



AMS Assembly Minutes – Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 ***Humphrey Auditorium***

President Eril Berkok (Hereafter referred to as Speaker):

I will be relinquishing my duty after the CFRC motion, as I have a conflict of interest with the remainder being AMS organizations. As I mentioned, I'm the Speaker, in which I have to say hahaha. I would like to remind everyone to keep calm and civil debate. Sometimes, debate gets heated, but we're a civil bunch of students. Just a few reminders, if you are leaving, please sign out. The table is outside of the doors. We have assembly volunteers holding down the fort at the doors. Also, if you have questions, go to them. QTV is here to live stream the event tonight. Whoa, shouldn't have called it an event, rather a proceeding. You'll see a lot of equipment around,

QTV has a lot of wires around. Please don't trip. That would be the worst.

Only AMS members have a vote, but any AMS members.

Fees cannot be removed from the floor.

Fee related changes, three different opportunities. Fall, winter referendum, there's an online ballot sent out to every ams member. Can go through referenda. Institute fee changes. Annual general meeting. That process if broken into two pieces. AMS regular meeting. Two meetings prior to the ams agm. Feb 14th was the last time this could be done. When it comes to agm, that's a confirmation, simple majority to be fully instituted for the following year. Hopefully that clears up everything. lastly, as far as speaking... because there are so many people here tonight,

Pinky for points, point of information for piece of information, point of order, if there's an issue with the order process, ppp you should raise if you've been misrepresented.

Member-At-Large: Point of information - can you speak once per motion?

Speaker: Yes, once per motion.

1. Approval of the Agenda for the AMS Annual General Meeting of Tuesday, March 18th, 2014.

MOTION ONE: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the AMS Annual General Meeting of Tuesday, March 18th, 2014

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Motion (1) carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the AMS Annual General Meeting of Tuesday, March 19th, 2013.

MOTION TWO: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting of Tuesday, March 19th, 2014

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Motion (2) carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: As Robbie normally says, that is my business. But today, that is me. I already spoiled this, I already said my blurb at the beginning. Anyway, my name's Eril Berkok, I'm the President of the AMS. As one last ditch effort at speaking, I will be the Speaker until the CFRC motion concludes due to a conflict of interest.

Lively: Point Of Order, could the chair go over quorum requirements for the meetings? And if motion if passed without quorum?

Olver: Quorum is 314 or so people, that many people are not here today. If any motion is passed, there can be a petition with 2% of membership signed, if this petition is within 2 week time, we can hold a separate meeting and rediscuss things with quorem. So there's no quorum today.

Berkok: State of the Union is on Thursday. If you're interested, do come out on Thursday. Moving to item, letter a.

4. Guest Speaker

a. Apollonia Karetos – Judicial Affairs Office Report, 2013 – 2014

I will entertain a maximum of two questions if anyone has any. Any questions? Any questions at all? Seeing none.

5. President's Report

AMS President Berkok: That is my report. I'm going to take off my speaker's hat. Hello everybody. I have nothing to add to my written report. If you have any questions, you can ask me now or come to assembly on Thursday. Oops, sorry, you don't have a written report. Okay, you can see my written report in the report for Thursday.

6. Vice President's Report

a. Vice President of Operations Plummer: Any questions, I'm happy to field them.

b. Vice President of University Affairs Pritchard: I will just highlight one thing important for Thursday. I did it last time during Assembly. We talked about administrative issues with clubs. Both Claire, Kristen and I have tried to find a solution for this problem. Our provider said they provide a lot of student unions, we're the only one that doesn't approve every event that we have.

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Garcia: Vice Chair Randall, Rico apologizes, he's tabulating votes. Thanks for everyone who came out to the ACGM. Thanks to the exec and our service directors who gave excellent presentations on financial projections. Rico and I will be giving a presentation on the raising of the AMS specific fee.

Speaker: I expect we'll be hearing about those results.

8. Student Senator's Report

Senator Duchaine: No report. Not present. There has been a meeting since the last assembly meeting. One coming up on the 25th. Long term strategic enrollment framework is coming for approval at the meeting next week. It's a hugely important document. The size of the amount of students on campus impacts everything, quality, student life, etc. Questions, email myself or duchaine. Going up next afterwards will be enrollment targets. Moving along to rector's report.

9. Rector's Report

Rector Francis: Hi everyone. I will try to be concise. I will let you know this is my last Agm as a student and rector. I've been serving in this position for 2 years. Soapbox, I've loved my time here. It's an amazing university. I don't even know who to thank. Brief reflection, now I have so many people to share this with in front of me, one of the best things I've learned in particular is there are so many great people here. Not referring to students, faculty, certainly not referring to senior administration, it's the people we pass by and don't realize that they make this university run. It's the janitors, the cafeteria workers. I've made a lot of friends with these people, and

One of these staff members has had a large impact on me, and probably others in this room, that person is Greg McKellar. He started his tenure here 25 years ago. Humble, caring, passionate individuals. Contributions to Queen's is overwhelming, but recognition is inadequate. Day to day work has positively affected tens of thousands of Queen's Students. Taught me more about education, undergrad experience,

though he doesn't have a building or a field named after him, his legacy lives on in

Share some quotes.

QUOTES

I'm going to take a bit longer. Things I recognize about the university, some of my concerns. It's just that a lot of you can attest to the unique experience you've had here. It doesn't match up to other experiences.

Amount of autonomy we give to students, the leadership opportunities we give to you is unique here. We're headed into a time, every university, we're coming into a culture of risk and liability. Something you see in elementary school, when they bubble wrapped you, so there's no risk to sue. We've talked about threats to the NAD system, threatened by the university. Only student run discipline system

Student run pubs were threatened for reforms of the alcohol policy. Oweek is threatened, and will continue to be threatened. The university acts in place of the parent. Prior to the 1960's started this. Socially engineered how students behave, where they can go, something we can't conceive of in this generation. The university is touching on this. The student leadership I have worked with have done such a phenomenal job at creating a positive environment. I was cynical a bit at the beginning of this year, that leaving this institution, these things would continue. I've had a revelation. Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to meet some of you. These people will take up the leadership. Please, don't hesitate to stand up for what you believe in. Stand up for a Queen's that is exceptional, with a level of autonomy unparalleled anywhere else. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Speaker: Any questions for the Rector?

MAL Mehra: Everlasting question, when will you be nominating someone for the nobel prize?

Francis: Good luck, Scott. On the list of potential nominators, it says university rectors, first of all, there's no other rector that's a student led position. Rectors are the presidents or principals of the university. We could be eligible.

Speaker: I've been informed that I should have directed questions for question period.

10. Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulhouse: Sorry everyone, anti climatic. Don't have Nic's inspiring words. Meeting took place 10 days ago, approved was the CMP for Queen's. Something that's been consulted on for a while now. Long term vision for physical campus. Exciting that it's finally in place. Now we're moving forward with that. Other highlight is the passing of the 2014/ 2015 tuition fees. Those are approved of by the board.

11. Statements by Members

Member-at-large: What can it be about?

Speaker: Anything.

MAL: About motions later on?

Speaker: That should be held for later.

12. Question Period

Speaker: Questions about anything relevant to the AMS

MAL Zuo: Changes to the dental and health plan for the 2014/ 2014

Plummer:C

What's offered, the drug changes about what comes available. I have a meeting on Thursday with our provider, studentcare.net.works. They cover coverage specifically for students. They tack onto employee, but this is tailored to students. I think we have one of the best deals. We were the first university outside of Quebec, that was ten years ago. We've enjoyed lower rates ever since.

Increased coverage on athletic therapy. Don't know about the drugs. In terms of basic coverage, no changes. In terms of cost changes, the only part that changed was the health part of the plan. I don't anticipate we'll be making any changes. If you come on Thursday, the provider will be a guest speaker. Communication strategy- mailing to residences in the summer prior to school, email communication throughout year. Dedicated line you can call for QU students. Field requests for AMS. Communication plan in place for us with doorhanger campaign. Does that answer anything? Are you looking into a specific plan?

MAL: No, that's quite enough.

13. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION THREE: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting of Tuesday, March 20th, 2014

Moved by: Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Thomas Pritchard

Seaker: We still have issues finding those minutes.

Olver: They don't know where the minutes are. Trying to get in touch with the scribes. No physical record in email or harddrive. I would ask that for now, we table this motion to the 2015 AGM. I will work for the rest of my term trying to find them.

