

***AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013***  
***Memorial Room, Kingston City Hall***

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*\*Assembly commenced at 6:30PM*

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

**1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Motion (1) that AMS Assembly approves the Agenda for the Assembly meeting of October 24<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?

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** I would like to add two discussion topics submitted by Member at Large Erlihman regarding separating the Rector elections from the AMS election period and whether or not to keep Votenet moving forward. Also, adding a motion regarding changes to policy manual 1, section 5, regarding the hazing policy.

Seconded by Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

*Motion carries.*

**Representative Sherman:** Motion to add two motions that were sent out this afternoon regarding Orientation week policy

Moved by: Representative Sherman

Seconded by: President Mason

*Motion carries.*

**Speaker:** any other changes to the agenda? Motion to pass the agenda.

*Motion (1) carries.*

**2. Speaker's Business**

**Speaker:** Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> AMS Assembly of the academic term. I want to thank City Council and Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright for hosting us here. The scribe is currently in the United States, so the minutes from the previous Assembly are not here, apologize for that. As you can see, QTV is live-streaming Assembly tonight from City Hall. I want to welcome all of the new faces here tonight, and proxies please come up to myself or Commissioner Olver to collect your proxy cards.

**3. Guest Speaker**



**Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright:** I want to thank guests from the City for attending Assembly tonight, and want to take a moment to express gratitude for the City for hosting us here. Our guest speaker is Mayor Gerretson, thank you for being here to talk to us.

**Mayor Gerretson:** Thank you Catherine and welcome to Memorial Hall. While the Hall is beautiful, the audio in this room is horrible, so let me know if you can't hear me. I want to talk a bit about what we do here at City Council, but will dedicate time to answering questions. I also want to recognize the councilors and city staff who are present, and they will help me answer questions if needed. I know there is a topic on lots of your minds, but will say that I can't answer questions about the OMB hearing which ended today. I do want to talk about homecoming, I am grateful to the AMS executive's cooperation and we were able to work through differences of opinion. I take full responsibility for the message that my office gave that I was disappointed with Queen's students. We did an extensive amount of work with the Principal's office, AMS, and the university to reinstate homecoming. All partners involved did a great job, the AMS's "let's not fuck it up" campaign was very effective and a great campaign overall. Events over both weekends went off without a hitch, and the police reports were good. Unfortunate that most of my comments were about the two hours on Saturday night in the university district, thought we were beyond that and I decided to express my disappointment. SMART did a great job cleaning up and when I saw that I immediately started thanking those involved. I know it's a low percentage of students that were engaged in these activities, and I know that many students do not condone them. Will take any questions.

**Senator Duchaine:** An independent report ranked Kingston at 96<sup>th</sup> out of Canadian cities for entrepreneurial spirit and opportunities. What are your feelings about that?

**Mayor Gerretson:** Kingston is also ranked as the 21<sup>st</sup> smartest city in the world, and I feel that probably says more about our relationship with post-secondary students. We are trying to work to facilitate amenities and interest for people to stay and work in Kingston, and City Council has dedicated itself to creating a strong community to allow businesses to prosper.

**ASUS President Mason:** My question is about the OMB appeal, Council voted against the contractor's opinion. How did you vote and why?

**Mayor Gerretson:** I appreciate the question but will try not to say too much. We use the census and MPAC reports to determine where people live, and do not know concretely where the students who aren't in residence or university housing live. Because we need to figure out where Queen's, RMC and SLC students live, I voted in favour of asking staff to do the research about where students are, and they came back saying it's impossible so I voted to maintain the status quo. This is an administrative problem, no one can take away a student's right to vote. I really want to stress that it is important for students to vote, and I am willing to be an active participant in the discussion.



**Representative Sherman:** Two questions, one could you characterize your relationship with students and two, do you believe it has been damaging to town gown relations as a whole?

