

AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, January 30th, 2014
Wallace Hall, JDUC

**Assembly commenced at 7:09PM*

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

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of January 30th, 2014.

MOTION 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of January 30th, 2014.

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

ASUS Representative McLaughlin: I would like to add what I sent to the CIA today.

Speaker: This refers to the motion sent out an hour ago?

ASUS Representative McLaughlin: Yes.

Speaker: May someone read out the motion?

ASUS Representative McLaughlin: I propose that the AMS Assembly censure Speaker Robert Thomson for taking a leave of absence as Speaker and Chief Electoral Officer without notifying Assembly.

Speaker: We have to vote on whether or not to add it to the agenda.

Motion fails.

Speaker: Any other amendments to the agenda?

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I propose to add the motion to the agenda which I just emailed to Commissioner Olver. It refers to Policy Manual One, Section Four, Part A and Part B, regarding the CEO's Statement of Responsibilities, and says, "The CEO shall notify Assembly by the final meeting of the Fall term if they are running in any elections in the year they are CEO. If the CEO notifies Assembly that they are running in an election, they must take a leave of absence from their position for the duration of elections period, ending seventy-two (72) hours after the results are announced".

Speaker: So, a motion to add that motion to the agenda.

Motion carries.

Speaker: That will be new motion eleven. If there are no other amendments to the agenda,



motion to approve the agenda of January 30th, 2014.

Motion (1) carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of January 16th, 2014

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of January 14th, 2014

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: Good evening, welcome to the AMS assembly of January 30th, 2014. We've got quite a bit on the agenda this evening, so we will be enforcing speaking limits. Quickly though, does anyone have any extra placards that you're holding onto? Just check to see if they're tucked in there with yours. If you do have any extra, feel free to pass them up here or to our assembly volunteer at the back. Members at Large can also ask the volunteer if you have any questions. Also, this room is large and full, speak up at all times.

Moving into an elections update. Elections across campus are now completed, with the possible exception of Commerce Society. Debates were excellent, and decorum was something to be proud of. The debate was very spirited. We had approximately 100 people watching the debates online throughout the week. Combined with those physically at the debates, we had 150 – 200 people engaged, including those people online. Of sixteen referendum groups, fifteen met the referendum requirements and were carried through the entire election process, one was disqualified, and fourteen groups had their fees passed. For the Rector election, we had a 24.8% voter election turnout, which is of note. Thanks and congratulations to Mike Young, Marcus Threndyle and Aman Partap who were all candidates in that election. During the executive elections, team WRL and SMH were great. They were gracious throughout, and decorum was excellent. There was a high turnout, despite only having two teams, and the elections had an excellent presence on campus. We have over 5000 views on a vote video that we put out, and that led to a voter turnout of thirty-three percent. In terms of VoteNet and the technical side of issues, there were only minor issues. It was successful technically speaking. On a personal note, over the past three weeks, I've had the pleasure of watching the elections. The courage and spirit is a testament to the Queen's community. To all candidates, I wish a hearty congratulations. We will now move into the guest speakers.

4. Guest Speaker

a. Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee Members



AMS President Berkok: So, the CMP, as I believe it's been mentioned, is a plan that will lead to development of campus and infrastructure over a long period of time at Queen's. The deputy provost is here to give us a presentation that will be going up for approval very shortly. It's about to go into the final editing stages. If you have anything that you want to say, ask, or have clarified, now is the time to do so, because this is probably the last time you will have the chance.

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: I have been involved with this process for the last eight months. We started thirteen months ago. We reviewed urban strategies, and what a number of Ivy League schools in the U.S. do. I am not an urban planner or designer, I'm just a simple engineer by trade, and recently made administrator. I'm going to go through this presentation on urban strategies.

