



## *AMS Assembly Minutes*

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*Meeting of Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Wallace Hall, JDUC*

Minutes are tentative until approved by the Assembly.

***Attending:***

*AMS Executive - AMS President Allison Williams, Vice-President Operations Justin Reekie, Vice-President University Affairs Philip Lloyd*

*AMS Council - Academic Affairs Commissioner Colin Zarzour, Commissioner of the Environment & Sustainability Leah Kelley, Commissioner of Internal Affairs Claire Cathro, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Ariel Aguilar, Social Issues Commissioner Emily Wong, Campus Services Director Kanivanan Chinniah, Hospitality and Safety Services Director Alex Marshall.*

*Aesculapian Society – President Elect Jonathan Cluett, Representative Alessia Gallipoli, Representative Zain Siddiqui*

*Arts & Science Undergraduate Society – President Adam Grotsky, Vice-President Blake Butler, Representative Rebecca Wieschkowski, Representative Andrew DiCapua, Representative Quinn Giordano, Representative Tamarra Wallace, Representative Forrest Donaldson, Representative Jason Verbeek, Representative Liam Dowling*



*Commerce Society –President Kyle Beaudry, Proxy for VP External Dipesh Mistry, VP Internal Betty Lu, Proxy for Representative Bhavik Vyas, Representative Ana Lopez*

*Concurrent Education Students' Association - President Abbey Cressman, Representative Dante Motillo, Representative Ellise Truong, Representative Adrian Chan.*

*Computing Students' Association – President Erin Gallagher, Vice-President Christina Chan, Representative Vinith Suriyakumar.*

*Engineering Society – Proxy for President Carolyn Fisher, Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Savides, Representative Dylan Braam, Representative Jerry Haron, Representative Peter Liberty Representative Chloe Harkness*

*MBA Students Society –Proxy for President Richard Wing, Proxy for Vice-President Thom Brennan*

*Nursing Science Society – President Reghan Walsh, Vice-President Erin Coghlan*

*PHEKSA – President Jacob Bonafiglia, Vice-President University Affairs Mario Rotundo, Proxy for Representative Matthew Nelms, Proxy Representative Kat Telford*

*Residence Society – President Nathan Utioh, Representative Brittney Whalen,*

*Ex-Officios – Board of Directors Chair Tuba Chishti, University Rector Mike Young, Undergraduate Student Trustee Andrew Aulthouse, Student Senate Caucus Chair Eric Rapos,*

**Regrets:**

*Campus Activities Commissioner Michele Charlton, Retail and Design Services Director Dylan Trebels, ASUS Representative Steven Patterson, ComSoc VP External Dipesh Mistry, ComSoc Representative Bhavik Vyas, EngSoc President Carolyn Fisher, MBA President Richard Wing, MBA Vice-President Thom Brennan, PHEKSA Representative Matthew Nelms, Representative Kat Telford, SGPS President Kevin Weiner*

*Assembly commences at 7:08pm\*\*\*\**

**Speaker Chris Casher** (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Opening remarks

### **1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

**Commissioner Cathro:** I just want to add a motion to remove second day of validation period.

*Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd*

**Commissioner Cathro:** The wording is: That AMS Assembly amend the elections dates as passed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting to remove the second day of the validation period (to reflect the changes at the assembly meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup>) and to have validation packages due on November 28<sup>th</sup>

*Motion carries.*

*Motion (1) carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions*

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

*Motion (2) carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

### **3. Speaker's Business**

**Speaker's Business-** Welcome to all our Friends-at-Large. Just a reminder to please not vote, but I encourage you to speak on motions. Just put your placard up and we'll add you to the speakers list. If at any point you're confused, put your pinky up, I'll acknowledge you once whoever is speaking is finished. As per our laptop discussion last week, make sure we're using them for agenda items only. For the attendance sheet going around, if there's something wrong with your position we can fix it for you later.

#### 4. Guest Speaker – MP Ted Hsu

#### 5. President's Report

**Speaker:** Do we have a motion to allow President Williams to speak?

*Moved by Adam Grotsky*

*Seconded by Blake Butler*

**President Williams:** Sorry I did not submit my report due to a family emergency. After the festival, we are currently in the follow-up process and today we met up with Kingston officials and we did receive a good feedback. I was in Toronto last we as well speaking at a Conference, sustainability on post secondary sector, hopefully we can engage. Lots of policy passed, if anyone is interested in OUSA please ask. We are also looking at a lot of space related initiatives to revitalize the JDUC. We will be meeting with provost for budget being allocated for the next year, if anyone's interested I'm happy to chat.

#### 6. Vice President's Report

**Vice-President Reekie:** Thank you for listening to me at CSGM. If anyone has anymore questions please ask. Update on student fees: the cheques will be at front desks tomorrow afternoon for pick up. I'm required to audit 5% of student fees and let them know, I'm required to do an audit before to give a cheque. Still withholding 4 cheques because they have not submitted certain requirements of this referendum period.