**Mayor Gerretson:** There is no question that all recent events have been damaging, but I understand what it is like to be a student in Kingston. I voted to maintain the status quo for municipal wards since Confederation, and I won't vote against my morals. My remarks on Twitter were about students on the street, and I would do the same thing if it was anywhere else in the city. Was the conduct in how I engaged with students appropriate? I don't know, but I am trying to be accessible to everyone. It was an honest mistake with my retweet, thanks to Isabelle Duchaine for pointing out my mistake.

**Representative Chinniah:** My question is on zoning laws, which are a concern as the university district expands. What are your thoughts about the current zoning laws?

**Mayor Gerretson:** I support intensification and high density in the downtown, and fully support the building of higher buildings. We need to build condos, high rises and high density houses, but the councilors who represent the downtown core are the ones who vote against it. You should reach out to those councilors and explain your views.

**Member at Large Young:** What is the city's response to the recent hate crimes in Kingston?

**Mayor Gerretson:** The city recognizes these crimes are inappropriate and are working on some strategies. One of the main strategies we are working on is an immigration strategy, for example how do you educate the city to accept and attract new people to Kingston. Want to make our community one that accepts many different lifestyles and groups.

**Representative Goodman:** The view that Queen's students enhance the city isn't shared by all Kingstonians. In your opinion, how do we get a better reputation?

**Mayor Gerretson:** That is a difficult question to answer, and I don't know the solution. I'm certain that the majority of Kingstonians don't feel that way, but it gets dicey when people attempt to justify behavior through economic impact. Queen's and its students do great things for the community, we should focus on that.

**Member at Large Prescott:** With the amount of students that make up a large percentage of the population in Kingston, why has Kingston not been a proactive leader in boundary reconstructing?

**Mayor Gerretson:** We don't know where students live, that is the struggle. With no clear evidence, we met with the AMS with the idea to put a seat on council that was for students elected only by students. I thought this was a great idea and the solution. The AMS executive said they weren't interested. The OMB will make a decision, and we will move on and live with it.



**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** We believe that discussions like this are an important aspect of town gown relations, so thank you Mayor Gerretson for coming out and speaking with us tonight.

#### **4. President's Report- Eril Berkok**

**AMS President Berkok:** Nothing to add except that the OMB appeal hearings are now over, should have a decision in three weeks. Will take any questions.

#### **5. Vice-President's Reports**

a) Operations – Vice-President Nicola Plummer

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Nothing to elaborate on from my report. Today I received a report from the university about how our student fees will be spent. I will answer any questions on that at a later time.

b) University Affairs – Vice-President Thomas Pritchard

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Nothing to add, will answer any questions on the OMB hearings.

#### **6. Board of Director's Report- Chairman Rico Garcia**

**Chairman Proxy Randall:** Nothing to add to the report, but want to highlight the link to organize a meeting with Rico and I before the fall corporate general meeting.

#### **7. Student Senator's Report- Senator Isabelle Duchaine**

**Senator Duchaine:** I just want to recognize the winner of the “read Isabelle’s report” contest, Mark Godin! It’s really important to read these reports, but I am happy Mark was able to get past the boring part.

**ASUS President Mason:** Motion to allow the Rector to speak tonight

Moved by: ASUS President Mason

Seconded by: NSS President Searle

*Motion carries.*

#### **8. Rector's Report- Rector Nicholas Francis**

**Rector Francis:** I apologize for not submitting a report this week. On the two homecoming weekends I went to Aberdeen and saw students having fun, but also thanking police for their work, so I want to thank Queen’s students for their behavior both weekends. Also, nomination forms for the Tricolour Awards will be out next week.



## **9. Student Trustees Report- Undergraduate Trustee Andrew Aulhouse**

**Undergraduate Trustee Aulhouse:** Nothing to add, but want to thank everyone who made homecoming a success.

## **10. Statements by Members**

**ASUS President Mason:** Commissioner of Internal Affairs will add my report later, thanks.

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** Two of the three Assembly pages are here tonight, so please introduce yourself to them. I would like to go over the elections process for the 2013 Referendum and ASUS elections. As of 10:00AM this morning all emails have been sent out and work, so we will have the election results soon. The issues we were having was between Queen's IT (with the email migration to 365) and Votenet. The CRO account was blacklisted, and we had to create new emails to send the Votenet emails through.

