

AMS Assembly Minutes – Thursday, March 20th, 2014
Wallace Hall, JDUC

**Assembly commenced at 7:07PM*

Speaker Robert Thomson (hereafter referred to as Speaker): If you ever can't hear me, just start waving. You can't hear me right now? Welcome to the AMS Assembly.

**Note: All speakers listed under the title 'member at large' have been confirmed by the AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs to be AMS Members.*

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of March 20th, 2014

MOTION ONE: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of March 20th, 2014

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Pritchard

Member at Large X: I'd like to make a motion.

Speaker: You'd like to add a motion?

Member at Large X: Yes, add one.

Speaker: What is it about?

Member at Large X: We are the Opposition to the Misrepresentation of Men's Issues and Feminism at Queen's, and would like to de-ratify Men's Issue's Awareness.

AMS Commissioner Olver: Then the motion is that the AMS Assembly de-ratify the Men's Issues Awareness club?

Member at Large X: Yes.

Seconded by Member at Large Y

Speaker: So, we will add that as new motion number nine, right after motion number eight.

Motion carries.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Commissioner Savage and I were talking about the budgets you received for ORT, NEWTS, and FYNIRS. We're considering tabling them if people don't feel comfortable putting them through tonight. By an informal show of hands, who would like us to table them? Okay, thanks. I will table the budgets.

Speaker: The Vice President found that friendly because he's the mover of the motion, so we



don't have to vote on it. Motions six, seven, and eight will be tabled.

AMS President Berkok: I want to add a presentation on the State of the Union, after the guest speaker.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: To clarify, the budgets were tabled?

Speaker: Yes, tabled to next meeting.

Member at Large: Could everyone please speak more loudly and more slowly.

Speaker: How am I?

Member at Large: You're good!

Speaker: I can speak louder.

Motion (1) carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of March 6th, 2014

MOTION TWO: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of March 6th, 2014

Moved by: Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

Seconded by: Vice President of University Affairs Thomas Prichard

Motion (2) carries.

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: Now onto Speaker's business, and that is formally known as my business. I want to welcome everyone to AMS Assembly. I'm really happy to see so many people in the gallery and everyone's smiling faces. I'm going to go over new rules of order as I don't recognize everyone in the gallery. So, here at Assembly, all members of the AMS have the right to speak. When a motion is on the floor, raise your hand and I will add you to the speakers list. People in the gallery please speak to the Assembly pages at the back table to get on the speakers list, and they will relay that to us. Pages please stand up so we know where you are. When a motion is up for debate, you can talk about it for five minutes. When your five minutes are up, I will raise my hand in the air, and you can finish your statement. I'll quickly go over points, so those are points of information, points of order, and points of personal privilege. If you have a point, please raise your pinky so I can address it and not add you to the Speaker's list. A point of order is when you believe there has been a deviation or departure from procedure for Assembly. Points of information are to inquire about specific information or a specific point, or to provide clarification on a statement that has been brought up. A point of personal privilege is when you



believe you have been misrepresented in your rights or as a person. Points are not to be used to debate on a motion. Debates will last sixty minutes. After those sixty minutes, we can motion to vote or entertain another thirty minutes of debate. I will warn you once if you speak out of turn. The second time you speak out of turn, I will ask you to leave. I have an expectation of courteous and respectful dialogue. I'm excited for this Assembly. Now, I'd like to welcome our guest speaker.

4. Guest Speaker

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: I'm honoured to present Del Pereira. He will present on the AMS health and dental plan. He represents the company studentcare.net. I had the pleasure of working with him for over a year. He's awesome. He knows the plan, and he was a student government nerd. He was the VP finance at Waterloo. He knows how you are all feeling at the moment. I want to give him the opportunity to present the plan, which is something you normally wouldn't get to hear about. I'm going to turn it over.

ASUS President Mason: Is the mobile app available to AMS students?

Del Pereira: We've launched it for seven schools. You're with Sunlife. You work with many insurers. You're able to use Sunlife's app, but we've asked the insurer to support the back end without app. Two insurers have approved this.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Thanks for your presentation. I have a question on the plan limits, and their coverage for external counselling. The SGPS has coverage up to \$5000 and drug costs. They pay a comparable amount to us. Where is the money going in this plan, and where are the priorities?

Del Pereira: In terms of coverage, I'm not available with the other insurance. I'm certain that their cost is over yours. The average cost for you is \$293. You have a group of thousands of students, they do not. For coverage, the drug incentive has been around for more than six years. For coverage, I have no opinion in the limit. Those decisions are at the exec and board coverage. If you want to increase coverage, that's done on an annual basis. The insurance contract is on an annual basis. That can definitely be accommodated.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: To speak to that, he's saying it's our decision to change that. But if we want to increase, we could, but we would increase the cost to students. We will be talking about that today. It's on our radar.

Del Pereira: To add to that, I work with eighteen different associations. I don't have one plan exactly the same. It's subjective. It doesn't affect my opinion. I will always comment on the risks to that. At the end of the day, the balance is the cost. You can have no maximum if you'd like, but that cost goes right to the students. It's a great question and great conversation to be had.

ResSoc President Daya: Great presentation. You mentioned the app, and media interaction. Are you considering a function on the app where students can have a chat function? At the beginning



of the year, students may have a lot of questions when deciding to opt out.

Del Pereira: The app was designed for the reader. I don't think anyone will download the app if they have the intention to opt out. But the app has the direct connection to our call centre. We don't have one due to security. The chat option – it'll show you what trending topics are, and it will show you an opportunities to connect live with a representative. There's always a hotline number. If you are calling that line during opt out, that will be brought up. Whether it's on mobile device or laptop.

I'm always here, and always willing to show you my ideas and presentations. If there's anything you want more information about, contact Nicola or Justin. I'm happy to engage in more conversation about this. I think I'll stick around for a bit because I miss this.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Thank you for coming to us. He has a busy schedule. He's travelling almost always. I want to note what's interesting about our plan. It's about a flat fee. He will never encourage us to increase the plan or the specific coverage in order to increase what he gets paid. We have been with them for over ten years.

Del Pereira: We started in Quebec way back; Queen's was the first English school in Canada to join us. We're grateful that we've done a lot of work with you. Like Nicola said, our strategy is different from other insurance or broker-ship companies. The drug coverage, the advice given to them is usual. I have no interest in making you change your policies. Out prices have remained the same since 1998.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: They inform us about what's happening with other student governments too, which is really nice.

Presentation from Eril Berkok on the AMS State of the Union

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Question about the University District wifi. Please update us.

AMS President Berkok: ITS has been working on developing this initiative. The common misconception is that wireless on campus is bad. That's something that they noticed, it's been on their map. They're going through the plan and updating it. It's still going to take time because it's a lot of infrastructure.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: I think you should make this very informal. If you want to call us out, call us out. This may seem like a very formal document, but we want to get an idea of our performance this year.

Member at Large Zou: What is your opinion on the new residence construction and the coming expansion of the student body?

AMS President Berkok: I will say a few things, but if you want more detail on the enrollment



issue, we passed a long policy stance. It's roughly forty pages with principles, concerns, and issues with enrollment. Lot of research. Going forward with new residences, throughout the past few years a lot of the residence space has been increased through the drastic reduction of common room space. The construction of these residences will help get those common rooms back. There's a lot of pressure on the university to bring that in. We want to make sure that the mix of students that go into the new residences aren't just first years. There is also overflow from other residences and upper years. We don't want those residences to just be a way of seeing revenue.

ASUS Representative Goodman: There have been a couple words thrown to me; deferred maintenance. What is the situation with that all across the university; residences, the Queen's Centre, etc. What steps are being taken?

AMS President Berkok: The Academic Affairs Commissioner has been analyzing all of this, so I'll pass this to her.

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: Queen's has 300 million in deferred maintenance. A lot of the buildings were made in the 70's. The university has prioritized areas of absolute need. They'll be transitioning into a new budget model. They subsidize money in the transition. Every year, money goes towards those transitional payments. Almost the entirety of that is for deferred maintenance. This pot of money is in your 35 million. That being said, the university and province have money for this. We won't see this fully addressed for a long time. Capital expenditures put all of this on hold. There are places where they're updating infrastructure around campus. The Ellis Hall campus redesign. As President Berkok said on student life space, those are capital projects.

AMS President Berkok: Last thing, the challenges and opportunities. We are aware of the maintenance and those issues. We will be lobbying on that. In the next year and the future. If you have questions, ask during question period or email us.