**Vice-President Lloyd:** Nothing to add to my report.

#### 7. Board of Director's Report

**Chair Chishti:** Nice to see all you again, id like to introduce my Friend-At-Large Lively. He's my favourite student director, sorry Vice Chair Blair. I want to thank you all for coming to CSGM. Please keep that engagement coming throughout assemblies, emails, etc. If you have any feedback on CSGM, please feel free to email me or meet up with me, thank you all so much!

#### 8. Student Senator's Report

**Senator Rapos:** Nothing to add, I'd like to introduce my friends but I didn't bring any so come take a selfie with me!

### **9. Rector's Report**

**Rector Young:** Hi everyone, not much to add, I'd like to thank SLC for their Remembrance Day ceremony. This is my Friend-at-Large Jenny Williams.

### **10. Student Trustee's Report**

**Trustee Aulthouse** Not much to add, over the next coming weeks I will probably be speaking at your meetings and the issues our board deals with and what a trustee does. I'm nearing the end of a two year term, you will get a chance to run. Give me an email if you're interested.

### **11. Statements by Members**

**Speaker:** Opening to floor

**Commissioner Cathro:** I have four things to mention briefly - please speak loudly as the acoustics are poor in here. Second, thank you to all the friends who have arrived. Feel free to participate and make sure to take a selfie with the hashtags! We will be doing a draw ASAP! Third thing, voter turnout, we had 34.1 % voter turnout last night – last night we were able to determine that it was the highest voter turnout since 2011. We followed up this morning with our Information Officer, Greg McKellar, and its actually the highest voter turnout in two decades. We were also able to collect a lot of interesting facts about who's voting, what faculties are voting etc. Big thanks to the team. The all candidates meeting is next Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> so if you're in a club/know a club etc. if you're interested in getting on the ballot you can have them email me about that meeting

**Vice-President Lloyd:** Next week is AMS salaried job fair, were trying to expand the applicant base. Please come and ask questions!

**President Walsh:** Shout-out to our intern, our new exec gets voted in next week so Erin and I would like to thank everyone for such an incredible time and we are excited for the people replacing us!

**Friend-at-Large Wiseman:** ASUS held elections; we had a 31% voter turnout. I would like to welcome our two at large reps! ASUS assembly is next week, please come!

**President Grotsky:** Wiseman stole my comment.

**Director Chinniah:** I have the responsibility to inform you that radio QueensU is currently celebrating its 92<sup>nd</sup> year and it's holding their annual member. Every member pays a \$7 fee so you can come and speak at this meeting. They will present what they used the student fee for

## **12. Question Period**

**Member-at-Large Rhee:** We weren't aware of the audit; we want to know what that entails, etc. What would be a successful audit, etc.

**Vice-President Reekie:** I informed assembly first before student groups. Its policy that I have to choose 10 groups, there's a framework for that. In terms of the process, it just makes sure the audit follows what they say, budgets, and expenditures, and why you're using it. Just looking at budget for the year and where you've already used the money.

**Commissioner Wong:** Remind assembly that accessibility and equity grants are tomorrow ...

**Speaker:** This is question period

**Commissioner Wong:** Who's excited for accessibility and equity grants??!!

## **14. Business Arising from Minutes**

**Speaker:** I will be stepping down for next three motions due to a conflict of interest. Alex Savides will be taking over.

**Deputy Speaker Savides:** I'm just going to fill in for a little bit.

**MOTION 3: That AMS approve the second reading of the second reading of the amendments to Part Four of AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix A: CEO Reform**

Moved by: Forrest Donaldson

Seconded by: Steve Mattiusi

**Representative Donaldson:** We've already gone through this. Separates office of CEO to speaker. The CEO can now be chosen. CEO is now separate from speaker and now CRO will be chosen by CEO.

*Motion (3) carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1, Section 4, Part A, as seen in Appendix B: CEO Reform 2.0**

Moved by: Forrest Donaldson

Seconded by: Steve Mattiusi

**Representative Donaldson:** Understood that CEO is ratified by AMS Assembly. There was some issue with the word elected so we changed it to ratified.

*Motion (4) carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 5, as seen in Appendix B: CEO Reform 2.0**

Moved by: Forrest Donaldson

Seconded by: Steve Mattiusi

**Representative Donaldson:** It increase powers given to CEO, and by giving CEO more powers, anytime you see internal affairs commissioner it replaces them with chief... There is more hiring powers.

**Commissioner Cathro:** I want to propose an amendment so it's more in line with structure of the Elections Team. More appropriate to strike the words "and one vice chair being DRO" in section a) and that deputies shall be chosen by the CRO and Vice-Chair – this hierarchy among DROs doesn't exist in practice so I propose that we remove that wording in that motion.

