



AMS Assembly Minutes

*Meeting of Thursday November 27th, 2014
McLaughlin Room, 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, Campus Activities Commissioner Michele Charlton, 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, Retail and Design Services Director Dylan Trebels.

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

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society – President Adam Grotzky, Vice-President Blake Butler, Representative Rebecca Wieschkowski, Representative Andrew DiCapua, Representative Quinn



Giordano, Representative Tamarra Wallace, ASUS Representative Steven Patterson, Representative Forrest Donaldson, Representative Jason Verbeek, Representative Liam Dowling

Commerce Society –President Kyle Beaudry, VP External Dipesh Mistry, Proxy for 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 –President Carolyn Fisher, Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Savides, Representative Dylan Braam, Representative Jerry Haron, Representative Peter Liberty Representative Chloe Harkness

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

Nursing Science Society – President Alexandra Palmeri, Proxy for Vice-President Arryana Carkner

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

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:

ComSoc VP Internal Betty Lu, ComSoc Representative Bhavik Vyas, SGPS President Kevin Weiner

Assembly commences at 7:04 pm.

Speaker Chris Casher (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Starting off with Motion 1.

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of November 27th 2014



Moved by: Claire Cathro
Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Motion (1) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of November 13th 2014

Moved by: Claire Cathro
Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Motion (2) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Representative Donaldson: I'd like to make an amendment so that my name is on the attendance at last Assembly.

Moved by: Representative Donaldson

Seconded by: Representative Verbeek

3. Speaker's Business

Speaker: Just a reminder that laptops are to assist with assembly details only. Thank you to Richard Wing (MBA President) and Thom Brennan (MBA Vice-President) for coming out, you've both been a wonderful addition to assembly so thank you for your contributions.

Vice-President Lloyd: I am honored to introduce Peter Milliken, the longest serving speaker to the House of Commons. He's a longtime supporter of Queens and Kingston, and I'm very excited for him to be here.

4. Guest Speaker – Peter Milliken

5. President's Report- President Alison Williams

President Williams: Nothing to add.

6. Vice President Report

a. Operations-Vice-President Justin Reekie

Vice-President Reekie: Just wanted to add, a couple of cool events at the Underground. Launching “Come as you are” and Stachefest 2014. Student fee pickup: there’s currently 19 fees that have not been picked up and this is an issue considering we take hundreds of thousands of dollars from students. If you know anyone who needs to pick them up, please let them know.

b. University Affairs – Vice-President Phillip Lloyd

Vice-President Lloyd: I just mentioned one meeting to meeting with provost advisor on mental health. Making sure that professors and departments are treating mental concerns the same. We talked about the exam center and how it would work- just making sure exam accommodations is more centralized. We talked about HCDS review and results of that audit coming out soon. Two other things, we distributed OUSA pamphlet be sure to take a look. Finally, each one of u should have received a mid-year review for Exec, it was part of our platform so you can tell us how were doing. We do an intense evaluation process within the AMS. If there’s anything, please let us know, we’d like to improve.

7. Board of Directors Report-Chair Tuba Chishti

Speaker: Chair Chishti didn’t submit a report

Motion to allow Chair Chishti speak

Moved by: Andrew DiCapua

Seconded by: Quinn Giordano

Chair Chishti: Thank you Grotsky and Utioh for voting no. The board hasn’t been up to anything we don’t have a meeting until next week. I don’t want to say anything until we have things approved at our meeting. Also, if anyone’s thinking about being apart of the board, don’t hesitate to reach out and ask me about it.

8. Student Senators Report-Eric Rapos

Senator Rapos: Senate isn't until next week but I still managed to submit a report, senate agenda has been published, I will be reporting on it next assembly

9. Rector's Report- Rector Mike Young

Rector Young: Just two things, nominations for tricolor award are due December 18th at 4pm. Nomination packages must be filled out, if you have any questions let me know. Also I'm trying to solicit student feedback on sexual assault, I will be taking all things I get from students to the principal. We will be moving forward with a policy, let us know what you want policy to look like, thank you.

10. Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulthouse: There will be a meeting on December 5th, if you're interested in attending email us to secure a spot, there are limited spots. During the day, I'm organizing a casual lunch at QP between trustees and student members. Thank you

11. Statements by Members

Commissioner Zarzour: In my report, two specific initiatives. I want to make everyone aware, there will be 3 policy papers, we send reps to a general assembly to help policy to lobby the government with, I just want to bring them by you guys to make sure you know they're coming by and to read them, they'll be attached to the minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions about them.