5. President's Report

AMS President Berkok: And I'm back. Not much to add. I would like to highlight one thing from the last Board of Trustees meeting. I want to extend thanks to the committee and the people involved with the campus master plan. I think that turned out well. Also, to draw your attention to coming up issues, the long term enrollment management framework is coming next Tuesday. We been working over the last few months to ensure that it was a bit more prescriptive than when it was first written. We don't want the framework to sit on a shelf. The Academic Affairs Commissioner and I went to a meeting to look at a template to ensure our priorities are aligned. We want to make sure ridiculous enrollment plans don't get through. The new enrollment numbers will be coming at the April Senate meeting. We want to make sure that its reasonable, not excessive. It will be also going to April senate. I want to extend thanks to Commissioner Savage and co-chair Member at Large Sherman for ensuring that policy is as good as possible. If you want anything in there, reach out to them. Also, the procedure for the closure of programs is coming here. Finally, a bunch of new changes to Senate procedure is on



its way in order to increase accountability.

6. Vice President's Report

a. Vice President (Operations) Plummer

Vice President (Operations) Plummer: I reported a few weeks ago this was something I was working on. We have negotiated with Athletics and Recreation to have a discounted membership at the gym for the summer. You can get a plan for 4 months for \$100. 2 months for \$65. This includes laundry and a locker. Thanks to the marketing and communication officers for working with them on that.

b. Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard

Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Couple things to add to my report. I had the opportunity last night to go to a panel on fiscal issues. We talked about the students problem with housing. Also, Commissioner Michelle Williams and I are going to McGill to check out their sexual assault centre and two of their facilities.

7. Board of Director's Report

Chairman Garcia: I apologize for not submitting my report. Will keep this brief. We had a discussion on the AMS strategic framework as it is almost done. We also approved some changes to the YDS External Design Manager position. The rest of the items were in closed session. I look forward to seeing you all at the CGM.

8. Student Senator's Report

N/A

9. Rector's Report

Rector Francis: I have two updates. One I forgot to mention at AGM, as it happened at the most recent meeting. You may remember a discussion we had about Leonard field. It is now officially named after John Matheson. It will be known as Matheson field. We just had the Tricolour Society event. A huge thank you to the AMS, their assistance was key to the success of this event. It was an idea I came up with two years ago. I was concerned that the award was not given due recognition, as it is the highest honour a student can receive. It's the first event to ever take place bringing recipients together, it was quite wonderful. First time the Tricolour Society has gathered formally. They felt it was quite exceptional. At the event, we had Katherine Ramsey, our first chancellor. She spoke because the award is named after her mother. Her speech brought people to tears. She did her mother proud.



10. Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulhouse: I would like to reiterate what I said at the AGM. The March meeting of the Board of Trustees was two weeks ago. At the meeting, we passed the campus master plan. That was exciting after a long period of consultation. It sets the direction for the physical campus in the foreseeable future. Other highlights are the passing of tuition fees for the 2014 and 2015 year. It's consistent with what the province allows.

11. Statements by Members

ResSoc President Daya: There's one thing not mentioned in my report, the RCB is now looking for members for next year. Applications are available in residence. This is for people not living in residence interested in the health and wellness of students.

AMS President Berkok: Senate vacancies are being filled. There are a lot of committees out there that approve fee programs, exams, procedures, equity, o-week, NAD, and a variety of topics that they tackle. Google Queen's senate, left side committee tab. Looking for all students. Email me if you're interested. I'm trying to figure out how you apply. Please contact me, or Senator Duchaine.

12. Question Period

N/A

13. New Business

MOTION 3: That the AMS Assembly ratify Tyler Lively as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2014-2015 year.

Moved by: Member at Large (Incoming Commissioner of Internal Affairs) Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Member at Large (AMS Vice President University Affairs Elect) Philip Lloyd

Member at Large Cathro: I'm Claire Cathro, the incoming CIA. I'm here to introduce Tyler Lively as the incoming Chief Returning Officer. Throughout the interview process, he consistently demonstrated passion for student government and the elections process. I have full faith in his ability to coordinate fair and transparent elections. I'm excited to see everything he'll accomplish in this role.

Speaker: I will entertain two questions for member Lively.

ComSoc President Hennick: Recently, you were elected to the AMS Board of Directors; do you feel there's a conflict of interest, of conflict in your available time? How would you mitigate that?

Member at Large Lively: I do not believe there is a major time conflict. CRO is ten hours a



week, Board is 4 to 6. Being in Arts and Science I don't really do much. I should be able to fit it in. Only potential conflict is that the Board deals with honorarium. If someone feels as if I'm not deserving of the full honorarium, I hope I will work hard enough to deserve the full thing. If it was the case, I would stay out of the decision making process for that.

AMS Commissioner Olver: You have a team of deputies. How will you manage them to effectively advertise the election period, in order to facilitate a high voter turnout?

Member at Large Lively: I like the initiatives the team has done this year with the polling booths, by asking people to sign in and we show them the process. I thought of class talks prior to elections period. I know you don't want someone else in front of your class talking about elections, but I think we should be doing it.

Motion (3) carries.

MOTION 4: That the AMS Assembly ratify Scott Surphlis as the Judicial Committee Chair for the 2014-2015 year.

Moved by: Member at Large (Incoming Commissioner of Internal Affairs) Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Member at Large (AMS Vice President University Affairs Elect) Philip Lloyd

Member at Large Cathro: I'm here to introduce Scott as the incoming JCOMM Chair. Throughout the interview process he demonstrated his commitment and passion for the central pillars of NAD. I have faith in him to lead the committee and facilitate meaningful and effective dialogue with all cases brought to the committee over the next year.

ResSoc Vice President Priesner: What excites you about this role?

Member at Large Surphlis: The first thing I wanted to do when I came into the AMS was to get involved in the judicial committee. In the future I want to get involved in legal aid. This is the best NAD system in Canada. This is a phenomenal opportunity. I'm excited to be here and go into this role.

Member at Large Zou: What can you do for us that other candidates cannot do?

Member at Large Surphlis: That's a difficult question; I can juggle for you guys? I feel that my ability to bring a team together and evaluate a case, especially the complicated ones makes me a strong candidate. To have that charisma by itself is something that others may not have. Me being myself, and me being me is something others don't have.

Motion (4) carries.

MOTION 5: That the AMS Assembly ratify James Barsby as the Clubs Manager for the 2014-2015 year.

Moved by: Member at Large (Incoming Commissioner of Internal Affairs) Claire Cathro



Seconded by: Member at Large (AMS Vice President University Affairs Elect) Philip Lloyd

Member at Large Cathro: Last one! We couldn't find anybody more excited for this position than James. I wish you could have heard the phone call when I told him he got the position. I'm excited to see his vision for the office unfold. He wants to maintain the vibrant culture of clubs on campus, and work to expand the office.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: What do you see being the biggest challenge in your role?

Member at Large Yarsby: The biggest challenge is just learning the role. I'm a very adaptive person. As I undergo training, I will fit into it. Due to the interconnected nature of queens, I believe that the community will allow for a great year.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Could you assess the state of the AMS-club relationship right now? What are the opportunities to improve, and the areas that are strong and can improve?

Member at Large Yarsby: Clubs have a lot of autonomy. It's good, but the areas to be improved are the transparency between the clubs. Communication. We want students to engage in these clubs where they may not have been able to in the past. Building communication venues. Knowing what resources they have at their disposal.

Motion (8) carries.

MOTION 9: That the AMS Assembly de-ratify the Men's Issue's Awareness Society.

Moved by: Member at Large X

Seconded by: Member at Large Y

Member at Large X: Greetings, I am a Queen's student who is part of the Opposition to the Misrepresentation of Men's Issues and Feminism at Queen's University. Our group was formed in light of recent events concerning the activities of the AMS ratified Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS). Today we are asking for the de-ratification of the MIAS because of the manner in which its members have chosen to publicly undermine feminism and anti-rape culture discourse on campus.

On March 13, when asked why men's issues awareness has to exist in opposition to feminism, the current MIAS president, quoting Professor Janice Fiamengo, responded that "this is an attempt to show that ideological feminism is incompatible with men's rights... It is impossible to co-exist with a movement that is totalitarian in its nature". As Queen's University students, we are very worried that those members of MIAS used Fiamengo as a source for their reasoning. Fiamengo is an English Professor based at the University of Ottawa who has no authority with regards to having an academic background appropriate for speaking about feminism or rape culture.

There is a very real danger that comes with the dissemination of false information about the existence of rape culture. In a rape culture, cis-gendered and trans-identified women and men are



continually told by society that rape is the fault of the victim and not the perpetrator and that they were raped because of what they were wearing, because they drank too much, because they made bad choices. Rape culture also defines societies where social conventions exist that deny the reality that men can experience rape. We are very concerned with the manner in which the MIAS is validating their right to disseminate false information about rape culture on the basis of a right to freedom of speech, without any recognition of their privilege and the negative impact that this shall have on rape victims at Queens.