**NSS President Searle:** We have hired a new head CAPE for orientation week and have finished the Nursing Society crest. We were the only faculty to not have one, and want to thank Taylor Mann for his help. Will distribute copies around the room.

**Senator Duchaine:** I want to thank all of the Queen's students involved in the OMB appeal process, including Thomas, Eril, SGPS President Ian Reeve, Troy Sherman, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright and Kevin Weiner.

**Representative Sherman:** If you have any questions after the guest speaker tonight, please ask us during question period.

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** New initiative and website that shows all of the ways to make accessibility better on campus, will be having a launch party next week. Just like we had the green folders for mental health, we now have blue folders for accessibility.

**ASUS Representative Chinniah:** It has been a pleasure serving with the interim ASUS representatives, I'd like to wish them success in the future.

## **11. Question Period**

**Representative Matussi:** Question for the Commissioner of Internal Affairs, why have the minutes from last Assembly not been distributed?

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** As explained, the scribe sent me an email but forgot to attach the minutes, then left the country. I apologize for this, they will distributed as soon as I receive them.



**Member at Large Prescott:** Question for Representative Sherman, what are your thoughts about the Mayor's talk?

**Representative Sherman:** Where to begin, three things I want to say. One, want to address the argument that we can't find where students live, we were able to work with the city, the university, SLC and RMC to gather information about student living. We can see an approximation of where students live, and the independent contractor presented this to council. Two, to have an elected student representative on council is not the model that the city uses, we aren't looking to be separated. We are part of the Kingston community and should be represented like everyone else. And three, four separate town halls across the city preferred revised option four, and these were the general population. I know the executive and Municipal Affairs Commissioner Wright have been working very hard, and feel we have a great case.

**Representative Chinniah:** Question to the executive regarding an email that was sent out to members of Assembly. What will happen if the Tea Room fee motion is reversed, especially considering voting time is over?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** We came to the conclusion that it is within Assembly's purview to reverse the motion from last time, and if passed the fee will go on the December ballot.

**Member at Large Young:** Question for Rector Francis, what happened at University Council?

**Rector Francis:** The distinguished service awards were given out to Queen's employees, President Berkok will fill in the rest.

**AMS President Berkok:** The new chancellor was ratified at the meeting. Discussed panels with members of the graduate student population about student health and enrollment and had break out groups about long term strategies for enrollment. University Council downsizing process was also discussed, and the agenda is online if you want more information.

## **12. New Business**

**MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the Nominating Committee appointment of Emily Fleck and Ana Lopez to SLC Council 2013-2014.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Nicola Plummer

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** As this went through nominating committee, correct me if I am wrong but we won't be entertaining questions or debate, this has been decided by the nominating committee, will move to a vote.

**Member at Large Prescott:** I feel we should abolish the nominating committee, as it is an



abhorrent breach of democracy.

**Speaker:** Any other questions or concerns? Seeing none, motion to approve the nominating committee appointment of Emily Fleck and Ana Lopez to SLC Council 2013-2014.

*Motion (2) carries.*

**MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to Policy Manual 2, Section 7, as seen in Appendix A: Oreos.**

Moved by: Allison Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** I want to make some changes to the committee that was formerly “Teaching Issues”. Felt this structure wasn’t effective, small number of students and policy never went anywhere. The committee will now leverage policy from the commissioner about broader teaching issues with marketing materials, class talks and focus groups.

**Speaker:** Any questions? Seeing none, motion to approve the amendments to Policy Manual 2, Section 7, as seen in Appendix A: Oreos.

*Motion (3) carries.*

**MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 2, Part K: Equity Caucus as outlined in Appendix B: Chocolate Chip.**

Moved by: Michelle Williams

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** I want to amend policy regarding equity caucus, want to improve its effectiveness. Changes will stipulate that the Social Issues Commissioner will chair it, and will move the ex officio role to a voting member.

**Representative Chinniah:** With the Social Issues Commissioner as chair and as a voting member, can there be room for conflict there?