So, why do we need a campus master plan? The plan is a tool for us to prevent some of the missteps that we have experienced in the past. It will help us go forward in a responsible way to manage the finances budgeted towards this project, and help keep us accountable to what we promised. I will point out in this stage that there are competing interests and a lot of dissension. It will help us make informed and rational decisions. Why do I use the word rational? In my nineteen years teaching here, we've seen a lot of irrational decisions, which unfortunately you are on the receiving end of that legacy. It includes capital investment projects, leading to buildings that we couldn't pay for. The reason this stage has experienced so much ego of administrators, deans, past AMS presidents, et cetera, is because everyone wants their own say in the plan, but they aren't willing to work together. I remember sitting in this building trying to dissuade a president from supporting the Queen's Centre. Essentially, the CMP is a framework to test out various proposals that have come our way. I like to think about it as an aspiration framework.

Who's going to pay? We're not committing to doing all of this. We decide what we might do, and what would make sense. I think a point that is relevant is that this CMP does not assume or presuppose growth in our student body. We are reviewing what options we have in our infrastructure, but it does not account for more students. We would like to blend in with the lovely campus we have. On campus, we have several buildings built in the last few decades, but still fit into the picturesque scene that Queen's is. Why do we need new capital projects? Teaching and learning environments are always changing. We want different types of space and refurbished space. So, the other aspect that's key to the plan, is that the plan looks at both of the primary campuses, both the main and West.

What about Innovation Park? The decision was taken not to include Innovation Park in this study. It is not viewed as a future campus, and it is currently used much below it's potential. Even if we developed it, we don't see it as an area students would frequent. We want to evaluate the full potential of main campus and west campus. This leads to constraints. The legend shows you the facilities index, and the condition of the buildings. The cost of maintaining certain buildings is reaching the cost of knocking them down and replacing them. Many buildings are in poor shape. We have now had three decades of insufficient buildings. Our current back fall exceeds \$219 million. The current allowance that we have is ten million dollars. In some cases, we are getting to the point where there are significant teaching and learning centres that will reach their



end of their life in the next decade. The plan promotes combining west campus and main campus. West campus has to be more of a destination, rather than just the location of a class or a residence. The other thing the plan does is try to integrate the landscape. One of the things we don't realize when we're living or working on this campus, is the amount of infrastructure that is underneath the ground. Today, I got to tour some of the steam tunnels underneath this campus. We spend a lot of money trying to maintain those. Most of our electrical distribution is also underground. These are a lot of the details of the CMP. We're looking and identifying places of future development, and what are the design constraints, what are linked projects that would have to be implemented jointly. When we're looking at the long term, we're looking at a five decade revival of this plan. We're looking at where change can occur, and where new building complexes can be established. In reality, this plan will be obsolete in ten to fifteen years. There is an upper limit of the development that we would be doing.

The CMP Principles; you might wonder what the use of this is. In one of the other hats I wear, I am the chair of the campus planning advisory committee, that is tossed with deciding whether capital projects should move forward, or get approval by the board. The six principles are a litmus test against every new capital development that comes forward. The white buildings on these views are where we would be doing the developing. There's a lot of potential for areas around the West Campus. Just an example of things we could do in the short term, not grandiose projects costing tens of millions of dollars. This is the deadzone around Mac-Corry and Jeffrey, which is just a concrete block. By the way, Jeffrey is one of the worst conditioned buildings on campus. I wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't here in ten years. Anyway, this is just flourishing the area. It revitalizes the area without actually having to replace or repair any buildings. The part that is of particular interest is the Student Life Cluster, as it identifies student life spaces. Eril has suggested the idea that as spacing is vacated across campus, perhaps we can re-use that as student life purposes. I will point out that the CMP is limited, the scope of the analysis, is to land that we own.

Sometimes, people ask us about the stuff behind the Queen's Centre. We will not speculate in public what we might or might not do on land that we do not own. There is a significant part of the CMP that looks at transportation, in particular cycling and pedestrian through ways. This is the vision put forth for the future of West Campus. We want interactions with academic units to the schools in the faculty of health sciences have expressed desire to move out to West Campus. If we could get more diverse and a bigger range of activities on West, we could make it a destination. There is a significant amount of land wasted between Sir John A and Union. In this vision, this area could include housing. If we had nursing and rehab moved out there, we could make it a building for them. This is all speculative. The potential is there. What will happen to the south of this area after Kingston Penn is undetermined. There is potential for significant revenue generation by the university. There is the issue of how to get people to and from West Campus. There are tunnel networks and cycling routes that we are considering. That pretty much sums up the presentation. I welcome any questions.