Queen's University has already been publicly associated with groups that perpetuate sexual violence. In 1989, Queen's residents plastered the windows facing Leonard Field with messages such as "No Means Harder", "No Means More Beer", and "No Means Down on Your Knees, Bitch". In 1997, Families driving first-year students to Queen's University were met with signs on the 401 that read "Queen's fathers, say goodbye to your daughters' virginity!" A similar incident happened September 2013 during homecoming when a house in the student ghetto created a giant sign insinuating a similar message, with the words "Dad's- Winter isn't the only thing coming". In 2009, a student who was raped at a house party was told to not to drink so much when she reported her experience to Queen's Health, Counseling and Disability services. In 2011, Queen's University's bands were suspended after distributing offensive pamphlets that contained phrases joking about the acts of rape and sexual violence. Incidents like this are still ongoing. Do we want Queen's university to be represented this way?

Today we are asking for the de-ratification of the Men's Issues Awareness Society not because we wish to silence the MIAS, as we are aware that they will still be able to operate with or without the AMS's endorsement. Nor because we do not recognize the need for more groups on campus that address men's actual issues. We are here today to ask you if AMS should be funding a group that perpetuates and reifies sexist and oppressive ideas.

We do not want our student government to endorse a club with a current agenda that disempowers rape survivors and with an agenda that is currently exhibiting behaviour which foreshadows future violations of human rights. This is not a "woman's" or a "man's" issue. This is a collective issue. We want the AMS to de-ratify the Men's Issue's Awareness Society at Queen's University because it currently exists as part of a larger movement of Men's Rights Activism. The Men's Rights Activism movement also denies the existence of patriarchy and rape culture. The Men's Rights movement has launched several campaigns accusing rape victims of being liars and whores. Case in point: As recent as last year the MRA of Edmonton carried out a province-wide "Don't Be that Girl Campaign" discouraging rape victims from allegedly lying about their experiences and going forward to police authorities. We are asking you as the AMS body to de-ratify the MIAS at Queen's because of its ideological similarities with the MRA . For the same reasons the AMS dissociates itself from fraternities, and sororities, we are asking the AMS to take a stance. Misinforming people about the reality of Rape culture endangers all future rape victims. There is a fine line between free speech and the perpetuation of oppressive attitudes and beliefs. We want AMS, and Queen's to preserve a safe environment for its students. We are asking the AMS to de-ratify the MIAS because we do not want our government which represents us as Queen's University students, us as rape victims, us as sexual-assault survivors, and us as allies, to be associated with a group that has the very obvious potential to become hazardous to our safety. We should not experience the loss of our safety and our voice so that the



AMS can remain neutral on an important issue that affects us all. Thank you very for your time.

Member at Large Y: Today I am here to talk about the nuances of this debate, and indeed there are many. As Member at Large X has gone into detail about, rape culture on Queen's campus has a long problematic history and tonight we are here to take a stand against it. Not only that but we are here to take a stand against the nuances and more subtle justifications which permeate our community and allow this culture to persist and exist. Let me be frank, we are ALL implicit in SOME FORM of rape culture, and what I'm here to talk about is the broader forms of systemic silence which this Men's Issues and Awareness Society helps to promote, known or unknown to its members.

In honour of the varying backgrounds and educational privileges of the audience, let me fully define what rape culture means: it means that we live in a society that instead of teaching young people not to rape and indeed, what it even entails, we tell young women not to get raped. It means that prevalent attitudes and practises normalize, excuse and tolerate sexual violence and even at times rape.

Rape culture is so much more than rape. It is street harassment, it is unwanted touching, it is pervasive and destructive thoughts women have about expressing their sexuality, it is the plethora of negative words to describe women with many sexual partners, but none for men. It is the idea that women who dress certain ways, have certain sexual histories and who drink are liable for their own rapes.

Rape culture is where a student posts on overheard at Queen's' Facebook page, talking about a particularly aggressive street harasser and not only does it get taken down 3 times in a row within minutes, but that brave student feels the need to justify and further explain her actions and indeed apologize for the uproar it caused. Rape culture is where people justify taking the post down, for reasons that, it isn't funny.

A video was posted in 2013, addressing the Queen's community, talked about the lack of knowledge about consent and how this creates a culture of fear while talking about sex. "Coercive sex is rape. Multiple 'no's and a reluctant 'yes' is rape. Having sex with someone who is not able to give valid consent is rape. An intoxicated mumble is rape. Silence is rape. Just the tip is rape."

Sexual assault is not just 'a woman's issue', it's a community problem. Women are not the only victims, and men are not the only perpetrators. However, denying the reality that many perpetrators that do happen to be men are protected by misogynistic laws and denying the reality that blame is almost always placed on the victim whether they identify as a woman or man is wrong.

The issue is not that all Men are rapists the issue is about the manner in which society protects



those men who are rapists. Rape survivor's voices are silenced because patriarchy tells us that they do not and should not exist. Feminism is the fight against these forces and we welcome anyone from the MIAS to join us and to not be afraid. We are not totalitarian. We are pro-active. We are pro-education. We are pro-reality. We are pro-unity. We are not pro-denial. This is why we cannot accept the MIAS as it currently is because they deny reality-our reality.

The nature of systemic oppression is that it is rarely visible to those who are not hurt by it. Indeed, it means that nobody needs to be openly hostile towards those affected in order to maintain these socially constructed hierarchies. For those who have sought to distance themselves from this debate and have labeled it as 'not their issue' they have participated in the silencing and it must stop.

Tonight please stand up for the victims of patriarchy. Stand up for yourselves, your friends and loved ones. Stand up for students who may have to see their rapists every day. Stand up against a society which does not educate you on your own sexual rights or on the implications of your flippant remarks. Stand up for a fair and equal debate which involves the many hard working people who are already IN this discourse, who live these lives. Let's take this chance to not deem oppressive discourse safe and legitimate, but instead take this opportunity to talk about the power relations which lay within this institution.

The personal is political and the political is personal. Thank you for your time.

ASUS Representative Rubin: Point of Information, are members in the gallery allowed to pass speaking rights?

Speaker: All AMS members may speak once. If a member has not spoken, they may pass their speaking rights to another who has already spoken.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Point of Information, what notice was given by the mover and seconder before bringing this forward?

AMS Commissioner Olver: I received an email from this group forwarded to me by Vice President Pritchard at 11:30pm last night. Having received a formal notification of the intention to bring this motion forward, I emailed the leaders of the Men's Issues Awareness club by midnight of last night. That's the timeframe leading up to now.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: To clarify, they had nineteen hours before now to prepare for the potential destruction of this club?

AMS Commissioner Olver: Social media and other forms of communication aside, from the best of my knowledge, yes. That was when I officially received and passed along notification.

Speaker: We are opening the floor to debate. I expect courteous and respectful dialogue.



Member at Large Zuo: How many clubs have you de-ratified this year? If this club is de-ratified, can they reapply?

Member at Large Bekenn: I am the AMS Clubs Manager. There has been no other clubs de-ratified this year. It's a rare occurrence. It has happened twice in the last 10 years. Can they re-apply next year? Yes they could.

ASUS President Mason: I have two questions; one is more loosely directed to the group that submitted the motion. Second is to the club in question. How many events has the MIA club actually run? How does the MIA promote this negative culture on campus?

ASUS Representative Goodman: Point of Personal Privilege. Can we get people not speaking to sit down? It makes it difficult on our end to see who is speaking.

Member at Large X: The MIAS has not run events as far as we know, but they have been ratified and they do advertise. Second question, in my opinion, on the basis of how, the issue that we have is the professor that they are using to legitimize their information is not trained in feminism. She is known for arguing on the basis that rape culture doesn't exist. Rape victims are liable in the law. She argues there are no laws against rape victims. She doesn't believe that men can experience rape. She has no education basis. Comments and supporters in this group, Alex Prescott for one-

Speaker: I asked to not use names.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Point of order, make it about the motion.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: As a point of order, please retract your statement mentioning Prescott.

Speaker: I would ask that we do not single one another out. Member at Large please retract your statement.

Member at Large Y: To add my two cents, I have a problem with the professor using her doctorate to provide this. There is no bottom line. Presenting this in an academic discourse to give it legitimacy. As the AMS, you shouldn't support this creation of unsafe space. Anyone who has looked at the YouTube video ---.

Member at Large Wong: Point of personal privilege, because this is a sensitive topic, the Peer Support Center (PSC) is open until 10 and there is a professional counsellor who will be here until 10 for support.

Member at Large Albaghdadi: Hello everyone. I'm the president of the Men's Issue's Awareness Society. I want to apologize. I didn't want it to escalate to this point. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Everyone is allowed to ask questions. There's a lecture, and a Q and A, let them come, whether you agree or disagree, you can debate the idea. Everyone is welcome. I understand this is a sensitive topic. I'm trying to contact the HCDS, to provide



counselling on site. The point is, this is an institution. I understand its sensitive, but this needs to take place. If it weren't to take place at a university, where else? They can debate ideas.