*Seconded by: Philip Lloyd*

**Representative Donaldson:** I'd like to amend that amendment. I would like to strike "and chief returning officer".

**Commissioner Cathro:** (POI) So it would say for section a) *This committee shall have one chair, being the CRO, chosen by the Chief Electoral Officer.* And section b) *This committee shall have at least four executive members. These members are to be chosen by the CRO and the CEO.*

**Representative Donaldson:** Yes

**Commissioner Cathro:** Those amendments are friendly.

**Representative Donaldson:** Friendly.

Amended motion no. 5

*Motion carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Speaker Casher returns to the chair.*

**MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly appoint 3 members to the Alma Mater Society Staff Aware Selection Committee (terms of reference seen in Appendix C) for 2014-2015**

*Moved by: Phillip Lloyd*

*Seconded by: Rachel Helaniak*

**Vice-President Lloyd:** So staff award has been in policy and hasn't been done, but this year we would like to actually have this award happen. We need 3 voting members of assembly. To recognize staff members.... It is important that we do work on this. Brings a lot of goodwill to this community.

**Speaker:** Opening to nominations

Representative Truong

Nominated by President Cressman

ACCEPTED

Representative Dowling

Nominated by Representative Wieschkowski  
ACCEPTED

Representative Haron  
Nominated by Vice-President Savides  
ACCEPTED

Vice-President Savides  
Nominated by Representative Braam  
ACCEPTED

**Speaker:** We have time for two questions

**Vice-President Lloyd:** What would be one standout quality you would look for in nominees?

**Representative Dowling:** One standout quality would be absolute time commitment to their profession.

**Vice-President Savides:** Passion for what they do, quite often, it shows in the quality of work they do.

**Representative Haron:** two qualities: enthusiasm and approachability. The most important thing is being enthusiastic about the work you do and being approachable, standout qualities

**Representative Truong:** One quality I would look for is caring. Any staff member who cares for their students

**Chair Chishti:** What qualifies you to sit on this committee?

**Representative Truong:** I see a lot of staff members in school environments, because hopefully I will get to be one day (I'm in con-ed) I see a lot of work they put into it.

**Representative Haron:** I'm an academic rep, I go to all my classes and talk to my profs and I'm very good at talking with staff and it gives me a good insight into the merits of this committee.



**Vice-President Savides:** I've been here for quite some time and ive had the pleasure of working with people who have shaped the queens experience... You meet a lot of people who are good and not so good at what they do and

**Representative Dowling:** A as a first year student I was nervous and the staff here at queens have been doing an excellent job and I can judge them on how I'm a student here at Queens.

*Elected- Ellise Truong, Liam Dowling, Alexander Savides.*

**MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the amendments to AMS Constitution Part 7 as seen in Appendix D: In Da Club**

*Moved by: Claire Cathro*

*Seconded by: James Barsby*

**Commissioner Cathro:** Want to briefly do a quick introduction for this and the next two policy changes as they all go together. Been working on this since May. We've held consultation with clubs, etc. The reason why were bringing an exhaustive overhaul on clubs is because we don't really have a lot of policy on clubs. Clubs have kind of always been forgotten and they need some much deserved attention. With the policy currently we have some inconsistencies and procedures with policy manuals. There's some vagueness around definition and isn't enough policy on risk management. Last thing- was to cement the clubs office as a resource to deal with and between clubs. There's a lot of HR issues and disputes with and between clubs. Major changes: 1<sup>st</sup> - definitions, looking at creating definitions for clubs, club events, club member, volunteer, participant-necessary to deal with insurance. As well, we looked at codifying what clubs can have, grants, fees, and their right to do a number of things, now in policy manual one. We wanted to codify the obligations of being a club. Some of the different obligations around risk mitigation strategies, etc, like using event sanctioning and some differences. Abiding by space and policies around space and to ensure club are using their space well. Those are just a couple quickly highlights. We looked at ratification and re-ratification and there would be ratification in the fall and in the winter because the office can't deal with packages all throughout the year. There would be another date in the winter for re-ratification. We spend most the summer granting clubs in re-ratifications. Often it takes 4-5 months to reply to an email because clubs aren't here. Clubs get de-ratified during the summer so there's no liability. Clubs are granted licenses and have terms to when we have re-ratification. Put in policy around how de-ratification would happen and other small policies around transparency. Also oversight and sanctioning and if they're upholding

their ratification and if they're having good accountability. Very basically an oversight of what change in policy is meant to do.

**Vice-President Savides:** I have a question regarding insurance when it comes to events: does this include insurance for clubs that travel, as well as transportation? Is there procedure for that?

**Commissioner Cathro:** Our sanctioning does include travel and insurance and goes through regular event sanction

**President Cressman:** In regards to definition; in definition of AMS clubs having at least 5 members, there's a lot of clubs formed at conference groups, would conference execs be eligible?