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** We could change it so that the chair is a voting member in case of a tie like with other committees, if that is an amendable compromise.

**Senator Duchaine:** I’m wondering if equity caucus and academic caucus are open to members at large?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** Yes, if anyone wants any information let me know.

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** Same for equity caucus.



**Speaker:** The change is deemed friendly. Any other comments or questions?

**Residence Society President Daya:** Can Residence Society be included?

**Social Issues Commissioner Williams:** Yes.

**Member at Large Lively:** What is the role of having voting members if this is a consensus based board?

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Equity caucus rarely votes on any issue, we want everyone to feel comfortable with the outcome. The ex officio members are there for information.

**Speaker:** Seeing no other questions, motion to approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 2, Part K: Equity Caucus as outlined in Appendix B: Chocolate Chip.

*Motion (4) carries.*

**MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly reconsider Motion 33 from the AMS Assembly meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as seen in Appendix C: Peak Freans.**

Moved by: Emily Fleck

Seconded by: Mark Godin

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** We didn't have the necessary information to answer all of your questions at the last Assembly, so we provided more information last week and brought our Vice-President of Operations and Tea Room head manager here tonight. Hope you will all look at it again with the new information we have given.

**Member at Large Prescott:** The wording needs to be changed at the part that says "fall 2013 referendum".

**Member at Large Creme:** Move to make a friendly amendment?

**Member at Large Lively:** There is a strict deadline for when fees can be ratified, so I believe this entire motion is out of order.

**ASUS President Mason:** Want to motion for a speaker's meeting, and have a five minute recess.

Moved by NSS President Searle, seconded by ASUS Vice-President Tahiri.

*FIVE MINUTE RECESS at 8:00 PM, TO RETURN AT 8:05 PM.*

*GAVEL AT 8:23 PM, ASSEMBLY RETURNS TO ORDER.*

**Speaker:** I believe the spirit of the question of whether it reads fall or winter doesn't matter, the



Engineering Society has followed the proper steps, so believe it is friendly. It is a procedural motion to reconsider.

**Member at Large Prescott:** If this passes, is it automatically on the winter referendum?

**Speaker:** No, motion to reconsider will just bring the motion back to the table. We will debate the next motion if this passes.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** To reiterate, the reason we want to reconsider is because we thought we weren't accurately represented last time.

**Member at Large Prescott:** I'm against this, if something wasn't passed by Assembly we should keep it as is, you have to accept that your motion was rejected.

**Engineering Society Vice-President of Student Development Godin:** I believe there was a miscommunication in what was required from the AMS executive and the fee.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Request a secret ballot.

**Speaker:** I am just going to ask Assembly.

**ASUS Vice-President Tahiri:** Can non-members of Assembly request secret ballots?

**Speaker:** Not sure, still going to not have one.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Doesn't that defeat the purpose of a secret ballot?

**Speaker:** It is in policy and in the constitution.

**Representative Chinniah:** Are non-members allowed to vote?

**Speaker:** No. Deem the secret ballot unnecessary. Motion to reconsider motion 5.

*Motion carries.*

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** So this is to approve the motion seen in appendix c, will let President Fleck take the opening.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** Sorry for all of the confusion, I want to bring the discussion back to the fee itself.

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** I just brought it up so you can amend it.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** Motion to amend the motion?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Deemed friendly, and want to defer the opening and closing to the Engineering Society President.



**Engineering Society President Fleck:** There are a few reasons we believe it was voted down. They are the Tea Room's financial situation, accountability, precedent and the AMS executive. We have been productive in meetings with the AMS executive, have prepared a package for where the fee would go, will do status updates to the AMS Vice-President of Operations throughout the year to stay accountable, and the money will go to the sustainability issues based on the Tea Room's three pillars. We want to use the Tea Room's name and reputation to back these sustainability initiatives.

**Representative Jones:** You switched the use of the fee from financial troubles to these initiatives?

**Member at Large Creme:** It was our fault for not understanding what we needed to do at first, submitted an operations budget rather than how we would spend the money. Think it is helpful to explain how the Engineering Society budgets for their services, but this money would go solely to further the Tea Room's education and environmental initiatives.

