

AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, January 16th, 2014
Wallace Hall, JDUC

**Assembly commenced at 7:33PM*

Deputy Speaker Mark Godin (hereafter referred to as Speaker):

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of November 21st, 2013

MOTION ONE: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of January 16th, 2014.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Motion (1) carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of November 7th, 2013

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 21st, 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: Welcome to the first AMS Assembly meeting of 2014. My name is Mark Godin, and I'm the deputy speaker. Our normal speaker, Robbie Thomson, has taken a leave of absence. I will be filling in for the duration of elections. Welcome to the new members of Assembly; Reghan Walsh, the new NSS President, and CK Too, the MBA Vice President. Throughout Assembly, I do expect you to act respectful. I will be enforcing speaking limits. Additionally, please speak loudly. This room is loud and cavernous, and the acoustics are terrible in this room. Respect each other and the Chair. If you have questions about the proceedings or rules, go to Patrick, our Assembly volunteer, at the back. We're going to move into a report on elections. The Elections Team has completed the nomination portion of the referendum, Rector and Executive elections. We have sixteen referendum groups that are being put to you tonight, in addition to three Rector candidates and two Executive teams. You may notice that there was a third Exec team, but they did not meet the nomination requirements, so they are absent from the Agenda.

4. President's Report



AMS President Berkok: I apologize. I have a lot to add to my report. So, a few people were asking for updates on our platform. First off, WiFi points. As I mentioned at the last Assembly, we will be working with Queen's IT Services. The long term plan is to investigate and implement off campus WiFi. This was not engaged as we had hoped, though we are still working. Regarding blue lights, we believe we will be finding some money for that, as we've found support from the city planning office. On another note, if you are looking to have posters approved for elections by the SLC, that authority has been delegated over to myself, our Executive Director, Annette Paul, and our facilities officer, Wilf Johnston. Please approach one of us. Over the next few weeks, I'll be looking for people to sit with me on the External Alignment Committee. If you are interested, please contact me or Vice President Pritchard. Also, later, actually first on the agenda, we will be ratifying our Honourable President. A couple of things to highlight from my report. So an update on the JDUC revitalization fund. The Executive Director, the Student Centre Officer and I have looked into spending the one million dollars for the JDUC revitalization fund. Our intention is to personally invest it in a long term, multiphase plan, for the purpose of consulting a firm. The space in the JDUC that formally held Signatures Hair Salon that became empty. We've been working with the university to find a new commercial lease tenant. We can't release the details, but we have made an offer. Thank you for bearing with me.

5. Vice President's Report

a. Vice President of Operations Plummer: Thank you. And special thanks to Mark since Robbie is on his leave of absence. Before I get into it, I want to welcome my intern, Patrick, at the back. So, to highlight a few fun things in the Director portfolio. First, the Underground has changed its nights. Now it will be open Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Now for the retail portfolio. Today, I picked up my Tricolour iPhone case. They're thirteen dollars, check it out. Hopefully, you have been following the Queen's Journal updates. Also, we've been looking into our student fees. In policy if a group fails to pick up their fee by the first Friday of the inter term, they will have their fees removed. I've listed the fees being removed in my report. Queen's West Africa Aid had miscommunication regarding this. They will be eligible to pick up their student fee funding. Earlier in the year I audited Students Taking Action Now Darfur. This is one that failed their audit. They failed to spend their money from last year. I removed them from the fee slate. And I'll be working with them to determine how to allocate their \$8000 budget from this year's fee slate. We need to re-assess student fee policy, which will come to Assembly soon. That's everything from my report.

b. Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: Just a couple of things. MTCU made several announcements, including on Monday about Ontario Online, featuring online learning opportunities. Partnership between PanAM and Panpara games. If you volunteer after you graduate, you can defer your OSAP payments for a year. On top of that, I met with the health, wellness, and safety group. We worked on a policy about when students are made to withdraw from the university. When can the university step in to make those calls? I want to thank the Four Directions Aboriginal center, who hosted a focus group for OUSA and me.

6. Board of Director's Report



Chairman Garcia: There is nothing much else to add. We've had two meetings since last Assembly. The salary grid was approved in a closed session. I have included some numbers. The permanent IT staff position was approved. I will have some costs coming up. We're working in the committees. We'll also be bringing an AMS specific fee to Assembly.

