understand the pressure in regards to food service competition. I understand the value in tea room, so I understand how this fee is justified. Assembly has to be comfortable with their decisions and understand the ramifications that come with it.

Representative Chinniah: Point of order, can EngSoc vote on this?

Speaker: They are representing their constituents. So they can vote.

Representative Chinniah: Normally we ask people to leave the room in the situation of a conflict of interest.

Representative McElroy: Why is there a question of conflict of interest? None of us are staff of the tea room anyway.

Chairman Garcia: The conflict of interest is normally declared by the person themselves. If people feel comfortable with no conflict of interest then it's fine.

Representative Chinniah: So we're letting the foxes guard the chicken coop?



For: 20
Against: 13
Abstentions: 9

Motion (33) fails.

MOTION 34 (old motion 12): That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2013 Fall Referendum ballot, “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Ultraviolet Magazine?” as seen in Appendix D: Love Me Some Student Fees.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Something they're missing from their budget, but VPUA Pritchard got in contact with them. When they said printing costs, apparently it's \$40 per issue, times 100 issues. Hence the \$4000. It's my fault for not getting in contact with them prior to Assembly.

Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Motion (34) carries.

16. Discussion Period

Commissioner Olver: Point of information, I'm just saying this provided that there are no discussion topics, please take care of your garbage, please fold your chairs and help take this down.

Commissioner Wright: Quick reminder; next Assembly 530pm in City Hall.

Vice-President Tahiri: I would like to commend VP Plummer for bringing this forward.

President Purba motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Evans, proxy for Munez.

Assembly adjourned.