**Commissioner Cathro:** That's included in the changes to policy manual 1 so I can talk about that after this motion.

**President Grotsky:** In terms of de ratification, can you explain rationale for VP?

**Commissioner Cathro:** If there is a club doing something that is a gross violation of our policies or especially our insurance, and there needs to be immediate action that can't wait, that's basically the reason that's there.

**Vice President Lloyd:** That would hopefully never have to be used but its there because it's necessary.

**Representative Donaldson:** I want to expand on what President Grotsky's saying, my concern is that if we put in the constitution that one member of assembly same as 2/3 then 1 exec gets more power, what if we change it to {"subject to ratification"} addition. Would you consider it?

**Commissioner Cathro:** Not friendly.

*Discussion on amendment to add under 7.2.6 to have it read the Vice President's authority to de-ratify is "subject to ratification by assembly"*

**President Williams:** I understand the reason, but if there is insurance the AMS takes on that liability, recognizing if there's a lawsuit we are paying out of pocket, very specific to insurance component.

**Representative Donaldson:** Is there a middle ground we could find here? I do worry a lot of precedence this says... 2/3 vote being on same level as VP.

**Vice President Lloyd:** Would it be given as it reads right now? I'm just throwing out ideas.

**Representative Giordano POI:** Is there any way could re-define when VP could use those powers?

**Vice-President Lloyd:** That was something that did come out, would be worried about that, it could be an exhaustive list that could limit.

**Vice-President Reekie:** Pass my speaking rights to President Williams

**President Williams:** This is something that would be considered a management decision. There are many decisions that are management decisions. AMS Assembly technically doesn't intervene, this would be the kind of thing that would constitute that would be a management decision. If AMS Exec is acting irresponsibly, we would be held accountable by this body same way as with any other management decision.

(Speaking rights passed to) **Representative Donaldson:** Could include that AMS could involve an impeachment process?

**President Williams:** You always have the ability to start an impeachment process.

**Representative Donaldson:** Could we add it in?

**President Williams:** In my mind, its not good policy practice to add in a right that's always applicable to only single out in one place.

**Member at Large:** One way a club could be ratified by a VP? Clarify?

**Speaker:** Appendix D- 7.2.6. Amendment was to add the line subject to ratification by assembly. That's what we're currently debating as amendment.

**Vice President Lloyd:** This is not something that is new, this has always been the case. The VP has always had this ability.

(Speaking rights passed to) **Representative Giordano:** Amendment to amendment, is it possible to add that VP powers to de-ratify will take place in management? To make it more clear?

**Speaker:** That would be fundamentally changing the first amendment. You can debate that after.

Call to question

Amendment to make section 7.2.6 (“subject to ratification by assembly”)

*Amendment fails.*

*For: 13*

*Against: 29*

*Abstentions: 0*

**Vice President Lloyd:** I would just love more discussion as to why assembly voted more. We would love to have more debate.

**Representative Giordano:** I would like to propose an amendment- so that it would include “within purview of management duties or during times when Assembly is not in session”

*Seconded by Donaldson*

**Commissioner Cathro:** Not Friendly

**President Cressman:** Speak up please.

**Speaker:** Ok so we have another amendment, first sec. 7.2.6. Amendment to add the words within the purview of management duties, or during times when assembly is not in session.

**President Williams:** Representative is completely accurate, but it is placing onus on assembly. Given legal liability, it is important to have VP have power without assembly imposing as they as the legal officer of the corporation taken on personal responsibility.

**Representative Giordano:** I'm confused why that would be possibly, it strikes you in middle ground. It seems that people are concerned for rest of year that they're simply overruled?

**President Williams:** It's because the decision on whether or not it was management decision will still rest with the Assembly.

(Speaking rights passed to) **Representative Giordano:** Is there a potential solution to define what management duties are?

**President Williams:** My concern is that at the end of the day, the interpretation of VPUA in determining whether it is or is not a management decision cannot lie within Assembly because of legal risks. There is a reason why there are so many accountability mechanisms in place. More to say VPUA stepped out of line.

**Representative Lopez:** At the end of the day, this is a government body, this decision should lie within the shareholders of the assembly. We should think about the people who are running these clubs.

**Vice President Lloyd:** You are right in saying, but there are 6 officers who hold legal liability but I don't know if it applies here

**Vice-President Reekie:** I see your concerns, its hard if its something we are legally responsible for, I would find it to hard to a condition for something we are legally responsible for.

**Member-At-Large:** What's the system in place to stop the VPUA from unilaterally de-certifying a club for the wrong reasons?

**Williams:** The mechanism in place are exact same from stopping VPUA from unilaterally doing anything. There are a number of things that AMS could do that they could be accounted for but through same mechanisms.