**Member at Large Lively:** Question about where the money would go?

**Member at Large Creme:** [hands package to Member at Large Lively]

**Representative Bronssenko:** I encourage people to vote for this, would go to support a student experience, not a business.

**Representative Sherman:** I agree with the intent of this motion, feel there is an alternative option. Should create an AMS ratified club that would collect the fee, so you would have education and outreach on one side and operations on another. I'm concerned with the optics of having a fee go to a business, needs a clear distinction.

**Member at Large Prescott:** I enjoy that idea, the money should go through a separate organization, believe we should entertain this now.

**Representative Chinniah:** I'm uncomfortable with granting a fee to an Engineering Society profitable service with only a pinky swear from EngSoc about the use of the fee. We should set up a Tea Room fund or club as some form of insurance that the money won't go towards the deficit.

**Residence Society President Daya:** I think we should give elected student leaders the benefit of the doubt, want to provide students the opportunity to vote on this, so I am in support.

**Member at Large Schneider:** You will still be short money according to this budget even with the student fee.

**Member at Large Creme:** The breakdown was just to show the different sustainable initiatives we could do with the fee.



**Member at Large Schneider:** Is this the budget then?

**Member at Large Creme:** No, we cannot establish how many students will opt in or out, so this just shows the different ideas.

**Member at Large Lloyd:** I think a club would be a progressive action, could reach more students and be more effective in the club system.

**Member at Large Mulligan:** I pass my speaking rights to Member at Large Prescott.

**Member at Large Prescott:** What are your thoughts of creating a club?

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** We are open to it, but this idea was just brought forward today. We see a club as being an extra step to what the Tea Room would already do. Also, the Engineering Society would self-audit, so an AMS audit isn't necessary.

**Representative Goodman:** I pass my speaking rights to Representative Chinniah.

**Representative Chinniah:** Looking at the coupons passed out by the Tea Room, why should we support a fee that attacks another AMS student service?

**Engineering Society Vice-President of Student Development Godin:** The Tea Room works to attract customers like any other business, but we are talking about a fee that would support education.

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** I have seen the ads, think it's completely within their rights to play with friendly competition with their competitors.

**Representative Wilson:** I pass my speaking rights to Representative Goodman.

**Representative Goodman:** Why don't you do something to keep it separate in our heads?

**Member at Large Lively:** Nearly half of the proposed spending is for capital purchasing for the Tea Room itself. I don't think students recognize this.

**Representative Green:** I pass my speaking rights to Representative Sherman.

**Representative Sherman:** Will you be moving forward as a club or as a service?

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** At this point, we will remain at the original motion, unless there are strong feelings from Assembly.

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** They would have to go get signatures again if they want to make a club.

**ASUS President Mason:** We should support the Tea Room, but I think a club is a good idea.



We should let the students decide.

**Member at Large Young:** I pass my speaking rights to Member at Large Prescott.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Perhaps this should come back at a later time, hesitant to pass this as is. The Engineering Society should come back with a new proposal.

**Representative Rupprecht:** I pass my speaking rights to Representative Sherman.

**Representative Sherman:** I forgot to mention that we have no way or policy to audit an outside service. The Engineering Society is not bound to produce those numbers, making this not fair, accountable or transparent.

**ASUS President Mason:** Is there a mechanism to make a club created?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** I don't think so, and it would have to come back in the future anyways.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** Do we follow policy where we would need to submit financials?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Yes, do acknowledge it is a conflict of interest for me to go over them, may need to follow in the spirit of policy though.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** Could it be a budget based on the expenditure of the fee?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Could see that, but it's a budget not actuals.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Would these be accessible to Assembly and the shareholders?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Still working on the policy, belief that this should be open to all students.

**Member at Large:** You will be left with a large surplus after the first year, what are you planning on doing with it?

**Member at Large Creme:** There are many innovations in sustainability, unknown what will happen in the future but will be able to become a leader in the field of business sustainability. Some years we may spend more, others less.

