AMS Assembly Minutes

Meeting of Saturday April 18th, 2015
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

Minutes are tentative until approved by AMS Assembly.

Attending:

AMS Executive – AMS President Kanivanan Chinniah, AMS Vice-President University Affairs Catherine Wright

AMS Council – Academic Affairs Commissions Read Leask, Campus Activities Commissioner Danielle Kimmerly, Commissioner of Internal Affairs Miriam Bart, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Matthew Kussin, Social Issues Commissioner Alex Chung, Campus Services Directors Emma Fuller, Hospitality and Safety Services Director Stephanie Harper, Retail and Design Services Director Tyler Lively

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society – President Brandon Jamieson, Vice-President Andrew DiCapua, Representative Liam Dowling, Representative Lucas Cohen

Compsa Society – President Max Garcia

Concurrent Education Students' Association – President David Wiercigroch

Engineering Society— President Julie Tseng, Vice-President Alex Wood, 4th year Representative Matthew Lawson, 3rd year representative Rigers Rukaj, 2nd year representative Callen Hageman

MBA Students Society – President Joshua Hamilton, Vice-President Kamna Krishnan

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

PHEKSA – President Lindsay Toth, Vice President Angie Travlos

Ex-Officios – Rector Mike Young, Board of Directors Chair Michael Blair

Regrets: Vice-President Operations Beaudry, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability, COMPSA Vice President Mareena Mallory, Crystal O'Dea, ComSoc President Ana Lopez, ComSoc Vice President Vasanth Ranganathan, ComSoc Vice President Caroline Hayes, ASUS Representative Sarah Flisikowki,, Board of Trustees Jennifer Li, ASUS Representative Stefan Li

*Assembly starts at 7:10pm***

1. **Approval of agenda for the meeting of April 18th, 2015**

Motion 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the meeting of April 18th, 2015.
Moved by: Miriam Bart
Seconded by: Catherine Wright

Vice-President University Affairs Catherine Wright: I'd like to propose an amendment to motion 3 and task the nominating committee electronically. We would like to constitute committee with more members. Only 20 voting members present. Allow everyone to submit a short blurb. Then pass out a survey and vote by the end of the week.

Amendment carries.
For: All
Opposed: 0

2. **Speaker's Business**

Speaker: Congratulations to Mike Blair for being elected as Board of Directors Chair. Moving on to election of the speaker. Open the floor to nominations.

Representative Dowling: I nominate member at Large Wiseman – accept

Representative Wood: I nominate Sam Anderson – accept

Rector Young: I nominate Levi Burns – decline

Speaker: Please begin by introducing yourselves to assembly for two minutes each.

Member-at-large Wiseman: I'm a 3rd year politics and history student. Served as Internal Affairs Commissioner for ASUS. Needed to know policy. Policy nerd. Reads policy manual before bed. More seriously, had the opportunity to fill in for ASUS speaker and DSC speaker. Given skills to become speaker. Assembly has taken steps to make better discussion. Wants to make assembly more fun, productive and inclusive.

Member-at-large Anderson: Mathematics and Engineering. Student government has shaped experience. Engineering Society council member. Has directed EngSoc academic portfolio. Senate Committee of academic development. Sat as student trustee during labour negotiations in high school. Wants to make sure everyone feels engaged and able to represent constituents. Make debate efficient and full. Although we may want debate to go on, we do not want representatives to get disengaged. Want AMS to have an impact and reps and others to feel welcome at the table.

Speaker: We will now accept three questions from Members of Assembly.

Engineering Society President Sang: In your role as speaker, you may have to mediate a conversation that is very controversial and that you have strong opinions on. How will you stay unbiased?

Member-at-large Anderson: Know and follow policy. Explore different avenues in policy so that you're ready for when decisions come up. If you exhaust policy, make your decision. That is the role of speaker. Decision should be what benefits students and is representative.

Member-at-large Wiseman: Be as neutral as possible at all times to ensure that your opinions do not sway debate one-way or the other. Important to enforce the rules and make discussion fluid. Cannot allow discussion to get circular. Need a concrete discussion in place so students feel represented. I will separate my opinions. You take a role in the community at large. You should not be taking opinions when you are meant to be neutral.

MBA Preside Hamilton: Suppose someone is talking for 6 minutes and not adding value – how do you stop them?

Member-at-Large Wiseman: These things can happen. You as speaker have to ensure discussion is fluid and not circular. There are speaking limits for a reason. 1. Everyone gets a chance to speaker. 2 members are not going on and on. Make sure everyone knows that those limits are. I will shut people down if necessary – if they are going over the limit, deviating from the discussion. If that happens consistently, suggest members bring it up as a discussion topic.