Member at Large Zuo: I want to say that I did not know of these allegation before. I want to say thanks for bringing this up to students who aren't aware. I think that if these allegations are true, then we shouldn't de-ratify. If MIAS was de-ratified now they could immediately be ratified with support next year. This would not impede them in any significant sense. I believe that this is not a very useful thing if there is another method more useful to implement to achieve the objections. Not only will de-ratifying them cause major problems if the allegations are true, but it will have a significant legal problem. I'm not a lawyer of course, but I anticipate that is would have legal repercussions.

Aesculapian Representative Brousenko: Thank you for coming to speak with us. I do agree that it's intolerable. I don't see how this club is carrying out any of the allegations. I watched a video of the lecture. The professor in question, regardless of the academic merit, is a tenured professor, so I think she has the academic integrity to discuss whatever she would like. I don't think it's in the interest of this assembly to debate the academic integrity of others. Having watched the lecture, she encouraged constructive debate in a way that was respectful. I don't think you have to agree with the content, but I don't think any of the ways she presented herself would promote this. I don't think that this is an event that we can't sanction. By the precedent set, there are issues we disagree with. I think that in general to summarize, the club hasn't done anything, the speaker has been positively received. There are suggestions about her material, but it isn't slandering or provocative. All members here should oppose this motion.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Point of personal privilege, can we ask people to stop clapping.

Speaker: Yes. Please refrain from clapping. Clapping is only permitted following a vote when motions pass unanimously.

Member at Large X: As much as I appreciate the comments made, I think there's something wrong in reverse sexism to say that because we're speaking against the feminism of this. Kingston has the highest rate of sexual assault in Canada. It seems like we have a problem at Queen's and in Kingston, bringing a speaker with no academic education in this. Passing this would be removing the association that they have with the student body. The same government that represents us does not condone that behaviour. We don't want rape survivors, victims, and allies to be represented by this if they believe that we cannot co-exist. We have men who are feminist, and they support our views. We have never had a problem with men. We have never openly called men totalitarian. But you can't go to a public place on campus and marginalize a group on campus. If the AMS permits this lecture, they will have other events like this lecture. You are silencing rape activists. That poster I passed around is the MIAS in Edmonton. There is a similarity nationwide. Men have patriarchy, whether you agree with that, but you can't give out false information about rape victims and say that this is accurate information.

CESA President Marshall: Point of Information, does ratifying a group mean that we support the views of a club?



AMS Commissioner Oliver: No, ratifying a group means that they align with the policies of the AMS, they abide by our constitution and are not a threat to our insurance. By ratifying groups we offer them resources and SLC space. We have multiple political clubs on campus, but that does not mean the AMS is liberal or conservative. We don't have to personally agree with a group to ratify them.

Speaker: Members in the gallery who wish to be put on the Speakers list, please see the volunteer at the back who will send your name to us.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: To all the members in the gallery, I speak for a lot of Assembly members when I say this. We ran for his position, we were elected. We never thought we would be confronted with an issue like this. I won't get into the details of the subject, but for me, I'm trying to put it in the language. I see a lot of contentious clubs on campus. People come into here and present views opposed to other clubs on campus. There are individuals who believe that what this club is expressing is incommunicable. The point I'm trying to make is that this organization has yet to put on their event. There are a lot of controversial topics about this. If they have their event, and something is said or done, hate speech is done, then yes maybe we can consider de-ratification. But this is a dangerous precedent to set, to de-ratify a club when we haven't even heard them speak or have their event. I welcome more debate on this. I understand this is a sensitive issue. We have had many speakers come here to speak on academic issues where I have issues with their credentials. I just want to throw this out there. I'm scared about the precedent this could set. This is a fuzzy area.

ASUS Representative Wilson: Just building on that, he's right to say there are contentious clubs on campus. There's some more personal to me, and I can relate to what you're saying. As a Jewish student, I'm uncomfortable walking through the JDUC when the apartheid tables are out. For debate on campus, it has to be in an academic setting. These are matters of debate that happens in academic institutions. It's unfortunate that it has come to this if we do start to de-ratify clubs. This is important.

Member at Large Jan: Hi everybody. I'm Vincent Jan. Thanks for coming out to participate in this. I want to stress how much of a precedent we are setting. The AMS has never de-ratified a club due to ideological beliefs in its history. I'm not a law student, but we have law students here, but to me, to pre-emptively de-ratifying a club because its ideologies might be contrary to established conventional wisdom is dangerous. We need legitimate grounds for a charter challenge, but this boils down to right of free speech. To de-ratify a club on these grounds cannot be taken lightly. I think we should table this, or to not pass this. The very discussion we're having will make a lot of people uncomfortable; if we publically review this, even if the opinion is wrong. These people need to learn to self-censor, they don't open their mind. I think it's counterproductive to the cause of anti-rape culture to go forward with this. For those two reasons, I want to speak out against this motion.

Member at Large Zuo: I'm curious if anyone challenges the AMS, and if the AMS loses, who is held responsible?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Those of you around last year will



remember this. We are a private entity. We don't have to follow the Charter. That being said we have a commitment to follow it. A Charter challenge would fail against the AMS, because we're not restricting their right to assemble. I'm not sure a challenge against the AMS would be successful.

Member at Large Lumsden: For me, the biggest point of contempt with the group this motion is against is that it has a mandate by intellectual members of the Canadian academia to have someone speak out against the issue. I understand that being tenured she can speak out against a variety of issues. But she's making a marginalized group feel suppressed. I don't think that's legitimate to bring up. We should be speaking of the merits of MIAS itself, not the AMS. A group who feels as though their beliefs are censored or suppressed, should not be applied to this. By putting this forth, saying this group doesn't have the right to engage in free speech to putting forth their ideas. They should not have the mandate – that will margin the students and make students feel unwelcome.

Member at Large Y: There's all this talk about dangerous space. I think that letting this group continue does set one. It's obvious what this lecture will be about. We are proactive on this issue. That the AMS as a body will sanction something like this is ridiculous. There's a difference between equity of space and equity of safety on campus. There are other places this group could have gone to. There are many groups on campus that involve men's issues.

Member at Large Tomchick: I would like to reinforce the point of debate made, supporting the mentality that this is setting a dangerous precedent for legitimating the club on campus. Regarding these issues, I don't know enough about them to comment, we're one of the best universities for social studies. Gender issues studies are in its infancy, and people are affected by this. I think we need to be careful with the precedent we set early on in this field. I think that this discourse shows that there is place for a men's advocacy group on campus, but it needs to be positive and maybe apply to both men and women. We need to work together rather than conflicting entities. If you view it as a zero sum game, we will gain nothing. This is something men and women need to be working together to come to a solution.

Member at Large: Point of information, under what circumstances can the AMS de-ratify a club?

AMS Commissioner Olver: Currently no policy exists outlining the grounds for which we can de-ratify a club. Our policy just says who has the ability to de-ratify a club. The three are AMS Assembly, the AMS Vice President of University Affairs, and the AMS Non-Academic Discipline system.

AMS Commissioner Olver: The next person on the speaker's list is not an AMS member, but they are alumni. Assembly would have to vote to give them speaking rights.

ASUS President Mason: Move to allow them to speak?
Seconded by ASUS Representative Goodman

Motion carries.



AMS Commissioner Olver: Someone will need to pass their speaking rights.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I will pass mine.

Alumni Daniel Beales: I wanted to speak up because I graduated from Queens in 1996. I'm on the Board of Directors for the students association of Saint Lawrence College. Couple of things. A good point has been made. This isn't ideology. This is about effect, and what's happening right now. As a representative, I want you to be wary about the comments being made. It's just a narrative you're creating. Don't make a decision in which you're extrapolating into the future, because you aren't qualified to do that yourself. Treat it like; this isn't about ideology, that's dangerous. Strong political views. This is about people who feel threatened. People are suffering; people are marginalized just coming through this process. That extends beyond this room and campus. I had people come up to me today at the college asking me to come tonight because they're scared and they didn't feel safe. I want you to think about what this says about your consent about the damage happening right now. By making this statement, you're not shutting down free speech; this has a more tangible effect of hurting people that you aren't going to allow. I think that's a valid reason to make this decision. Its slippery slope to allow people to feel oppressed and marginalized.

Speaker: A reminder not to clap.

Member at Large Watson: Can everyone hear me? I want to thank everyone for your patience. I'm here, I'm a member that works for the social issues commission. I want to ask what this association will mean for the greater student body. I absolutely believe in the freedom of speech. I think that they deserve it, but the bigger question is the safety of the community you represent. Cognizant of the community and what you are representing. What does this mean for people in your community. People are feeling unsafe. Freedom of speech is absolutely valued. But when that value of speech infringes on freedom of oppression, what precedent will you set?