Wiseman: motion to table
Goodman

MAL Lively: Does that go to the next AGM?

Speaker: It does indeed. Sorry, didn;t mean to sound mean.

Thomas Kwon:

Pritchard: The auditors don't get the minutes of assembly, only from our board.

Speaker: Discussion? Motion is to table motion 3. All in favour?

14. New Business

MOTION FOUR: That AMS Assembly approve an increase in the CFRC fee (mandatory) from \$5.07 to \$7.50, an increase of \$2.43.

Moved by: Eric McElroy

Seconded by: Breanna Owen

Speaker: Now open to debate.

Olver: No, no. No open to presentation.

I was recommended to tell people in the back not to talk so much, it's hard for the record taker to take notes. Can you sit down, if possible, due to fire code.

Hasina: Can you clip the mic to you? It'll be less fuzzy.

Breanna: I'm a CFRC volunteer. Eric and I and Ken were having meetings with a lot of you a few weeks ago, you may have heard. Background info. You probably know, we're the Queen's/ Kingston campus radio station. We're the oldest campus radio broadcasters. First broadcast was Gaels football game.

Aim to provide CFRC members with opportunities to participate and gain experieicne whose programming and practices aren't constricted by profit. Diverse music, spoken word. 35 programs are student run. Including the vault, pro bono, right of reply, wavelength, and 32 other original programs, produced by 170 volunteers. New campsijn, live from lazy, enhances student experieicne from the Lazy Scholar. Lize

from Clark Hall, showcasing student talent to Kingston community.

McElroy: We provide a lot of technical experience through workshops, DJ, making great radio. In terms of professional development, lots of opportunity. Manager positions similar to arts service positions. Music coordinators included. In terms of curricular involvement, CFRC android app was developed by a first year student last year. iPhone app being developed by fourth year student. Co-curricular agreement with audio production internships for course credit.

Unique opportunities to work with 100 community members. 548000 listeners from Brockville to Belleville, Watertown to _____. Over the years, thousands have benefited, Queen's does not have any media programs, CFRC allows students to gain valuable skills from field recordings to investigative journalism.

What's happened? Why are we in front of you. We've separated from the arts due to federal regulations that stipulate we must be an independent organization. We've become fully financially independent, completely autonomous as of May 1st. We've been working on strategic plans, five year and ten year. Revitalize the station. Help to make the station financially and fiscally sound. Additionally, the university requires that organizations pay for space on campus. Chance for university to renegotiate that \$45000 in rent annually, starting May 1st. If this passes, the university will match the new student contribution in rent, so rent for free. The station will have its space for three years. We're in dire need of equipment upgrades. Some equipment is over 20, 30 years old. As part of the station revitalization plan.

We have equipment that you can't even get parts for. In three years, no matter what, we will be paying rent. What's possible with the fee increase. Station revitalization plan. With support from stakeholders,

CFRC revitalization plan overhauls infrastructure for better access to content and opportunities. Provides analog and digital skills. Series of enhancements to physical space itself. Structurally, staff are single biggest cost. It's not sustainable moving forward. Balancing budget. Changes to CFRC staffing structure, programming and digital manager. Creation of student only position. Come at the cost of maintaining high level of service. Changes to staff will continue to provide quality and service. Combination of technical upgrades will result in more content online, increasing student engagement. Sustaining of levels of on campus outreach.

Big question is why doesn't the station engage in more commercial revenue? Station has \$15000 from commercial streams. An increase of 50% isn't enough to move forward. We've done well gaining grants. Funds grants have been built into financial projections. However, because we utilize them so effectively, the margin for improvement is very small.

Lloyd: Thanks for coming. When they came, I voted not in favour. I think they've demonstrated that the need the fee. They proved to me that they have gone through comprehensive changes and will continue to make changes to improve their service.

McDonald: Super brief, give you the golden notes for financial model. Just intended to look at 5 and 10 year picture. Three goals, stability, infrastructure changes, continued delivery of services. Two pictures of the model, showing the worst case scenario. Bottom line is there continued. Red is bad, red is dead. Red under the bottom line is really bad. Once it gets here, it's gone. Res, starting next year, it will last one more year before disappearing all together. Actual plan is here. Alleviate all of the red except for one year. That's with the fee increase. Draw your attention to here. They're not saving this money, they're spending it right away. That's what we need it to look like, and that's what this fee will do. This was never a done deal myself for approving this. I had a lot of expectations for them to change to come forward with something people would support. Hope you got the point, red is dead, so yeah.

MAL Mehra: Why is this process being conducted through AGM, not referendum?

Our thinking was that we wanted all Queen's students that had a vested interest in CFRC and other campus media were able to make an informed decision. We couldn't present Devon's financials if we went through referendum. Better informed decision if they care about this issue. Democratic process in that way. We thought that CFRC is a complex issue, wanted people to make informed decision.

McElroy: in three years time, we plan to go for a refer renewal, we'll be in a position to do so.

Chinniah: If this fee passes today, is there a commitment that they won't seek another increase?

Devon: Anything given the current structure, unless the university suddenly charges some exorbitant amount of money for something. If we needed changes, we don't foresee any reason we couldn't cover it.

Speaker: Team of experts at the front have reminded me that I have to wait your turn for you to speak.

Wiseman: CFRC first came up. I support the increase, while some believe radio is a dying field, we hope to keep it relevant. Intricate radio, talk shows, etc. According to Wikipedia, longest running radio stations in the world. It's important to maintain this historic piece of Queen's. Some people will vote against this simply because they believe this shouldn't be increased. Why they are coming through this with this goal plan, their financials are realistic. Seeing their radio station, walking through the halls is important to note, they are a launching pad for small artists. Give them some chance to get noticed. Vote for this motion.

MAL Shrewder: How many listeners do you have on average every month?

CFRC conducted a survey two years ago placing volunteers at various locations on campus and Kingston, we have 48000 listeners at any given time. I can send more info

on methodology. We found 48000 listeners.

Closing: Thanks for coming. Brief. CFRC has a clear, reasonable plan to achieve financial stability, pursue increased student training and opportunities. We came here last year, and we were unsuccessful. We consulted students about what they want to see us do. Raise the profile of students on campus. Engaged first year students, farmers market, Clark Hall, other initiatives we mentioned. Introduce more students to the CFRC.

Motion (4) carries.

Speaker: I didn't count precisely, but it looks like the motion carries.

Clapping should be saved for unanimous approvals.

Wiseman:

Speaker: In this case, because it's a confirmation, it's a simple majority.

Speaker: Because we're coming up to an AMS service, I will relinquish the chair.

Thompson: People along stairs, find chairs, fire hazards. For us, logistically, say your name and "member at large" following that so we can keep you accountable to the minutes.

MOTION FIVE: That AMS Assembly approve that the Queen's TV [QTV] \$3.00 fee should no longer be subject to individual opt-out.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Rhee: Current exec producer

Mohammad: Business manager

Only student run news program at Queen's, expand content with fee, over thirty years, started as StudioQ, on a Cogeco cable. On a 30 minute show airing every Wednesday, but we moved exclusively to online content. From then on, we moved away from cable broadcasts to online.

Another important part is client based video service. 15 staff run the service. We deal with clients ranging from student clubs to anything in the Queen's Kingston community. Affordable prices. Last pillar of QTV is our live stream. Live stream of every Gael game, men and women, all home football games. This is something that's only been two years old, something we want to expand upon. Future of QTV. Potential that it can bring to our

service is great. We went to expand this into rugby and hockey, and beyond sports.

One of our volunteers working hard.

The film and media department only has three actual hands on courses. Rest are theory. This allows students all over queens to get hands on practical experience with live broadcasting. Same equipment used in professional field. Our equipment is industry standard. ABC, MTV, Boston Celtics. Giving students that want to go into this field will develop the skills, technical knowledge, edit videos. No other service that can offer that to students.

In terms of student engagement, we have news and entertainment coverage. Beyond am elections, covering freedom speech wall, to the fact that it's snowing outside. Yes, we have that as well. It reaches out to all students. Live coverage of sports games. We want to expand beyond that to assemblies, tedxqueensu. Giving the opportunity to expand, we could cover more student events. We're not just volunteer service, all of our staff is employed. Expand that even more. Outside CIS volleyball championships. We livestreamed to thousands of viewers.

