



AMS Assembly Minutes

*Meeting of Thursday January 29th, 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, Commissioner of the Environment & Sustainability Leah Kelley, 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, Proxy for Representative Alessia Gallipoli, Representative Zain Siddiqui

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society – President Adam Grotzky, Vice-President Blake Butler, Representative Rebecca Wieschkowski, Proxy for Representative Tamarra Wallace ASUS Representative Steven Patterson, Representative Jason Verbeek, Representative Forrest Donaldson,



Proxy for Representative Quinn Giordano, Representative Dowling, Proxy for Representative Andrew Dicapua

Commerce Society –President Kyle Beaudry, VP External Dipesh Mistry, VP Internal Betty Lu, Representative Bhavik Vyas, Representative Christina Peric

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

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

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

MBA Students Society –

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

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

Residence Society – President Nathan Utioh, Proxy for Brittany Whalen

Ex-Officios – Board of Directors Chair Tuba Chishti, Student Senate Caucus Chair Eric Rapos, Undergraduate Student Trustee Andrew Aulthouse, Rector Mike Young, SGPS President Kevin Weiner

Regrets:

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Claire Cathro, Campus Activities Commissioner Michele Charlton, Aesculapian Society Representative Alessia Gallipoli, ASUS Representative Andrew DiCapua, ASUS Representative Quinn Giordano, ASUS Representative Tamarra Wallace, ASUS Representative Andrew Dicapua, CESA Representative Ellise Truong, EngSoc Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Savides, EngSoc Representative Chloe Harkness, Residence Society Representative Brittney Whalen

Assembly commences at 7:10 pm



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

1. Approval of agenda for the meeting of January 29th 2015

MOTION 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the meeting of January 29th 2015.

Moved by: Phillip Lloyd

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Motion (1) carries

For: All

Opposed: 0

Vice-President Reekie: (POI) Claire isn't here...so can we change it-moved by Phillip Lloyd for new motions?

Speaker: We'll re-do that with Phillip Lloyd being the mover.

2. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 15th 2015

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of January 15th, 2015

Moved by: Justin Reekie

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Motion (2) carries

For: All

Opposed: 0

3. Speakers business

Speaker: Thankfully everyone found this room. Claire isn't here, and we'll see how much I really depend on her. I hope everyone's feeling okay after campaign festivities. Congratulations to everyone! Hopefully we can get some engaging conversation.

4. Guest Speaker:



5. Presidents Report

President Williams: Only one update and terms of reference will be coming out soon. In response to a policy recommendation that the AMS put forward with enrollment, there will be a review into and student processes for the student services with the University. There will be room for students to be involved in that.

6. Vice-Presidents Report

Vice-President Reekie: One quick thing: the student fees that have been bounced back and re allocated to bursary, so I won't go through the fees themselves but there were two reasons: either stale cheques or the fee has been discontinued. One thing I need to note is that the cheques need to be cashed within six months or else they will become stale-dated. That being said it shouldn't take six months to spend the cheque, recognizing that you should be spending the funds this year. We're looking to bring back student fee procedures and eligibility to Assembly to be updated.

Vice-President Lloyd: Just a couple things to add; I want to echo Chris' comment regarding elections-I want to thank everyone who voted. 3 things I want to highlight- the mid-year reviews for CIA and CAC are supposed to be tonight however neither of them are here so they'll do it next assembly. I talked about motions coming out about assembly structure; that will come forward next assembly. Finally, I am pushing the Special Projects Grant. It is in second round, essentially it's very broad in terms of what you can use it for so if you are interested or if anyone in your faculty has something they would like to apply for I have some applications here and the applications are due tomorrow.

7. Board of Directors Report

Chair Chishti: I have two things in my update, first thing is external representation bit regarding the Board of Trustees fossil fuel divestment. I will be providing the results from the referendum, will be sending them out tomorrow, I have asked Claire for an official copy of them, as the committee requested. One thing that did come up is that everything we do is confidential, but we will be setting up a website. The final report will be public, before we go into the next school year. Other than that everything else will be confidential. We will be holding meetings for feedback from students. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to say what they want to say, they will have a chance.