**Vice-President Butler:** Just two things. Question: there is a legal question we could always impeach them. For a question VPUA Lloyd or Commissioner Cathro: if a club was de-ratified, could they appeal this decisions?

**Vice-President Lloyd:** Not an appeal, but ratify as a club again at a later date if they show that they've changed.

**Friend-At-Large Lively:** Going off what I've heard, seems like there's two main concerns reason why to prevent unilateral action on VPUA but also to empower assembly. As exec already mentioned. Assembly had power to hold VP to account, it is your responsibility to know policy and to stand up, putting words it doesn't always make it more possible and to deter a VP from making bad decisions. We should make sure clubs know why insurance is so important. I think that that's where the focus should be. Exec and government branch communication and clubs understand the sanctioning process.

**President Grotsky:** I've heard a lot for discussion, we should be respecting the rights we give the elected, given that we did elect them.

**Representative Braam:** If there is anywhere in policy that AMS has to be notified if a club has been de-ratified.

**Commissioner Cathro:** I am 99.99 sure it is in policy I'll let you know in two seconds I'm just going to look.

**Speaker:** Currently were discussing an amendment to include the words purvey within managements duties or when assembly is not in session.

*Call to question on amendment*

**Speaker:** to add 7.2.6 following Vice-President of internal affairs

*Amendment fails.*

*For: 7*

*Against: 35*

*Abstentions: 0*

**Speaker:** Returning back to original motion

**Commissioner Cathro:** I'd like to raise an amendment to add a new section 7.03.07 that will read that "*Assembly shall be notified when a club is de-ratified by the Alternate Judicial Committee or the Vice-President University Affairs.*"

*Seconded by Braam*

**Commissioner Cathro:** And I find my own amendment friendly

**Speaker:** Back to debate on original motion with included amendment...assembly shall be notified upon de ratifying of club

**Representative Braam:** Under the context, what are we using as definition of a club?

**Commissioner Cathro** We had definitions in constitution.... We decide to move them into AMS policy 1. Should the policy be passed, that would be the definition in constitution.

**Representative Braam:** Policy club.. AMS club or just club? Move to delete 7.02.01 I will explain why.

*Seconded by Savides*

**Commissioner Cathro:** Not friendly

**Representative Braam:** The issue is that in 7.02.01 it claims any club and doesn't specifically what club. Vague term "at the university". If they are de-ratified, possibly take any freedom of association, we could lose right to association. Second one, issue is, say I have a club and were not associated w any organization and for whatever reason why cause property damage, were facing legal action. Club didn't get ratified under SGPS or anywhere but now it's under their jurisdiction regardless of if they've granted them affiliation to the society.

**Commissioner Cathro** Move to find that friendly.

**Speaker:** Given that it's now found friendly. Now reading with exclusion of 7.02.01. (MOTION 7)

*Motion (7) carries*

*For: 41*

*Against: 1*

*Abstentions: 0*

*\*\*Recess 9:06pm*

*\*\*Assembly continues at 9:16pm*

**Speaker:** Before we get started, just want to remind everyone about our twitter contest #BYOF.

**MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1, Section 4, as seen in Appendix D: In Da Club**

*Moved by: Claire Cathro*

*Seconded by: James Barsby*

**Commissioner Cathro:** A lot of what I've already discussed is within policy. Goes over rights, privileges, obligations, and process for ratification and re ratification and guidelines so that they're accountable. Basically going over some club finances, goes over process for club space and process for club grants and awards and administrative insight etc. Happy to talk about anything and answer questions.

**Representative Lopez:** Proposed word changes- so in section 4, about rights and privileges, it's a little unclear about language. In section K, "zero tolerance policy" sounds a little harsh, could we change it to read "*there shall be proportional and appropriate sanctions applied for any violations of...*" One more, Clubs are autonomous in how they operate, pseudo-autonomous sounds very broad and not very clear so I propose that we say "*... operate in an autonomous fashion within constraints of club policy and Queen's University Code of Conduct.*" Two wording changes, K and L.

*Seconded by Braam*

**Commissioner Cathro: Friendly**

**Vice-President Butler:** Two quick questions, one dealt with number 7, definition part, wondered how you chose 5 as the number and the second part with number 8, should be limited if spots aren't filled by queens student? Queen's students are given preference.

**Speaker:** Okay we'll start with the first question.

**Commissioner Cathro:** In policy currently its 3, we read other universities and there threshold was between 10 and 20 and we wanted to increase that in line with best practice.

We have a lot of clubs that pop up and then die after a year and it's a lot of resources on our club. It's to make sure students are willing to run it.

**Vice-President Butler:** Non Queen's students in clubs, should preference go to Queen's student?

**Commissioner Cathro:** The reason why we limited membership to Queen's students has to do with membership to AMS and relationship to the university. Clubs are student organizations so if you allow non-Queen's students to run them, it fundamentally changes the relationship to the university. It's your capacity as student and clubs fall under AMS which falls under university jurisdiction. We love that groups participate community, but can't grant them full privileges.