We want the \$2 opt outable fee to be made mandatory. It was optional for seven years. Due to all of our expansion, we would anticipate an additional \$15000. had to cut back our staff. Livestream is getting bigger. Coverage has to be the highest coverage as possible. Paid staff to this area. Another part of that is each year, we purchase tripods, sd cards, things that break every year. Fee will facilitate some of those costs.

Financial breakdown. \$24000 will be capital expenditures, \$18000 will be for remunerations (which is a fancy word for saying we pay people), this would give us 20 new student jobs. Last \$3000 will be to buy non appreciable equipment; batteries, etc.

This will free up a lot of resources. We use from the same pool of equipment. Video factoring projects. Sometimes equipment goes on a shoot. The mic is missing, it allows us to free up equipment, raising the quality of our service. Flexible of service requirements. We'll have our own equipment for various departments. Allows us to cover twice as many games. Next year we want to do all rugby games. Rugby and football overlap, so we can't do all of them. Next year, we would be able to add all of these new sports. Another multicaster allows us to go beyond sports. More games, higher quality, fully staffed. We need to have paid positions, not only do they learn, but they're paid for those opportunities. We're covering athletics games.

Oh no... (video goes out). With the opportunity to expand our service, we can cover other student events going on around campus. For example, vogt charity fashion show. Cover these events at a lower cost to the clubs. Thanks for listening.

Speaker: Open up debate on this motion. I know McDonald will start us off. Sorry, I might call you out by what you're wearing if I don't know your name.

McDonald: Like all the other fees, this is never sure. We always require a lot from the services. I think these two have done an excellent job at specifically outlining their financials. How can we best affect students, but how can we generate more equipment and capability. They have an absolute frugality, or scarcity of resources, compared to any other services. It's how resource intensive this is. Allowing this to pass, will expand their capabilities by enormous amounts. This isn't going to be supporting a deficit. It's going to be efficiently used. Because they have so few dollars, they'll use every dollar and cent most effectively. That's been demonstrated.

Chinniah: Wondering if you can say a few words on why mandatory, not increase opt out.

The idea of optoutable fee. We want to stabilize the service. Problem with optout fees, we can't predict how many students will opt in or out. If we did raise the fee, we don't know if more students will opt out. Each dollar counts. We want a strong annual foundation for financials. How much revenue is coming to the service.

McDonald: All that included, but as well, every other media service, including golden words, has a mandatory fee. Anybody can use the, . Accessible to anybody. Provides the community at large .

Stacey Lambert: Speak on behalf of qtv, i think this is beneficial, this is the only media outlet that doesn't have a mandatory fee. It doesn't make sense. It's been optoutable for 7 years ago. If you look at the changes over those years, we've improved greatly. One of the only universities in Canada with livestream. We don't have a program at Queens, important for students going into journalism and media. It's something I've chosen for my future based on qtv. There's no other service that can offer livestream. If you look at that shotgun mic in the corner, it has three pieces of tape on it. That's like all of our equipment. Mandatory fee is the only thing that will make us sustainable in the future.

MAL Sheldon Baw: Handouts.

We did have a handout at assembly, but we are budget constrained. We couldn't afford to print off hundreds of pamphlets. A coloured print, we would have loved to, but we have to be frugal. We felt that with our presentation, with debate, and asking questions, it would be easier for us to show our points that way. Mainly, we couldn't afford it. As silly as that sounds... It's that, not desperate, but reality.

Godin: I will be speaking on number of motions this evening with similar tone. I don't agree with mandatory fees. I believe most fees shouldn't be mandatory, especially through agm. I believe the same thing to be accomplished with an increase in the optoutable. Proposed initiatives are also revenue generated as well. Perhaps contracts can also generate this. In November 2011, a similar motion was posed in referendum. It was 2.5 years ago, but it failed with 83%.

MAL Sam Garry: I support all media outlets, but a problem that has plagued all media outlets has been the fee being mandatory. It's been the mandatory aspect. How do I, or

we as students, guarantee the quality of QTV?

Absolutely, qtv is a growing service, the team that comes in shapes how the year will be going. Normally the time people opt out is at the beginning. No one would know what they're going to get from the service, that's unfair. You haven't been able to see it play out. You don't/ can't make that judgment.

Speaker: Point from prtichard,

pritchard: POI, reminder, just because something's mandatory doesn't mean it won't come back for renewal. I know Eril and I won't be here for three more years.

Chinniah: POI, I believe that's false. Media services, arts protected services, pritchard wasn't here the year before that.

Plummer: Certain services are protected, but to address your concern, you can challenge the fee at any point. You can say that you aren't getting the quality you deserve.

McDonad: there are many ways to lodge a complaint. I can tell you, despite hearing a lot of rhetoric, I have yet to see someone come and lodge that complaint or pursue a formal process. If you're getting involved, whether in the structure, externally, or internally, it's not between liking it and not liking it.

Kwon: On your presentation, you gave us a breakdown of where the fees go to, and I see the merit in that, but can you give us a breakdown about how the 40% is being done with hiring. Execm pay by hour, etc.

Part of the fee would rearrange our honouraria program. We would eliminate five of them. We'd have the exec producer of livestreaming, and four producers. The exec would get an honouraria. Staff gets paid minimum wage. We accommodated for the wage increase. We calculated based on hours of games this year. Each game is three hours for set up and take down, we calculated 18000 in total. We're hiring 20 staff for each game. Some get small honouraria, others wage. Same goes for staff, totals up to 18000. they can switch it around.

McDonald: some of the cost is covered by athletics. The fact that we are receiving other revenue, it's not enough. We are doing that, we are seeking other revenue sources. We're hoping to expand that.

Speaker: remind you guys, say your names, and only one can speak to a direct response at a time.

Savides: Echo Godin's point. I'm personally conflicted. My passion's outside of engineering and student government is short film and filmmaking. It adds a lot of value to a student like me, but I don't feel as it offers that much value as a whole. We should be asking all of the students if they believe that as well. I have to bring back to the

referendum of 2011, where 83% opted not to establish a mandatory fee. They've made strides to improve their content, but I don't think it has improved enough for all of the students. I think something is going to gain from qtv to garner enough for an increased opt out fee.

McDonald:

Godin: POO, my understanding is direct responses is only to answer questions.

Speaker: McDonald, is it POI.

McDonald: it's about the 83%. about what's changed.

Speaker: on that note, we will go with Godin.

MAL Mehra: Point, hopefully, I want to ask, has been mentioned numerous times, why have you not put this to referendum. You feel there's a good enough case, but why can't the student population vote on this?

Rhee: for the question, we didn't go to referendum, most of our time is spent to the AMS elections. Vp, p, we don't have a lot of time to put forth a campaign because we're covering everyone else's campaign. We feel as if students are already overloaded on whom to vote for. Didn't want to get lost in noise. Show details in what we want to do with the money instead of throwing it in one or two paragraphs. In terms of future changes, we would go to referendum. We didn't have the time or resources to go to referendum. We wanted debate to occur. More students can get more information. Thanks for the recommendation. Weren't aware that it existed.

MAL Burton: Current livestream manager, it's made such an impact on me. It's my go-to. They're my friends. I know you all have things you're passionate about. A lot has changed since 2011. biggest thing is livestreaming, which is happening right now. Anyplace around the world. Including homecoming, all of those important events that you're missing. In the past year, we've had 400 – 1000 viewers, way more than that on our homecoming. View the party at Queens Pub. It brought together the Queens community. More could watch homecoming tickets. We really want to contribute to the community in that way. We can expand to get a second tricaster. Parent wrote into us this year, and he said how important it's been to watch his girl play basketball this year, as he's in Calgary. Huge connection to greater community. We've been expanding so much since 2011. so important for athletics as well. We're one of the top three in quality or livestream in athletics, the other two schools have full dedicated programs. We're competing with that through a club. I want to applaud the team for that. Whol service has grown so much. Kingston news, Queens, political news, do some drunk trolling. Hopefully you'll consider us.

MAL Walsh: I would like to start off by saying that I have no personal association with them. I've seen them on Facebook, but that's it. We have three main sources of journalism, journalism, cfr, and qtv. Out of those three (four), only one of them isn't

covered under a mandatory fee. In this time and age, print media isn't as strong as it used to be, but qtv would be super sustainable if they did get this fee.