Regarding positions of Board of Directors, for all of those candidates, join the board! We will be putting out applications!

8. Senator's Report

Senator Rapos: As I mentioned in my report, Senate took place after I submitted my report. I will be happy to answer questions. We created a new unit within Arts and Science- there's now the Department of Geography and planning- an amalgamation between Geography and the previous School of Urban Planning. It opens the doors for joint programs! Any questions, feel free to ask.

9. Rector's Report

Rector Young: My report is brief tonight, just wanted to announce that we have concluded our Tricolor Award selections and the recipients have been named. Our recipients- there are 7! This is the deepest pool of applications I've ever seen, they're awesome and inspiring people. Their biographies and everything they've done for the school will be released soon. I would encourage you to look at those later.

10. Board of Trustee's Report

Speaker: Motion to allow Trustee Aulhouse to speak?

Moved by: Eric Rapos

Seconded by: Justin Reekie.

Motion carries

For: All

Opposed: (?)

Trustee Aulhouse: Sorry for not submitting a report. There are a few things since the last Board of Trustees meeting I would like to tell you all about. In December, the board of trustees met, one of the highlights of that meeting is that the board approved the Richardson stadium project. We met the first day back at school and we approved Queens is getting rid of Moodle and getting bright space exclusively. Outside of that, we also have a new Undergraduate Student Trustee, Jennifer Li! I'm looking forward for transitioning with her! I'm very happy for both candidates for working on such great campaigns. I'd like to welcome everyone who won elections! I know it can be very intimidating, I'm very proud of all of you!



11. Statements by Members

Commissioner Zarzour: Just a quick note that we are running an inaugural conference between students and faculty. I've contacted every faculty society, so please find delegates to bring! It will be a very promising event and a beneficial area of dialogue we have never had a chance to do before! Please find people to go! I'm happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Aguilar: Just wanted to thank members of University District Urban Design Committee- it was long meetings, they did a lot of work and had a lot of patience. The final report is included. Moving forward, we sent the report to School of Urban and Regional Planning. I'm happy to take any questions.

President Grotsky: I just wanted to congratulate Troy Sherman for making it here tonight.

Proxy Townsend: I heard we were moving to D2L?

Trustee Aulthouse: It's the same thing essentially; D2L makes bright space.

Commissioner Zarzour: D2L rebranded to bright space. I will encourage all of you- the last time the AMS was talked to about this was two years ago- you guys haven't had a chance to be consulted on this. If you have questions, I'm happy to answer to answer.

Proxy Townsend: If a faculty is already on D2L are they moving to Bright Space?

Commissioner Zarzour: They're the exact same thing. Everyone will be updated to Bright Space.

Representative Donaldson: Can the Director of Student Services speak to the amalgamation?

Director Chinniah: In the coming weeks Director Trebels and I will be bringing forward a structure for the amalgamation for the yearbook fee and QTV. We're bringing forward a proposal to make that into one optional fee.

Speaker: Any questions? Seeing none.

12. Question Period

13. New Business

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to the Hiring and Employment policy and Procedures Manual as seen in Appendix A: Jobz.

Moved by: Meg Monteith

Seconded by: Allison Williams

Member-at-Large Monteith: A lot of the changes you will see are eliminating redundancy. We are making things more clear, only thing will be different, there is a highlighted section. Some name changes, and not content changes.

President Williams: (POI) You may recall earlier in the year we passed a motion to have oversight of General Office moved under the Board of Directors. The manual does have joint jurisdiction. It passed the board of directors.

President Cressman: Quick question on page 55, 2.05, the struck out part- could you elaborate on that?

Member-at-Large Monteith: It was cut because it was redundant- it's included under 17.01.

Representative Donaldson: So I'm curious, currently with the process we have for The Journal, is that still current policy?

Member-at-Large Monteith: Clarify?

Representative Donaldson: We're looking at the editors and assistant editors for Queen's Journal, the hiring committee will be VP Media Officer, Queen's Journal Editor-in-Chief.

Director Chinniah: I can confirm that is no longer the case. There is no involvement on our side on The Journals internal HR structure.