7. Student Senator's Report

ASUS Proxy Chisti (on behalf of Senator Duchaine): We've had one meeting since last Assembly. A few things to mention, one of them is the clothesline through the university. The university was given a pre-proposal in December; we'll see where that goes. The expected moment for overall universities in Ontario is dropping twelve percent over the next five years. Universities expect more involvement from the government, much like Alberta. There's also more help from programs outside of Queen's, the university can't expect to have any more programs approved from the ministry. There have also been some changes in nursing degree names, which is supposed to be something similar to the MBA, or a follow up to an MBA.

8. Rector's Report

None provided.

9. Student Trustee's Report

None provided.

10. Statements by Members

No statements.

11. Question Period

No questions.

12. New Business

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly ratify Bob Crawford as the AMS Honorary President for 2013 – 2014.

Moved by: President Eril Berkok

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

AMS President Berkok: As I mentioned, if you were here last year, you're going to have a case



of Deja vu. Bob Crawford will be celebrating his hat trick of honorary presidency. He demonstrates quite a story of student initiatives. As Dean of Student Affairs for ten years, he was a friend of students and student government. We came into contact when COMPSA almost lost its own Orientation Week. He has always been a great advisor to students and student government. I hope to honour him with this position. Please, do ratify him.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I noticed on the motion sheet that honorary is spelled wrong. It doesn't have a "U" after the honour. Motion to open the agenda to change that.

AMS President Berkok: I'm just going to write that off as a friendly amendment.

Speaker: We can call that a clerical error and change it.

Motion (3) carries.

Honorary AMS President Bob Crawford: I want to thank Eril, Nicola, and Thomas, and everyone else. It's having students recognition and honour, it really means a lot. So, I've been here 42 years. There's only one person in the room who was alive when I came to Queen's, and that was of course Greg [Mckellar]. On the side of students, in another comment, I've got to say, when I was Dean, I worked with eleven AMS executives. The executives are always good people to work with. Two other random thoughts. I was already at Queen's four years, and I've been here for forty two, since the Leafs won the Stanley Cup. Yes, forty two years ago... And back then, the acoustics in this room would still have been bad, and you would have all been smoking.

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Aman Partap as a candidate on the 2014 Rector Election ballot.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: I just want to say that for the next three motions this is a rubber stamp. There is nothing in the Rector policy surrounding this; we are ratifying to remain consistent with what candidates understood as the expectation moving into the election period. We may change this for the future. There will be no debate.

Motion (4) carries.

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Mike Young as a candidate on the 2014 Rector Election ballot.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Motion (5) carries.



MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Marcus Threndyle as a candidate on the 2014 Rector Election ballot.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Motion (6) carries.

MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Scott Mason (President), Mark Asfar (Operations), and Hasina Daya (University Affairs) as candidates on the 2014 AMS Executive Election ballot.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Should they be called up to speak?

Commissioner Olver: Yes.

Speaker: Candidates please come to the front, right behind me.

Chinniah: Do we question them individually or as a group, and what about the other team?

Commissioner Olver: They are separate motions so we would have to omnibus them to question all candidates together.

Speaker: May I get a motion to omnibus motion seven and eight. A reminder that those are the motions referring to the prospective Executive candidate teams.

Motioned by ASUS Representative Chinniah

Seconded by Proxy Lively

Speaker: Move the two motions together, and we'll question the teams at the front. No debate on the motion.

Motion to omnibus carried.

Speaker: At this time, I would like to entertain questions for the teams. It will be limited to three questions, and the questions must be directed at both teams. Ideally, directed at all three candidates, but I understand if it is specific.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Besides wanting to get into the JFK School of government, why would you want to be an Executive?

Allison Williams speaking for Team WRL: We have all interacted with the AMS in different capacities. Justin started by making sandwiches at Common Ground. Phil was a faculty president



last year, and interacted with the AMS through that position. It's an organization that is important on campus in solidifying what students do on campus. The AMS is integral to Queen's in the resources it provides and the advocacy it commits for students. One of the things we agree with is that we love the positions and interacting and talking with students. In the positions that we've held, we've done all of that. We want to take it to the next level. This is our passion.