**Representative Bronssenko:** If they aren't opposed to being audited, why are we debating about forcing them to be audited? Could we add it to the motion?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Would be redundant, can put it into my transition manual to audit every year.



**Engineering Society Vice-President of Student Development Godin:** We have heard lots of great points, there is a level of accountability here. We feel this fee would put the Tea Room on the next level, need the power to break out of operations to be able to focus on education and sustainability. This should go to the students to decide.

**Member at Large Burrows:** At what point do you draw the line between operations and sustainability?

**Member at Large Creme:** The fee would allow the environmental and sustainable side the option to thrive.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** The ILC is a learning building, everything the Tea Rooms does add to student's education.

**Engineering Society Vice-President of Student Development Godin:** Going from something that operates to something that teaches students.

**Senator Duchaine:** Motion to call to question, seconded by Representative Sherman.

*Motion to call the question carries.*

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** President Berkok, Vice-President Pritchard and I will be abstaining from the vote due to a perceived conflict of interest, deferring my closing to President Fleck.

**Engineering Society President Fleck:** We hope you vote in favour, this will provide education to students. Also, we are just voting to allow it to go to referendum to allow the students to choose.

**Representative Chinniah:** I move for a secret ballot vote.

**Speaker:** We will now collect the ballots and take a ten minute recess so I can count the votes.

*TEN MINUTE RECESS at 9:30 PM, TO RETURN AT 9:40 PM.*

*GAVEL AT 9:40 PM, ASSEMBLY RETURNS TO ORDER.*

**Rector Francis:** Would the Vice-President of Operations be able to request the proposed budget or the actuals at the end of the year?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** As policy reads right now, as I release student fees I can request financial statements for the past year, the proposed budget and a list of how they will use the fees. I can also suspend the fee for the next year as well.

**CESA President Marshall:** Do we want to reconsider?



**Member at Large Prescott:** Who can remind the Vice-President of Operations to check the fees?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Anyone, but can inform the executive director, who is a permanent staff member, to remind the Vice-President of Operations in the future.

**Member at Large Prescott:** Who would see this information?

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Doesn't need to be released beyond the Vice-President of Operations, but could create a policy to make it available to all students. But, the AMS doesn't release all of its' services financial statements due to their complexity, figure the Tea Room's would be the same.

**Speaker:** Any other points? Motion to reconsider motion 33 from the AMS Assembly meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as seen in Appendix C: Peak Freans.

*Motion (5) carries.*

**Commerce Society President Hennick:** Can we get the numbers on that vote?

**Speaker:** Needed 66% to pass, got 75%.

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Just want to say thank you to the Engineering Society for their work, will inform our executive director about this.

**Member at Large Creme:** I will also inform our general manager, and the future Vice-President of Operations and Tea Room head manager.

**Member at Large Lively:** Believe that the Engineering Society representatives voting in this motion isn't neutral.

**MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 1, Part D as seen in Appendix D: Ginger Molasses.**

Moved by: Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Motion to restructure ORT, creation of a director position more effectively distributes workload among ORT members.

**ASUS President Mason:** Would this mean that the ORT could come to ASUS with a new company to work with? Could we make it a requirement to talk with faculty orientation heads?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Sponsorship collects money for packages, bags, other costs go to lower costs for operations.



**ASUS President Mason:** Would faculty societies be able to participate in sponsorship?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Just for general sponsorship, there still is faculty specific sponsorship.

**Residence Society Vice-President Presiner:** I want an amendment that residence isn't included.

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Policy should be cleaned up, friendly amendment to remove "residence".

**Member at Large Young:** Think this is a great idea, vote in support.

**Commerce Society President Hennick:** Is this a reshuffling of what ORT does or does it draw responsibility away from faculty societies?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Just reorganizing ORT itself.

**Representative Goodman:** Could you elaborate on these changes? I feel taking away media rights from faculty societies isn't fair.

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** To clarify, change from "assume all responsibilities" to "assist with". Responsibility of directors are assumed by ORT in the summer, doesn't reflect practice.