Representative Donaldson: Would you prefer to just delete this section entirely since it's no longer in process? 8.043.

Representative Donaldson: I move to delete section 8.04 subsection 4.

Member at Large Monteith: Friendly.

Speaker: We will now debate the motion without subsection 4.

Vice-President Reekie: In section 3, we might as well take that out too.

Vice-President Reekie: I propose to amend section 8.04 subsection 3.

Member-at-Large Monteith: Friendly

Vice-President Butler: For 10.03, why the words 'experience,' then vi) academic process. Why is that deleted?

Member-at-Large Monteith: In keeping with our mandate and policy, it's supposed to be no experience required.

President Williams: If you look down below, it's mentioned. It's used as eligibility so intent is still there.

President Grotsky: For positions that list the executive director on the hiring panel, what's the policy for that if that spot isn't filled by the time of the interviews?

President Williams: We have delegated that responsibility, whoever's portfolio relates to those being hired.

Motion (3) carries

For: All

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 4: AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual II, Section 7: Academic Affairs Commission as seen in Appendix B: Academic Affairs Commission.

Moved by: Colin Zarzour

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Zarzour: If you remember earlier in the year when we passed my goal plans, essentially to create a commission that would be able to run after a high impact a very hands on introduction of the year with commissioners and volunteers working together and then gradually allow the deputies and volunteers to become more self-sustaining. Having now highlighted those changes, this is the hard in-policy change that we passed beginning of the year. Again, it's the move from teaching issues to university issues. Making sure its project focused. Keep committees at budget. I noticed here one bullet point that needs to be struck. Can someone move to amend that for me? Bullet point F everywhere it says teaching issues it should say university issues.

Senator Rapos: I move to amend what was previously outlined

Commissioner Zarzour: So friendly. (To strike bullet point F and teaching issues.)

Motion (4) carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion Period

Member-at-Large Sherman: I'm the outgoing co-chair of SOARB. As in the terms of reference we're doing a report to Assembly on the SOARB report. This year, you'll see a different tone with the report. Last year there was concern at Assembly the Student Senator and faculty executives that the tone of the report was negative. We decided to use less negative language. We included a section on best practices - this has never been done in the past, with the main objective of showing where the faculty society shows a lot of strength. This is done in mind so that down the road we can see what went wrong and right, when seeing how to run the best orientation week. We discussed hazing, noise, bus rides, safe travel, upper year involvement etc. We now have a very concrete timeline of when we can get enrollment numbers - this year there were a couple of faculty societies adversely affected due to exceptionally high number of acceptance rate that put them in jeopardy when determining activities. We had a high rate of people accepting their enrollment-which can be especially difficult when dealing with capacity at venues. Now we have a system in place so people can get numbers before leaving in April. Hazing is addressed here as well, we made the recommendation that they have a

section of awareness around hazing. There's been an issue with hazing, not only at our school but across Canada. We work very hard to make sure that there is training on hazing, and even brought someone in from Cornell to talk about hazing. There's a lot of positive coming out of this report. Happy to take any questions!

Member-at-Large Goodman: Can you outline what the report says and the implications in upper year involvement? What's going on with upper year involvement and where is it problematic?

Member-at-Large Sherman: We saw incidents with upper years hazing during orientation week. There are some faculty societies that just don't have positions for upper years, for example, all Commerce senior positions end in third-year. I think if there are ways for upper year students to be involved it would be great because a) it would be fantastic and provide opportunities for students and b) students can participate in an appropriate manner. That's why I made that suggestion.

Proxy Townsend: I just want to point out, as a member of SOARB, I think it's important that they included best practices, it's important to celebrate what different faculties do. I think some issues can be addressed when showing best practice.

Senator Rapos: If you are interested, there are two positions opening up May 1st! Also senate positions are open!

Discussion period 2

Vice-President Reekie: I'd like to motion to go into closed session. It will be brief, we want to explain the funding model and we will move into open session after. We just want to make Assembly members purvey to conversations we're having on this.

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Vice-President Reekie: I would also like, if it it's okay, for Assembly to let Member-at-Large Catherine Wright and Officer Mackenzie Biddie to sit in during closed session.