MAL Zou: I have a comment and question. I want to say that I like the idea of QTV itself, but (there's always a but), i think because they're under the ams, if this fee was passed, it would be a fee that is not subject to thre year review. It wouldnt be voted on every three yers. It puts it in the category of walkhome, or the underground. I think it's an important service, but i don't think its an essential service. I dont think that making it an esstrial service will make the community better. Question, what is the projected future cost of your operations per viewer?

McDonald: It's hard to come up with that for a variety of reasons. Views is what we tabulate. I'll take the student body as a proxy for that. We're asking for \$3. but that's subsidized by advertising revenue, grants, athletics, those \$3 per student, it's actually, in terms of real cost, would be more like \$5 - \$6 cost for the same equipment and coverage.

Rowalson: I would like t say I'm a fan of qtv, wathcing the ams presedential debates has becomean odd experience. We're putting them at an unfair advantage. We're oddly punishing the media. I appreciate the argumaents youre making.. if this was on a ballot, my concern would be that elections are not about complicated issues. You say you only have 1 or 2 paragraphs to put down. That's not the case. You can organize booths to harrass students, proud tradition of student politics, rallies. In a body of 300 students is equivalent to 5000 students voting, it's against the principles of democracy. It's important to get involved in elections.i am concerred about that motion. I do understand that you have time contraits. You said you were live stremaing the preseidential debates. Why couldnt you go to referendum in the fall?

Rhee: reaspons we dont go into fall referendum, that's when we hire and train. We havent started the season into, in the beginning of the yer, we are always going through frosh week, hustling stuents to join qtv. Our videos are getting produced. Videos arent a fair represenattion of the year to come. Going through fall referendum, we're already campaigning for students to jin qtv, we cant campaign for students who arent in qtv to vote for us.

Couldnt any club say that in the fall peiod? Every lcub has to hire and train.

Mohammad: i dont thinkt hats true with evry club. We have a more intensive training process. Video shoot, come back, computer, upload it. It's what the club means to them.

Followup:

Godin: POI, I tihnk this is his third time.

POI: it's a followup question.

speaker: we follow the three nos rule? If you want to aska followup question, you could

have someone pass their speaking rights.

Randall; POI, I feel like it's a shame that the ams says that referendum and agm are both acceptable ways to pass a fee.

Lloyd: couple points, at the ams, we push each other to be innovative and revolutionary new initiatives. I feel like qtv has done that. They've adapted their programming, laying the foundation for the years ahead. During the election, during staceys program, when you were asking funny question, and im not a funny guy, we showed that theres more intensive news related stuff. we were grilled by justin in a room on our platform. A referendum and agm are two central means. If you have problems with that, we can deal with that on a different day.

MAL Marina Deer: Question regarding grants, it makes up a substantial amount of funding. You said advertising, but nothing about grants.

Rhee: we do go for grants, but it doesnt make a large substantial budget, we get 1000 a year from grants. Same with athletics. Qua gives us grant program. In a sense, it's grants, but in exchange, we provide live stream services. That snawers that. In terms of outside grants, it doesnt make up a large portion of our grants. What we need in terms of money.

Scott Mason: Move to ask the question
Seconded

Wiseman: POI, how many left on the speaking list?

Speaker: two others but one is looking to move the question as well. Call to question. For those who dont understand, were voting on the procedure to start voting on the motion.

MAL Brohm: POI, this would skip anyone else on the speakers queue.

(motion carries)

Speaker: sorry to everyone else on the speakres list.

Closing: thanks for staying with us, we've had this fee for 7 years. Changing in the past three years. Shout out to eugene mccashew, they're the year that kickstarted qtv. Years before that we were in a rut. They introduced the livestream. Out of the darkness into a more enlightening path. Bigger future. We are constrained by this fee. It's amazing, we're at our limits. Unfortauntely we cant, our equipoment is constrained. Our demand is huge, and we dont have the capacity with quality service. Sharing 3 cameras and 2 microphones with over 100 vlunteers. The 3 mendatory gives all of our students a high quality, better cotnent. We've changed. We're changing to a more serious service. We want to be a more legitimate media service on campus. You have a great shot at media related field. Especially with livestrema, industry standard. In kingstn, only service.

Unique opportunities, open to all students. Experience for all student, manager, volunteer. We can do that.

Mohammad: you're voting on this fee to see the changes. As changes, when you graduate, you can look back, no matter where you are in the world. You can look back and see how you helped change the service.

Carries

Oliver: we found the minutes!! they are online, emailed to assembly membership, quite a few spelling mistakes. Read them over.

MOTION SIX: That the AMS Assembly approve an increase in the Queen's Journal fee (mandatory) from \$6.96 to \$8.16, an increase of \$1.20.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Allison: hi everyone, I'm editor in chief

Thanks for being here tonight, coming here to confirm an increase, asking for an increase. Going into the numbers, background information on who we are. Founded in 1873, oldest student newspapers. The AMS is the paper's publisher, autonomous from them. Print edition on Fridays, web on Tuesdays. Our mandate is to inform students. Currently we have not journalism school giving students the chance to get their feet wet. John Stackhouse, current editor of Globe and Mail. More recent alumni are working for CB, New York Times.

As a newspaper and as a service, newspaper revenue overall. Since 2005, overall revenue has decreased by 55%, overall, everywhere has decreased 53%. Since last May, 20% decrease in operating expenses. A little bit about, pick up rate is 70%. Low 50's earlier this year. In the last 12 months, 480,000 gross visits to our website. We've made a lot of cuts. 44-47,000 deficit. We're happy to say that we cut to zero. Depending on revenue climate, some of the cuts, back in the summer, we cut our print editions, went from 44 to 29. Balanced out with digital editions. We replaced permanent AMS staff position, someone who worked at the journal full time, that saved us \$43,000. Cut the salary for which standard internships in half, now \$5,000. Cut the cleaner position, office expenses. After all of these cuts, this is a good time to get extra money. We can provide more for students. We're asking for a \$1.20 increase.

Coverage and education

Good response from these (state of the university), how we can do this

This would be a \$20,000 – 35,000 capital expenditure over three years. Enhanced online experience for readers and valuable advertising space. Like it to be a long form digital

feature front. Something we can't do right now. Increase honoraria. Right now they get low hono, by upping it, they can commit more to the journal. Second change in coverage is hiring a creative director. \$2500 honou for the year. Bolstering the visually side of our papaer. This would lead to ta better visual project. We arent doing as much as we want to due to time constraints. Adapt to indutry change. See what's going on digitally in the newspaper industry.

Education: right now, as i said, no formaly training porogram at queens. We envisioned several ways to bolster education. As you can see, lot of staff are here. It's funny because we actully fdont own any equipment. Anyone wanting to learn about multimedia, and we dont have that. New camera equippmnt. More mulitpmedia staff. By strengthening these skills, we can rcreate the kits. Coding workshops, now, coding is a key skill. Globe and mail just ired its first coder/ journalist. State of the university reuqired a coder. We want to have beyond that one individual, we want our staff to be knowledgable. We can go further on our reporting skills. More interactive story telling. That's it.

McDonald: this will really impact. Again, emphasize that nothing was assured. Im trying to show you the work that wasdone to get the service to a point to say that youve made enough sacrificie, restructured things enough, worked hard enough that youve done something worthwhile for students to go to agm. Budgetted to zero, minue 20% in operating costs. Problem with journal is even though its budgetted for zero, they cant account for the future. By doing this, youre giving them the tools to reignite their passion for news in a new format. People dont think building websites is expensive, but it costs 10s of thousands of dollars. Other point – I want to address what will come up in debate. Why dont we cut print? No one cares about rprint. You may think that, but they already have pick up rates of 70%, which is extremely high for free pick up publications. By cutting print, we lose \$80000 through advertising. We cant save money by cutting print. I've seen murrings of this on twitter. Print is a net contriutor of 80000 every year.

MAL Neil Harris: Sports editor of the journal. The journal has been the highlight of my undergrad yearas. It began as a hobby. In my opinoin, it's a great training for students, but due to financial constraints, it's affecting our teaching experiment. I tihnk an extra 1.20 , youre supporting young journalists, the next journalists of our time. Concern with prices, tjhomecoming.com we're producing limited training and resources. Go to those, and imagine what increased money and resources would do. I guess i urge you tosupport this motion!