AMS President Berkok: This is a great time to grill Blake on this. I encourage you to ask questions. This is likely the last time we, at Assembly, have a time to view this.

Engineering Society President Fleck: I noticed that Clark Hall was listed as critical condition



and also a historic building, how would that be dealt with?

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: The historic condition would come first. We would have to allocate funds to maintain the building. We have a lot of those issues with the buildings along Barrie Street.

AMS Academic Affairs Commissioner Williams: I noticed that Grant Hall has a very poor space. If that closed down, what would be done with it?

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: In an ideal world, since we have a deficit in SLC space, we could shut it down, and revitalize other SLC spaces.

NSS President Walsh: I'm curious what the reasoning behind was to move nursing to West, seeing as most of our nurses work at KGH. I'm worried that this might deter students from entering the program, or certain courses.

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: All I said about West was speculative. None of this is set. Providence Care will be moving to the site of the old psych hospital. There will be a critical shift in medical facilities and locations when Providence Care moves. As far as those two units go, right now, students who have to do anything at KGH, getting out to Providence Care is a further journey from main.

Member at Large Sherman: I would like to know what issues you anticipate with the historic buildings.

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: One of the things I would advocate for is that we move ahead with a proper accessibility audit to get a sense of the scale of the problem.

Member at Large Sherman: I was wondering if there were improved general places where people could be between classes.

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: I think you're talking about the general space. This is something that Eril has brought up several times.

AMS President Berkok: We want to take on that space that other departments relinquish. We're at a serious deficit for student space.

CESA Representative Zuccaro: Did you consider the possibility of outdoor classes?

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: I think the CMP doesn't get down to that level of detail, but that's the sort of innovative thinking where we're looking at the landscape.

EngSoc Representative Savides: You mentioned that the CMP serves as a reference, but you also mentioned that it's a document that should be edited. What would stop someone from going into the CMP and saying, "now we need this", and changing it?



Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: What we're looking for is some form of a formal approval process. CMP is going forward to the Board of Trustees. We would be taking a detailed CMP forward to the May board. That process would come forward to the capital development advisory committee. That process can only be amended by the board. We can determine who can change the master plan.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I have questions regarding city bylaws. Do you foresee any bylaw changes that would render anything on this plan unachievable or better?

Deputy Provost Blake Angeman: We have had interaction with the city every step of formulating this. I don't foresee any changes that, on the city's side, would stall the development. In terms of changes that would facilitate things, the first thing is pedestrian traffic. For eighteen years, my office was in Goodwin Hall. And I'm surprised that we didn't have fatalities on the corner of Union and Division. If we can get some traction on that, it would change the feel of the campus. We are different from other universities in that our roads through campus are owned by the city. It's about what the city can do to facilitate the campus. We feel that the city of Kingston has been much better than most.

AMS President Berkok: I want to give a round of applause and thank Blake for coming in and talking about this.

5. President's Report

AMS President Berkok: Just a couple of statements. I want to congratulate the Elections Team for putting in such an effort into the elections. Thank you for putting all those hard hours into the elections. And a further congrats to all candidates that survived the campaigning process. We look forward to transitioning those taking over on May 1st. Second point, for the annual volunteer gala, we are extending invitations to Assembly to thank you for your hard work and dedication this year on Assembly. It will take place March 9th, at 6PM, in Ban Righ. You have until tomorrow to RSVP. Moving onto the strategic enrolment management group. A draft for the long term has been released to the city editors. It will be going out for public consultation until February 20th. It will be going through all sorts of students. What's going to happen with 2015/2016 enrolment numbers with new residences? That will be released April 29th. Those numbers will be going through various groups as well. Ideally, I think we're trying to commit to the idea that we're a mid-sized institution. The Nominating Committee is also accepting two Assembly members to join the external alignment committee. We're also looking for three Members at Large to sit on this committee. We will have their names drawn out in a lottery.