Speaker: We'll do the vote for closed session first.

Motion to go into closed session carries.

For: (?)

Opposed: (?)

Speaker: All for letting Catherine Wright stay.

Motion carries

Speaker: All for letting Officer Mackenzie Biddie stay.

Motion carries.

**8:00pm Assembly closed session begins*

**8:52pm Assembly open session begins*

Speaker: We'll get going, thank you for waiting. We're going to get going with the open session, I'll hand it off to the AMS Executive.

Vice-President Reekie: We split up into three parts, I'm doing to introduction part, and we're going to introduce the document of the proposal we've given to the University. We got a little more detailed with our document to them. We gave it to the principal with the Provost/Vice-Provost team and he got back to us to let us know he will not be funding the ReUnion Street Festival at all. We truly believe it is a self -funding festival, but it will take time to get there. We don't have the credibility right now to secure those sponsorships. So for a little bit of background: this year we used the AMS Advantage Fund and we can't keep doing this every year. It's in the motion that it's a one-time fee. It's not a sustainable fee and doesn't support our other endeavors with the AMS. From the funding table in your package, we divided the proposed fee amongst various parties: a student fee, University contribution, sponsorship, and ticket sales. Ticket sales were only for the licensed area, student fee to ticket fee \$12,500. We think it's a really realistic number (student fee to ticket fee), and in terms of sponsorship we decided \$15,000 which we think is really realistic. We came up with this number because there was interest from title sponsors between \$10,000 and \$15,000. It's not realistic at this moment but eventually it will be.

President Williams: Okay so the next piece is where we come from having a student fee and other aspects of this financial model and why we need this event moving forward. We have a strong mandate to put this event forward, 94% of students supported the festival in the plebiscite question and they did want to see this event moving forward.

Regarding safety- this is the only proactive approach to the issue we see in the University District especially with cultural challenges of Homecoming right now. There's no message or campaign that will stop the cultural phenomena in the district, but this event is a solution. We see a lot of unsafe drinking behavior, students on roofs, and no regulation of any kind. The relationship between the students and the city has caused divide and been damaged by Homecoming. Homecoming has been the crux of many years of divide with the city. It is fundamentally important that students have a relationship with their city. This is the only kind of event that could be a solution, and we have seen that this event has allowed for more play with the city in several aspects whether it be lobby initiatives, etc., and even the tone that's used. If we cannot have a safe Homecoming, it has been indicated by the University and it seems like the only solution is to cancel Homecoming and it would be really sad for our community and beyond that, our alumni connections. When this was discussed with the University, it was said basically that we have a safe Homecoming or no Homecoming at all. The fee we are proposing (\$12.50) would fund a component of everything, we are still budgeting for a University contribution. It would be mandatory because there is an inherent free rider problem because the event is free and open and we couldn't gate the street. We don't have a mechanism to check at the doors if everyone pays the fee. It would benefit the community and alumni with safety components regardless of whether they chose to come or not. That's why it's a mandatory fee. We looked at the money we have, we think we could tentatively put in here, we're at the point where we could get local sponsors, but we're not at a point yet where we could get big corporate sponsors. Also the fact that from the perspective of the University, although they are not contributing, moving forward recognizing that they should, the student fee could still support that.

Vice-President Lloyd: That said, this proposal is definitely not perfect, if you have any thought of what we could improve, or something we should consider, we would love to hear that! This student fee motion would be put forward next Assembly, February 12th. This is simply a discussion period today.

President Williams: With a \$12.50 we still wouldn't be able to cover the event. Moving forward with the University if they would like to see this event occur, that they need to find a way to contribute the amount.

President Gallagher: I just have a question when you were discussing with the University, how long would the University be required to pay the fee?



Vice-President Lloyd: We would want to evaluate it every year. We think the festival will be self-financing but it will take a minimum 5 years, it would reduce along the way. The University paid 0 dollars this year.

President Grotsky: How are they paying 0 dollars this year? I'm confused by that- there's a lot of benefits to them: it helps mitigate risk to the community, alumni, why is there no support?