Scott Mason speaking for Team SMH: The AMS is an organization that brings people together. If it wasn't for the AMS, I wouldn't have met Hasina or Mark. It's the most amazing, and oldest, student government in Canada. In addition to getting into this position, we want to participate in this great tradition. It's nothing about where I want to be in two years. It's about the day to day, and the tangible changes. I'm really excited to start engaging with students to amplify the student voice. I came to Queen's for the student community. I think the AMS fosters and protects the student community. That's why we want to work here.

PHEKSA Representative Law: What do you want your legacy to be as an AMS Exec?

Team SMH: I think the legacy would be the same as any Executive. You want to be the team that brings people together instead of divides them. Sometimes the AMS is a place of debate, sometimes it divides people. We need to look into the broader community. I think our legacy would also be to recognize the student body, and reaching out to students on the first year level. We want to break down barriers, and make the AMS more accessible to membership.

Team WRL: I would echo a lot of that. It's hard to make a legacy in a year. It's also about standing on the shoulders of those from before you, and getting their assistance to go off of that. We've had great executives before us, and we want to continue their initiatives. We want to move long lasting change. We want to incorporate learning, and learn how we can make what's happening more efficient. We want to be innovative outside of that.

ASUS Representative Rubin: First of all, what position are you running for, and what new innovation could you bring to the AMS?

Allison Williams (Team WRL): My name is Allison, and I'm running for the President position. Many changes have been made to the office portfolios, with permanent staff positions added. I think it's important and it will need a lot of support. The presidential role is one that's open to change, having few central responsibilities. The changes I make and bring to the role is from the students and from the mandate of Assembly.

Philip Lloyd (Team WRL): I'm Philip, and I'm running for the University Affairs position. I'm an advocate for building relationships; relationships with students, faculties, student affairs, and students from across all disciplines. The AMS is built on collaboration and cooperation. Without the dedication from all of the societies and faculties on campus, we wouldn't be where we are.

Justin Reekie (Team WRL): I'm Justin Reekie, and I'm running for the the VP of Operations position. For me, it's continuously seeking student feedback for our services. We want to drive and grow our services as a whole.



Scott Mason (Team SMH): What I would like to do with the role is to echo a lot of the changes in the role of the President. It'll take a lot of tender, loving care to move forward with this. I want to see continued reaching out to faculties and societies to understand their needs. I think the president should continue to move forward with these initiatives.

Hasina Daya (Team SMH): I guess the one thing I've had the chance to do is the ability that the VP's have to hold up a microscopic lens to better serve the changing needs of students.

Mark Asfar (Team SMH): I come from a debating background. I'm familiar with testing ideas. It's important to bring the corporate ideas to the AMS. I believe in trusting what works, and not changing for the sake of change.

Speaker: These motions were omnibussed, so we'll be approving them together.

Motions (7 and 8) carry.

Speaker: On the topic, while we're talking about the candidates, we've had a question about debates. On Monday at 7PM in the Lower Ceilidh, we'll have the University Affairs debate. Tuesday, Ops debate. Wednesday will be the President's debate. Finally, Thursday will be the Rector debate. Moving along, we are now entering the referendum portion of the agenda. We have a number of motions to get through.

MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: "Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the World Wildlife Fund at Queen's University?" as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola'sDesk.

Moved by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I went through the same process as last semester. I went through each of the budgets with Commissioner Olver for each of the groups to determine what they were asking for was consistent with the fee amount. We went through the eligibility. We have policy changes we would like to make, though we don't feel it's appropriate to change policy right now. There will be a number of changes in the constitution. We will bring them forward. For now it's the same thing as the fall. Hopefully there are groups here to answer the questions.

Motion (9) carries.

ASUS Proxy Chisti: Motion to omnibus motions 10 through 24/ 25.

Speaker: We can entertain a motion to omnibus, but I would advise against it. I know there are some flagged to bring to Assembly's attention.



ASUS Proxy Chisti: I'll withdraw the motion.

Speaker: please excuse me if I'm speaking quickly, there are lots of words on the sheet.

MOTION 10: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen’s Mostly Autonomous Sailboat Team fee of \$0.30 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Moved by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Why is it mostly autonomous, why isn't it autonomous?

Member at Large Gardner: To address that question, the full autonomy, NAST, was already a team when we came into existence. Plus QMAST is a pretty good name for a sailing team.