6. Vice President's Report

a. AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: I would like to echo Eril's congratulations to all candidates for running a clean, amazing, entertaining campaign. If you have any questions about my report, I'm happy to take those.



b. AMS Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: *Absent.*

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Garcia: There have been no Board of Directors meeting since last Assembly. Quick thing I want to update. There was news released about the Ontario minimum wage increase from \$10.25 to \$11.00. We will be meeting to go over wages and salaries, and how this increase changes things.

8. Student Senator's Report

Senator Duchaine: Couple of things, first of all, congrats to elected senators. You can expect to see your senators at your faculties/ societies in the next few weeks. A little bit more on the deletion of programs. It's been brought to my attention that the ConEd computing stream is looking at being deleted. If you're worried about the impact this will have on your society or faculty, please talk to me before the meeting tomorrow afternoon. This is one of multiple changes ConEd is thinking of implementing over the next few months. Earlier, several student senators met with the University Secretary to discuss an ombudsperson to represent Queen's, and how it would fit into student self-governance. Finally, a highlight from Senate, make sure to thank your senator. There was an interesting question about our alignment with political and university institutions.

9. Rector's Report

Rector Francis: I want to start off by saying that I want to express disappointment with the conduct during the campaign period. There was a lot of talk about it online. This isn't uncommon or unusual. There is always the targeting of teams and individuals. I want to put it out there for the record and for the minutes that this was disappointing, and it isn't reflective of the student spirit. To Mike Young, congratulations on your success, and a big congratulations to all candidates for their hard work and courage. I want to let everyone know that if you were involved in Orientation week in 2013, regarding the flag that I brought to the first Assembly of the year, all Orientation leaders are invited on February 27th to sign the flag. This was an idea that Eril has shaped. We fight to preserve tradition, but we aren't doing enough to implement our own tradition. The last thing to mention, there are concerns about the hazing definition passed through SONAD by certain members of administration. I will say that I have engaged in discussion with the Principal.

10. Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulthouse: The last board meeting was during exam period. Quick update, the big thing was passing the library archive master plan, and it was passed. Check out more online. We also saw a presentation on the CMP. At this point, I think I can start leading those presentations



because I've seen so many. I just want to say congratulations to all candidates. I thought everyone did a fantastic job.

11. Statements by Members

ResSoc President Daya: Exciting news to report, today we passed a new first year experience fund. This will be available for any group to apply to. They have to explain how it will significantly impact first year experience. It consists of an average of fifty thousand dollars. Click on the tab in the top right corner of our webpage, www.ressoc.org.

AMS Commissioner Savage: I want to touch upon something I mentioned in my report. I want to provide context on the development process and what we're looking at for the rest of the year in terms of improving Orientation week. I'm a voting member of SOARB. I know there's been concern, whether it's the tone of the report or the balance between positive and negative feedback. I want to touch on the balance. The primary function of SOARB is to be a review body for orientation organizers. I know how quickly the process happens. As soon as one Orientation week is over, the next has already started to prepare. This means that on paper, there is a lot of criticism. A quick statistic; 88% of first year students believe frosh week was important to them too fitting in to Queen's. First years are getting a lot out of the process. If the report came off as too critical; the positive feedback is in those numbers. The board recognizes the hard work we are putting in. We're creating a SOARB policy manual.

ComSoc President Hennick: I want to ease confusion about ComSoc elections. We will receive the results tomorrow midday.

MBA President Drever: The MBA program has now switched from running May to May. Now it is January to January. Sitting to my right is the new President and Vice Presidents of MBA.

AMS Environment and Sustainability Commissioner Robinson: This week, the SLC passed an energy management policy. It's the first energy management policy the university has ever seen. It's nice to see a little traction. It's a little retrofit project for the JDUC. It's nice to see these things happen.

12. Question Period

ASUS Representative Goodman: I understand there was an issue of teams using ListServ to send emails out after the campaign period.

Speaker: I was the CEO, so I will field this. Rulings were issued, and the elections team made a decision on that. Following the sanctions, the integrity was not compromised.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Small question to Commissioner Robinson. I had the pleasure to attend an environmental training session. Can the commissioner tell us if they spend money on guest speakers, and if so, how much?