Vice-President Lloyd: Two main reasons were financial and optics. Financially saying that they didn't have the money for it and optically with respect to the principal saying that in an era of constrained budgets this is something you could fund (...) In collective bargaining, the faculty will be going through where the University is spending their money and looking at if they could afford one thing then they should be able to afford another thing.

Vice-President Butler: It's kind of in poor shape for them not to support it in any way- there's a lot of received benefits. A bunch of huge musicians have come to play here, and even though things have changed, it's surprising that they didn't see this benefit.

President Williams: That's certainly the objective that we had in mind.

President Palmeri: We feel the need to speak to the amount of safety that this has provided to students. This is the first initiative of its kind and is a safe solution. We're disappointed the University walked away from this.

Representative Liberty: Another point... I think the University would consider not funding this... that a couple a couple people burned cars. It's a huge step up in alumni and community relations. The mayor loves this, the alumni love this; it's great. The fact that the University would walk away from this... it's a great change to the University it's one of the greatest things you've done. It's incredibly short sighted on their behalf to walk away from something like this.

President Wiener: There was one flipped car!

Commissioner Zarzour: Were there any flipped cars at ReUnion Street Festival?

AMS Executive: No! The police had said they have never seen the street fill up so early and empty so late. We had over 10,000 people cycle through. There were no incidents that occurred.

President Cressman: I think the comment about it being a street party and the optics the University is concerned with... I think the reunion really brought out the best of a balanced academy that students want to take part in. The risk reduction and really tying us to the community it's a shame to go without. It's the only solution.

President Gallagher: I just wanted to state again, prior to the festival, Homecoming was extremely dangerous, and I don't know why the University wouldn't fund the only safe option, it is ridiculous.

Vice-President Savides: I was looking up something, I remember when Homecoming first got introduced and the city was upset about policing costs, I remember in the past the University pledged over 100,000 over the next three years to pay for the policing costs. What's being asked is only $\frac{3}{4}$ of what they've already committed to homecoming and instead they could be paying for something that improves Homecoming and reduces the costs. Thinking that they couldn't consider paying for a festival that positively affects that situation, improves the safety of students, and improves the optics of Homecoming, and reduces the need for the \$100,000 policing costs is kind of ridiculous.

Vice-President Chan: I know there's lots of student who opt out of fees. Is there any way to the lower the fee in the future?

AMS Executive: As we said, every year we should be getting more sponsorship and could even grow. Of course, we're just playing around with a few revenue options, and there's nothing we could do about ticket sales. This was as tight as we could make it, we have about 5 different options. We will be assessing this every year to see if it can be reviewed.

Commissioner Zarzour: (POI) Are you saying you're concerned of the fee as it stands? This year?

Vice-President Chan: I know lots of students opt-out as much as they can, and if they don't go to AGM they're going to wonder why there's this large fee.



AMS Executive: Students do benefit in lot of ways and the \$12.50 would need to happen this year. In regards to AGM, it will be publicly advertised! We will also recognize, it's a team effort if people come out to AGM. We would be willing to consult with any constituents.

Member-at-Large: (POI) What was the budget for the festival this year?

AMS Executive: 250,000. We want it to become a self-contained unit instead of taking out of AMS operations.

President Grotsky: Before I knew the University was going to pay 0 dollars, I thought even the \$75,000 was low. Certainly students benefit from this, but they're not the only benefitters, the University benefits as much as we do. I'm even questioning the \$12.50 fee, it's too high; we already have one of the highest student fee slates in Canada. It's just upsetting to hear that this is what it's coming down to.

Representative Donaldson: I want to echo the last two remarks- I think \$12.50 is far too much for a mandatory fee. I think we should never tax our students lightly. I am unbelievably disappointed by the University's decision on this. This event has great benefits and it is great PR and for them to turn around and put the burden on students - I think those who decided this they should rethink their priorities. I hope they take a serious look at this.

AMS Executive: From the financial budget, we tried to get as realistic as possible just for it even to move forward. From our judgment, there's no way the University could benefit greater.

Representative Donaldson: It would be great if the University took this as seriously as you guys do.