MAL Sam Perry: Incoming exec, first of all, want to say that the journal, poeple have voiced concern in the apst. We're stuck with the journal. You can get rid of it. But it's also the most legitimate news source. It's an esstnal service. We're entering a tenuous state of existance. We need to be kept as aware aw possible. Their information is powerful and concentrated. That information is key for us. When we start hearing about certain things going on, nad being threatened by admin, issues in residnece, issues at the journal itself, with its level of journalistic indpendence itself. Without them, we woud have to rely ona grapevine. We deserve to know what's going on and keep people

accountable. The stronger the journal is, the stronger the student body is, the stronger we are to create continuity. I will take any opportunity I can to support the journal. The journal has to become better for us to be better informed. Really, we're going to pay for not having that information there.

MA: Chris Lamm: first time every showing up. I came here today because I feel passionate about an issue. The program for fee increases have demonstrated improvement in services over the last 2 to 3 years. The journal has not. I think there's an overall lack of writing integrity. I

they're platform was not just a gimmick. You can't say these kind of things as a representative of student voices. If you want to talk about fees,

POI: that article is published annually, as part of the editorial board, and it's meant to be biased.

Speaker: note for everyone, POI, if you have a jarring point that needs to be said, put your pinky up.

Lam: I'm referring to SMH there's clear bias. Going forward, that kind of editorialism is unprofessional. In a ten, fourteen day period, you didn't even provide the websites for the platforms. Thanks to qtv for providing that. You completely misquoting people. You didn't take the time to get the direct line from them. People are frustrated with the journal. They write down whatever to fit the story. You're not involved with Queens affairs reparable. I was upset about my conference, I called the journal four days ahead. Called back the next day. Called the day before. They promised they would send someone, didn't get any journalists whatsoever. It wasn't covered after I called four days in a row. You're not covering us, so you don't get our money. You didn't even put this online. On March 13th, you talked about the lost union gallery, but you didn't talk about yourself. You had suitable time to talk about this event. To get student money, you have to do a good job. I don't think you've done that, and I don't think you should get this fee increase.

Speaker: as a speaker, stop clapping after discussion. For POI's, pinkies, it's hard for me to write everything down. Direct all conversation to me. If you have problems with whatever the problem is about,

POI Donaldson: Anti climatic, PPP, if you smear the name, do they get to continue smearing your good name, or can you cut in.

Speaker: Technically no, but I'd stop them.

MAL Kobridge: we didn't give SMH or WRL a fair shot. I produced videos for each. The video swelled out before qtv.

MAL Chong: Back at the conference of philanthropy, I wrote an article on it. If you do contact any of us at our work email or phone, we'll return it right away.

Wiseman: Tell members to please use gender neutral terms. Address speaker as speakerthompson, not mr speaker.

Speaker: Thanks mr wiseman.

Lam: POI, my request was to be a journalist at the event, but there wasn't. The article was written post conference rather than at.

Speaker: Back to the debate, about the fee, not entirely about current operations. Maybe speaking with them individually would be better.

MAL Dario Paola: Thanks speaker for addressing me. What grants and loans do you receive?

Macdonald: there might be a grant, the grants that make up the 50000 take care of day to day projects. They can't receive project grants in that same way – concerns about the arctic, the journal is not well suited in the same way

cultural, it's old, the ontario government would like to see it continue. Something along the lines of cultural perspectives

trillium grant – investments in infrastructure. The ones even broader are project based. Recurring costs, not one time costs. Have to rebuild that over three years. It's a recurring cost that we can't cover in project grants.

MAL Zou: Thanks, speakers. Thanks for the presentation. Question, you say that, I'll lead into it. You say the pick up rate is 70%, I'd say the reading rate isn't even 1/5th of that. I've been walking around campus for a while now. Probably 7 months. I've never actually seen a student walk around while reading. Don't get me wrong, I'm not aware of your distribution methods. How many students actually read it? I'd say it's under 14%. In the future, if this is approved, what can you provide the student body, that other media sources on campus, and international and domestic newspapers can cover?

McDonald: Regardless of whether or not we read it, if nobody read it, I think lots of people read it, even if none did it, because it would subsidize the cost of the content by 80%. The online readership is very strong. Our pick up rate is strong, 70% of even with all of that in mind, the cost, we would still do it. Lastly, what they're asking is to have more resources. To allow better services. Expanding operating services to students. I'll let them go on.

Allison: you're asking what can we provide that no one else can? There's a couple things, it goes along with our two pillars. The journal, we publish twice weekly. We work hard, not that other student media sources don't, but our staff have hard deadlines twice a week. Having those deadlines makes the journal what it is. That speaks to it itself. Breaking news, right now, when something breaks on campus, we're the first news source to have it because we're the first one on it. When there's an unexpected event,

something controversial, that's why we're really strong. The other services don't necessarily provide that.

Lively: POO, raise concern with the functioning of the agm. When we have someone, someone who has identified as a first year student, when they come to make a comment about the democratic process, we shouldn't be jeering or laughing. It creates an environment and unsafe space. They won't want to come voice their opinions. I also saw comments about myself when my finger went up in the air. You should show a little respect. You people know whom you are.

MAL Mehra: you might be surprised that I'm asking this, but this time, I want to elaborate. Yes, the AMS constitution has allowed for agm and referendum. However, we know there's no quorum. There's treachery with what we do with the AMS. There's no existential risk like CFRG, no distinction between CFRG with the mandatory fee, like WTV. Considering you have achieved the budget, you have zero, why again would you justify going through the agm process?

Are you asking why agm versus referendum?

Agm

this was something we talked about before going through this. The cuts we've had to make. Complicated enough financial situation. In terms of CFRG's existential crisis, before we made these cuts, we were in a similar situation. We've decreased operating expenses by 20% this year. When I was going over all of the cuts, that's not something we think we can say in a 150 referendum statement, not on a poster. We've made so many changes, we don't think the student with the information that they'd had would understand.

MAL Brah: I'm speaking in opposition. It would be very, print media is a dying media. Many newspapers are moving to an online format. It's an expensive cost. Unlike a real newspaper, the journal doesn't have to do that. They are in a sheltered position, they are held up by the student government. They subsidize their costs and operations costs. I agree that we should have a campus newspaper, we should cut print entirely, move to online. I can't recall a time at all where I have reached for a print copy. I have read the online articles, I won't comment on the accuracy, but I have read them. People go to the twitter page, share articles on facebook, print journal is not working. We speak about the 70%. I counted the journals out of interest. There are about four copies picked up out of those left. I have seen the janitor throw out the newspaper, same with golden words. It doesn't take into account actual readership. We need to change your operations. These changes are not enough to account for the changes in this industry. The journal needs to catch up. That's not through student fees, but actually examining the realities of the situation.

Speaker: you can add a point for clarification

McDonald: I should know, if anybody, the financial stance of the journal. If we cut print, we would lose \$80,000 more. Print, whether or not students read it, it still subsidizes cost.

We generate 130000 revenue at a fraction of producing that. Print has little to do with operating structure. We won't save money by cutting print any more. What they're going to do is invest in things that aren't print.

Godin: I did say it would rise on multiple motions. I've thought about this. I've consulted with a great deal of people, including those associated with the journal. Few problems, one is there are massive overhead costs. A house that costs \$26000 a year. The journal is projected to run a deficit this year. I don't support an increase. I want to bring attention to the everything here, that four years ago, it was doubled (fee). Granted, there have been changes, but I think the journal has provided the essential services necessary in the mandate. I've spoken to students about this, they don't agree with an increase of the fee. This fee is mandatory and not subject to review. They can find other ways of revenue.

Chinniah: replace this by saying, I've never been involved with the journal, never had an opportunity to work or interact with them on the staff basis. There are times when I'm reading there, and it's not accurate when I'm quoted. The big reason for the journal is to ensure that student government is held accountable, for information to be disseminated properly. We don't always agree with journal autonomy, my disagreement is a small price to pay for the editorial value to the community. This fee won't support the journal as it is today. It is to engage the community and increase its base. This can revamp the online presence. I'm saying this not because I have a vested interest, but because it's an essential service, regardless of if I agree or not. Whenever Sebastian walks into assembly, I cringe, because I know he will misquote me at some point. I know I can call them and get it fixed. If they don't call me back, well, I'll be there pissed off. If I pass the fee tonight, we're funding the revamp plan for a service that has to be here in years to come. Because it keeps out collective memory together. Memorial Lam has had bad experiences, but maybe ask for a correction if he was misrepresented. I implore you to pass this fee, just on the basis that it is essential.