AMS Environment and Sustainability Commissioner Robinson: This was part of my budget and goal plans at the beginning of the year. I think for the annual budget, I think I budgeted \$800 to bring four speakers to campus. I think we paid \$180 for the speaker this past weekend, just to cover travel and accommodations.

13. New Business

MOTION 3: That Assembly remove Section 2, Part J: Religious Affairs Committee from AMS Policy Manual Part 2: Organizational Structures as seen in Appendix A: ILC

Moved by: Social Issues Commissioner Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Commissioner Williams, M: The next two motions I brought to Assembly. One is to remove the religious affairs committee from the SIC. The idea to reconsider removing these committees has been in conversation for three years. They have been flagged as committees not doing as much as they could be. This is not the fault of an individual. We want to remove the religious affairs committee. By removing this, we are not saying that religious issues are not important. There are other areas where religious issues can be advocated. A lot of the clubs know that the committee is there as a resource, but ultimately the religious affairs committee is not functional.

Senator Duchaine: First of all, I think it's important to recognize it takes a lot of reflection and consultation with those affected. I really like seeing commissioners taking these initiatives. One of the justifications you gave was the overlapping of AMS clubs and the committee. I was wondering if we follow that rule for other faculties on campus. Basically, full disclosure, if this is the direction, that AMS clubs are better off serving their members, and the RAC hasn't seen action in the past few years, what are the precedents going forward?

Vice President Tahiri: Quick clarification, if we are saying we don't need the RAC, and if we have clubs doing equity mandates, do we not need an equity committee?

Commissioner Williams, M: These are committees and clubs doubling up on the same initiatives. It is difficult to differentiate between what is currently active. This is directly in our policy to be reflective of what our committees are doing, and to see if they cross with what our clubs are doing.

Motion (3) carries.

MOTION 4: That Assembly remove Section 2, Part E: Education on Gender Issues from AMS Policy Manual Part 2: Organizational Structures as seen in Appendix B: BioSci.

Moved by: Social Issues Commissioner Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard



Commissioner Williams, M: Me Again, this motion is to remove the committee. There are a number of clubs doing a far better job than we are at these issues. There groups have been doing incredible work. Rather than competing, we should be collaborating. If another group is doing it better, we would rather support them.

Motion (4) carries.

MOTION 5: That Assembly approve an increase in the CFRC fee (mandatory) from \$5.07 to \$7.50, an increase of \$2.43, subject to confirmation at the AMS Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Eric McElroy

Seconded by: Brenna Owen

Speaker: We will break for a few minutes to allow CFRC to set up their presentation.

Break at 8:29PM

Recommended at 8:35PM

Presentation from CFRC.

Speaker: We are approaching the total amount of time allotted for this. Can we get a motion to move into committee of the whole? It is essentially a casual conversation.

Motion carries. Now in committee of the whole.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Oliver: I want to clarify if anyone's confused. There are two ways to approve a student fee, by referendum and through Assembly at the Annual General Assembly. In order for it to go to the Annual General Meeting, it has to go through Assembly first, and then it is ratified and approved at the AGM two meetings from now.

EngSoc Representative Blair: I want to thank all representatives from CFRC for this presentation. I am aware that my constituents actively listen to the CFRC. The way I see it is that if the student fee goes forward, the CFRC would be able to employ a number of these recommendations, and promote their presence on campus and improve student life. However, if we vote no, they will embark on a long and lengthy death.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I will come right out and say that I support the increase. Some believe radio is a dying field. However, CFRC provides valuable experience and opportunities. It has a long history, and I think it's important to pass this to ensure tradition. I've talked to the chair of CFRC board of directors. Having toured CFRC, I walked through the halls, and seen the tradition. It's a long path for a lot of small artists. They might not get a break on "The Edge", but they can start here. I want to remind everyone that this just approves the fee to move to the AGM, this isn't the student paying the fee. If you don't support the fee, bring your constituents to the AGM and let them voice their concerns.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: On behalf of executives and AMS council, I



want to speak in support of passing this fee. They have worked so hard on this presentation. The amount of outreach is unbelievable, and they have a long term plan that the station continues to thrive. I think this is important to Queen's and Canada's history. This is an important part of campus. I urge Assembly members to vote in favour.