**Vice-President Butler:** Clarification, so member are students and volunteers could be non-Queen's?

**Commissioner Cathro** Yeah so that if you're hosting an event so someone that isn't a student would be there as volunteer- it also has to do with insurance.

**President Cressman:** Conference clubs- if there is a conference with an exec team that's less than 5 people but large delegate (more than 5 people) are they eligible to be ratified

**Commissioner Cathro:** Yep there's still obviously other people involved to when it comes to ratification its' to make sure queens students are involved in the club.

**Representative Donaldson:** Still a bit of confusion. Under section 7.02.04 it reads: (.....) says club that gets remuneration. There could be confusion there.

**Commissioner Cathro:** The constitution is trying to get that is that no member of a club should be receiving profits. In policy, it's not necessarily a profit but a wage towards the work that you do in the club (ex. For the summer). The difference is between profit or revenue and remuneration.

**Representative Donaldson:** It seems to me that def. between profit and being paid seem similar? When we go to second reading of constitution, would that be a substantive change or could that be something minor?

**Speaker:** I would not interpret that as a substantive change. The main substance of the constitutional change. I would see it as falling in line with rest of amendments but depends on the exact wording.

**Member at Large Nirali:** I'm also President of Queen's International Affairs Association. Curious of where you get reason to keep receipts for 3 years. I know were being audited and we don't have receipts for past 3 years?

**Vice-President Reekie:** Three years, when it's up for triennial review we have three years' worth of information about spending.

**Commissioner Cathro:** As far as the second part, obviously there are significant changes in the policy we're proposing, but we don't expect clubs to be compliant tomorrow. We don't count that against you if you don't have receipts because that hasn't been policy.

**Representative Wallace:** Clarify section 4 part b 8M"... " how club can critique against the AMS and not misrepresent it?

**Commissioner Cathro:** The biggest thing to remember is the wording misrepresent, there is room for critique. It is a blanket statement to cover misrepresentation or slander rather than dissenting opinions.

**Vice-President Savides:** Section 9. For teams that have to submit constitutions to different ratifying bodies (ex. EngSoc and AMS), constitution requirements differ slightly from AMS? Should groups have more than one constitution or can there be stuff from both?

**Commissioner Cathro:** Based on governance practices, not a good idea to have two. We provide constitution guidelines for clubs and a number of things we require, if there's more than what we require there's no issue.

**Vice President Lloyd:** I want to commend Cathro and James for their work. This is the first major policy change.

*Motion (8) carries*

*For: All*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 5, as seen in Appendix D: In Da Club**

*Moved by: Claire Cathro*

*Seconded by: James Barsby*

**Commissioner Cathro:** This is the last section of this broader policy package. Addresses that policy manual 2 that everything there is there. Changes layout how we talk about structure of committee and that they have their mandate there.

**Commissioner Cathro:** Propose an amendment to a small typo by myself. Change team to office.

*Seconded by Reekie*

**Commissioner Cathro:** Friendly

*Motion (9) carries*

*For: all*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 10: That AMS Assembly approve the Consolidated Budget for the Alma Mater Society for the 2014-2015 academic year [as seen in the Assembly Google Drive]**

*Moved by: Justin Reekie*

*Seconded by: Allison Williams*

Reekie: I went through budget at SCGM. If you have any questions, throw those out.

*Motion (10) carries*

*For: all*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the Restricted Fund Schedule for the Alma Mater Society for the 2014-2015 academic year [as seen in the Assembly Google Drive]**

*Moved by: Justin Reekie*

*Seconded by: Allison Williams*

*Motion (11) carries*

*For: all*  
*Against 0*  
*Abstentions: 0*

**Vice-President Reekie:** Thank you for approving it. Any questions, please feel free to ask.

**MOTION 12: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the AMS Hiring and Appointment Policy and Procedures Manual Section 17 as seen in Appendix E [Motion 12]**

*Moved by: Tuba Chishti*  
*Seconded by: Justin Reekie*

**Chair Chishti:** The context of this motion was included in my report, what would happen in an AMS service employee had to leave their employment and had to leave Queen's? How they could be hired again? And they wouldn't be eligible for re hire. Allow those students to apply during spring period if they aren't there. There are extenuating circumstances however... Their eligibility with manager, HR, and VP operations, etc.

**Friend-At-Large Lively:** Propose an amendment- completeting 20hours of work or before October 15 (whichever comes first) to "withdraw from courses before academic penalty as per the date set by the registrar.