President Bonafiglia: To speak on behalf of PHEKIN, I think the dancing that occurred at the festival was great physical activity! In seriousness, this is the Homecoming that students and alumni deserve. I think the fact the University is concerned with optics is very disappointing.

Commissioner Aguilar: There was a lot of discontent expressed from the town-gown about the Homecoming before; but after meeting with us before and after the festival it was a full 180- it was such a big change. I would also stress that town gown issues,

although Homecoming is the most prominent, they don't happen in isolation. Even when Homecoming goes badly it affects how we communicate with the city and community. These are same people who complain about west campus noise, etc. The level of interaction helps build this relationship of trust; I think really from a town gown perspective, this is huge step. I think this is the start of something- a much more positive relationship.

Vice-President Lu: Just two comments, I'd like to echo what has been said in that I think the fee is too much, I'm shocked on the University wouldn't even contribute- it's only 25%... Even the University not willing to pay for something that would benefit them. On behalf of the ComSoc society, we see the reunion and Homecoming is beneficial as a whole and we believe the University should support it intangibly and tangibly.

President Utioh: ResSoc really sees what happens with students such as day drinking or branching out off campus. To see the administration disregard the safety of students is disappointing. The safety and security is a huge aspect.

Vice-President Savides: I think it's worth saying again, the fact that the University definitely gets something out of the festival, whether it be monetarily in terms of alumni being engaged and investing in advancement or whether it be reputationally with the city or something that's gone well with the University, it's a big step forward improving the relationship with the city. It's the fact that it's the students that are working towards fixing it, and the University is saying we won't assist you. It's extraordinarily unrealistic from the University that the University wants something for nothing. We shouldn't have to foot the bill.

Representative Motillo: I know I'm only in second year, I remember last year it was a nail biter seeing what would happen. After Homecoming happened, the University sent out an email saying that they were proud. And now they're stepping back. I live a couple streets west, and I'm the only student housing on the block, and there was no bleeding out of students disturbing residential areas. I just wanted to say congratulations, there was no disturbance.

President Fisher: I'm hearing from this discussion that AMS members are upset with the universities position on this. We need to do something about this. With that being said, I would like to motion to open to agenda.

Seconded by: Alex Savides

Motion carries

For: all
Opposed: 0

President Fisher: I'm hearing from this discussion that the members of AMS Assembly are quite upset in learning that the University wants to offer very little support to what is quite obviously a great event here at Queen's. That being said, I think Assembly should do something about this. With that being said, I would like to add a motion.

Motion is added
For: all
Opposed: 0

President Fisher: I think Assembly is all on the same page here that this is outrageous that students are the only supporters financially of the ReUnion Street Festival when we are clearly not the only group that benefits from this. I would like to add a motion: **That AMS Assembly direct the speaker to write a letter to the principal expressing its strong support for the street festival and its critical role in enhancing not only the student life but the alumni and broader community. As well: to call the University to provide funding in support of the festival in an amount no less than 75,000 dollars.**

Seconded by: Dylan Braam.

Speaker: Motion to close agenda?

Moved by: Eric Rapos
Seconded by: Kat Telford

Motion carries
For: all
Opposed: 0

Representative Braam: We need to close the discussion period.

Speaker: Motion to end discussion?

Moved by: Abbey Cressman
Seconded by: Liam Dowling

Motion carries
For: all
Opposed: 0

Representative Donaldson: (POI) Are we done discussion period?

Speaker: Yes.

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly that AMS Assembly direct the speaker to write a letter to the principal expressing its strong support for the street festival and it's critical role in enhancing not only the student life but the alumni and broader community. As well, to call the University to provide funding in support of the festival in an amount no less than 75,000 dollars.

Moved by: Carolyn Fisher

Seconded by: Dylan Braam

President Utioh: I would like to amend that it be an open letter and be given the Queen's Journal as well.

Seconded by: Vice-President Carkner

President Fisher: Friendly

Member-At-Large Goodman: I'd like to add it to the Tartan.

Seconded by: Adam Grotsky.

President Fisher: Friendly

Vice-President Savides: I'd like to further amend that Golden Words is added

Seconded by: Commissioner Wong

President Fisher: Friendly

President Grotsky: I'd like to add the Queens Gazette and the Globe and Mail.