**Representative Jones:** Could you elaborate on the mandatory leadership sections?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** I will talk about it in the next motion, all leaders must attend two training sessions hosted by ORT.

**Speaker:** Any other questions or comments? Motion to approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 1, Part D as seen in Appendix D: Ginger Molasses.

*Motion (6) carries.*

**MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1 Section 5 Part A, as outlined in the email sent out earlier today.**

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** This is for an amendment to the hazing section of the non-academic discipline policy manual. We changed "any act of hazing on or off campus" by dropping the word 'initiation'. We feel initiation can be a positive word, unlike hazing.

**Speaker:** Any comments or questions? Seeing none, motion to approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1 Section 5 Part A.



*Motion (7) carries.*

**MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 3, Section 18.2: Orientation Week.**

Moved by: Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Troy Sherman

“Faculty Societies shall have sole jurisdiction over the composition of the hiring panels for all of their Orientation Week positions; however, at the discretion of each Faculty Society, a Dean or Dean’s designate may be invited to sit on the hiring panel.”

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Policy manual 3 is the AMS representational policy, amendment adds to the orientation week clause. Specifies that the week is student run, want to advocate and strengthen this to heighten AMS advocacy power. There is interest from SOARB to put deans or dean’s designates on orientation week hiring panels, want to be able to push back.

**Representative Sherman:** Seconding as I am a current member of SOARB and we want to make a recommendation to SOARB and override their opinion.

**Member at Large Young:** I urge Assembly to vote in favour, should maintain student autonomy. Don’t think deans on the panels would encourage anything positive.

**AMS President Berkok:** SOARB has a tendency to try to erode student run activities including non-academic discipline and orientation, so the AMS executive is in full support of this.

**Rector Francis:** I echo those sentiments, I want to commend Campus Activities Commissioner Savage for this as it is extremely important.

**Representative Sherman:** would be fantastic if the next two motions have a unanimous vote, gives us enormous power when we go back to SOARB.

**Speaker:** Any other questions? Motion to approve the amendment to AMS Policy Manual 3, Section 18.2: Orientation Week.

*Motion (8) carries unanimously.*

**MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly recommend to the Senate Orientation Activities Review Board (SOARB) that the document “Spirit with Responsibility” be amended to reflect the following Society policy: ‘Faculty Societies shall have sole jurisdiction over the composition of the hiring panels for all of their Orientation Week positions; however, at the discretion of each Faculty Society, a Dean or Dean’s designate may be invited to sit on the hiring panel.’**

Moved by: Gareth Savage



Seconded by: Troy Sherman

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Thank you for your support, for this motion we want to modify our recommendation with our current orientation week success. Don't think having deans or dean's designates sit on hiring panels should be the norm, should only be for exceptions.

**Representative Sherman:** Passing of this recommendation would override the recommendation by Assembly from September 2007.

**Representative Wiseman:** How do you define a dean's designate?

**Campus Activities Commissioner Savage:** Dean's designate would be someone designated by the dean.

**AMS President Berkok:** Want to echo Representative Sherman's comment, encourage unanimous support for this motion.

**Rector Francis:** Agree with President Berkok.

**Representative Chinniah:** Want a roll call for the vote.

**Speaker:** Will do a roll call for the vote.

*All Assembly members voted in favour.*

*Motion 9 carries unanimously.*

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Motion to extend Assembly by 30 minutes. Seconded by AMS President Berkok.

*Motion carries.*

## **16. Discussion Period**

- a) Policy Papers for OUSA General Assembly

**Speaker:** Just need to leave the room for a minute, deputy speaker will take over.

**Deputy Speaker Godin:** First topic for discussion period is being introduced by Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** Our goal is to get more elected students in touch with OUSA as an advocacy body. Would encourage people to read through the executive summary, but I want to highlight some of the more controversial points of the paper, starting with student success measures.



**Senator Duchaine:** I wonder how you would frame these papers when you go to OUSA?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** A lot of recommendations will relate to collective bargaining agreements, so they will take time. The next policy discussed will be for ancillary fees, goes over regulation and student control of fees for this nature. Final portion talks about the role of democratically elected student unions.

