



AMS Annual General Meeting Minutes

*March 10, 2015
Grant Hall*

*Meeting starts at 9:12pm****

1. Approval of agenda for the meeting of March 10th 2015

MOTION 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the meeting of March 10th 2015.

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phil Lloyd

Motion (1) carries

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of February 14th 2014

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of February 14th 2014.

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phil Lloyd

Motion (2) carries

3. Speaker's Business



Speaker: Most people were here when I went over my introduction about how things will be running tonight and I will try to recap as quickly as possible- essentially when we are opening to debate on a motion, you have to raise your placard and I will add you to the speakers list. When you're speaking you have 5 minutes on the floor and you can only speak once per motion, someone can pass you their speaking rights but they can only pass them once, please keep all debate relevant and on topic and if you are lost you can raise your pinky and raise a point of information, you can rise on a point of personal privilege and point of order. We don't have quorum, quorum at the annual general meeting is 2% of AMS members, if we do not have 2% we will still go on as normal however it will be noted in the Journal within a week and if anyone disagrees with this decision then you can get a petition that must have signatures from 2% of AMS members and that has to be received within two weeks at which point we will follow-up with a special general meeting within a week of receiving that petition and at that meeting if we don't have quorum, the decisions of this meeting will be binding. Again, 2% of AMS members, then the meeting will not be held however if we do then we will revisit the decisions made here.

4. Guest Speaker

Vice-President Lloyd: It gives me great pleasure to honor four individuals who have made such a significant positive impact to students at Queen's. In our lives, there are some, whether it be a co-worker, teacher, family or friend who have changed our lives for the better, while they have done so much to enrich our lives, they are seldom recognized. Vicky, Sarah, Dan and David have demonstrated unwavering dedication to enriching the lives to students at Queen's.

Vice-President Lloyd: Vicky Andrews, started time at Queen's at the same time as I did. I watched her first presentation on academic requirements and her commitment to student needing guidance. It is safe to say every con-ed student is better off because of the work she does. She is a lifesaver, and a role model to all she meets. As a con-ed student I know I'm not the only one who feels that way. We want students to know how much she means to us.

Vice-President Lloyd: Sarah as chair of (?) has remained a valuable resource for students and alumni to celebrate together. She can balance sternness and fairness and can meet all tasks she sets wants to achieve. Her main ability to give a support system to all students no matter the challenges or hurdles, is phenomenal. And most importantly is her personal touch demonstrating her genuine effort to get to know students is a testament to the value she places student success. Congratulations Sarah.



Vice-President Lloyd: As we set out to create the Reunion Street Festival, it was imperative to be surrounded by those who were willing to put in that effort. Dan and David put their faith in us, being as an inaugural year, a lot of risk and a high chance of failure. When times are tough and deadlines are fast approaching, Dan and David never lost touch of the sight ahead. As director of Campus Security and Health and Safety, two portfolios, they made strong decisions to safely impact the festival. The Reunion Street Festival would not have occurred without them. They truly demonstrated what a collaboration can do with trust.

Vice-President Lloyd: Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

Commissioner Cathro: I am pleased to present the MVP award to a very special assembly member who is always involved in discussion and who has done an incredible job representing her faculty, Abbey Cressman.

a. Judicial Affairs Office Report 2014-2015

William Simmonds: Alright good evening, I am the Judicial Affairs Director, my responsibilities include the oversight of the operations of the municipal branch AMS system. I'm here tonight to provide you with a brief report of the system and what has been happening this year. This report will serve to hold myself and my service accountable and to make sure I'm doing my job transparently. The Judicial Affairs Office is run by the Commissioner of Internal Affairs and investigates complaints brought to it by the Commissioner of Internal Affairs. These complaints deal with undergraduate students who violated the student Code of Conduct- anywhere from such as stealing food from the cafeteria from getting into physical altercations at the Underground. Deputies investigate these complaints and will meet with any involved parties to try to get a balanced picture of the complaint in question, and go forward with sanctions to receive a settlement. Sanctions are quite broad in scope, but are chosen to achieve restorative justice in our system. These sanctions include but not limited to, banished from licensed pub, fines of \$1000, educational sanctions, or expulsion of a student. These sanctions may either be accepted or contested and in either case will be brought to judicial committee. It is comprised of 7 students and the party has two weeks to appeal to the appeals board. This year we have processed 68 cases, attributed to incidents among groups rather than individuals. We can use effective informational campaigns to help with this such as the successful blue light marketing campaign. Homecoming was quiet, so we're happy to see people were safe. If somebody is trying to file a complaint, we're able to understand what's going on. We instituted a student summer judicial committee for issues that cannot be dealt with in the fall and must be dealt with immediately. Average turnaround time for cases is 22 days. That's because of the amazing team of MP's who are giving fair and in a timely manner. Claire Cathro has



worked tirelessly and is the driving force behind the team. Scott Surphlis has done an excellent job as well as Phillip Lloyd. My deputies have all volunteered to ensure this process is working well and we're the only one in all of North America. Their passion and desire is what makes us. It is one of the greatest things at Queen's. We have had challenges this year, and I have full confidence in the new judicial affairs officer and commissioner of internal affairs. I encourage all of you who are interested to reach out and contact us. More students know about it, and the greater it becomes. Thank you!