Member at Large Morrison: I would like to pass my speaking rights to MAL Watson.

Member at Large Watson: I think that with this issue, we need to look at the nature of the word liberty. It's the sense of freedom of speech, but subjective freedom to have agency without constraint. This club has not done anything yet. It doesn't give us rationalization to de-ratify it. But we have to look at the ideology, the ability to advertise these ideals. There's a need in situations like this to be pre-emptive over reactive. There's a consensus that people feel threatened and feel unsafe from this club. We can't allow this club to hold this event. At that point, the impact of this becomes active and becomes something that we can only treat in a reactive measure. People who feel this way won't be able to combat the way they feel, because it will be too late. I urge members of Assembly to look at pre-emptive versus reactive, and address the way this will impact people in the community.

PHEKSA President Bonafiglia: I pass my speaking rights to President Mason.

ASUS President Mason: I've been listening intently; I think that passing this motion passes a dangerous precedent. They have never had an event, and this could put guilt on them. We can't



put moral judgements on academic debate. I think if we passed this, future organizations based on ideological beliefs, then we will show that we will think that some views are okay, and others are not.

Member at Large Smith: I think in some ways, this has been presented with a false dichotomy. This is protecting of those disenfranchised and freedom of speech. This - the debating union has been doing this for years. I was suggesting that the MIAA take this model into account, which would be good moving forward. If the AMS took that route, controversial opinions can be given a platform.

ResSoc President Daya: I'd like to call the question.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Rubin

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Motion for a secret ballot?

Speaker: This vote is just to call the question.

AMS Commissioner Olver: I am unable to find in the database of AMS students the next person on the Speaker's list. Someone would have to pass their speaking rights.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: I'll pass mine.

Member at Large Mcgrid: A lot of people on the committee are saying we need to have this conversation. There's no negative side to these conversations. Who has the privilege to have that conversation? Why is it a group of men who feel they have to have this. Why do rape victims feel like this needs to be had. Why do upper-class people feel like we need to have this? We need to look at who has the privilege to talk about these issues.

Member at Large Joseph: Passing my speaking rights to MAL X.

Member at Large X: A lot of people keep bringing up that this is an academic debate. What's equality got to do with it? Gender equality, rape culture, men's disadvantage, there's already an innate bias to this event. They have not brought an opposing view to this discussion. They have not brought a panel. Academic view. They have brought someone to say that rape victims don't exist. There's an equity in discrimination. I used to work for that office. I'm aware of the Queen's values as an institution. Their activity at this university is not something we represent. We don't want you to not condone their activity. You are saying they have a legitimate argument, despite the president having no knowledge of feminism or these values. I'm asking you to ask Mohammad, if he's not de-ratified, if he'll at least make the lecture academic. You have a person giving out false propaganda about rape culture. Do not deny us our rights to be on this campus safely. And not being looked at in a bad way. You have a responsibility to represent us.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Point of Information, how many people are on the speakers list?

Speaker: One that I'm aware of. I'm calling the question. If that fails, we'll keep going.



ASUS Representative Rubin: Motion to call the question.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Chinniah- debate continues

NSS President Walsh: I want to start my point by saying that I agree that this kind of culture at Queen's is unacceptable. But I don't think that this will target the issue. This group has not had an event, so we can't assume that their view will oppose what you say. We don't have a right to de-ratify if they haven't presented a rape culture. It's hard to stand by this to support the accusation that someone will be promoting this.

ComSoc President Hennick: I appreciate the discussion tonight. It's been positive. When you're voting, think about not necessarily the issues, we're not all experts on this, but to think about the larger impact this has. Both on the Queen's culture and on the extracurricular environment we are creating. Please consider all of these things when you're voting. This is not a single issue vote. We will set a dangerous precedent no matter which way you vote.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: I will not stand here and be demonized because I spoke out and say that I'm opposed to this motion. To say that I don't value the safety of this campus. The moment this thing came about I've been trying to hear out everyone and take everything into consideration. We have not let the group left speak. See the people you can get to come here and talk. There are people here who might share their opinion. I'm not saying I support this club.

Member at Large Lively: I want to echo the comments Vice President Tahiri said. I haven't wanted to speak due to the reasons that Tahiri said. I have been called out on Facebook regarding this when I haven't even said anything. I have been called a rape apologist, a victim blamer, and a misogynist. There's an email saying that my ratification should be opposed because of those three things. We need to have a safe space for discourse. By sending a message that this group will not be ratified. There's a conversation on both sides here. We need to speak to Mohammad, what he's doing and why you may not agree with it. This issue doesn't deserve such a dogmatic response. We need to have a legitimate discussion, and I don't think we can have it here. Maybe we can't have it at the event as well.

Member at Large X: Point of information, the email sent out about Lively has nothing to do with us. We have no association with whoever sent it. I have spoken with several members from the AMS about this.

Member at Large Lively: To address that, I don't think its necessarily coming from someone in the gallery, but both sides of this debate have behaved inappropriately. What I've heard is we want to de-ratify because of their views. This is an issue of free speech, but we are saying their views are less important or less worthy. I'm not an expert on this issue. I'm interested in learning more, but I don't want to learn more for fear of being targeted. I'm uncomfortable speaking, along with others.

ResSoc President Daya: For the next two minutes, I'm Senator Duchaine. I will read out a statement she sent me: "Hi, I'm Senator Duchaine. Sorry I can't be here but I've asked Hasina to read my thoughts. I realize that conversations on safe space and freedom of speech may



continually conflict. This is a difficult issue -- one with consequences far beyond Queen's - and the we are not the only university grappling with these issues. I am guided in my thoughts right now be the Senate Policy on "Freedom to Read", one which states:

"Queen's University endorses the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, which includes, along with the right to express thoughts publicly, the fundamental right of access of every person to all expressions of knowledge. The intellectual freedom fostered and protected by the enshrinement of these rights is basic to the proper functioning of the University and to the healthy development of Canadian society of which it is a part."

To my knowledge – the Men’s Issues Awareness Club – although it has a perspective on feminism that I very much disagree with, and think is an inaccurate portrayal of the continued oppression of women on within broader Canadian society – has not yet run an event. Our criticisms of the group on based on the speculation of what may occur at the meeting, and although I urge the club’s executives to consult more broadly on the detrimental impacts of the patriarchy on both men and women, I would be against de-ratification. As an ex-officio member of assembly, I have no vote but I would urge members of assembly to be conscientious of the precedent that this may send to other groups that have philosophies that may run counter to our own beliefs.”

Speaker: Thank you President Daya, and Senator Duchaine wherever she may be.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I would like to pass my speaking rights to Representative Wilson.

ASUS Representative Wilson: Question, I came across this flyer passed around. I think you mentioned that it belongs to an MIA group in Edmonton. Is this group directly affiliated with the one at Queens?

Member at Large Albaghdadi: No.

Member at Large X: Can I ask a question of the MIAS president?

Speaker: Yes, if it's clarifying something.

Member at Large X: You were asked about the poster about its views. In terms of their statements of a group.

Speaker: I don’t mean to interrupt, that wasn’t a question.

Member at Large X: He asked about the poster and if the groups had the same association.

ASUS Representative Wilson: Point of personal privilege, I asked if the groups were directly affiliated. I'm asking if Queen’s MIA is directly talking to the Edmonton one.

Member at Large X: I assume he's looked at as a network association. He has the same



ideological as the one in Edmonton.

Speaker: Sorry, that's not relevant to the debate.

Member at Large X: But they have a similar platform.

Speaker: We aren't debating the group in Edmonton. Just the merits of the AMS group at hand. Assuming if they have a connection doesn't continue this.

Member at Large X: I'm asking, not assuming. I'm asking if his platform is the same.

ComSoc President Hennick: Point of order, the Speaker made a ruling.

Speaker: I'm sorry; I understand you have that question. Maybe you can work that out at a later date with the individual. Continuing on.

Member at Large X: Thanks to everyone who came out. Thanks to everyone who spoke about the resistance to the existence of rape culture. I want to thank those people for those who said they don't want to students to be harmed, and to protect them. Thanks to everyone who came here, regardless of their notions on freedom of speech, to say that this freedom does have a cost.

Member at Large Y: Thanks for your solidarity with us. We have a lot of supporters who couldn't be here. I respect everyone here, but I think you're not understanding the issue— it's not directly apparent to everyone. In the name of true and academic discourse, I know you said this isn't the place for that, but this also isn't the place to create unsafe space. Taking a neutral ground, and that this is a debate. We don't not see each other as equals.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Could the Speaker clarify on procedure around applause after the motion? Convention at AMS Assembly for a motion that has passed/failed.