**Senator Duchaine:** Can you give an example of the mandatory student fees that this is trying to limit?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** Distraction between fees that are necessary to your course or degree and others that are under student control

Speaker returns.

**Rector Francis:** can you clarify that they want 25% of students on each university board?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** Yes, these boards manage student money and fees so students should have some representation and control.

**AMS President Berkok:** Also the official stance of AMS Assembly is that student representatives on the Board of Trustees should increase by one

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Worked on the access paper, particularly looking at underrepresented groups on campus. Another recommendation is to remove streaming in high schools until grade eleven, which would give students more time to decide if university is right for them.

**Chairman Proxy Randall:** I'm wondering if secondary school teachers were consulted for that recommendation.

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** No, go off of research we get, but still feel it is effective.

**Representative Chinniah:** Is there any action of the government's side after OUSA lobbying?

**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** A few priorities we have been dealing with are going well, seeing buy in from the provincial government.

**Chairman Proxy Randall:** Where can I find the data to support the recommendation about high school streaming?

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** We will provide it to you after the meeting.



**Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams:** I recommend that members think about how these will affect your constituents.

**Speaker:** motion to end this discussion and open the agenda. Moved by Representative Sherman, seconded by Chairman Proxy Randall.

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** We are removing ORT discussion.

**Member at Large Kasraee:** Can I add a discussion point? Why doesn't the AMS Assembly have an international student's representative? Could we entertain that idea in the future?

**Senator Duchaine:** Could we add it to the next agenda?

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** I will add it.

**Representative Chinniah:** Motion to close the agenda, seconded by Representative Wiseman.

b) Rector Elections

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** Member at Large Erlichman asked to have this brought forward tonight. Discussion is whether or not to have Rector elections in a separate period from winter elections.

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** While I appreciate the member bringing this forward, but wouldn't be good logistically or financially. Each election costs \$3000-5000. Also, should we run separate elections for each position then? But I do understand the Rector's importance.

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** CIA budgets for marketing, to pay for this expense again wouldn't be feasible.

**Undergraduate Student Trustee Aulhouse:** Has been done once before, the separate election was marked by low voter turnout. I don't think students will want to go through elections over and over.

**ASUS President Mason:** We get higher turnout to have all the elections at once, so it's easier to have them all together.

**Representative Chinniah:** We already have a great Rector, we don't need another one.

**AMS Vice-President of Operations Plummer:** Another election's budget will need to come from somewhere else in Assembly's budget, don't think anything else is worth cutting for that.

**Representative Goodman:** motion to extend Assembly by 30 minutes. Seconded by Representative Sherman.



*Motion carries.*

**Rector Francis:** I think the idea is well-intentioned, even in light of all the logistical and cost issues, I think it would cause voter fatigue and anger from professors and teachers.

**Speaker:** Any other comments? I'm going to close the discussion.

c) Votenet's continued use

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** Also brought forward by Member at Large Erlichman, considering the issues with Votenet should we keep using it? I will speak to this; last year's problems were due to transition struggles. Starting Monday we will be looking at all of our options as is our responsibility, as the Votenet contract is up in August.

**AMS Vice-President of University Affairs Pritchard:** Obviously hasn't been the most user friendly and is a significant cost, will be working with the next team to make recommendations. I am extremely frustrated with it as well.

**Chairman Proxy Randall:** Will the elections team be returning to Assembly to do a presentation about how voting went? If so, let's table this.

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** Yes, but we are not planning to do a formal presentation.

**Chairman Proxy Randall:** Then I move to table this discussion until an appropriate time. Seconded by Representative Sherman.

*Motion carries.*

**Speaker:** Thank you for all being here tonight, and thank you to city hall for hosting us.

**Internal Affairs Commissioner Olver:** Please help putting away tables before leaving.

**Speaker:** Motion to adjourn Assembly.

Moved by Representative Sherman.

Seconded by Commerce Society President Hennick.

*Motion carries.*

*Assembly adjourned.*