President Williams: I want to echo the thank you and goodbye to MBA Assembly members. And a huge welcome to new nursing society president and vice-president.

Commissioner Cathro: Executive and undergrad trustees elections are coming up quickly and the all candidates meeting is on January 6th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the AMS Boardroom, feel free to get in touch with me. Update on storage space, lockers installation process is done, and waiting on a lock order for clubs to use. I just tweeted a picture if you want to see them!

11. Question period

13. Business Arising from the Minutes



MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve the second reading of the amendments to AMS Constitution Part 7 as seen in Appendix A: In Da Club

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by James Barsby

Commissioner Cathro: This is what we discussed last time, as far as the changes with constitution goes along with clubs policy that was passed. I included all the changes that were made at the last meeting.

Representative Braam: There's an omission in the appendix I think.

Speaker: There was an amendment to remove section 7.2.1, that removal was not completed in agenda appendix put out, but the motion you're voting on doesn't include that section.

Representative Donaldson: Quick amendment I'd like to make to this policy- currently as its stands it reads that "No member or executive officer of a club shall directly or indirectly receive profits from their positions as such". However officers can receive remunerations. I'd like to amend to add after "such" to add a comma, and "unless by remuneration ratified by AMS Assembly."

Moved by: Representative Donaldson

Seconded by: Representative Dowling

Commissioner Cathro: Friendly

Motion (3) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly tasks the Assembly Finance Committee with assessing the financial viability of the proposed employment and structural changes to the AMS Clubs Office as seen in Appendix B: Clubs Office Reform

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Cathro: One of the things we're looking at doing, looking at currently resources were allocating in the form of human hours to the clubs office so they can keep up with the level of work expected of them. Looking at increasing clubs manager hours to 40 hours a week and 20 hours a week assistant manager position. This motion is tasking the assembly finance committee to see if this is financially viable. If the committee finds this is so, it will be brought back to assembly to discuss the merits of adding the positions. Then it would be approved by this body.

Vice President Brennan: Since this is a new committee, can you explain in the past how this would've been dealt with?

Commissioner Cathro: Positions on the government side of the AMS are kind of in an awkward grey zone because they're not exactly under the purview of the Board of Directors to approve so although Board approves the salary grid it doesn't have the authority to approve the creation of a position. So generally, the position would've been added into policy and would've been approved by this body without looking closely at the effect on finances. There was never an in depth look into the budgets along with that, because there was never a mechanism for that in the past.

Chair Chishti: That being said, this summer when the position was looked into for a temporary basis, it was approved by the Board.

Representative Donaldson: Questions for President Williams: were you planning to have this meeting on camera or were you going to make this public?

President Williams: I don't see any reason why it wouldn't be open, unless something were to come out. We could put info on the website, we will send it out for everyone.

Vice-President Lloyd: The meeting is Tuesday the 9th of December at 1:00pm in the old board room, in the bunker.

Motion (4) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly defer the triennial review year of the Shinerama Fee to 2015-2016

Moved by: Justin Reekie
Seconded by: Claire Cathro

Vice-President Reekie: This will be similar to United Way. If you remember we took a quick straw-pole a couple assemblies ago with student fees going to charity and there was a pretty good stance that they should not. With that being said, we are going through student fees. There is a large grey area in terms of what that means and where we draw the line for example, HIV/AIDs Regional Services and Dawn House Women's Shelter are charities that also have a student fee, so we allow those because it's providing a crucial need on campus. We're going to look at creating a policy to clarify what's okay to go to charity and what is not. But we would like to push back Shinerama and United Way so it can follow this new policy and not be in this grey area we have right now.

Representative Wallace: Wondering why it would be these two specific charities and not the other charities?

Commissioner Cathro: When we did a more in depth review, we found about 30 or 40 of our fees do go towards a charity of some type so these two fees are up for review that are so left, there's a number that went to triennial review this year that are technically student fees but didn't come under that same type of scrutiny that these two did. So we felt that in fairness the triennial review should be deferred until next year so that they can be treated fairly based on the policy we will be bringing forward. These were just the two fees left up to triennial review.

Motion (5) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly defer the triennial review year of the United Way Fee to 2015-2016.

Moved by: Justin Reekie

Seconded by: Claire Cathro

Vice-President Reekie: Same thing as previous motion.