Speaker: We explicitly only may congratulate an individual who has been ratified or a motion that has passed unanimously.

ASUS Representative Goodman: I motion for a secret ballot.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Wilson

Speaker: I want a straw poll on if that's something that Assembly members would like, so there's no overturning of the speaker. That seems to happen often with secret ballots...OK. We will continue with having a secret ballot. Commissioner Olver will pass out the ballots.

Member at Large: People have raised concerns about the photography.

Speaker: I think it is necessary to ask people for permission before taking their photo. That can be handled at the break directly afterwards.

AMS Commissioner Olver: Just to clarify when you're writing on the ballot, write yes to de-



ratify the group, and no if you would like the club to remain ratified. You may also abstain.

ASUS President Mason: Point of information, so yes means de-ratification?

ASUS Representative Chinniah: What are the procedures for roll call?

Speaker: 5 members must stand. At that time, we're required to take a roll call.

ASUS President Mason: Can you clarify what yes and no means.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Point of information, if it's secret, why are we writing names on the ballot.

Speaker: For accounting purposes and to ensure each member has voted once. Write name and position, and also if you're a proxy. The motion is: That the AMS Assembly de-ratify the Men's Issues Awareness club. Voting in favour would de-ratify the club. Voting against would keep it.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Simple majority or 2/3?

Speaker: Two thirds required. With fees, it is 2/3 of the total membership, but this is 2/3 of the membership present.

PHEKSA Representative Polak: Are we supposed to write our names?

Speaker: Yes.

Compsa Vice President Aharon: Point of personal privilege, I have to leave now.

Speaker: New motion number nine has failed.

Motion (9) fails.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Motion for a seven minute recess.
Seconded by Proxy Lloyd.

Carries.

Speaker: Seven? Seven?

Recess at 10:02
Called back at 10:09

MOTION 10: That the AMS Assembly appoint two members to sit on the Special Committee on External Alignment.

Moved by: AMS President Eril Berkok



Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS President Berkok: This committee which I will be chairing will review the external alignment. We need two assembly members to sit with myself and three other random people, members at large. We will create a report on a short timeline. If you are interested in provincial advocacy you would enjoy this. Put your name in. Let's have some fun here.

EngSoc Representative Blair: I nominate Jerry.
Seconded by AMS Vice President Plummer
Declined

AMS President Berkok: It's a committee that will review the external alignment that we have with the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance. They are our only external alignment, so that is the scope of the committee.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: What motion?

Speaker: This is old motion nine, new motion ten.

AMS President Berkok: I nominate Vice President Tahiri.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: What is the time commitment?

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: Last year they made a report, but we just realigned. This is putting forth an addendum.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Give me the time commitment. Are we meeting next week? Etc.

AMS President Berkok: It's hard to say. It's an addendum. The writing will be taken on myself. I will be delegating if you do have the time. Maybe two to maximum four hours a week. Meetings will be an hour or two each, then if you do accept delegated work, then a few more.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: I respectfully decline.

Speaker: You didn't have a seconder anyway.

ASUS Representative Goodman: I volunteer.
Seconded by Commerce Society President Hennick
Accepted

Proxy: Can proxies do it?

Speaker: No, sitting Assembly members.

AMS Commissioner Olver: I nominate Commissioner Savage.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Wiseman



AMS Commissioner Savage: I'm chewing right now! (after a minute) I accept.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I nominate Speaker Thompson.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Goodman

ASUS President Mason: It's not like you're busy with two degrees or anything.

Speaker: I respectfully use constitution to decline. I'll entertain one question for each candidate.

AMS President Berkok: Why are you interested in being on this committee?

AMS Commissioner Savage: As a non-voting member, there are few opportunities for me to sit on committees like this. This is a once in a year opportunity. It doesn't happen often. It's my last year on Assembly anyway. I want to spend the last few hours per week here with Eril.

ASUS Representative Goodman: I'm interesting in learning more about it. I've been interested in it since it was brought up. I'm pretty stoked.

Motion (10) to appoint Commissioner Savage and Representative Goodman carries.

MOTION 11: That the AMS Assembly appoint one member to sit on the Norman, Ian & Lorna Rogers Scholarship committee.

Moved by: AMS Vice President (Operations) Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Basically, this is the old AMS award. It's a scholarship award of \$200. We're historically bad at giving it out. Now it's going through student awards. One representative will work with some other people. It's for a student who has contributed a lot to student life on the campus.

AMS Commissioner Savage: Point of information, does it have to be a voting member?

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: Are you interested?

AMS Commissioner Savage: I have someone in mind. I nominate Commissioner Olver.
Seconded by ASUS Vice President Tahiri
Accepted

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Motion to end nominations.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Goodman

Speaker: That's not very conclusive. We will continue.

ResSoc Vice President Presiner: I would like to nominate President Daya.



*Seconded by Commerce Society President Hennick
Accepted*

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: I nominate President Chauvin.
*Seconded by AMS Commissioner Olver
Declines*

Speaker: I will entertain two questions for the candidates.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Who are Norman, Ian, and Lorna Rogers?

AMS Commissioner Olver: Unfortunately I couldn't tell you, but I'm sure they are upstanding people because they have an award named after them.

ResSoc President Daya: They made a substantial impact to students through student government. I'm not sure who they are, but I'm sure they did a lot.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Point of information, the honourable Norman Mccloud Rogers was a lawyer and MP before he was killed in a plane crash.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: One of the members of this award has the airport in Kingston named after them, who was it?

ResSoc President Daya: I know! I know! It's Norman!

AMS Commissioner Olver: I whispered that to her.

ResSoc President Daya: Does anyone want to ask a real question?

Speaker: Thanks for the question, really gives them a good basis for this.

AMS Commissioner Olver: 20

ResSoc President Daya: 20

Speaker: So we've come to a tie.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Point of information, we're going to ask for a revote. We voted for Daya because technically it says a member of Assembly, and we already have a member of executive on the committee.

Speaker makes ruling. Motion to appoint President Daya to the Norman, Ian & Lorna Rogers Scholarship committee carries.

MOTION 12: That the AMS Assembly appoint two members to sit on the Robert Sutherland Prize committee.



Moved by: AMS Social Issues Commissioner Michelle Williams
Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS Commissioner Williams, M: The award is presented annually to a student that shows leadership in areas of anti-racism. We're looking for two members from different faculties to sit on this.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I want to nominate Representative Goodman.
Seconded by ASUS Vice President Tahiri
Declined

ASUS Proxy Butler: I would like to nominate proxy Grotsky if we're allowed to.
ASUS Representative Wiseman

AMS Commissioner Williams, M: It's any AMS member.

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: What is the time commitment?

AMS Commissioner Williams, M: It is only if you have nomination for the award. Right now, we have no nominations. If you know someone, nominate them!

CESA President Marshall: I would like to nominate Representative Broussanko.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Chinniah

Aesculapian Representative Broussanko: How long does this last?

Speaker: Just until the end of this year.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: I want to nominate MAL Mehra.
Seconded by Proxy Lloyd
Declined

Member at Large Mehra: If I nominate someone for the award, can I still sit on the committee?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Technically there's no rule against it.

AMS Commissioner Olver: I would like to nominate Mitch Thibault, the assembly volunteer in the gallery.
Seconded by Member at Large Yraun
Accepted

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Nominating the incoming Engineering president, whomever that may be.
Seconded
Declined



ASUS Representative Chinniah: Represent former Commissioner Troy Sherman!
Seconded by Proxy Lloyd
Declined

AMS Commissioner Olver: Nominating member at large Surphlis.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Wiseman
Accepted

AMS Commissioner Williams, M: We also need two members from a cultural group on campus. In policy, an example is the Queen's Native Student Association.

Speaker: MAL Sherman, I think it means not personal background, but actually part of a club. Just being French Canadian doesn't count.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: We need a representative from an identifiable group?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: To clarify, we need two members of Assembly, and two members of those organizations. It needs to be four people. Williams is pointing out that if someone here is a part of that, we can alleviate this process.

AMS Commissioner Olver: I would like to nominate member Young.
Seconded by ASUS Representative Wiseman
Declined

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Nominating AMS President Berkok.
Seconded by Compsa President Purbha
Declined

CESA Proxy Lloyd: What is one quality you will be looking for in the nominees?

Aesculapian Representative Broussanko: I respectfully decline the offer of the microphone. Having a well versed knowledge of the nomination requirements. I would look for the commitment to queens and the student body. I think that there are numerous excellent and commendable individuals, but I think the one thing would be if that member was an exemplary member of the student body.

Member at Large Surphlis: Took the words right out of my mouth, to be quite frank.

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: Someone who shows strong sense of inclusion. With that, I will remove myself from this nomination, as I am very busy for the next two weeks.