Lam: I was under the impression we weren't supposed to intentionally target people.

Chinniah: If the member is offended, I withdraw my comment.

Speaker: sorry that that happened, don't address previous comments. I think he was addressing

MAL Maytech clarify some points perceptions of bias that the journal has with the articles. Lack of coverage, news story and an editorial, it gets run in the opinion section. I don't think there's anybody in this room who has never made a mistake before, we do publish corrections, we have to keep in mind that this is a training ground. We're not claiming to be perfect, we're not claiming that we make mistakes, I feel like having this negative perspective, third point is a lack of ___ -to what they're talking about. We would love to cover everything on campus, but we want to relay that information to others. We don't have enough staff members to do that. Allowing to cover those events,

MAL Zou: presenters of journal said they want to be the best possible news source for students, not a training ground.

Allison: two pillars were coverage and education. In constitution, we're here for dialogue, events, and training ground. That goes under our education pillar.

MAL Leck: Echo some points, talk about, disclose, I'm assistant editor, I think in terms of daily life like at the journal, it's easy to hate us because we're faceless, you don't understand what's going on behind the scenes. I work 3 to 5 hours a week. I'm paid \$2.90 an hour. It's small staff. Part of what's going on here, we want money so we can make someone entirely dedicated to design, then we can improve story quality. At the same time, design our front page. When you have people pulling three or four all nighters, they're going to make mistakes. We want to take new directions. In terms of mistakes, if you feel misquoted, we will run a correction. We are all students, we are learning. We try to improve on it. I think that's important to remember. We work hard with getting a lot back. In terms of recognition, we get little recognition for all of the hard work we do. I think it could be better. The idea is the ability to process better content.

MAL Wheton: points about how staff are overworked, just want to ask, is that kind of the point of an editor, they're supposed to fact check? As much as it sucks that people are overworked, I don't think that that's the point of the editor to make excuses. They are there to fact check. I don't see how this increase will do that.

Response: our goal is to get every single fact in our newspaper and website correct. Mistakes happen. The point that they brought up is that we all make mistakes. Our mistakes, people know about, and we apologize. It shouldn't happen, but it does. We're not coming up with excuses. It's a reality. We try to be accountable. The point member Leck was making was trying to make more transparent the daily life of a staffer. That's something people don't know, we're rather faceless, but coming here, we can show you that yes, we're human, yes, when you're running on three hours of sleep.

Randall: POO, I'm not sure what time you have, we've been debating this for 60 minutes.

Speaker: We've reached 60 minute point. Thanks Randall. We allot 60 minutes, but we can max out at 90 minutes. Either motion to extend or motion to- actually how it will work, I can entertain a motion

Kwon: Motion to call it to question.

Speaker: you can motion to call it to question. It's procedural, so it's not debateable.

MAL Neo: Arent we supposed to first vote to motion to extend? Arent we supposed to do that. That should be debated on first. There are members that clearly want to do so.

Pritchard: Proper procedure is entertain to call the motion. We don't need another motion to continue for ninety minutes.

POI, by calling the question, you will be eliminating anyone who has come here on their

right to speak. You're eliminating their democratic right.

Randall: Read the policy, after 60 minutes of debate, assembly must run a motion.

MAL wrong: I understand that that is policy, member neo, prior to the motion to call the question, ---

Speaker: it's necessary after 60 minutes . I'm sorry, there's a lot of pinkies in the air, I'm going to call it to question so we don't limit the 30 minutes. Calling to question the motion to ask the motion.

PPP: Motion for a secret ballot?

Speaker: At this moment, a procedural motion, I won't entertain a secret ballot. There isn't any policy on secret ballots.

I want a secret ballot.

Olver: in regards to the agm policy, if you want to vote by ballot. By the vote of one person, for a procedural motion, you just raise your hands.

So you can do it for the motion, not a procedural motion?

Speaker: I'm sorry, Erlickman, we're not here to bully.

Erl: you're making it an unsafe place.

MAL Kasro: you can challenge his ruling. It just shows that if others are with you.

Speaker: we're going to move to, get into calling the question. I've made my ruling.

Erlickman: Motion to overturn.
Seconded

Speaker: Motion to overturn the decision of the speaker.

MAL: POI, this is a motion to overturn this?

Speaker: One second, I want to get help on this.

Speaker: Okay. Sorry guys. I'm just as confused as you are. What we are voting on is the secret ballot. A decision has been made by me to not call the secret ballot. Someone motioned to include a secret ballot to overturn it. It's imply about concluding a secret ballot in which we write yes or no down. We're not taking debate on this.

Lam: POI, so wait. If you get overturned, the secret ballot happens, then we vote

publically?

Olver: take three. Speaker made a ruling. We're about to enter a vote. If you raise your placard to overturn the decision of the speaker. If it succeeds, we will have a secret ballot about continuing for thirty minutes.

Lam: So yes, secret ballot, no, public vote.

Donaldson: what is the number? Two-thirds majority? Is this to call the question, or to extend?

Speaker: it's to call the question. Right now, I ask all members of the assembly to vote. Yes, overturn, secret ballot. No, for just raising our hands. That's how we're going to do it. So YES. Raise your hands. NO, for raising our hands. Okay, thank you. Motion fails. Going into calling the motion into question. This determines if we vote on the initial motion now, or in thirty minutes. Motion carries

Chinniah: Motion to reconsider.
Seconded

Speaker: Thank you. We're just waiting to see if we can reconsider on a procedural motion.

Speaker: I'm sorry to keep asking you to quiet down. So, we have a motion to reconsider. We're motioning if we should open the previous motion. I know this is a lot of procedure, but this is how we do it.

Young: POO, is this something we can debate on.

Speaker: those are all the points we can make.

Erlickman: PPP, we're voting to reopen, I understand a lot of people are just here to vote yes because their friends are here.

Randall: PPP, a, that wasn't a PPP, but I'm disappointed that someone is suggesting ulterior motions.

Erlickman: there's a Facebook page called "come vote yes"

Young: speaking for the motion to reconsider.

Donaldson: same

Speaker. Member Randall and Mason, for against.

Young: we shouldn't be voting in favour of topping democratic rights. We've talked about what makes Queens so good. One of the things is that we have hundreds of people come

out to this. We have twelve people on the speakers list. Its unfortunate that we still have twelve people on the speakers list. People are here to talk about their poliycy.

Randall: I'll be breif. I dont understand in a meeting like this when policy is being followed, how you can reconider a motion right after its been voted on. I think it sets a dangerous precedent. If a member doesnt like the way t

it's not that the twelve poeple shouldnt be able to sepeak, it's that 2/3rd said lets call the question.

POI, precedient has been set by the three current exec members, who et a motion to overturn afterwards on the journal several assemblies ago.

Speaker: we really need to get stuff done.

Donaldson: I would like to wecho the points made by the upcoming rector. We need to be able to listen to the views. The fact that we've been going for sixty minutes shows involvement. To respond to randalls point, the reasopn why a motion to reconsider is for a procedural motion to debate on. It provides the oportunity to do what we're doing right now. I know it's been used at least twice this semester. It's an esstnaiyl tool to make sure we hear all aspects of debate. That's what this chamber is for, to let students have thrmsevles heard.

Mason: Super breif. We voted overwhelmingly to move the question. I think it's rediudent to go back.

Speaker: That exhausts debate on this. Motion to reconsider the motion on calling the question.

Motion fails

Speaker: we're now voting, you get a five minute closing.

Representatives:

Erlikman: I want to thank the event coordinators for today. My voice was not allowed to be heard. Thanks very much.

Speaker: I'm sorry.

Lam: Stay and vote!

Representatives: Thanks everyone for bearing with me on this one. We've made sure to address financial provlms. We've gone from a huge deficit to zero. We want to reinnovate as a new newspaper. We want to conintue providing students with cpmphrensive news. We want to be on the cutting edge of news. We act as a training ground for ueens students. Staff developement workshiops qill make it easier for this to

happen. As you might have noticed this year is the potential to evolve. We want to provide the best coverage possible.