Senator Duchaine: I'm going to speak candidly. I have seen CFRC change and develop over the years. The amount of outreach that they have done over the past year is incredible. I don't hold a vote here at assembly because I represent graduate students. To many of us, this is an ancillary part of our experience. This organization embodies a large portion of students who don't share our "rah, rah, rah, bleed Tricolour to the death" spirit. I would like to remind all members that if you have issues with this going to AGM, then this is an issue with our policy, rather than with CFRC.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: I have a question, but quick endorsement. Media is a crucial aspect. How does a \$7.50 fee compare to other university fees?

CFRC: National average for student fees for campus community stations is \$10.

AMS Commissioner Wright: Speaking on behalf of the community, a couple weeks ago I made a communication masters plan. CFRC mutually benefits us and the community.

Chairman Garcia: I am speaking as an individual, not a board member when I say that it is dear to my heart. It means a lot to hear the support for CFRC. When I came here as an international student from Mexico in my first year, I started a Mexican radio station. Now I see my brother continuing in that tradition.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I met with Brenda and Devin to discuss this. I think they should be commended on reaching out to members of assembly to making sure they understand this, instead of just reading a document. Any increase proposal should go to the referendum, but because the AMS allows an increase to go through AGM, I think it would be unfair to deny CFRC to at least go to AGM. I think that this merits consideration to vote yes.

ComSoc President Hennick: Can you outline the sources of funding as which ones are secure, and which ones aren't?

CFRC: There are a lot of things tied to each other. The way the funding works is in order to gain the Trillium Grant, we have to guarantee that the space we have right now will be ours. This depends on getting funding. We have a small amount from capital funds.

AMS Commissioner Savage: I am in favour of this, and I would like to reiterate the executives. I'm an occasional listener. We've heard a lot of talk about the financials. The intangibles are such a big part of our portfolios and experiences. I've seen first-hand the difference CFRC makes in a student. We always talk about finding your niche at Queen's. I think this is a small price to pay to change student experience here at Queen's. When we lack a communications or journalism program, this really fills in for the experience!



ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Motion to move out of committee of a whole.

Motion carries.

Member at Large Lively: Being on assembly last year, I followed the exploits of CFRC closely. I want to express the same sentiment that they have done an incredible job reforming their finances. But I also think it's a bit too little, too late. It is a fault of policy, not a fault of CFRC. We're trying to get the most amount of input, but the people involved in this won't be able to see these things first hand. You won't get the 5000 people involved in a referendum to get involved in the CFRC. We want to have a proper debate with a proper referendum to see whether this gets passed.

CFRC: You mentioned that you would like to see more people involved. I don't think referendum is the best way to foster debate. I don't think a referendum question would be able to encompass the complexities involved. That is the reason that we are choosing this avenue. I want to thank you all for listening tonight. We want to emphasize that we have the plan to achieve financial stability. This would increase the professional and training opportunities we provide to students. Last year, we came here, and we were unsuccessful. Over the past year, we heard tons of feedback from students to see how we could better our profile.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: Move to have a secret ballot.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Chinniah

Speaker: So, we can't find policy on how to initiate a secret ballot. We will have a procedural motion on whether or not to initiate a secret ballot.

Motion fails.

Speaker: Assembly indicated that they were not in favour of a secret ballot. We will move forward with the motion.

Motion (5) carries.

MOTION 6: That Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 1, Part F: Arts on Campus, as seen in Appendix C: MacCorry

Moved by: Campus Activities Commissioner Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

AMS Commissioner Savage: This is a motion to make amendments to the art council. If you look to the appendix, it's creating a new body. I will talk a bit about that. The council was a platform point from last year. This is something that myself and my deputy commissioner took on. There is a general gap on campus. In speaking to various arts groups, they were really looking for something like this. They had been trying to put something like this together. This will be three-fold. In the name of alliteration. Awareness. To create awareness about the



happenings and events, in the Queen's and broader community. Advocacy. To advocate on behalf of the student art scene, this is through the student arts grant. The third mandate is about accessibility of art. While that is vague, it's breaking down the idea that you have to be part of the arts community or be an artist to participate in these sort of events and committees. In terms of the membership, it's compromised of student councils. Additionally, there are student representatives from the Union Gallery and Agnes Art Centre. Either the CAC or the deputy will sit on the committee. The council has the ability to grow. One more point, in terms of duties and responsibilities, is putting on an annual arts festival. This was done by the Arts on Campus Committee. It hasn't had the strongest showing in recent years. By creating a council, it embodies various clubs on campus, so it can help get the word out.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Have you spoken to the DSC's about this?