Member at Large Surphlis: Just a quick point, if I could remove myself. These two gentlemen have such a strong work ethic.

Member at Large Thibault: I will echo what my friend here said. Definitely find someone



inclusive who shows spirit and who is fun.

Speaker: I will cut off the questions because the math works out.

Motion (12) carries. Members Thibault and Broussanko appointed.

MOTION 13: That the AMS Assembly appoint two members to sit on the Anti-Oppression Awards committee.

Moved by: AMS Social Issues Commissioner Michelle Williams

Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS Commissioner Williams, M: Back again for another prize committee. It is presented to a faculty or staff member showing initiative in and out of the classroom to foster a more inclusive campus and society. They do not have to be a voting member, and the time commitment depends on applications.

Speaker: Opening for nominations.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Nominating MAL Mehra.

Seconded

Accepted

ASUS Representative Chinniah: Nominating AMS Commissioner Wright.

Seconded

Accepted

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: Nominating MAL Butler.

Declined

Aesculapian Representative Broussanko: Nominating Representative Gallipoli.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Chinniah

Declined

ASUS Representative Wiseman: Nominating MAL Young.

Seconded

Accepted

AMS Commissioner Olver: Nominating ComSoc Representative Lopez

Seconded

Accepted

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: Nominating MAL Sherman.

Seconded by ASUS Representative Wiseman

Declined



Member at Large Sherman: Get out of here! No!

Member at Large Mehra: Nominating ASUS Representative Chinniah
Seconded by ASUS Vice President Tahiri
Declined

Speaker: Do any of you work for anti-oppression groups?

Member at Large Young: Positive space.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: If we receive positive space training, does that count?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: No, you have to be doing anti oppression work to fall into that category.

Speaker: MAL Young is in his own category. These three categories are there for two positions.

Member at Large Young: Apparently I am in my own group because I work for positive space, which is an anti-oppression group.

CESA Proxy Lloyd: What is the most important quality you would look for in applicants?

Member at Large Young: I would look for people who have good intentions. Measurable outcomes from work. Look to see if they were bringing others to the work they are doing. Looking to bring others into their causes. I think a lot of criteria is to be very open minded.

Member at Large Mehra: I'm looking for passion for the entire cause.

Commissioner Wright: I hope for a candidate who has the quality and quantity of work in this field, but also someone who exemplifies a bystander, but can stand up in the moment to call out oppression.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: After listening to their responses, I would rather have them choose the most qualified candidates. I withdraw.

Motion (13) carries. Members Young, Mehra, and Wright appointed.

MOTION 14: That the AMS Assembly approve the amendments to Policy Manual 1, Section 2, Part A: Assembly Policies, as seen in Appendix A: Assembly Volunteers.

Moved by: Member at Large (Incoming AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs) Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Member at Large & AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Elect Philip Lloyd

Member at Large Cathro: Basically, currently the Speaker is responsible for coordinating three marketing initiatives to get more people out to Assembly. As of this year, we introduced assembly volunteer positions. This motion puts these people under the position of the speaker in



consultation with the CIA to assist with these marketing efforts.

Motion (14) carries.

MOTION 15: That the AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the AMS Constitution, as seen in Appendix B: Billz and Budgets.

Moved by: AMS Vice President (Operations) Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: There is confusion with what's been attached in the appendix. The changed parts are the parts in red, not the highlighted parts. Basically, this is updating our constitution on how budgets are currently reflected in practice. Right now, the way we divide it is in three separate parts. Assembly budget, general office, consolidated budget. This is updating policy. Noted that bylaw 15 budgets shouldn't be in there. That's not in this jurisdiction. That should be changed at the ACGM in the fall. I didn't include assembly finance committee. Maybe it makes sense to do that motion first, then go into constitutional reading. Unless assembly cares.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: I would say no, it's fine, but I appreciate you caring to offer that.

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Thanks.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: Noted. I'm going to ask, Assembly should have an idea under C, if the changes are significant, and they'll require approval by Assembly. What do you deem significant?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Where are you talking about?

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: 6.0.03 under C, I'm not referring to the red part, but I'm wondering about it. Just what is that gap?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: It's intentionally vague, because the scale of the budget will change with time. Anything significant will probably be over a 10% threshold.

Motion (15) carries.

MOTION 16: That the AMS Assembly approve the addition of Section 10, Assembly Finance Committee to the AMS Policy Manual 2, as seen in Appendix C: Assembly Finance Committee.

Moved by: AMS Vice President (Operations) Nicola Plummer

Seconded by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Added to Policy Manual 2, Organizational Structures. Creating a finance committee in Assembly, responsibilities are to scrutinize the



Assembly budget before it is passed, and to meet once a month to go over the month end, the commission and government side of the whole, and report back to Assembly. Similar to how we operate on the corporate side. It's a finance and audit committee that reviews the services every month. I want feedback in order to respond to concerns.

ASUS Proxy Butler: It says three assembly members to be appointed at the first meeting of the year. Are these the same all year?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Yeah, it would be same Assembly members for duration of the year. Hopefully people interested in scrutinizing the government side.

CESA Proxy Lloyd: I would like to commend the exec for bringing this forward. Thanks for that. Question regarding the non-voting members. How does that work?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Say they want input from the Board perspective- they could invite the Board to come for informational purposes.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I would like to commend them for this initiative. If the Exec would see it appropriate to extend it to be three voting members of Assembly, would that be friendly?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Friendly.

Chairman Garcia: This is with the support of the Board. Going over the budget is important.

ASUS Proxy Butler: It says they may meet during the summer. What would bring about something to meet during the summer months?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Probably nothing, just the BOD meets during the summer. I didn't want to create confusion during the summer. I don't know what the AMS landscape will look like in 5 to 10 years, this is just to include the potentials in the future.

ASUS Representative Goodman: I'm passing my speaking rights to VP Tahiri.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: My questions was in regards to that. In addition, in order for these members to be effective, would it be better to pick these three members at the last assembly of this year? Isn't that when the new AMS Assembly meets? Then over the summer, they can get well versed with this.

AMS President Berkok: Point of information, only some societies turn over for that last Assembly. There's a number that don't. It would be a skewed representation if voted on at the end of the year.

ASUS Vice President Tahiri: The final AMS Assembly, that's not the incoming?



ASUS Representative Wiseman: Motion to extend Assembly?
Seconded by ASUS Representative Goodman

AMS President Berkok: Seconded!

Speaker: Sorry, already choose Goodman.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Boom, boom, get at me.

ComSoc Representative Goodman: I'm passing my speaking rights to Chinniah.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I have another question with regards to this. Can the Exec elaborate on why we want to choose during the first Assembly, as opposed to through nominating committee?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: For two reasons, one, I think this committee, not to discount the other committees, but I think this one has a higher time commitment. When it comes to finances, it's important to be transparent and accountable. This year, we've seen troubles with the nominating committee. This is a process that needs to be wrapped up quickly. I'm not suggesting here, maybe first comment alluded to this. While I'm standing, one of the most interesting things about this committee to make us more dynamic is the ability to reallocate your money considering changes in programming. Say a commissioner has a program that becomes defunct, this committee could recommend the reallocations of the money.

CESA Representative Zuccaro: I'm passing to Proxy Lloyd.

CESA Proxy Lloyd: If they aren't elected until September, then what about when the academic year is over?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Im not attached to this. We can take it out. It's just to make the policy more vague and flexible. If it changes in the future, they have that room.

ASUS Proxy Grotsky: Clarification, can they advise on reallocation, or cutting and spending?

AMS Vice President (Operations) Plummer: Yeah, so the recommendations would come into play before the budget is passed. The idea, once the budget is passed, is to follow it. So we're conservative in the first place so we're not spending at the end of the year. The second part is just throughout the year.

Motion (16) carries.

MOTION 17: That the AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the AMS Policy Manual 1, Section 5, Part B, as seen in Appendix D: Group Discipline Appeals Board.

Moved by: AMS Commissioner of Internal Affairs Kristen Olver



Seconded by: AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Thomas Pritchard

AMS Commissioner Olver: When we passed the Group NAD policy in the fall, Assembly asked us to look into different ways to create an appeals board. The policy outlined here is fairly self-explanatory, however if anyone has questions say on composition or function I would be happy to answer them. There are three voting members and one ex-officio. Cases heard by the Alternate Judicial Committee could be appealed here, and would be the highest level of appeals in group non-academic discipline.

ASUS Representative Wiseman: I'm curious as to the composition of president/ trustee?

AMS Commissioner Olver: In determining composition we were concerned that any member could be elected to sit on the body, which would conflict with the rotating AJC between faculty society reps. We didn't want a faculty member sitting on the appeal board to eliminate bias if the case involved faculties. The AMS President provides valuable input with an umbrella view of the Society, and the Trustee brings risk management to the appeals board. NAD was traditionally under the Board of Trustees, not Senate.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Having an advisor from law is more mirroring the appeals board with the university. We have someone there who knows legal grounds of issues. The current USAB chair is in the faculty of law as well.