Motion (6) carries

For: all
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly ratify Olivia Martin as the Orientation Roundtable Coordinator for Orientation Week 2015.

Moved by: Michele Charlton

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Charlton: I am really thrilled to bring Olivia here. She showed her passion for Orientation week. We will ask her questions; but keep in mind she's just at the beginning of the process.

Vice-President Chan: Olivia, what are you most excited for?

Member at Large Olivia: I'm really excited for the first day of Orientation Week- when you see all your hard work paying off.

Rector Young: How do you plan on balancing love of tradition at queens with the ever - changing need to accommodate more sensitivities that students have?

Member at Large Olivia: Highlighting the importance of accessibility. Awareness and communication- it is case by case.

Member at Large Sherman: I'm going to ask you a question about a briefing that went to the board this year that's a term of reference and terms of responsibility...

Member at Large Olivia: I don't know if I can accurately address this issue.

Representative Mottillo: How will you make 2015 accessible to all students?

Member at Large Olivia: I think the best way to go about is to discuss accessibility with everyone and specifically looking at each event and having dialogues with each of the different orientation weeks.

Representative Wallace: Congratulations on your hiring. How do you plan to draw on your last orientation week experience?

Member at Large Olivia: My past experience was an orientation committee and a Gael, drawing from “I’ve been there, this is how I felt, and this is how my peers felt”

Vice-President Lloyd: At some point you will be retiring from this position, what will make you satisfied?

Member at Large Olivia: Knowing that I made those students feel more comfortable and welcome on campus

Motion (7) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

***5 minute recess at 8:10pm*

Assembly continues at 8:20pm

15. Discussion Period

a. AMS Long Term Plan

AMS Executive: I apologize the projector isn’t working. We want to make sure that as we leave, our work is not lost or forgotten. We want to think about what the AMS will look like in 2064. With yearly turnover, some of our priorities and initiatives can be lost. Moving forward, we would love Assembly to input what our long term priorities should be. The goal plan should have new ideas but also commitment to past ones. Sometimes we find that when coming up with goal plan, sometimes the culture it to come up with 50 new things to leave our mark. However, we need to be responsible and realize that although we have new ideas, we should also pay equal attention to the ideas and commitments that were started. There should be a continual reassessment of the effectiveness of these initiatives. AMS is definitely in the position to assess what went well and what didn’t go well, and pass that information on to new years. There was supposed to be a huge long list on the projector of initiatives, past and present! Such as looking at PSC, marketing research, issues on campus. This is an exercise that I’m working with Tuba. We need to set up the next chapter, the transition process is one part- we need to have a long term vision for the AMS. Transition long term goals and that ideas aren’t lost in the upcoming years. We want smart innovation. We have a few general discussion questions... we want to chat about any major priorities for the



AMS... anything you would like to see continued, or something to be evaluated, how assembly can reinforce priority.

Rector Young: Not a whole lot to propose, I just want to commend them on their long term vision - it's really impressive.

Representative Lopez: I've had to transition two people into my role, and I think one of the big things for transition would be to have a document that compiles all the important issues and aspects. I think it would be helpful for people who are new to this body.

President Williams: Certainly makes a lot of sense, of course with all the transitions we have. With the state of the union, we have all these high level ideas at the end of the year with what we've done. In your mind, would it be helpful if that document was enhanced with more detail or something that outlines more of what the motions are. What would be most effective for you?

Representative Lopez: A combination of both

Chair Chishti: I totally understand want your saying, this is also a relevant plug, it's for the annual report that AMS creates every year, it's a long publication we report and publish every year, that goes through in a year what the assembly year- you can go in depth as you want or stay as high level as you want. It's very exciting and has a lot of information- I know it's hard to find those things, but it might be a good thing to transition new people just to look into what people are doing.

Vice-President Butler: I think you raised a good point. Justin's metaphor " we are a chapter apart of a large book". I think something we all grapple with is how do we look to build off of each year, and how yearly turnover could potentially harm the growth of your faculty?

Speaker: In between years, obviously there's a long transition between execs and groups, but there's no way to really make sure that transition is held accountable. Does anyone have any ideas as to ways to assembly could keep people accountable?