President Williams: We're about an hour behind, we will post our state of the union document online and we can have a discussion at the next assembly where you all have speaking rights.

5. Presidents Report

President Report: Nothing to add, except thank you everyone for your patience and for coming out tonight.

6. Vice-Presidents Report

Vice-President Reekie: Thank you for waiting, thank you for coming. Hope we have great discussions.

Vice-President Lloyd: Thank you.

7. Board of Directors Report

Chair Chishti:

8. Senator's Report

Senator Rapos: One quick thing to add, senate committee applications are due on March 20th, there are openings for AMS members. Applications are online- please contact me! I encourage you to apply!

9. Rector's Report

Rector Young: Nothing to add to my report, I do want to take this opportunity to thank the AMS executive team. They worked till very late, I was inspired by this group of people and they pushed AMS to new heights this year. Just looking at this year, there are a lot of good things to hang our hats on. Relationship with city is amazing this year.

Excited to work with the new leaders and to make sure were getting the most out of the university.

10. Board of Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulthouse:

11. Statements by Members

Member-at-Large Erlikhman: Looking back at my time at Queen's, I've had a great time. I'd like to bring up the AMS' current position on the fraternity ban. Is the AMS going to work with the university? They cannot impose the fraternity ban on university campus in excess control under the AMS. I'd really like to see student leaders engage students more often. I love to see student leaders going out and taking time to go out to other clubs to actively speaking not just a website poll. We're a student body that's really engaging and really great. Some great things are brought to this body and the board, these are really great things to know as students, we are shareholders in this. It would be great to see more engagement, how many students go out this assembly? How many students know what's going on with students? Where is the information and the relay to students? There is that disconnect that I've seen develop over my 5 years. My brother is in first year and he doesn't even know who the AMS executive is. We need to get that passion behind student government. We need to challenge our faculties, why aren't we pushing ourselves to do more. You've done a great job as the Exec, it's an open challenge. We can do more, we should do more.

Chair Chishti: The Annual Corporate Meeting votes have been tallied and congratulations to those who are elected on a one-year and two-year term.

President Wiener: Just wanted to say a couple things about this award. We have an excellence award and we encourage people to nominate for those. Teaching fellows or grad students who essentially teach students- awards can be found on our SGPS award. They're due Monday march 23rd. If you have a TA, I encourage you to submit an award. There is a new SGPS student solidarity award. A student who has showed solidarity award, this goes to Allison Williams.

12. Question Period

Member-at-Large Erlikhman: Is the AMS going to do anything on their policy on the fraternity ban? The AMS cannot impose new rules on the student Code of Conduct. The ban will not be in compliance with university's ruling, will that be acted upon? The students can do what they want as long as it is in the student Code of Conduct. Kingston groups, as long as you're not violating, you're not violating that policy. Is the AMS

going to do this? We've raised 14,500 for charity just this year alone as an organization. We'd love the opportunity to do more and do good for Queen's and our community, why are you stopping us from doing good?

Commissioner Cathro: Could you clarify your question?

Member-At-Large: Are you going to change your policy because the university cannot impose new student sanctions...

Commissioner Cathro: The discussions on fraternities and sororities has not begun, no decisions have been made by SONAD or Senate as to whether the university will uphold the current ban or overturn it. Until that decision is made by the university, the AMS isn't in a position to comment on what our reaction to that will be, there's no use in speculating. As far as our own policy beyond that of the university which covers using AMS resources, including AMS space, if there would like to be a discussion about the AMS' relationship to fraternities and sororities, we can have a discussion topic at our next assembly meeting. There will be no action taken unilaterally by AMS executive or its council on this issue.

Vice-President Lloyd: Just to add on to that first, for any vilifications you have had over the years, of course I'm sorry for that. In terms of moving forward the consultation that took place two years ago was very clear in terms of AMS Assembly's stance on the issue of sororities and fraternities; things change all the time- different people different mindsets-which could have different opinions. I encourage you to bring that discussion forward so we can provide information.

Member-At-Large: If the university ruling comes forward, will the AMS will continue this ban? We cannot file an action against students because we are not recognized. We paid for UDHL team because the AMS refunded a check for fraternity.

Vice-President Lloyd: I'm going to echo what Cathro said, until that decision is made and there is a larger consultation with students, we're not going to overturn our stance until such time comes.