Motion (10) carried.

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen’s Chapter-West Africa AIDs Foundation fee of \$0.30 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Moved by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Vice President of Operations Plummer: My only concern is that they didn't pick up their fee in the fall. In their budget they didn't mention money that they use to send students to Ghana, but they said that in their personal budget description.

ASUS Proxy Lively: Would they have not had to submit a budget detailing the money that it would be spent on?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: The budget I received was not very clear, a lot of the budgets aren't perfectly clear. It wasn't in their budget description.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Would you characterize their Journal description as misleading, or something else?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I don't think it's a misleading statement, I would just be curious to know if this is how they're using the money.



EngSoc Representative Blair: In your verbal update, was this the question that you said was going to be worked out?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Yes, this is the group that failed to pick up their student fee. There was a question about when they came to the desk. If they did come to the desk last Thursday, they were in that window. It is strange, but we will figure it out.

EngSoc Representative Blair: So is this motion a new one?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: It's just a continuation of the fee. It's not that they lost it and are trying to get it back.

Aesculapian Representative Brousenko: Quick question, I know that last time for the referendums you said that some groups were invited to attend. This time, were all invited?

Commissioner Olver: They were all told to come; I called the ones that I flagged and left messages.

Speaker: Does anyone want to pass speaking rights to representative Chinniah?

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Commissioner Olver, they aren't here now, correct?

Commissioner Olver: I have their number, but they aren't here. I can call them right now if Assembly wishes.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: I have no reason to believe that this motion shouldn't be passed. I was just alerting Assembly to the issues we've come across with this. Ultimately we need to change the culture around student fees. Please bear with me.

Motion (11) carried.

MOTION 12: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.90 fee subject to individual opt-out to support Enactus Queens?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Commissioner Olver: In their three hundred word description, they claim they’re an AMS club. They aren't, though they were originally ratified through ComSoc. They are still eligible.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: So it's a consulting group within commerce?

Vice President Menuz: They’re a student group focused on consulting. They have eleven projects; they go to schools and talk about budgeting across Canada. They were a ComSoc



committee. Their de-ratification is contingent on a student fee.

Motion (12) carries.

MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Camp Outlook fee of \$0.85 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2001 and last went to referendum in 2011.” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Commissioner Olver: Point of Information, it has blanks in the agenda, but that will be filled in with a year on the ballot. Although this is going to be approved to go on the ballot, the blanks will not be there.

Motion (13) carries.

MOTION 14: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree in an increase in the Queen’s International Affairs Association (QIAA) mandatory fee from \$0.65 to \$0.80, an increase of \$0.15?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Proxy Chisti: Clarify policy, I remember in 2012, I know they have to go up every three years, and what if they go up before that, and what if they fail

Commissioner Olver: You're able to go for an increase before triennial review. If they were to fail their increase, they would still have their fee.

Motion (14) carries.

MOTION 15: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree in an increase in the Oxfam Queen’s fee subject to individual opt-out from \$0.35 to \$0.75, an increase of \$0.40?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Our only concern is that they have a large balance in their account not correlated to student fees. They assure me that their balance is constantly drawn down. This money would be to hold a conference.



President Walsh: There are two question marks in the motion. Any reason?

Commissioner Olver: Not intentional. I copy and paste all of them into the agenda. Must have accidentally put two question marks.

Motion (15) carries.

MOTION 16: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Nyantende Foundation?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

ASUS Proxy Lively: I’m just wondering who are these people?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: The foundation was founded two years ago, both students have graduated. This is the first year the club is operating without its founders. They fund students in Eastern Congo to attend school. So they pay for their tuition fees. They are active on campus, and they have a number of events on campus every year.

ComSoc Proxy to Prussky: They give money to the schools. With the money raised they are able to pay for tuition for those schools, or to run events.

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This money will be used to plan and advertise for their events, et cetera. I can imagine some of the money will go towards purchasing school supplies for the students.

Speaker: While no representative from the group is here, we have their three hundred word description. Would Assembly like us to read it? Just nod or shake your head. The description is as follows.

(reads description)

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This group does more than most groups regarding enhancing student life on campus and helping charities. Because we have no policy regarding money going directly to a charity, I see no reason not to pass this motion.

Motion (16) carries.