ASUS Representative Chinniah: I don't get the justification of why we're using ex officio members here as a resource over members here on their own merit. Would the commissioner feel more comfortable if we eliminate presidents, and went with representatives? My concern is that the Undergrad Trustee and Student Senate Caucus Chair don't come here as AMS members, they come here as delegates to the AMS.

AMS Commissioner Olver: No, I would not. Presidents can appoint representatives to the AJC; it would be better if the board was not rotating and had voting members familiar with but a step back from the issue. A faculty representative may cause a conflict of interest and would be inappropriate. People here have been elected by members at large, by AMS members. People on the appeals board would have to be AMS members specifically. Do you have an alternate suggestion?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: The other aspect, you have to remember, that before if goes to appeal, the AJC is struck. In order to not, to make sure that a member of that faculty was not on that case, we would have to have a rotating appeals board. In this makeup with these static people the appeals board for all cases is the same. Appeals can be complex, that's why we bring in an advisor, so these people can have training and information and get comfortable with working with it.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Two questions, both under section 7, why are we volunteering the documents to the Queen's Journal on the finalization of the appeals process? That's the way the policy is written. Is there precedent for this? If not, why is this different? Second one. It says 14 and 72 hours. Which is it?



AMS Commissioner Olver: Regarding the Journal, in every incident where there is an open hearing, they are informed. There is precedent for us to provide information to them, however if Assembly wishes it does not have to be involved in the policy.

ASUS Representative Goodman: And section 7, under C?

AMS Commissioner Olver: That's my mistake. I pulled from our NAD & elections policy, USAB, and Athletics and Recreation policy in drafting this. It originally said 14 days, but I changed it to 72 hours.

Member at Large Mehra: One clarification referring to the member of the faculty of law; is this a professor, or anyone?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: It's faculty membership.

Member at Large Mehra: Considering this is to be done in the case where there could be bias present in the AJC, which hopefully is unlikely, and due to the fact that there are specific members of the board, and not rotation, why can't the members be appointed every time an appeals process occurs? Just as anyone in the faculty society.

AMS Commissioner Olver: The first argument is time. This is structured to be as efficient as possible. If Assembly has to meet to go through the nomination process, we might not have time for that, especially if dealing with a sensitive issue. We also have a process with rotating the AJC. It would be too confusing and inconsistent to rotate the appeals board. On a side note, I sit on the Senate Committee for NAD. In the way other appeals boards are run. If this was rotating, I don't think this would be received well in terms of proper training and consistency. We want this to be the highest level of appeal, and so cases would not go to USAB.

Motion (17) carries.

MOTION 18: That the AMS Assembly recommends that the AMS contract the services of HousingAnywhere.com.

Moved by: AMS Municipal Affairs Commissioner Catherine Wright

Seconded by: AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Thomas Pritchard

AMS Commissioner Wright: This is a motion coming from my goal plan. Sorry the document was sent out late. To summarize, it's an international housing platform for subletting or studying abroad or exchange. They lost funding for the service. It was recommended it come to the AMS. We did take on the management, in hopes to help the campus ambassador. 80 percent of students felt that this was important to be offered. 91 percent also acknowledge that this is from kjiji. This is a student to student subletting platform. You can't be a landlord. I negotiated with the site owners to \$1000 down from \$5300. I think we should contract the services for one year.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: I'm wondering why they agreed to negotiate.



AMS Commissioner Wright: Good question. They are really eager to break into the university market. They contacted a lot of schools in the United States and Europe. They are having a hard time here due to kijiji. They understand that because we're student government, they'll have to accept a lower price.

ComSoc Representative Lopez: How is the commission going to make this accessible to students?

AMS Commissioner Wright: I have to apologize, this felt lower on my priorities this year. We relied on the ambassador for that. Basically, we're hoping to liaise very quickly. We'll add it to the MAC website.

ASUS Representative Goodman: What currently is the net cost to students of us using this?

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: Right now, the Commerce Society pays for it. It's contracted to them. It came over to us because it didn't fit in their budget. It would just move to us paying for it.

ASUS Representative Goodman: Do we know how much it will cost the AMS when it comes over. If kijiji is so trusted, why are we using more money from students if it's not necessarily being used.

AMS Commissioner Wright: The school of business really likes this, but couldn't financially sustain its continuation. Some students coming from other countries may be willing to use this website over kijiji. The value isn't just for domestic students, but for exchange students. The potential for summer subletting is strong on this website. That's a scenario we could cater to, especially for the school of English.

ASUS Representative Goodman: What will the cost be?

AMS Commissioner Wright: The normal cost is \$5300, but we negotiated down to \$1000.

ASUS Proxy Grotzky: Curious; I don't understand what the service is and does?

AMS Commissioner Wright: There is a brochure for more information. You would need your queens email, and you just post it on the website. It would be helpful for short term housing platforms.

Aesculapian Representative Broussanko: Actually, just heard of this, I think this is a great idea. We have a Facebook process for arranging sublets. I think this would be valuable. Not to delay you with the logistics of medical training. It's expensive. I really think this is useful to some societies. Given that the cost to students is low, I see no reason not to support this.

AMS Commissioner Olver: Motion to extend Assembly.
Seconded by ASUS Proxy Butler



Carries

14. Discussion Period

a. OUSA General Assembly Policy Papers

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: I did this last semester, but we have OUSA general assembly, we voted on it in the committee of external alignment. We lobby on post-secondary education. A lot of it is decided on the provincial level. I sent out the papers, sorry, they're long. I welcome feedback now and at any other point. The aboriginal students paper, VP Pritchard is one of the authors, I think it is pertinent to the increase of the number of aboriginal students on campus. The only controversial piece recommends that universities on aboriginal land recognize that.

AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: The other controversy is the final recommendation that put this under the ombudsman. The students can use this to be advocated for. I know administrators look poorly on this.

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: I don't think the principle of that is it does associate with the ombud person.

Tuition set aside for needs based students. For all of you, 10% of your tuition goes towards financial assistance. There is not financial assistance for international students. This would help students.

Another one is a tuition rebate for students who find residence and jobs in Ontario after graduation. This is for retention.

The university is subjective in which countries it targets for advertising. It's not pan world. Encourage everyone to look at that.

Next one is system vision. I'm one of the authors. This is the system growth paper. It deals with the funding for higher education. Enrollment growth over the past two decades has increased massively. We have slowing growth, and the province no longer has money to increase that. Many systems are in Boston, where they have many universities in close quarters. In Ontario, our universities are very spread out. No access barrier. In Ontario, there are students who can't go away for school, since they might not have the money. We propose that all constitutions offer base level programming. The most controversial is inflation in the university sector is double CPI. Expenditures are above what we're getting. This is compensation restraint. The AMS has standing policy.

Last paper is online learning. It's been updated to reflect the Ontario online institute and credit transfer.

Member at Large Young: You talked about moving universities with the ombudsperson. I'm worried about the effect that would have on the Rector.



AMS Vice President (University Affairs) Pritchard: It's the ombudsperson at the provincial level. Sometimes you'll look into larger issues. The rector is at the university level, and really isn't an ombudsperson. The rector, although considered an ombudsperson, the Rector normally advocates and lobbies for students, whereas an ombudsperson is an unbiased, neutral position to interpret rights and policies and documentation. With this you're looking at larger issues, not university issues. This would be directly related to the province. Then the rector isn't going to the province saying "I have a problem".

Member at Large Lively: Just with the paper going over the cost pressure on university education. Specific breakdown, what are the factors with that, with percentage basis.

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: That reminded me of one of the recommendations. Yes it does. We have bar graphs, etc. the main offenders on pushing up a level of growth in certain areas, is compensation for faculties is largest, and scholarships. A recommendation here is the elimination of merit based scholarships. It disproportionately advantages high end students.

CESA Proxy Lloyd: Are there services on campus on Queen's or elsewhere specifically for international students and they should be paying for that, where domestic is not paying?

AMS Commissioner Williams, A: There are services that largely service international students, but we have not directly for international students. This would include what the province gives you for a grant, but also an international centre. In this policy we look at more accessibility. Recognizing there are certain, critical mass when you have a certain amount of international students on campus.

Speaker: Thanks for your debate earlier. I know it was a contentious issue. This is my last full Assembly, so thanks for the past year. It's been interesting. If you have anyone interested in the role for next year. I don't have access to the email. I'll be more than happy to sit down and talk to them.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by ResSoc Vice President Preisner

Seconded by ASUS Representative Chinniah

Carries. Assembly adjourns at 11:45.