Representative Donaldson: Two ideas- one would be internal to this body and one would be external to this body. External: I don't know how other faculties work but in ASUS we have representatives for one year and our senators can be two year positions,

and the idea with that is so that they can keep up institutional memory and interact new people and let them know what's happened before and what the goal is. I was wondering if faculty societies would be interested in implementing longer positions, perhaps have members that stay for two years. Second, I'd like to see a huge re-vamp in our committees. And introduce committees in each commission involved in priorities of certain commission and for them to see what Assembly wants and if they're consistent with what's happening over the ears. So those are just two ideas, I'd love to hear your perspective on them.

Representative Wieschkowski: I had an idea just at the top of my head, I know reading past reports of past execs, it was a lot of small things they were able to accomplish. What would be nice if you guys could pick two big thing they want to focus and then that could be something that could carry on- maybe could have a report on how its going monthly.

President Williams: I think that's great, I think the reporting mechanism is definitely an important one and I think informally that tends to happen a lot, minus the component around the carryover. I think it anyone has suggestions around that and in terms of how we could be more purposeful in terms assembly saying we really like this initiative, and then next assembly really evaluating it, and task the Executive with it.

Vice-President Reekie: I would encourage the executive to touch on platform points- because those were the ones voted on by students.

President Grotsky: I like Representative Lopez's idea- having a document separate of State of Union that looks specifically at Assembly and the motions that passed, perhaps in addition to that, have future Execs do a mock or train Assembly and have a presentation there where you go over a year in review.

Member at Large Mason: Maybe to follow up on that Grotsky, if we put something into policy that said that an executive can stipulate an exec elections team to discuss an issue they found very important.

President Williams: The issue is that, the executive can't do that to the next executive. Between executives there's a lot of advising. To make sure there's a purposeful discussion every year, what we liked this year, what went really well, and then the next year, what should we carry on.

President Wing: I think the overarching issue is that because we're in such a short transition year, perhaps Assembly can look into what we could do to establish certain pillars as to what could push the AMS forward. We have a general idea of what we need to do to move forward, but we don't have an overarching principal idea as to what could move us forward. We need to consider what are things, we feel as an Assembly, can move Queens forward for the next 3 to 5 years. So the next year they can build on that, create a snowball effect.

President Williams: Maybe another way to frame this, are there any particular initiatives that you've seen from us, that you want to see move forward in future years?

Rector Young: Something that comes to mind would be the festival, the Assembly here might be able to make that a priority moving forward.

Representative Wallace: This idea might have been stated before, there can be a report at the end of every year that could be passed on to every representative. There's always the possibility that a new AMS team might not continue an initiative.

Vice-President Reekie: That is a really great idea, however the new executive would have been hired 4 months before that, I think in terms of discussion we should look at, is there something we could do after fall semester to start setting up for the new executive? So all the new ideas and initiatives are in line with what we want long term. I'm worried that new initiatives might be different from what's coming from their platform.

President Williams: For example, you have seen for many years a number of platform initiatives that committed substantial resources and maybe didn't have direct and explicit feedback from students except for that they were included in the platform. So when we talk about, like last year the Assembly finance committee many initiatives that came forward, were the kinds of things, such as library counter, that required an ongoing commitment, that didn't go through explicit student consultation but was an initiative that money was spent on on the basis of that it was in our platform. If we are able to sort of more purposefully discuss the kinds of things this body has seen and then help that process.

Senator Rapos: In terms of long term planning, I might suggest just never leaving Queens.

Representative Lopez: I was just wondering, last year when you ran for AMS, what happened with strategic plan?

President Williams: That actually is on the board side. Board actually has a job with institutionalizing strategic planning into everything that they do. More of structural component. Maybe a broader discussion around current issues is I think what we're trying to get at in this discussion.

Vice-President Reekie: With general strategic visions, sometimes the tangible pieces are forgotten. It might be good to look at long term goals in specific platform points. Also project specific goals. The library counter was an initiative from JDL- it's a library counter and tells you how many seats are full and if there's space.

Chair Chishti: The board works very differently, we have 3 different board members and we try to stagger them so they don't all leave at the same time, which is very different from Assembly. We have a lot of systems in place to ensure we're not losing too much from year to year. Our strategic plan is broad, we have a broad specific navigation guide, we could work on a sub-committee if that something that's of interest.