Member-at-Large Anderson: If you're not adding value, it's time to stop talking. It's harsh to cut people off. But we need to create a culture of consistency. If people are speaking they will be listened to, if they ramble they will be shut down. It's important to enforce conciseness. Other people will get cut short by people speaking for too long.

President Toff: What is your biggest challenge in the role?

Member-at-large Anderson: I've never had a chance to sit on AMS assembly. Will need to learn more about how assembly works, policy. Won't be afraid to make decisions and bring a fresh perspective. Need to find goals as a speaker and perform against those goals. Goals: make debate representative.

Member-at-large Wiseman: Biggest challenge is that it's a new position. Removed CEO role. Ensure that the speaker is wholly focused on assembly. I like that the focus is now on assembly at all times. Gives the speaker a chance to engage with members more often. 2 way discussion can be going. You are charged with procedure but assembly is a 2 way street. Give you are the arbiter you have to take members' opinions into account.

Speaker: Thank you both. You may now say concluding remarks.

Member-at-Large Anderson: Thanks. I know that I'm new and don't know all the rules. Confident that what the AMS does is valuable to students. Want to make sure that it's done as effectivel as possible.

Member-at-Large Wiseman: Thanks for coming out during exams. I bring a lot of experience in ASUS dealing with policy.

Speaker: I'd like to recognize that Retail Services Director Tyler Lively is taking the minutes.

Retail Services Director Lively: I will print off a hundred copies at P&CC.

Giggles

Speaker: Any debate on the motion?

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: Motion for secret ballot.

Motion fails.

Speaker: Sam Anderson is elected as speaker of AMS Assembly. Please come forward and assume your role

3. **Statement by Members**

4. **Question Period**

ASUS Vice-President DiCapua: Why are the Exec not sitting together?

President Chinniah: So I can provide the new speaker with any procedural knowledge needed, as I have been on assembly for 3 years.

ASUS Representative Dowling: I have heard concerns from constituents about hiring policy. Are you aware of these concerns? If so, how will you be addressing them?

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: We are aware of what has been said generally. We recognize that this is a big issue. A lot is just rumors. We will be addressing what we see as concerns when we are in office. Until then, concerns should be directed to the current HRO, Meg Monteith.

5. **New Business**

Speaker Anderson: Motion number 2, that the incoming AMS Assembly strike the Nominating Committee. Opening to CIA Miriam Bart.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: We are moving towards a committee structure. It will be my responsibility to solicit and compile applications over the summer months. Members should be prepared to do some work over the summer. Small time commitment but should be aware. Will fill committees of Assembly. Nominating committee will try to ensure that each member gets a committee of their preference. Composition will be 5 members of assembly plus 3 non-voting members.

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: If you have any questions please have them addressed now.

ASUS Representative Dowling: Question re: time commitment. Will anyone be required to come to Queen's?

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: No you will not be required to come to Kingston. Cannot speak to exact time commitment but everything can be done electronically.

Engineering Society Vice-President Wood: Did we add an additional motion or amend the current motion?

Speaker: That is the next motion.

Engingeering Society Vice-President Wood: Do we not have to strike the committee first?

President Chinniah: This is a proposal to strike it, the next is a proposal to fill it.

Rector Young: For the various committees of assembly, have we already created these? Will we be creating any?

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: We are moving to the committee based structure we are looking to strike new committees that will require filling throughout the year. Commission Advisory Boards we would like to see function through the summer. 175th anniversary is an ad hoc committee we would like members appointed to. We are creating new ones.

Rector Young: Nominating committees of the Board of Trustees will also deal with composition of committees. Will nominating committee deal with that or just fill positions?

President Chinniah: That will still be under the purview of the CIA recognizing that Assembly can instruct the CIA as they see fit.

Speaker: Motion 2 – that the AMS Assembly strike the nominating committee with terms of reference seen in appendix A.

Motion carries.
For: All.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.

Speaker: Motion 3 – note it has been amended to read as "That the Incoming AMS Assembly task the Commissioner of Internal Affairs to constitute the AMS nominating committee electronically."

Vice-President University Affairs Wright: We will send out blurbs from interested members and then send out a survey that members can use to vote for members of the nominating committee.

President Chinniah: There are a lot of people who can't be here for other reasons. In the interest of expanding the eligibility we decided it would be best to do electronically. The process will be fully explained via email.

Motion Carries.
For: All.
Opposed: None.
Abstentions: None.

Speaker: End of business. Will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn
Moved by (?)
Seconded by Rep. Dowling.

Motion Carries.