Change deferral on – ability to reapply. Withdraw on courses  
*Seconded by Rapos*

**Chair Chishti:** Friendly.

**Commissioner Zarzour-** What about the registrar and different faculties for withdraw dates?

**President Williams:** They're set centrally by the registrar.

*Motion (12) carries*  
*For: all*  
*Against: 0*  
*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the removal of AMS Policy Manual 1 Section 1, Part E, as seen in Appendix F: Extra-Curricular Participation**

*Moved by: Phillip Lloyd*

*Seconded by: Claire Cathro*

**Vice President Lloyd:** Just a policy cleanup, it's extremely labour intensive so we don't do it. This is in line with co curricular transcript.

**Vice-President Lu:** Once a year as opposed to fall in winter?

**Vice President Lloyd:** We did think about that, it still would be extremely labour intensive to do this.

**President Williams:** We will be compiling a learning report that will be available for external consumption.

*Motion (13) carries*

*For: all*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 14: That AMS Assembly approve the fall club grants decisions as seen in Appendix G: Fall Club Grants**

*Moved by: Claire Cathro*

*Seconded by: James Barsby*

**Commissioner Cathro:** This is very similar to summer granting period. We use all the same requirements that when use when we pass summer granting allocations. We prioritize grants that benefit Queen's community. Groups that had other funding sources or if allocations filled by other grant. There were 92 applications, it was a very difficult granting period. There was a number of common requests we saw like speaker fees. We allocated money for speakers for groups. Used 200 to be fair. We also assigned a generic amount for venue rentals across all groups.

**Vice-President Butler:** Some groups meet criteria for why you wouldn't grant – why did they still get money?

**Commissioner Cathro:** We partially granted what they asked for. We picked what sections under what they prioritize and what were really trying to get at is things like bank fees, etc.

**Vice-President Savides:** Comment on one of the names, group name Change to Code? Should be code to change?

**Speaker:** Just a typo.

**President Cressman:** Could you elaborate on point 11, other funding sources? Where they're getting other grants from?

**Commissioner Cathro:** There's some clubs that get hundreds of thousands of dollars in sponsorships so we try to prioritize clubs where this may be their only source of funding.

*Motion (14) carries*

*For: all*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**MOTION 15:** That AMS Assembly amend the elections dates as passed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting to remove the second day of the validation period (to reflect the changes at the assembly meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup>) and to have validation packages due on November 28<sup>th</sup>

*Moved by: Claire Cathro*

*Seconded by: Philip Lloyd*

**Commissioner Cathro:** At last meeting we passed that were getting rid of second day, just gives us more time to follow up with clubs and that they can get on the ballot.

*Motion (15) carries*

*For: all*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**Representative Donaldson:** (POI) You guys made those changes to tabled business earlier so those tabled motions are now redundant.

## 16. Discussion Period – Tanning Advertising

**Presentation about tanning advertising on campus.**

**Representative Wallace:** Wondering what your stance on alternative tanning methods?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** We definitely condone other alternatives. Also be aware of chemical levels in spray tan booths.

**Vice-President Coghlan:** After this had been brought to our attention, we unanimously decided to support the banning of tanning advertisements on campus.

**Speaker:** Let's discuss what this could look like in policy, and the best way to approach this.

**Representative Donaldson:** You mentioned you have letter from key stakeholders?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** Letters from Humphries, from NSS, from head of visibilities club, letter from relay for life, etc.

**Representative Wallace:** This is just a general question, I am in favour of this policy, how would it go about?

**Friend-At-Large Lively:** [Chair Chishti] and I were going over journal policies, currently as it stands, there are certain parts of AMS that governs journal that are hard to change they would have to go to referendum or AGM). If we start to step in on telling what Queen's Journal publishes, we are setting a dangerous precedent. I don't think we should be stepping in on their editorial autonomy.

**President Williams:** You talked about out of sight out of mind, would advertisements make a difference?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** We don't have direct info, we find a lot of correlations between tobacco smoking and ads. Advertising broke down social construct... we found other research saying you can educate no matter what and people will still do it. If they didn't see ad, they might not even know "The beach" tanning salon exists. We are trying to make sure the university is not condoning that behavior.

**Friend-At-Large Lively:** My contention is with that is that by allowing advertisement were not condoning activity; we should take positive steps towards preventing tanning. It's people realizing it's unhealthy.

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** It's taking something away; it's more of a subconscious way.

**Speaker:** Does this set precedence? Do we want to set this? The limitations on what we can ban?

**Vice-President Butler:** The sidewalk sale is run through ASUS, we could sit down and potentially talk about this issue.

**Representative Giordano:** I'm just curious, if were banning products that are unhealthy, where does it stop? We could ban fast food products, etc.

**President Cressman:** I really appreciate their presentation; I think education is a better guideline. Going into high schools and making sure people are aware. I don't feel okay setting a precedent for what people should and shouldn't do, not that it is.