Member-At-Large Simmonds: I would like to state that any person can file a NAD complaint whether they are a student or professor or a community member if they feel there has been a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Speaker: You are unable to change the motions as is - to amend them would be to change the meaning and they were already passed. We cannot entertain any amendments to these motions. I forgot to mention, for everyone who stays for the whole meeting, we will have a raffle for more pizza. A \$40 gift card to Pizza Pizza.

14. New Business

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve the establishment of \$12.50 mandatory student fee to support an annual Reunion Street Festival to be held during Homecoming Weekend.

Moved by: Phil Lloyd

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Vice-President Lloyd: I'm going to pass speaking to President Williams

President Williams: To begin this discussion, let's start with an introduction. Many have seen or heard of the Reunion Street Festival- originally this came from a need that students were not integrated into Homecoming programming. Recognizing that, the AMS conditioned this event that met all the needs required- something for everyone, live music, decorations, licensed area. There are some major benefits to this event, we see this benefit to students, relationship with student and alumni. It does affect students in a substantial way. The initial Homecoming has been at the heart of the relationship between students and city. It has driven a wedge between students and the city. Since this event came into effect, success of Homecoming is related to the success of the university. Advancement numbers- many projects on that committee student health and Richardson stadium. Without an event, without a proactive alternative to cultural issues around Homecoming, there is no guarantee that Homecoming will continue in the future which has been stressed by the university, our hope is that this will be a solution and will help the university and the alumni engagement.

Vice-President Reekie: I will explain how we got to \$12.50. The event as a whole is about 280,000. Next year, we know we cannot lower that. The contractor expressed their minimums and they would not help us if it was below \$250,000 and they would have lost money. Stage, security, gating you can't cut those costs. We knew where our starting area was. Possible funding options are: Student contribution, sponsorship, and university. We only made \$400 in sponsorship last year because we have not gained credibility recognizing the controversy around Queen's Homecoming we could not get big sponsors. Ideally, the next 2-3 years we can get a local sponsor from 15-20 thousand and then from there we can get bigger sponsorships. The only place with tickets was licensed, it was the only place we could monitor flow. The Advantage Fund acted as a student fee, alumni had to pay \$10. We will match alumni's price next year to the student fee of \$12.50. The reason we can't use the Advantage Fund- the spirit of the advantage fund is a onetime fund to drive a large scale initiative- it's a onetime fund and we can't use it again. It's in policy and it would be depleted in two to three years if we changed policy. We were able to secure other alternative revenue streams so then came the \$12.50 student fee and that brought us to \$250,000.

Vice-President Lloyd: From frequently asked questions-why is it mandatory? We fundamentally believe every student benefits from this event, a lot of effort was done to make sure this appeals to a wide demographic, whether to you want drink or not or you're by yourself. Second, operational, respect to the free ride - we have no way of who opted in and who opted out. We cannot gate this event, it is not allowed and cannot be done. In addition, if it was opt-out, we are not sure what the loss of revenue would be. Both a referendum and AGM are constitutionally legitimate ways to pass this. We knew it would be difficult to go to referendum because the consultation was not done to be eligible to go to referendum. I will say, just because it is going to AGM we put a lot of market this and AGM advertising. I know many of you to make sure your constituencies were available. We were distributing pamphlets and to make sure this was transparent as possible. This event is critical, there's a lot of discussion in terms of what we need to do, perhaps 15 years from now, could you change through referendum? Possibly. But not in the next few years. It will go through triennial review; it is our hope that the price will go down in three years.

Rector Young: I would like to speak very much in favor. I was one of the co-chairs planning this and I worked with the Executive quite closely I think I would really like to stress that this isn't \$12.50 for a party, it will help student life in many ways. Homecoming may not happen without this. Student Life comes from advancement dollars. At last year's events, we saw alumni out more often than we've ever seen, it was the first time we had a mechanism for alumni and students to come together. This is an investment in student life- this is something 5, 10, 15 years down the road will be self-sustaining. Please consider voting for this. I would not advocate for this if the money wasn't going towards something great.

Member-At-Large Erlichman: First of all congrats to AMS and council. I am in favor of this- however, I am a little concerned about AGM and I would've loved to see a plebiscite question. What were your thoughts? It would be a really nice way to see what students want. A lot of universities lack giving back. We don't hear those numbers, I propose a Queen's give back. It would be amazing. Giving back to the place we call home, we're building that now, but we don't see that giving back. We don't see the student government voting that. Imagine if we could try to see the student give back one can of food or one piece of clothing to give back or donate to the local shelters- that would improve town gown relations so much. It would be amazing to see that, that encourages giving back to alumni. I would have loved to see more consultation with this motion, I am in favor though. Those FAQ's are amazing, I couldn't find them online though. I understand that some of these issues are more complex, but those need to be conveyed to us. These are things we can really start doing, they're really easy, why aren't we doing more? This is a great step, but will we do more? Philanthropy is huge. Where is that component- alumni give back, why don't we do that? Why aren't we

seeing everyone make a concerted effort? Where is that leadership...Philanthropy and giving back is what really matters- helps our connection to students, alumni, and the city of Kingston. Let's see these numbers rise and put it in more effort.