AMS Commissioner Savage: This policy was not just put together in isolation of its members. We had a pre-meeting; we met with all of them if they were available before drafting this. They had the chance to make revisions. This is the final product. This was not done in isolation.

Member at Large Grotsky: Five of six DSC's involved of this are extremely interested in this, and implementing it in the long term. We will entrench this in the responsibilities of the constitution of the DSC's.

Motion (6) carries.

MOTION 7: That Assembly approve the removal of AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 1, Part L: Event Planning Caucus, as seen in Appendix D: JDUC

Moved by: Campus Activities Commissioner Gareth Savage

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

AMS Commissioner Savage: Just to clarify, if you look in the appendix, it has a large portion of this. It should be all crossed out, so imagine a strike out, because this will be entirely removed. This committee has been defunct for several years. It was intended to be a collaboration of events, but this student caucus was not the way to achieve this. This is a pretty big list of ambitious people to get together. I'm just recognizing the realism here.

Motion (7) carries.

MOTION 8: That Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1, Sections 3 and 4, as seen in Appendix E: Leonard Cafeteria

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer

AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: In the fall, we came and talked to everyone



about assembly's role in the referendum. We went to the Presidents' Caucus about the assembly's role in referenda as well. Based on your suggestions this is what we have come up with. The first thing is we want to do is make elections period five weeks, instead of four. There would be a validation week, so groups could submit their budgets, forms, et cetera. In order to participate in nomination, you have to commit to the validation period. We then have more control over who is picking up nomination packages, and can ensure everyone participating is eligible. This would eliminate the confusion of eligibility vs. merit at Assembly, as eligibility has been covered. Also included in policy is restrictions on applying; the group must enhance student life on campus. No group can collect the money and directly give it to something else such as a charity. There are a lot of groups that take the money, and dump it into the bucket of another. We want to see groups improving the life of students. Another thing is putting qualifications on external groups so no external group can abuse the system. They would have to demonstrate to the VP of Operations, the CIA, and assembly why they require a fee, and what they can provide that isn't currently provided. There will be requirements to appear on the ballot, including a list of questions of what the fee is, et cetera.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: We are raising the threshold on how easy or difficult it is to collect a fee. For any corporate service, they will have to go through the same process. This makes it even. If you have questions, let us know. This is something that was very open ended when we jumped into it.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: My first question is in regards to 2.6, groups must enhance student life on campus. I want this in the minutes. We run a soup kitchen, twice a week. We buy the groceries, do the cooking, and it still falls under the mandate of students able to receive an opt-outable fee.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: That would still qualify as enhancing student life. You aren't taking the money and donating to another group, you are offering opportunities. It should also be noted that any groups on the current fee slate that do not meet these requirements will be grandfathered out.

Member at Large Sherman: Would this effect the fee going to the United Way commission?

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: It wouldn't affect that allocation. There is a separate contract. That has been a long standing fee, so there's a separate understanding between the United Way Committee and the AMS. I'm not familiar with the exact details, but we ran it by certain people, and it would not be affected.

Member at Large Sherman: Would it be possible to put that in the policy clearly, so there are no concerns ten or fifteen years down the road. We would note the exemption. It doesn't limit us from the United Way donation. I can speak with the Information Officer about how to best codify the policy.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: I would be hesitant to put a specific group in policy, in the event that they cease to exist and would be bound to have a fee.



EngSoc President Fleck: I would like to clarify, this stems from a discussion we encountered on whether or not the AMS is responsible for voting on eligibility. Nothing states whether we are voting on eligibility or merit. The only thing that is states is whether we can vote on if the VPOPS and the CIA did not vet the fees properly.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: It's important to note that these changes have been on the table for a while, so this is not out of the blue. This has removed assembly all together. If the CIA and VPOPS didn't do anything during the validation period, then it would go to the assembly.