Seconded by: Blake Butler

President Fisher: Not friendly

Representative Liberty: Globe and Mail is a bit much.

Vice-President Savides: The Globe and Mail seems a bit much but on a serious note, if you release it to the Globe and Mail, it becomes a wider institutional issue. We don't want to be dragging the institution through the mud.

Vice-President Butler: I'm not sure about how I feel about Globe and Mail, but I think the Gazette might be great.

Rector Young: (POI) To my knowledge, the University puts out the Gazette.

Vice-President Butler: Yeah let's see if they print it.

Representative Braam: I move that we anti omnibus the amendment. I move that we remove Globe and Mail and keep the Queen's Gazette.

Seconded by Jason Verbeek

President Grotsky: Friendly, with regret.

Speaker: As of now, it's going to the Principal, Golden Words Queen's Journal, Tartan, and Queen's Gazette.

President Wiener: Let's add CFRC and the Faculty of Law student newspaper.

Speaker: Can we agree that the recipients are not the most important thing right now- we should discuss the letter. We are at the main motion again.

Chair Chishti: I just wanted to say I've been at Assembly for a lot of years and I have never seen this level of student engagement, and it's amazing. It says a lot and I've never seen this before. Thank you guys!

Vice-President Lloyd: I would agree with that too. I do think we will need to make sure that this is a productive partnership going forward, we couldn't have done this without certain members of administration.

President Williams: Beyond that, to recognize they have given us kind support, but not financial support.

Representative Braam: As the motion reads, I would like to amend it ... "campus media outlets".

Seconded by: Dante Motillo

Motion carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Commissioner Zarzour: I was just wondering, should there be more signatures than just yours?

Vice-President Lloyd: The speaker should be the sole signer of behalf of everyone here.

Senator Rapos: Is there a time frame?

Vice-President Lloyd: It would have to be done before the weekend.

Vice-President Reekie: I think if you feel like your name needs to be on something, you could write a letter as well.

Member-at-Large Goodman: For AMS Executive, I think this is a good idea- I'm concerned if this is what sounds like could be a rather scathing letter to the administration.

President Williams: I would hope it wouldn't come across as scathing, they did provide us trust and support. We could not have had better help. It's just this one particular area. I do want to say, we acknowledge the tremendous support we have this year and we would be lucky to have that support moving forward, however the financial element is integral for this festival. It's important they recognize how strongly students feel about this. It's fundamental to student safety, fundamental to town gown relations and it is a fundamental part of this University.

President Fisher: On behalf of all of Assembly, I would like to thank the speaker for his willingness to summarize the discussion we had here and to express our collective opinions and thoughts on this issue so thank you.

Rector Young: (POI) Thank you to the scribe.

MOTION 5: That the AMS Assembly direct the speaker to write an open letter to the Principal and other campus media outlets expressing its strong support for the

ReUnion Street Festival and its critical role in enhancing the student, alumni, and broader University communities: and call the University to provide funding in support of the festival in an amount not less than \$75,000.

Moved by: Carolyn Fisher

Seconded by: Dylan Braam

Motion (5) carries.

For: All

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Speaker: Can we get a motion to enter discussion period?

Moved by: Dylan Braam

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Motion carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

President Gallagher: I was just wondering, if we're talking about the University, have they denied that they benefit from this street festival?

Vice-President Lloyd: They haven't denied it - it's just the financial issue. They have expressed that if students cannot be safe on their own, then there shouldn't be a Homecoming.

Member-at-Large Goodman: I'd like to echo what everyone else has said in that the University expects students to cover this, if you were to have a 12.50 fee for 18,000 students that's 83% for students to cover this when it benefits the University as well. It doesn't add up to me they won't financially support it- it doesn't make any logical sense. They can't say "you can do it" but not support us. I think typically it should be seen as a one way street, we shouldn't be paying, as undergrads, to pay for this especially with our student fees. As Grotsky said, we have one of largest student fee slates out there-this will be problematic. I would like to know whether or not, is there any precedence for a fee where students don't take part?