Rector Young: Just a Point of Information, the plebiscite question was "would you like to see the return of Reunion Street Festival".

Representative Wallace: What is the policy when ruling of not allowing amendments at AGM?

Speaker: It's the same that when we pass constitutional amendments, we don't pass any substantial amendments to the second readings. The motions we're debating are specifically student fees so the wording can't change and to change the number would change the motion substantially.

Commissioner Cathro: To approve a fee through AGM, it is a two step process, it isn't meant to have two considerations of the same question, however, there is a serious consideration given to that question at assembly by a 2/3 majority passes that vote. Assembly has passed that fee motion with that consideration, it would be inappropriate to change that at the second step considering that there has already been that consideration at the first step.

Representative Wallace: Which specific place in policy?

Speaker: Its not specifically stated, it's a convention that's been followed.

Commissioner Cathro: Wording in constitution is that, the question is approved at assembly and then *confirmed* at annual general assembly. That being said, the wording does lead to the fact that AGM is simply a confirmation to something that has already been decided.

Representative Braam: I believe in the debate we were having on the motion at assembly in February, it was stated, by Exec and CIA that we would be approved the question to be brought to AGM for approval, its misleading the way we were voting to bring it to assembly.

Commissioner Cathro: I apologize for our incorrect use of language, but we were abiding by what is said in the policy which does use the word approval and confirmation. It was not my intention to mislead anybody.

President Williams: I cannot guarantee we did not misspeak at some point during debate, I will say, having written the speech, we did confirm the process was to have it

approved at assembly and then confirmed at AGM. I realize that because there was discussion around AGM and the role. You'll find in the minutes it's there.

Representative Donaldson: You mentioned there is a past convention, just so we can be clear on this, can you point assembly towards the direct minutes so we can reflect on that?

Speaker: You can find all the minutes on the assembly website, when we do cite AMS constitution, we do it in consultation, a lot of decisions are made in response in to that advice.

Representative Donaldson: You seem very confident in this decision, I'm sure they pointed towards specific minutes, or even broadly speak on that.

Speaker: I cannot speak specifically to a direct date. I would be glad to look through that with you.

Member-At-Large: For sake of time, my points are similar to his, however I'm against this fee, this fee has been very undemocratic, it's been pushed down on students without students knowing this, I guarantee if you ask 10 students tomorrow no students will know about this. We have enough to do this fee next year, do it properly, bring it to referendum, as shareholders, students have the right to vote on this fee. Second, this affects all students, not all of us will vote on this, I don't think all students can go to this. It needs referendum or at least more student consultation. I enjoyed this festival, so that about it, for sake of time I want to be short, this is something that affects all of us. This is the wrong place to push this fee. Students' voices are not being heard, it's unfair for us to push this, it's uncalled for.

Speaker: This is as legitimate a body to pass a fee as referendum, they are the same in the constitution. I will not entertain any debate as to the legitimacy of passing a fee here at AGM because as per the constitution we are following, it is just as legitimate of a body.

Member-At-Large: In a normal assembly, it is possible to overturn the ruling you made just there? Motion to overturn that ruling.

Seconded by: Representative Donaldson

Speaker: My ruling was that any discussion pertaining to legitimacy of passing a fee at AGM shall be deemed irrelevant and you shall be cut off if you persist on debating this given both routes are of equal weight in the constitution. This ruling shall be overturned by a 2/3 majority vote.

Member-At-Large: If we don't have quorum, can we get 300 signatures and deal with it later?

Speaker: That pertains to the substantive motions passed, this is a procedural motion.

Speaker: All for continuing with ruling I made?

Motion carries

Member-At-Large: Motion to reconsider?

Speaker: This is procedural; we will deal with it right now.

Seconded by: Member-At-Large.

Motion to reconsider carries

Member-At-Large: What does that mean?

Speaker: In the event if we feel there anything missing from debate, you can move for a motion of reconsideration, we will entertain a short debate. If it's procedural, we deal with it right away. This vote is if we want to reconsider the motion that just passed.

Donaldson: We do have the right to explain the reasoning.

Speaker: We will have two people speak for and two speak against motion to reconsider.

Member-At-Large: Regardless of where you stand on the fee, you have to recognize that AGM is a place for students to air their voices. By systematically removing one of the largest criticisms of the AGM from the discussion, we are actually proving the point that AGM is not. People can still vote however they want, but it is important we have the fullest and best debate.