**Representative Lopez:** I was just wondering if Chinniah could comment on this?

**Director Chinniah:** Queens Journal at this point can accept ads, accepting advertisements doesn't mean they condone it but we do accept advertisements. We do not have the authority to tell the journal no.

**Representative Liberty:** I just want to say in regards to Cressman, I think that already they would be okay with not having smoking advertisements.

**President Gallagher:** How did they answer these sorts of questions when it came to smoking?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** Probably due to number of diseases.

**Vice-President Rotundo:** I think we should stop reading into this and ultimately this is to benefit students and there really is no detriment to students. You're not infringing on anyone's rights.

**President Walsh:** I agree with what was just said, I think the point of this is to complete the action of what was done a couple years ago- to reduce the harm of tanning. With coupons, were still supplying of tanning to students.

**Representative Donaldson:** We don't want to get into the business of regulating information. With that being said, this is a great presentation. If this is to help students, we could focus on positive education without going into the rights of students.

**Representative Wallace:** My primary concern is that there is a provincial law, and there's underage student at queens, it's going against provincial law.

**Friend-At-Large Lively:** We should be upholding the law. IF we really want to follow thru on decision made last year, then we should remove every coke machine in the SLC. They're just as detrimental (after much consumption) as tanning. We need to apply them equally. We're setting a precedent, and it really is a slippery slope. We should allow students to make their own choices, which is what it comes down to.

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** Advertisements are still preying on those underage. The rates of melanoma are rising on a yearly basis.

**President Williams:** Just a question to guide discussion, talking about positive initiatives, however as we heard these initiatives are not useful. Maybe are there any solutions to these components?

**President Cluett:** Slippery slope, we shouldn't use that as the basis. We're focusing on this one issue here. Is there a precedent at any other universities?

**President Bonafiglia:** Reference to slippery slope precedent, I don't think it's reasonable to tackle all negative problems at all times. I do think this is a very attainable process. That's exactly what happened with smoking.

**Chair Chishti:** As much as we can say there's a fallacy to having precedent, and we do come back to it. I think in general we need to be concerned about that because that is how we function. In terms of provincial law, it does happen (breaking the law, even though people are underage when drinking 19+). I don't think we should be in a position to tell the Queen's Journal what to do.

**Vice-President Coghlan (POI):** They weren't asking over what AMS couldn't do.

**President Williams:** Should we be restricting information, recognizing that there's legislation around place? There's a lot of suggestion on educational initiative.

*Motion to extend assembly by 30 minutes.*

*Motion carries.*

**President Walsh:** Were talking about the slippery slope, I would like to point out something mentioned in Power-point, we saw that tanning beds is a class one carcinogenic and in terms of looking at how we could do it, were choosing not to rent our physical space to tanning, why can't we get rid of renting "paper space" out?

**Representative Giordano:** Elaborate on positive advertisements not working?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** Just a known trend on education people about the risk of tanning is not effective, they see threats of tanning as distant.

**Representative Motillo:** Even though were getting rid of tanning, we could get rid of pop drinks as well? Overall, this education does solidify what we know. We need more education.

**Speaker:** We haven't touched upon advocating to publications do not include it?

**Representative Siddiqui:** Why are we worried about restricting Queen's Journal, we should abide by the law. I'd like to call a straw-pole.

**Speaker:** More people would like to be heard.

**Vice-President Coghlan:** I wholeheartedly agree health education is great. It doesn't always work.

**Representative Truong:** Question about legislation, when is it breaking the law?

**Representative Giordano:** It is against the law...\*reads bill 30

**Speakers:** The welcome back manual is for first year students and it's to promote services around the Kingston area.

**Member-At-Large:** There's a wide range of students

(?): As AMS we don't want to facilitate, but respect peoples right.

**Representative Truong:** Were fully aware that advertising when some of our students are below 18

**Representative Mattiusi:** Just to clarify the law... When we get welcome back manual we don't ask for ID (in regards to Bill 30)

**Speaker:** The AMS that doesn't produce that (Welcome Back Manual) the university does that and we could advocate for that. A quick straw pole. I think education is a more tangible aspect of this issue. I think the conclusion we came to here is that there is a separation of what the queens journal can and can not publish. Is there anything else we haven't touched upon?

**Representative Wallace:** Perhaps we can start a body issue oriented club, which could advocate against tanning beds/advertisements as part of their purpose?

**Representative Giordano:** I think that's great.

**Representative Donaldson:** Just a question: Now that you've heard this debate, what policy are you thinking of presenting to assembly?

**Nursing Guest Speakers:** We would stick to university media.

**Speaker:** Thank you for your presentation and for coming to assembly!

**President Williams:** If you have any follow up please let us know!

**Speaker:** Thank you to all the friends who came out!

**Vice-President Reekie:** Thank you to nursing presidents for all your work!

Motion to adjourn

*Motion carries*

*Assembly adjourns at approximately 11:15pm*