Engineering Society 1st Year Representative Blair: I think there is a matter of debate. I would like to amend the motion to read the term “directly”.

AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: That is friendly.

Senator Duchaine: This is around the same part of the amendment that others have commented on. Related to the part about improving life on campus, many AMS clubs on campus like West African Aids Foundation or Nyantende groups. A large part is used to enhance the international life. It helps stop students involved in the process who are operating as a shell or as a way to funnel money. I see the spirit of money to stop collecting money. We aren't a third party charity. We need to broaden our definition.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: Would it address your concerns if we removed “on campus”, so it just said student life?

Senator Duchaine: Yes.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: Friendly.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: Regarding 6.24, are these groups going to be audited to determine how they are spending the fee?

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: We would randomly audit certain groups, based on recommendations from those close to the student fee slate. I took their considerations into account, then did a random excel formula to determine who was audited. They wouldn't audit the same group more than one year in a row. I would be hesitate to add anything that would constrain this.

Motion (8) carries.

MOTION 9: That Assembly approve the amendments to the AMS Constitution, as seen in Appendix F: Ban Right Cafeteria

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of Operations Nicola Plummer



Motion withdrawn.

MOTION 10: That Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 5, Part C: Clubs Grant Committee, as seen in Appendix G: Jean Royce Cafeteria

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

AMS Commissioner Olver: All this is doing is amending our clubs granting policy. Right now, clubs can't apply for more than one grant in the same academic year. Sometimes we'll have seventeen, eighteen thousand dollars to spend on grants in second semester, but less money in first semester. This is due to money being given to the Office from uncollected student fees. We want to make sure clubs have an equal chance in each terms, with preference being given to those who did not receive a grant in that year.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: What if you don't use up the full amount? Would you give it to them then?

AMS Commissioner Olver: That happened in the fall. We had fifteen thousand dollars in the fall, but we only gave out thirteen thousand. The money leftover is put into the winter amount.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: To follow up, so there's thirteen thousand dollars, and two thousand dollars left. Let's say a club applied already in the same academic year. You found that everything met the requirements. Would you give the \$2000 to a club that has already gotten money in that year?

AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: Probably not the full \$2000, but yes that could be a possibility. We could give them another grant if they met all of the requirements.

Motion (10) carries.

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the addition to Policy Manual One, Section Four, Part A and Part B, "The CEO shall notify Assembly by the final meeting of the Fall term if they are running in any elections in the year they are CEO. If the CEO notifies Assembly that they are running in an election, they must take a leave of absence from their position for the duration of elections period, ending seventy-two (72) hours after the results are announced."

Moved by: ASUS Representative Jon Wiseman

Seconded by: AMS Assembly

ASUS Representative Wiseman: This motion should be added to policy because it outlines what the Speaker should do if they have intention of running in an election. This is too unclear without in policy. Previously, it just said that the CEO had to announce conflict of interest.



Adding this policy clarifies what grounds the CEO has to taking a leave of absence. When a speaker takes a leave of absence, they are taking a leave from the CEO. Personally, I was a member of the AMS Elections Team. I didn't run in any elections because it would have compromised my conflict of interest. Some members mentioned that there's nothing explicit that the policy.

Member at Large Goodman: Point of information, at an earlier point in this year, did we not pass a motion for this?

AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Olver: I believe first one failed, the second one was tabled.

AMS Vice President of Operations Plummer: I was wondering if you would be interested in tabling this. I think this would be integrated into what the Executive wants to bring to assembly in several weeks. We could bring something fully made.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Okay, sounds good! Motion to table.
Seconded by ASUS Vice President Tahiri

Speaker: We are at the end of tonight's agenda. Are there any topics or burning issues?

Chairman Garcia: If you look at my report, we are undergoing selection process right now. Take a look at those.

AMS Commissioner Olver: Next assembly is the last assembly that people can submit fee related questions to the AGM. If anyone has fee related questions, you need to submit them by February 10th at noon. Anything received past noon will not be accepted.

Assembly adjourned at 10:09PM.