Representative Braam: I think this meeting is not the place to discuss whether or not this meeting is the right place to discuss, on the other hand I do not believe it is the right of speaker to say what we can and cannot discuss at this meeting. This is supposed to be a meeting where we get the general viewpoint on the motion.

Member-At-Large: I agree with Representative Braam, that this is the place where we should discuss assembly, I don't think there is validation to re-open this simply because we just voted no. I don't think we need to reconsider it, however I think we all voted on the speakers ruling.

Rector Young: I would like to point out that it is the speaker's job to do that, it's in policy and we should respect that. Second, you should look in policy and whether discussing which is more legitimate because it's in policy. I encourage people who are against this fee to talk about why this fee doesn't meet the threshold for them because that's what we need to have a full rich debate on, we should not waste time on things like motion to reconsider, points of personal privilege-we should get to real debate why or why not they think this should pass.

Speaker: If you vote against, we will move on. Vote to reconsider, means we will vote on my decision.

Speaker: All for motion to reconsider?

Motion fails

Member-At-Large Kary: I've had the great fortune or live on Aberdeen for the last three years and this event made a massive difference. It was my first year, it was a nice wholesome mix of the two I feel that there was some very significant problems with this event, those incoming should take actions on this issue. This festival was very successful in some ways for some periods of time. The AMS needs to work with the Kingston police in order to understand and properly work with students. The police put a camera on our street (Aberdeen), which I think violates Ontario's guidelines. The people that represent students are the AMS. The goal of the police is not to stop people partying, the police they want to help us. I think it is responsible to inform the police to help the police with students. The Kingston police need to engage students before the event such as pamphlets or information like "this is the camera this is what it does this is what can happen" - that work needs to be continued. They're actually really great and people students can work with to improve town gown relations.

Member-At-Large: I live on Aberdeen and I received notice about the camera.

Member-At-Large Simmonds: I come from a Queen's family, and so I grew up hearing stories about traditions, etc., and when I finally decided to come here I was really excited, ultimately, this festival is a great way to bring back student ties and help to improve the student body. I really like hearing about my family's Queen's experience and I want to bring that back. I want this place to become a home for those like it was for me before I even got here. This year, we had the sheepdogs come, etc. if we show that we deserve this and were willing to pay, we can bring this back and make it great. We have to be prepared to pay for this and show that we deserve this. This 12.50 is less than a pitcher at Ale or at stages. I support this fee, thank you very much.

Member-At-Large Blair: I would remind everyone to please speak up and to address the speaker.

Representative Donaldson: My main concern with this particular fee is the process, I'm not talking about AGM, I do worry that were taking this too much as if this is our only choice to pass this. I know that they made a very fair point that the current planning company doesn't want to go below 250,000, to that I say, lets find a different company. I think \$12.50 mandatory is too much demanded without proper consultation. I would've voted differently if the plebiscite question included the fee. I just worry that were rushing into this. The amount the university is contributing, they get the benefits from alumni, and safety, is astronomical. The fact they're paying such a low amount is disastrous. I understand a lot of you are really worried about Homecoming, but it has existed strongly for several years before the festival came. If it doesn't happen next year, it will still exist and we can come up with new strategies. I'm happy to see all these faces out, however I don't think this is consultation enough to make such a dramatic decisions. I urge you to vote against this and recognize this isn't do or die. The incoming executive could still make this happen, if students believe in this, the students will exec incoming for those who do. I urge you to take a step back and whether this is necessary with better consultation.

President Williams: Just to correct two statements, we went through a competitive public tender process which is very widely available for contractors for this event and we only had one of the many that met the bar in terms of being on a level where we trust them with the event and it is my professional determination that there are no other options to put this on nor would we be comfortable with any of the other options that exist. The second piece, from the perspective of the city and the university and they would say it too that Homecoming has not been a success in the past, and they have communicated to us that the university without this festival and unless they are positive Homecoming can be a safe event they will cancel it.

Representative Donaldson: How much does the university get from alumni relations?

President Williams: There's no way to explicitly state that, they got a lot of money every year from donations but in general good relations is something that increase donor relations to a certain extent.

Rector Young: it has been indicated to me by the university that without the Reunion Street Festival or a viable event that meets the same requirements Homecoming will be canceled in future years. Those are simply the facts.

President Cressman: I want to disagree with the points before, I support this motion, I think the festival offers crucial solutions to problems in the past. It has been brought up time and time again- it certainly has done a lot with relations with students and alumni. It doesn't mean the festival should be static, obviously as time moves on, the event

should be evaluated, I think that the event in this form does provide a successful Homecoming.

President Grotsky: I want to speak in favor of this motion, we need to consider the fact that traditionally and in the past Homecoming has a very rocky past. This has a direct was to solve that problem, to have a safe way to protect students and have an enjoyable environment, a way to facilitate positive interaction. Are there downsides? Sure. But the pros outweigh the cons. At the CGM we talked about risk. This is a way to mitigate risk that we must take. Essential to the Queen's experience, I urge you to vote in favor.