Vice-President Lloyd: I will end the discussion there. I will ask that some of you take time to think about this, this is something we would like to continue discussing. Bottom line, we want to make sure the initiatives and priorities can continue and how we can re-evaluate them, and make sure the work you started is not lost. Please think about that over the next month.

b. University Sexual Assault Policy - Appendix C

Representative Wallace: Before we start, we are talking about a very triggering topic. If at any moment, if you feel uncomfortable the PSC is right downstairs and it's open till 10. If you need to leave I understand. There's been a lot of discussion of sexual assault in the media. Currently at Queens, there is a human rights office discrimination policy, sexual assault is not a direct focus of this policy. There's a formal and informal process. As of right now, there are only 9/100 universities have direct policy on sexual assault. Principal Woolf has declared that sexual assault policy is a number one priority. I think considering the grievous nature of this issue, we could perhaps talk about what we want to put in this policy.

Speaker: If someone wants to get the ball rolling on what AMS can do?

Commissioner Wong: Just to give assembly some context, I am soliciting student feedback for the Sexual Assault Working Group. Hopefully with your input, it will strengthen the quality of our groups work.

Representative Wieschkowski: Just a question for you [Commissioner Wong], does the university have any policy on if they can the university publish material that a sexual assault occurred on campus?

Commissioner Wong As far as I know, it's not necessarily in policy, once a complaint is brought, it's up to the complainant. It's definitely something I can bring to the table.

Vice-President Lloyd: Even comments or suggestions, also questions, were really trying to empower the sexual assault prevention and response working group. If there's anything you would like to be asked, please bring that forward.

President Utioh: What other student consultation has been done with this group?

Commissioner Wong: The other representative include, SGPS, SHRC members, etc., they can contact the president or any of us.

Representative Harkness: I was wondering for working group, how can we educate Queen's students on what sexual assault is? I know some people around campus might not take it seriously enough or are not sure what's "bad" enough.

Representative Wieschkowski: Question for ResSoc, two assaults happened in res, anything we could submit to the committee?

Representative Braam: Although ResSoc plays a role, its Residence Life.

Representative Wallace: Part of the reason we draft this policy, is that currently there is a discrepancy in the powers that are involved with sexual assault. Just wanted to hear a response about this issue.

Speaker: We could talk about what bodies would be appropriate to deal with these issues?

Member at Large: I was wondering if AMS has spoken about this issue in years past, and why it's taken this long to address this issue?

Speaker: I can't address that personally.

Commissioner Wong: These are conversations going on for past years, the Sexual Assault Working Group was established last year, it's just that depending on media coverage and what students are talking more about and that sometimes conversations shift. A couple years ago what we used to talk about a lot was alcohol usage.

Speaker: We could talk about the appropriateness of what bodies this should fall under? Residence Life policies?

President Williams: This is sort of a follow up, in this case, there is a full complement of supports that are available. Some groups offer support to students, and also a big role played by professional counselors, law enforcement, etc. We are looking at what's available- our resources, and making sure an appropriate group is dealing with. The university is not able to process someone for a criminal offence, however they can put in place a separation policy without stepping into the law enforcement realm.

Representative Braam I want to echo that education is a major issue on this topic. This is a serious issue on campus and across campus, but also making sure to clarify what actually is sexual assault. We should provide more education to students, it's a positive step we could take and what bodies we have there for their support.

Representative Siddiqui: At my old school, this was also a serious issue. Education was a big help, there was a theatre where people acted out some examples of sexual assault. Surveys were taken of students, anonymously of course, what their experience was with sexual assault, even just talking about sexual assault. We were able to get data on how common it is, even remarks about sexual assault. Some sort of survey would be a good idea.

President Grotzky: Perhaps we can support a multi-institutional campaign that can drive home some shared values as to what sexual assault really is.

Representative Wallace: In direct response, that would be a great idea. The idea of education, the idea of having workshops targeted to bystanders.

Speaker: We could engage a straw-pole on an education campaign? What would this campaign look like?

Representative Braam One of things we do in Don training, it's good to see student leaders have this training and all frosh leaders. Anti-oppression training. I think ORT could look at training.

President Williams: Back to the note of educational campaign. A lot of groups already do this really well. Would propose is for us to look at how we could support initiatives students are already working on

Chair Chishti: Last year, student affairs offered free bystander training. It would be a good idea to advertise when these are being set up and to encourage people to go.

Representative Wallace: In response to Williams, I think I would like to see the AMS addressing sexual assault such as having it in policy or some sort of campaign to show students we are concerned.

President Grotsky: I think it's important we find a balance in respecting other students' campaigns. Some sort of campaign that everyone can be involved with- some sort of unified project.

Representative Giordano: I'm wondering if it would be possible to create a forum where people can put their ideas together, might be productive for working out the details.