MAL Mehra: I would like to secret ballot.

I'd like to challenge the ruling of the chair.

Speaker: I was going to tell people to rip off the bottom of their ballot, but if you want to challenge it, I definitely encourage it.

_____ challenge it.
Seconded by mason

Lively: PPP, if I may make a comment to speaker, you are supposed to remain impartial. I think you're showing too much enthusiasm for not having a secret ballot.

Speaker: I'm just enthusiastic about the process in general. I'll try to be more monotone.

Lam: I don't know what point this would be, is it possible for me to leave my vote with you?

Olver: You can't proxy vote. It's taken by bodies here. I apologize that it is late.

Rhee: to expediate the process. Can we just have a yes pile and a not pile?

Speaker: If we were to have one, you'd have to write your name, yes, no, or abstain. We'd count them to make sure people aren't making extra ballots. There was a motion to overturn the decision of secret ballots. We're going to vote YES means no secret ballot, when voting no means yes to a secret ballot. We need a two-thirds majority of yes in favour of "no" secret ballots. For those who don't want a secret ballot, please raise your placard.

Spaker: Motion to overturn this passes, there will be no secret ballots.

(POI: how many speakers on speaker's queue?)

Speaker: twelve.)

President takes over as speaker: Moving on to the next motion. Chair Thompson will take over for the AMS speaker fee.

PPP: I would encourage you to stay. Your voting to vote on a motion that will cause you to pay an extra \$10 a year next year.

MOTION SEVEN: That the AMS Assembly approve the establishment of a \$0.50

fee (subject to

Tahiri: Dead members. Members are a student run soup kitchen. Located at montreal and queens street. Food is prepared by qqueens students. We're here to ask for another

Mason: half a dollar, goes to food to buy.

MAL Butler: great place, does great things, very large turnout, it really makes their dat.

Grotsky: 50 cents

Olver: guys at the back, it's hard for our scribe to hear, please leave

Godin: Motion to call the question
Seconded by Kwon

Speaker: you have to vote

carries

Closing statements: nothing to add
Mason: nothign to add!

FINAL MOTION

Speaker: because we're going back to the ams specific fee, here's thompson

thomspon: that ams assembly apprive an increase in the fee.

Garcia and Randall

Speaker: Again, can the people at the back sit down or politely leave? Just so our scribe can officially listen.

Speaker: I'm going to address the people at the back. You cannot motion to reconsider any previous motions other than GTD. That includes reconsiders about the jorunal.

MALPPP: for me, is the motion to reconsider only on the immediately previous motion?

Speaker: yes.

Donaldson: Could you read the relevent passage for me, because that's not how im interpreting that passage.

Speaker: I'm going to correct myself. It's not the immediate motion. It's the next immediate assembly. I apologize for that. There's a lot of policy and control theory in my head. That's what is going through my brain. Let's continue.

MAL: so the motions cannot be reconsidered?

Speaker: They can, anytime up to the next assembly?

MAL: Is that next AGM or assembly?

Pritchard: it would be addressed after the ams specific fee.

Speaker: It is possible for the rest of the night.

Donaldson: If you do it once, it's done.

Speaker: If it fails, it fails. If it passes, we go into reconsideration.

Donaldson: Motion to reconsider. Or motion to open the agenda to include the reconsideration.

Seconded by Rhee

Speaker: substantive motion to be added. Adding a motion to the agm is not in our constitution that allows us to do that. We can still reconsider the motion by procedure.

Daya: we can't open the agenda to put in that motion, but we can't... I'm confused robbie,

Speaker: Me to

pritchard: you can reconsider. I was going back and forth because you can't add a motion to an agenda. You could entertain a motion right now to reconsider.

Hasina: thank you thank you thank you.

Motion to reconsider

garcia: shouldn't a motion to reconsider be happening only right after the previous motion?

MAL : that was twenty minutes ago!

MAL brah(n)? as you can see of the large exodus of people after the vote, i don't think it was the will of the queens population, rather a select group. I don't think that's how our student government should be run. Many of those people will vote not to reconsider.

Think about whether or not if this is a fair democratic process. Your pushing unfair policy through this.

MAL Cobin: I think while you're right, there's a lot of members here just here for one vote, however, this has been on the agenda for two weeks now. The agm is to allow poeople to have their vote. If you didt bring the people against it, you cant ask to reconsider it ater everyone leaves.

Kwon: I'm for it because if you consider wha tthe previous member said, people were here just to vote, not engage in political discussion. They were just interested in passing the fee for their personal interests.

Perry: I think that the vote is why this motion should be allowed to stand. There were enough people who were only here to vote for this. That's something I care about. My school needs that. They came out just for this because its a serious issue that should not by circumvented by the manipulation of policy. I had a piece in the journal, just smething i did that democracy isnt a policy, its the will of the people being represented. The will of the people brought them out here. It's also why we still have people here. I dont know what the rules are for choice of words.

Soeaker: I think on behalf of the policy, this has been the rules of agm, they are in place. This is acceptable. How policy works, we can change it. If people are excited to be here to make sure a fee gets passed. If people really hate a fee, they should still have a will to be here. If you have an issue with policy, deal with it a different time. We have been talking about policy for an hour and havent gotten anywhere.

MAL Brahn: May I ask the speaker refrain rfom speaking his own opinion?

Speaker: I will stop speaking my opinion.

Motion fails

NEXT MOTION

Garcia, just want to announce the winners of the ballot.

Randall: Just want to say thanks for sticking around for the most exciting vite of the night. We wantt o talk about the changes within the ams that have warranted the change. Here's the motion. We're looking for an increase of 9.26, as per board policy, we were recommeded to have a full review of the fee

- background and history
- growth

three main bckets of the ams with their contribution to the bototm line. These numbers are slightly different. The numbers are dynamic. This is an accurate snapshot. This has

changed in one month.

One thing to note about corporate contributions, next year with the minimum wage increase. Looking at history, the fee was raised in 2003, again in 2007/ 2008. year after year it's supposed to be corrected for inflation. In 2007, it was raised by \$9.02. we're looking for the same thing. Looking at commission growth within the ams. This growth, while not necessarily approved by students. It approbaed by the budgets and election of executives. If youll recall, team CES, they were elected, took amandate. Resulted in large increases to the budget of that commission. Student resource team. Contract with votenet. Posisiotn have been added. For office growth, we speak about offices being support funcvtions, ams fee was last raised in 2007. again , you can see them here. Looking at growth today, we tallied the number of increases, looked at it for inflation. If we wanted to dollar per dollar match the increase. We would be raising it about \$10.60 per student.

garcia Within the eocnomy,, things have happend to change out money. The minimum wage increased. That affects our minimum wage hourly age positions. That's one of the impacts that it's had. It permanent staff position, government salaries, general office salaries, that has resulted in \$6.50 increase. If you consider the \$10 increase he brought up. This is adjusted to inflation. We dont ask for that kind of money. We ask through due diligence within the government budget. What are the financial projections. We assumed the government would break even. We cant run a deficit. General office is increasing the most in terms of its general deficit. It's a calculated deficit. We've been adding it to the operating surplus. We're being caustious of the board in how we handle that. We will review the fee in three years. The board committee structure has been changing, so now we have a rotational committee to evaluate it every three years. Three years from now, review agian. So, how does this compare? If you look at past increases, mcmasters increased by 35%, lowest is carleton at 9%. We're at 23%.

another important thing to consider. U of t needs to consider this. That's a comparison of where we will be. With the \$9.26. what are some of the recommendations that we have. Increase by \$9.26. that was already approved by ams assembly. Ensure that the ams specific fee committee is struck every three years. And recommend to the incoming ams exec look into bursaries to ensure financiall accessibility. I apologize, my start up is almost full. I have on gb left of memory. With the finance committee on assermbly, they can review the government side of things as well. Kennan and I would love to take questions.

Speaker: We need a motion to extend.
Sherman
Bone

Chinniah: ASUS Rep, scknowledging what director dchisit and what the chairman and deputy chairman. I cannot support. Depsite the fact that there has been a realization that we need to increase the fee, there still had not been a committee struck to look at how to cut. I like that the exec put forth a motion on Thursday

we're giving a blank check. Allowing assembly to review it in three years. Public choice consention is to increase the fee every three years. I appreciate the great work that garcia did, not the great work chisti did, i cant in good conscious vote for this without disciplinary measures being instealled.