Member-At-Large: Most of what I wanted to say cannot be said, but I thought that Chinniah made a bold statement about student fees at the town hall and I would like to hear from the incoming executive

Vice-President Reekie: I made some notes as people were talking to address some facts. Number one, we cannot use the advantage fund again for this festival- it is in our policy, even if we change policy, it isn't a sustainable fee. We wouldn't have funds for initiatives. The festival will not move forward if this doesn't pass, \$12.50 is the best deal we can do, it cannot happen again if this doesn't pass. If this does not move forward I want you to think of safety, political, and social implications that will arise if this does not move forward again. This is a project going on for years, and we finally have the right political landscape in order to make the event possible. It could take another decade for this to happen, it's a very political event. In terms of consultation-the graphic we release online about the 12.50 and this meeting reached 13,000 people and 530 people read the news blog. Before the actual festival, us three personally delivered flyers on a two block radius around Union street so I can personally guarantee that also did happen. The plebiscite had a 96% yes on the question. We did not do that to replace this, we were in a rush, we thought okay, this is a quick way for student consultation, after the consultation process has finished, it lead us to AGM that was our timeline. I am conscious, that question asked is they wanted to festival continued. We lobby on the plebiscite question. The fee is the best deal we will get, ever.

Member-At-Large: It wasn't a do or die, I'm now confused by the statement by Reekie and the Rector? If we do not approve this will there be a Homecoming next year?

Rector Young: What I meant is, people should not vote out of fear, they should vote on the merit, it has been communicated to me that if we don't get this funding then the festival won't happen and Homecoming would be jeopardy. I encourage you to look at the merits of the fee.

Speaker: No one can speak in definite terms, the Executive has stated that if the fee does not pass, Homecoming will not happen and administration needs an event such as this

to occur such as this for Homecoming to occur. These are the sentiments that have expressed.

Representative Braam: I feel like the speaker is debating the motion, the Exec should speak.

(Vice-President Butler speaking rights passed to...) **Member-At-Large Erlikhman:** Let's bring this back. Anyways, I'm support of bringing this festival. Things I would like to see: I'd like to see it expand, there are other things we can do: will we make philanthropy a priority? We can have philanthropy, we can give back to community we have been involved with. That will raise the profile of our school. We need to continue consultation if the fee gets passed, I want open consideration to continue. It should be open and constant dialogue until it happens. Bring the hype and bring people to want it. Let's really get it up and make it open and transparent. If it's open and we know where the money is coming from and we know the planning process, we could get a weekly update such as "this is what's going on", "these are the plans", and these are the things we need to think about in the future. We're going to have a field that's going to cost more than 1 million. We think of these traditions at Queen's, look at alumni, they didn't have jacket bars. These are things we need to identify and combine. ReUnion is one aspect of the Homecoming event, students should engage with alumni and community. If we can have something where people can follow, people can develop that excitement. Let's bring back that mentality. We can have an opportunity for our new stadium, we could have championships, we have a way to bring our students ever closer than ever. We have to think even further and what we're going to do to make this expand.

Speaker: We have reached 60 minutes so we're going to vote on whether we should stop debate and vote. It happens after 60 minutes, if it fails, we have until 90 minutes until we have to stop. Its procedural, you have to vote for or against. 13 people left on the speakers list.

Rector Young: Can we motion to extend to let those people have their time?

Speaker: We're voting now.

Member-At-Large: Voting yes to this that we will vote on this motion and voting no is that we will vote to let more people speak?

Speaker: Yes. Motion to call the question
Motion fails

Commissioner Aguilar: With respect to this festival, it's a huge priority. A huge part of the festival was to bring everyone together whether they want to drink or not. With

respect to Queen's, the police and consultation, I agree we need to be doing a much better job, the fact that only one person was aware of cameras and one wasn't is a huge issue. We are now working with police to work with St. Patrick's Day, we are now working with academic discipline, this was all due to the Reunion Street Festival- these relationships go beyond the festival. This starts a relationship that we can really develop.

President Hamilton: This is my first assembly. First, it's 12 dollars. My second point, the vast majority of people here want to pass this and there's about seven people playing politics. We all know there is validity in this, let's pass it through.

Member-At-Large Lively: First off, the spirit of AMS policy, unless the decision is unanimous, do not clap. I want to clarify something mentioned earlier, in regards to Advantage Fund, reading Board of Directors policy, it doesn't state that this has to be a onetime fee, it has not been fully flushed out at the Board level. I would like to ask Vice-President Reekie if he could state how much is in the fund? Investment income does go back to advantage fund and we have 1.5 million in health and dental. I'd like to hear that perhaps.