MOTION 17: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen’s Baja



SAE Design Team fee of \$0.40 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2003 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Motion (17) carries.

MOTION 18: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee subject to individual opt-out to support The Empress Publication?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Is Empress a print magazine or an online magazine, or what?

Vice President of Operations Plummer: It's print.

Motion (18) carries.

MOTION 19: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Queen’s Aero Design Team?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Motion (19) carries.

MOTION 20: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Kingston Canadian Film Festival?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

ASUS Representative Chinniah: So the festival happens at the end of February. Is this to fund the festival itself?

Speaker: I believe we have a member in the gallery here to answer questions.



Member at Large: It's for 2015 in the proposal. We get \$3000 for revenue from Queen's students. We want it to be entirely free for students with valid student card.

EngSoc Representative Blair: How many students at Queen's will realistically benefit from this?

Member at Large: We estimate one thousand including volunteers.

Vice President Prusky: I question the idea for taking the money of all students to pay for the benefit of a few.

Member at Large: We found that currently all our workshops are free. Just our screening charges admission. Normally, we depend on the festival. We have people benefiting from them workshops. Often we'll have people experiencing unemployment.

Proxy Lively: Do you host events on campus?

Member at Large: We host free screening on campus and half our workshops on campus as well.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Preisner has a personal stake in this; I ask that she refrain from voting.

Speaker: I expect her to make the right choice on her own.

Motion (20) carries.

MOTION 21: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Golden Words mandatory fee of \$2.00 for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2007 and last went to referendum in 2010.” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Speaker: The forty cents on the motion sheet is a clerical error, it is actually \$2.00 dollars.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Would the CIA clarify if the fee had gone to slate in the fall referendum. They sought an increase.

Commissioner Olver: Golden words is up for triennial review. Their three years are up. They had the option of going for an increase first, which they did. They were unsuccessful, but as they are asking a new question and seek the continuation of their fee they can be on the ballot again.



Motion (21) carries.

MOTION 22: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.95 fee subject to individual opt-out to support the Kingston Loving Spoonful Charity?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Vice President of Operations Plummer: Wanted to note that this is an off campus group. They work with some organizations on campus to achieve this.

Motion (22) carries.

MOTION 23: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee subject to individual opt-out to support Queen’s Helping Haiti?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Vice President of Operations Plummer: This is a note to address that this money would be going to a group that puts all money towards the charity.

Motion (23) carries.

MOTION 24: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen’s Musical Theatre fee of \$0.50 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2004 and last went to referendum in 2010.?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Motion (24) carries.

MOTION 25: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following plebiscite question to the 2014 Winter Referendum ballot: “Do you agree that climate change is an issue of significant concern?” as seen in Appendix A: #Nicola’sDesk.

Motion by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

Seconded by Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver



Commissioner Olver: I pass my speaking rights to VP Pritchard.

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: This is a plebiscite question that was put forward by Commissioner Robinson, who is currently at QMP. He wants to gage a better perspective on how students feel about this action. We want more solidified opinions of the group.

ASUS Representative Rubin: I understand where he is coming from, if this appears, it might seem to be a joke. Would it be possible to put a subheading to say this is for marketing purposes?

Commissioner Olver: Questions of a different nature are put on a different page or under a different heading.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I'm a bit concerned that this questions is a bit misleading. When someone asks an open question, to give concern to what? It's like asking, "Do you agree that the colour blue is a pallet colour." I feel that the question is strangely posed. He hasn't put forth a plan to why this was brought forth to Assembly or put on the agenda.

EngSoc Representative Blair: I'm wondering if questions such as these have received the same amount of signatures?

Commissioner Olver: No they don't; plebiscites don't have to have signatures collected.

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I apologize for the concern. Due to the tight timeline, I didn't have a chance to work with Commissioner Robinson on these issues. We will withdraw these motions.

Motion 25 and 26 withdrawn.

MOTION 27: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the Volunteer Policy and Procedures Manual, as seen in Appendix B: #GoodesHall.

Moved by: Human Resources Officer Theresa Hillis

Seconded by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Officer Hillis: The policy itself is self-explanatory. Every year we award thousands of dollars in honoraria.

Motion (27) carries.