Garcia: Do you mind asking your thoughts at the end.

Chinniah: How are you doing?

Garcia: I think Chinniah raises some interesting points. If we dont increase the fee, we're loking at a defiifin of 280000. as a board, we cant sustain that. We can sustain a defiivit of 100000, but not that high. The \$10.60 is actually to cover what we've increased our coverage of. The rest is looking into the future. We're addressing what has taken place over the past five years. It was the best interest of the ams moving forward.

MAL Bannerman: I am in support. One thing, it's on the second slide. It might be late at night, but what is going on with the math here? Are we multiplying that?

Garcia: The ones in brackets are deficits.

Daya: I have a clarification for grumblings on the interweb, and I want to clarify for the qtv live stream. can you clarify between the commissions bersus what we're getting , if services are running a surplus, how can the ams support the fee via services.

Plummer: A report on the CRA's non profit organization identification project. To quote from the report, " _____ " .

Godin: I paologize to everyone who has heard these stories before. This is an index fee, it increases for cpi. It should only be an icrease in services. The presentation did a geat job demonstrating this. This is because of creeping growth in society, and that's what I don't support. But i cannot support an increase in the specific fee at this time. I would aruge that not increaing the fee could be the lessning of that fee. I've thought about why this came to agm over referendum. Perhaps this is the most complicated of all the fees, plus it would be the ams proposing things to ams members. This is large and substantial. Ive spoken to a lot of people and they say that its not a good thing to vote for this.

Chisti: im on the board of directors, two things, i think godin brought this up briefly, the reason this cannot go to referendum is because they cant take sides. That's why i had to come. I agree that creeping growth is an issue, but everything that has grown is grom the government side. The psc has grown by leaps and bounds that the university isnt filling. Grants have grown because more things are needing resources. All of the growth that has taken place, maybe not explicitly, this has only taken place for things that we needed to increase. We have a houseing centre through the MAC, and we have overwhleming amounts of students wanting to join it. I have complete faith that ifyou

voite in this, youll take this to your representatives. the ams cant funcvtion next year without this. This increase is associated with stuff the students want.

Garcia: regarding the salary grid, having a high number of applicants means we'll have a better pool of aplpicatns to hire from. We had how many frm council compared to last year?

Chisti: we had less than 1-2 odds this year. We had better odds this year.

Garcia: I think we had 16 more applciatns this year. That's for council and managers.

Chisti: the managers doubled.

Lloyd: this motion came about after months of intense research with contemplation and constultation on what this board needs. This wwasnt taken lightly. This was examined over the past couple years of assembly. This fee will allow the ams to conintue its initiatives, services, and _____. these things will be put in jeopardy. This isnt a get out of free card. They need to reduce their deficit, and we need to hold them accountable to that. It could have been \$17, but they came here asking for \$9.

Mal Perry: Numbers scare me, I think the original image scares people. I say something that says government with little numbers and coporate with big numbers. The way this is talked about, people are here talking about these consequences if this gappens. What if a few of us decided to be mean an not pass this?

Plummer: the ams could reasonably sustain a deficit of 100000 for two yers. Programming would be scaled back. If it fails tonight, contracts with students would likely be broken, although things could be done.

MAL Perry: is there a specific area receiving those cuts, or would it be flat across the table? Are there services

exec would have to look at the budget and see where they see the fat. What they need to have verusswhat we want to have.

Perry examples?

Plummer: PSC, you could cut it because it's not CORE to the mandate of the ams. Not to say that mental health isnt important to the ams, just its not core.

Young: pervious member took the question i was going to ask. I am glad that plummer brought up the psc, it's thigs like this with meeting sudent needs, i think it isolates queens as an elitist school in canada. I know there are grumlbings about how financially responsible ams is. But queens is a school of mental health support. I would like to see things in terms of other support that the ams can do. I want to echo garcia that we would not be able to met the needd of students. Realistically, i want to see the ams serve the students and even expand it.

Kennan: it would halt any forward growth or innovation. Team wrl was elected, however, any part of their platform costing any money would be on hold.

MAL Broha: These are students helping to pay other students. If you can't volunteer to help out a service, at least offer a donation. As a mentor, vp of a club to help facilitate students in school settings, these services are crucial. If they weren't here, students wouldn't be able to keep up their academic lifestyle and extra curricular activities that facilitate academic growth and human growth. We all know austerity doesn't work. We're watching England fall into the crap hole. We're going to rely on falling into a deficit of 280000, and we're going to make cuts to crucial services? I think every service on campus is crucial to at least one person on campus. I am 100% for this.

Plummer: Want to quickly, obviously this is a near and dear process to my heart, I wanted to commend former vp Godin's comments. It takes a lot of courage to stand up with a different opinion and say we need to make cuts. And there is room to cut the fat. There is a lot of creeping growth. We tried not to focus on growing, rather growing areas we can be strong in. Sorry, I'm tired. I want to say that to grow for the sake of growing is a poor mandate or belief. I can assure you during transition that that will be nailed home. These implicit confirmations in the past from students with programming is costing us money. Maybe that funding wasn't thought out long term. This doesn't end here. This is a cognizant process. Keep that in mind when voting or not.

MAL Schruder?

He's not here

speaker: oh my god, I'm sorry.

MAL Goodman: I want to thank everyone who stuck around for this motion tonight. They would want to know that their money is going to the right place. I have to thank the wing government for the increase putting us in this place. If you know anything about me, I absolutely hate fee raises, but I am supporting this. When talking about what will happen if this doesn't go further, we will have a double bottom line. It will not be about the social side, only the fiscal side. We will try to survive the crisis and not try to be better. I came to Queens for the opportunities outside the classroom, and I would be devastated if this was taken away. Has there been an official decision made on votenet? Can we get rid of this terrible, terrible thing that we're paying for?

Olver: It expires August 1st, 2014. Currently, our interns are working for alternative methods of voting in Canada because our current one is based out of the US.

Speaker: And I'm sorry Goodman.

Rhee: clarification as my one friend was confused and shy, we saw on the scary graph, it said there would be a deficit of \$28000, but I'm hearing \$280000.

Garcia: this was a projected deficit for this year. The 280000 is for next year. This is to account for the grid change, wage, etc

Rhee: How would we make up for the

are we going to raise cheddar bagels? Co gro coffee? We do sell an enourmous amount of cheddar bagels at cogro.

Garcia: there's two things. The financie committee at assembly would look at cuts, but we expect out services to be elastic. Two years ago, cogro ran a \$65000 deficit, this year, they're expecting a surplus of \$30000. At landscape of retail services on campus changes, we'll all have to change. We're okay with being in a deficit position, but without the increase, it would be an unsutainable magnitude of deficit.

Berkok: to address concerns about finance committee to prevent creeping growth. The implementation of annual survey to guide prioritities, we make that very official in the plicy. To keep you aware that we will have statistical feedback. Hard to take in prescriptivaly.

Young: I was going to ask a POO to ask how many people left on the speakers lift.

Speaker: I have to ask members to extend by another thirty minutes.

Ricky
Williams

carries

Speaker: no more on our speaker list.

Garcia: i want to thank everyone for sttaying here this long. I didn't want this to be at the very end of the agenda. We have done a calculated risk of where we can go forward. I think that we've done a lot of work. It's been endorsed by assembly and the board. We arent taking the money and running. We will keep evaluating this on a regular basis. The ams is important to students, and i dont want to take away the services being offered to students. Queens is known for that in canada. It's a worthy increase. It's fiscally responsible for students and for the ams. It's something that I feel comfortable increasing, and presenting it isnt easy being up here.

Carries

Berkok: for the end, we have a motion

Olver: this is procedural. I move that the following question be raised to the table, that we approve the minutes of 2012.

daya: although many of us werent at assembly at that time, I think we should review them. I'm saying we should have the oportunity to review them.

Pritchard: if we dont do it now, it will be next yeat

Daya; it wont be thursday?

Donaldson: could we change that? Could the speaker make that ruling?

Berkok: we would have to challenge the constitution.

So the first motion is to rise it from the table.

carries

So now, going with the motion.

Bannerman: I'd like to motion for a secret ballot

motion to call the question
seconded

we are at the vote

Donaldson offered to speak against