Chair Chishti: I'm going to go over this. I was going bring that up, but in August, that's the meeting where we assessed the Board passing the usage of the Advantage Fund. It did come up as a one-time fee only, calculated risk of funding this festival recognizing the benefits, it was made clear and very much said this would only be a onetime fee. In terms of advantage fund, it's a little over \$600,000. In terms of health and dental, with internal funds there restricted internally, for example, if there were an Ebola outbreak on campus, that's what it would be used for.

Vice-President Reekie: Once again, completely correct, it was in the motion that it would be a one time use. The Advantage Fund, our investments did well, we're sitting at 600,000 it would be unethical to use health and dental money to charge them for a fee recognizing we would be using that fee for reunion.

Member-At-Large Lively: My facts have been misconstrued. Rising on a POI, I was trying to give my personal opinion- I was not trying to further debate just trying to provide information. I am in no way saying we should take from the health and dental fund, I am trying to say those investment funds go into advantage fund- it is not static. That fund is going up at the same time it is being drained.

President Palmeri: I want to take this back about this motion, just going back to consultation period exec went through, I do believe whole-heartedly that they went through and rigorous and extensive process to bring this fee. Being a nursing student, it's important to highlight the health benefits of this event, it is first realistic opportunity

someone has brought to tap out the risk. This event is essential risk reduction and pulling away traffic from University District.

Commissioner Zarzour: I have two brief points, one is that, I want to add on one thing Vice-President Reekie stated which is that the \$12.50 number- we wouldn't have even know that number was the number by time of referendum. The university and AMS have been attempting risk mitigating strategies for tons for years before Homecoming before it was even cancelled. The Reunion Street Festival is only strategy we have ever used where the city, the university, and students all three partners this is the only one that has ever succeeded on those metrics. We have the data, we have the measures, it was the only thing that has ever worked.

Member-At-Large: For the frosh, Homecoming- that's when I realized I was home. This was my first year here. If you think about it, this Homecoming event solidifies the idea that Queen's is better. To other class of 2018 members, it is great place to be, when we did the oil thigh that night, I had the Ontario Court Judge on my right arm- I didn't know who she was when she told me after. Think about that. I love this university. That is why I'm voting yes.

Vice-President Lloyd: In terms of well yes the festival, was a success. Was it perfect? No. A lot of what you're saying in terms of: Could we add philanthropy, more consulting, add programming to cater even more to our students? Yes, yes and yes. But we need a festival in order to do that.

President Bonafiglia: First, as a PHEKIN student I can't stress how great the physical activity dancing was. The \$12.50 will only go down in the future and the VPOps has the ability to lower it before triennial review. I believe, the AMS worked super hard to get it as low as it gets to, we can reach out to external sponsorship. I don't know the full definition of philanthropy, I think we've heard time and time again, we deserve to reward our alumni.

Vice-President Chan: I have two points, first is about safety and how it appeals to greater population, I do not feel safe around Aberdeen at Homecoming and I don't want to worry about my friends, an event like the reunion at Homecoming is safe- I can be with friends, family, alumni. Some people have concerns about people not knowing about this, AMS exec tasked their students to relay to their constituents, and myself and the presidents did our best to let our students know about this. We talked about it in our assembly, we sent out emails, we wrote down how we got to this number. I hope you vote yes for this.

(Representative Telford speaking rights passed to...) **Rector Young:** I'm going to be brief, to add a specific, I sit on Board of Trustees and the Audit and Risk Committee, and

we talk a lot about in terms of risk in terms of student safety and I'm thinking that if this festival didn't happen and if the university didn't have any programming like this, if a student got hurt that would put the university in a bad situation and this would tarnish our reputation. That puts us in a risky situation- reputationally and in the media. If this street festival doesn't happen, people will still party- and this year we saw something that worked this year. We had something that worked and it didn't work because it wasn't funded and didn't work and a student were to get hurt, it would look badly on the people on this room. We need to look out for each other. From a health and wellness point of view, from a risk mitigation point of view, I encourage you to vote yes to this.

Member-At-Large: Motion to close the speakers list?

Member-At-Large Lively: I would just like to say that a motion to call to question can only be called by someone on the speakers list.

Director Chinniah: Motion to call to question

Seconded by: Member-At-Large.

Speaker: All to call to question?

Motion carries

Member-At-Large Lively: I would like to call to secret ballot.

Speaker: We vote by ballot at AGM if requested. A five minute summation to Williams.

President Williams: Thank you all for the debate, everything that has been said has been said, I do believe the next team will consider them looking forward.

Motion (3) carries.

For: 133

Opposed: 12

Abstentions: 2

Member-At-Large: I am giving notice that I will giving a motion to reconsider. We will deal with it at this time given that the next AGM is next year. It will result in an immediate vote on the matter.