President Williams: In terms of logistics around the fee, there's no logistical way to determine who will come and who will not come. We do believe every student benefits

from this safe environment and it has created a better relationship with the city. It's been great to have a better relationship between the students and the city especially when involving them in other decisions whether it be our west campus field whether it be snow removal it's been an incredibly positive thing. There is a huge benefit also in an indirect sense and this is the only way we can have a safe Homecoming moving forward and to involve with the alumni.

Member-at-Large Goodman: Follow up- maybe it's a just a framing issue for a fee. Maybe make it a fee that is provided to make a better Homecoming for everyone. A means to make sure it's better for everyone and benefits to everyone. It increases a way for students to all take part it. That might be a better way of framing it.

President Williams: I agree that's great, but I want make sure it's transparent and students make sure they know exactly what they're paying for.

President Grotsky: I think it's important to echo what President Williams said and what Vice-President Savides said about the support the University has offered operationally has offered. They have support it via Principal Woolf's tweet on October 19th 2014! It seems hypocritical that they would not support it financially.

President Williams: We were cleaning up red cups.

President Grotsky: Another community member had a great tweet too.

Vice-President Rotundo: Just an echo, I was at the ReUnion Street Festival and I thought it was a great time, it's definitely an event I would attend when I become an alumni. I think the University should recognize this is a very beneficial festival for them. If it's annual, you garner a lot of attention and people would want to come back. It would get a lot of benefit. It could get a lot of revenue, people might see it as a really good event.

Senator Rapos: I'm in the middle of planning my 5 year reunion, and I'm hoping it's at ReUnion street festival!

Trustee Aulthouse: Obviously I cannot speak for the Board of Trustees: but anecdotally speaking to trustees who were there that weekend, I saw a lot of them at the festival and they had a lot of fun at the festival.

President Gallagher: I'm not sure if AMS Executive know the answer; however if the student fee doesn't go through, will they cancel the Homecoming?

President Williams: They expressed if there isn't safety for students for Homecoming, there will be no Homecoming. We have tried for such a long to find a solution and there's never been one, we expressed that, and they said indirectly it wouldn't happen. I don't have confidence that Homecoming will happen if nothing is done.

Member-at-Large Sherman: Have you thought of going to University Council? Asking for them to reinstate Homecoming? I don't know if you guys have thought about that.

President Williams: We didn't speak to other avenues; University council have been on our list to people we would like to talk to. The other piece we looked at is working with QUAA and QUSA. The toughest thing about that is the timeline, basically we need to know this before next assembly. There isn't time to have a motion. That being said, we can be reaching out to other bodies.

Commissioner Zarzour: I just wanted to say one thing, we've spoken a lot about safety and that can seem really vague, I have younger siblings who are looking for universities and of course queens tradition is strong, however I think it's troubling that the University not support an initiative that directly reduces harm and that University won't work with a team. That the University doesn't feel they have the responsibility to support the safety of their students. That's just a concern I have.

President Williams: The University did say that they would not be comfortable having a Homecoming that was not safe, they just wouldn't have Homecoming at all. They did express a concern about student safety.

Representative Telford: Is the University naive to think if they don't support Homecoming that it wouldn't happen at all? In my second year there were still students on the streets and may have been even more unsafe.

Vice-President Lloyd: I do think they have an increase in police response, but they don't have a proactive stance.

President Williams: We also got that they hope there's construction on the street.

Vice-President Butler: Also unsafe.

AMS Executive: We want to thank everyone for such a great discussion, and we love this is an issue we feel really strongly about, we will be committed over the next two weeks to talk to the University and hopefully the letter will encapsulate this discussion and is used and hopefully steers us in the right direction. If there's anything you want to see more of or you need more information, we will be happy to come to your assembly and do anything we can.

President Williams: We believe what should be put forward the \$12.50 student fee recognizing the University should still support it along with the fee.

Speaker: If you didn't sign attendance, please sign before you leave.

Speaker: Motion to close?

Moved by: President Palmeri

Seconded by: Kat Telford

Motion carries

For: all

Opposed: 0

Assembly adjourns at 9:59pm.