Representative Truong: I think having a campaign, maybe putting something in place during Orientation week so that all students are aware. It's important to focus on preventing sexual assault as well.

Commissioner Wong: Everything that has gone into that manual with an exception has undergone extensive research; I think it may be a little premature to take a stance at this assembly but this is definitely an ongoing discussion I'd like to have

President Williams: I think we also have a number of things we need to do. In regards to sexual assault working group, we are very engaged in representing student needs. When we are looking at stances, looking at what's positive and negative for students, nuanced recommendations, and research.

Representative Donaldson: I was actually impressed by what Wallace put forward. She should be commended for the research she did for this. In particular, one thing Wallace mentioned would be lobbying to have clear structure in place.

Member at Large: In response to Williams comment, what sort of research would you suggest and how long would that research take and who would do it?

President Williams: This is a fairly new process for us, typically there a number of things we could consider. We would do secondary research with literature here and across the project. Queens already has done research on this. Also consultation and receiving feedback. Things like focus groups can be used if we want research to be done.

Member at Large: You're talking about AMS policy about sexual assault, I think the policy that's been suggested is more just saying that AMS is requesting that administration to do that research and to put a policy in there, so why does AMS then need to do research on how to approach administration to change administrations policy? I think there's consensus that AMS needs to take a stand to implement policy?

Speaker: This is more of an idea of a motion to be presented.

President Williams: Perhaps I didn't clarify, it's already been undertaken by administration and identified as a priority and the project of implementing something at the university level is already something the AMS is involved in through the Sexual Assault Working Group. The stance that we need to do something about this... We are currently working with them on that process. We would be better off putting something in policy that would be our recommendations to contribute to a creative solution.

Commissioner Wong I do just want to reiterate that this group Sexual Assault Working Group is a centralized body

Speaker: I think we've had some good discussion, I think we've hit a stall as to where were going.

Representative Wallace: I was hoping that we could maybe look at my specific suggestions for policy. Change appendix C on page 51 at the top? What would be presented in the proposed policy.

Speaker: The idea is to recommend these specific aspects be put into policy that administration is currently working on.

President Utioh: They already have that in place

Representative Braam: Is this policy an AMS policy? Or recommendations for a policy?

Representative Wallace: It would be recommendations for a proposed policy for recommendations.

Commissioner Wong: University is already working on this policy

Representative Wieschkowski: The recommendations are awesome, I think a couple go back to education, we do have a lot of existing groups that can help. I think getting those out there and letting people know there are professionals that can help.

Vice-President Lloyd: I would like to point out we're talking about recommendations are too fast and loose. We want questions to be brought to the working group. The purpose is, what do we want to know more about?

Representative Donaldson: Is there already a policy for people to drop out of classes/switch out of classes after the drop out period if they have a valid concern such as sexual assault?

President Williams: Yes that is very much possible.

Representative Donaldson: To Lloyd, it is a fantastic body that Wong works with. Even if all we do is ratify what past execs have brought forward, it would be encouraging to know that there's students fighting for these issues.

President Cressman: I think that bystander intervention is a great idea, If anyone has any ideas as to how that can be available to all students?

Representative Braam: There are workshops run by student affairs that anyone can go to.

Representative Giordano: It was mentioned earlier that we could use this time to see what questions we want answered, what I would like answered: what is the main reason

sexual assault complaints are not followed up upon? I know one of the reasons could be that there's an incredible social stigma. How much is the failure to continue the pursuits of these complaints... how we could provide services to individuals?

Commissioner Wong: When you mean that they are not followed up upon, do you mean by complainant, or the administration?

Representative Giordano: The complainant

Representative Wallace: I'm sort of noticing a general overarching theme such as available resources that students don't know about it, it would be great if the AMS could have a campaign to put all these resources together.

Speaker: Did anyone else have anything they wanted to add to this? Or anything else anyone wanted to touch upon?

Representative Donaldson: I just wanted to bring attention back to Braam's idea, such as introducing sexual assault training to other faculties during orientation week. Could AMS handle this or each faculty?

Commissioner Charlton: That's something that could be done through leadership training.

Representative Wallace: In closing, thank you all for your discussion ideas, its great that were all very concerned about this issue. I think that I would personally love to see AMS stand behind some sort of message or policy. We represent the student body and it would be important to show that we stand together.

Speaker: Make sure you hand in mid-year forms up to the front.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Vice-President Brennan

Seconded by: President Wing

Assembly adjourns at 9:39 pm.