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES
Added Friday, May 15th, 2015

Participants:

Angelique Travlos, Alexandra Palmeri, Jonathan Cluett, Brandon Jamieson, Joshua Hamilton, Kamna Krishnan, Andrew DiCapua, Alex Wood, Ana Lopez, Mareena Mallory, Lucas Cohen, Rigers Rukaj, Callen Hageman, Liam Dowling, Sarah Flisikowski, David Wiercigroch, Max Garcia, Julie Tseng, Catherine Wright

All voting Members of Assembly were asked to vote on the submitted responses to the following question:

If you are a voting member of assembly and would like to be considered for one of the five available positions on the Nominating Committee, please submit a 150 word response to the question: "Why should voting members of assembly elect you to the AMS Nominating Committee?"

1. That AMS Assembly appoint Liam Dowling from the Faculty of Arts and Science to the Nominating Committee of 2015-2016.

   "My name is Liam Dowling and I am an ASUS rep to the AMS for this coming year. Having been a voting member of assembly over the past year, I know first hand the importance of the various committees that are struck by the AMS each year. These committees serve a very important role in the completion of several important initiatives within the society. If elected for one of the positions on the nominating committee, I would ensure that all members of assembly have equal opportunity to be a member of a committee. I would also ensure that candidates preferences and skill-sets are taken fully, and unbiasedly into account when nominating individuals. I would like to thank you for your consideration and hope that you have a great summer. Thanks."

   In Favour: 18
   Opposed: 0
   Abstention: 1

2. That AMS Assembly appoint Max Garcia from the Faculty of Computing to the Nominating Committee of 2015-2016.

   "Dear Assembly Members, I hope you are all having a great summer. My

name is Max Garcia and I am the COMPSA president. I would like to have the honor of being a part of theNominating Committee and through that have the opportunity of facilitating the filling of other assembly committees. This past year, I have been the AMS Assembly Representative at the Radio Queen's University (CFRC) board of directors and have also sat in the Human Resources Committee of the station. In this position, I've learned to manage contracts, amongst other things, in an anonymous way. I believe that such work can help the nominating committee when determining who is the best fit in the diverse committees that assembly has. All the best!"

In Favour: 18
Opposed: 1
Abstention: 0

3. That AMS Assembly appoint Ana Lopez from the Faculty of Commerce to the Nominating Committee of 2015-2016.

"As a longstanding member of AMS Assembly (two years and counting!), I have gotten the chance to experience many of the different functions of Assembly. On two occasions I have served on AMS Assembly committees and had an inside look at how these bodies bring to life many of the parts of the Society's policy. I believe that my time with the Student Life Center Council and the Sustainability Action Fund have given me the insight on what qualities a good member of a standing committee holds. If chosen, I will make sure to look for candidates that are willing to commit their time, have good decision-making skills, and will voice the opinions of the rest of the Assembly when it counts. Thank you for your consideration."

In Favour: 18
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 1

4. That AMS Assembly appoint Julie Tseng from the Faculty of Engineering to the Nominating Committee of 2015-2016.

"The members of the Nominating Committee are tasked with ensuring that appointed representation to each committee is equitable and diverse. I believe I'd be a great member for this committee because I've had a lot of experience analyzing applications, sitting on hiring panels for various positions, and ensuring a fair and transparent selection process. I'd also welcome the opportunity to be on a committee that facilitates students

getting involved in the critical analysis of important matters, such as the 175th Anniversary AMS Advisory Committee or the Sustainability Action Fund Granting Committee. Finally, I think I can bring an efficient (but fun!) atmosphere to the committee, and will conveniently be in Kingston during the summer. Thanks for taking the time to read my application and for your consideration!"

In Favour: 15
Opposed: 3
Abstention: 1

5. That AMS Assembly appoint Angelique Travlos from the Faculty of Physical and Health Education and Kinesiology to the Nominating Committee of 2015-2016.

"I am writing in response to the available position of Assembly Nominating Committee Member for the upcoming year. I am very interested in continuing my involvement with the AMS and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent PHEKSA on this committee. Throughout my university career, I have been a part of various groups and committees that have required me to collaborate with a team. By working with councils such as the Academic Council in the School of Kinesiology as well as respective subcommittees as the Academics Commissioner, I have become a strong problem solver, communicator and supportive member of a team. My motivation and passion for pursuing goals and projects has allowed me to work with great vigor and energy. I also believe my experience representing both the Physical and Health Education and Kinesiology programs will allow me to provide a well-rounded point of view. Lastly, I am not afraid to share my ideas and when given a task, I am reliable. I am grateful for your time in reviewing my application and hope to work with you as a fellow member of the Nominating Committee."

In Favour: 19
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0

The five voting members of Assembly appointed to the Nominating Committee are Liam Dowling (Arts and Science), Max Garcia (Computing), Ana Lopez (Commerce), Julie Tseng (Engineering), and Angelique Travlos (Physical and Health Education and Kinesiology).