Commissioner Zarzour: When you raise a Point of Personal Privilege, how do you justify it?

Commissioner Cathro: You can just raise a motion to reconsider. You don't have to specify.

Speaker: A motion to reconsider is meant to be raised in the event that there was some aspect of the debate that would drastically change the result of the vote. If you motion to reconsider a motion, nothing can be done, nothing can be done as a result of that motion passed until it has been fully reconsidered, which means if you bring it up now, we can't do anything until we vote on the reconsideration. Since AGM occurs once every year, it would be dealt with next year, I am ruling that we vote on the reconsideration motion right now as it would not make sense to wait a full year.

Member-At-Large: We don't have full quorum, you can get the 350 signatures required.

Member-At-Large: I'll do that instead, never mind.

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly eliminate the \$3.00 Queen's TV fee (mandatory) and the \$21.43 Tricolour Yearbook fee (subject to individual opt-out) and establish a \$24.43 Tricolour Yearbook and Studio Q fee (subject to individual opt-out); this fee shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as seen in Appendix A: Studio Q Fee.

Moved by: Dylan Trebels

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Chinniah and Trebels: This will be brief; we are here to talk about the amalgamation of QTV and YDS. Primarily because of a structural problem, there has been a structural problem with QTV for a long time, the problem has always been the problem with acquisition of equipment. One problem that we had is the marginal quality differential. QTV business model makes it hard to make it compete. The paradox with QTV is that we need to provide professional equipment for it to thrive- but the avenue to get this equipment isn't enough to offset its costs. The race for live stream- we're forced to have a structural deficit which is basically cost of equipment. We need to find a way to fund this equipment, I will say that QTV is ranked second only to Ryerson systems which is professionally used. Convocation services are a stable source of revenue that can support a lot of higher costs. The big changes happening in a short time- it seems like a short amount of time. YDS shows how really big things can happen in a short amount of time. We think that bringing QTV and YDS together will generate more creative ideas. As it exists, there's a lot of overlap between QTC, illustrate, Photoshop, etc such as things they supply and learning opportunity. In our opinion, this makes a lot of sense. The purpose of this is to create a creative agency, under the AMS. The amalgamation- currently QTV does not have enough money for world-class equipment purchases. We have to find a way to fund that. YDS and QTV have stable sources of revenue to subsidize this process. We look at expenses and then we looked at revenues and compared those. We are eliminating these fees into one opt-out able fee (both were mandatory). We look at our fixed costs, and we calculate all our revenue tools and we

think this service will run a \$30,000 deficit. We're okay with that, because as a service starting up, we think we can start with a deficit and bring it back up over time-incentive for managers to push forward. We're asking to eliminate two mandatory fees to one opt-out able fees.

President Grotsky: I just heard a very convincing presentation to have one total opt-out-able fee. I move to call to question.

Seconded by: Member-At-Large Sherman.

Speaker: This requires 50% plus 1 to call to question.

Motion to call to question passes

Speaker: I will allow three questions in the spirit of debate at AGM.

Member-At-Large: I'm just curious, with the \$30,000 deficit, what deficits do you have with those?

Director Trebels: It's about the same, we do have revenue tools like convocation, we could easily look at our prices. A lot of our numbers we budgeted were very conservative; it could realistically be a \$10,000 which would be a 5% deficit.

President Gallagher: Last time you passed this, you wanted a more stable source of income, now were going back to less stable opt-out-able fee, how you're doing this going back to an unstable source?

Vice-President Reekie: Good question, working with registrar and opt-out, when we get those fees there's always about 10,000-11,000 who stay into the fee, 1,000 go into SOLUS and pick and choose and the rest opt-out of everything. We can have an educated guess.

President Siddiqui: One question, what I understand is QTV is costing money but to maintain the service were going to use the revenues of other media outlets to mitigate that. The oversight of QTV will be lost, the deficit could get larger?

Director Chinniah: Major area of deficit is live broadcasting and video production. We will go to Athletics & Rec and we will ask for an increase in price because they should be paying a higher portion. Currently we have 100% deficit in broadcasting services in Athletics & Rec and we're working on fixing that. On video production, we think we can look for other sources of revenue that we haven't tapped yet. Currently, we just produce videos. In a creative agency, we can consult on creating a video. The cultural benefits of merging, I think, holds very well for QTV's future.

Speaker: Calling to question.

Motion (4) carries.

For: Unanimous.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Speaker: There was not quorum, if you get a petition with 2% of AMS with 326 signatures if you deliver to CIA in two weeks, within one week we will hold a special meeting and if we receive quorum at that we can go over these special decisions. If not, we will not. No pizza there.

Speaker: Will someone motion to adjourn?

Moved by: Member-at-Large

Seconded by: Member-at-Large Leask

*Assembly adjourns at 12:11am ***