MOTION 28: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, as seen in Appendix D: #AfterAlfies

Moved by: Municipal Affairs Commissioner Catherine Wright

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard



Commissioner Wright: I'm going to go over a summary. We are looking to move the resource team to the government side. It's more important to the municipal side. It's been creating some changes including that services will be running from May 1st to November 30th. The services we offer best will function in the summer. This is best to serve our customers, best value for their dollar. Manager will still for twenty hours a week during these months. SMART is also going to have oversight over the holiday program. They will set up the holiday house check program for the Commissioner. The Commissioner will provide the SMART manager with support. Various community partners value the smart programs.

Motion (28) carries.

MOTION 29: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Hiring Procedures and Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix E: #IntheCIA .

Moved by: Chairman Rico Garcia

Seconded by: President Eril Berkok

President Berkok: This is actually referring to the AMS hiring policy. Friendly amendment. In any case, we've been working with the personnel committee on the board. The changes aren't tracked here. A student could be eligible if they were enrolled in forty percent of the school year. Seeing as positions have grown so much, it was necessary to drop this down to twenty percent.

Proxy Lively: I'm just wondering how you go about verifying that members are enrolled in a certain number of courses and that they have paid their fees.

Officer Hillis: It would be physically impossible to check every volunteer. However, in the application you are stating that you have verified that you have completed this. By submitting the application, you are being held to that standard.

Proxy Lively: So I'm just wondering, would you verify it if it was brought to your attention? Is it just you taking their word?

Officer Hillis: Constant reminder and taking their word for it. This is a part of the policy. If you were to apply on your application, you are engaging in a contract, so action could be taken. I'm not sure what the problem would be if that were the case.

Proxy Lively: I'm wondering, as the HRO, do you have a list of all current AMS members and the courses they are enrolled in, or would you have to go through the registrar?

Officer Hillis: I don't have access.

Proxy Lively: Is there anyone you could go to?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: In the case that we did have to verify, the President can talk to the registrar and access that. If someone came to Hillis and asked, the President could find that out.



Proxy Lively: So does that apply for just AMS membership, or also three credits? I assume you have a list of AMS members.

President Berkok: We have a list of AMS members. If they hadn't been enrolled in three credits, they wouldn't have paid, so we would know.

Motion (29) carries.

MOTION 30: That Assembly approve the renewal of full membership by the AMS in the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

Moved by: President Eril Berkok

Seconded by: Vice President of Operations Thomas Pritchard

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: It has come time for us to renew our membership. In 2010, we decided it would be best for us to vote in this way. OUSA is a provincial lobbying group, as you have seen in the report, you can see the kind of things we do with them, and they do for us. Not a whole lot of concerns. This was last year's committee's work. The only real concern was the one talking about the financial stability of OUSA. When a member does leave OUSA, it has a large effect on the group. Windsor left this year, it posed a threat, but we were about to balance the books without them. Being in a group like this, we have a much larger voice. I can assure you lobbying at the provincial level is largely done by us. The fee would be \$2.90 due to inflation.

Representative Rubin: Why did Windsor leave?

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I believe they wanted to join the CFS, Canadian Federation of Students. I have learned that they were aligned with both. With CFS, you can only be aligned with CFS, whereas OUSA allows alignment with multiple.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Apparently, it's a Queen's member that spearheaded Windsor's exit from OUSA.

Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I didn't know what you meant at first; maybe you were referring to VP Mickey. He isn't part of their undergrad government. He is a law student. Maybe he had some backhand involvement. As to why we aren't part of the CFS, brief history, a long time ago we were part of them. We weren't happy with where the lobbying was headed. We left along with other schools. We are a founding member of OUSA. We don't take issue with them, they identify different priorities. Sometimes we find ourselves on the same side of issues, but their methods of lobbying are different. Right now, if you voted against joining OUSA, we could, whereas leaving the CFS isn't as simple. They have several legal cases against them at this moment for that reason.

Motion (30) carries.



Vice President of Operations Plummer: You'll probably wonder about the hashtags on the Agenda. This is to promote our new elections video coming out on Monday. If you wish to see a continued thriving government, please vote in the coming election! Also unrelated: Doug Mcpharlane has won my question. Some of the words he used were deathstar, proton missile and centre core. Finally, hopefully, now that you're done Assembly, Head down to throwback Thursday.

Adjourned at 9:20PM

