



**AMS Assembly Minutes
February 15, 2017
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Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Miguel Martinez

Seconded by: Tyler Lively

Amendments:

- Addition to the Agenda to add motions to ratify incoming commissioners and clubs director.
- approve and ratifying hiring of the incoming commissioners
- motions 4-8
- AMS Assembly approve Victoria Lewarne (AAC), Devon Laflamme (CAC), Stefano Holland (MAC), Ramna Safeer (SIC), Emmy Vasos (clubs)
- Motion they are omnibus together
- Governance motions, motions 9-10 AMS empower the AMS Exec to strike a governance working group (Motion 9 and 10) get from new agenda
- Motion that the governance motions be omnibus
- Ammendments seconded by VP Walker
- Are they friendly? Yes
- Motions are adopted
- Vote on motion 1- that AMS Assembly approve the agenda

Approval of the minutes of Feb 5 2017

Motion by: Miguel Martinez

Seconded by: Tyler Lively

- there a number of typos of names.
- We will have the secretariat check this over
- Motion passes

Evan Dressel becomes the chair

- I will invite everyone to come down and give a brief 1 minute speech and then we will entertain 3-4 questions

That AMS Assembly approve the ratification of the 2017-18 Incoming Commissioners and Clubs Director

Ramna – Social Issues Commissioner

- excited to take on role
- wanted job for a long time
- Excited to carry on lea's incredible legacy, such an incredible and important commission
- When discussing why, last semester left queen's feeling isolated and not like home
- I am excited to make even one student feel like queen's is home
- Excited to be here and have this opportunity



Stefano –Municipal Affairs Commissioner

- Global Development and political medial
- Looking forward to engaging with private and public stakeholders
- Looking forward to build relationship with city hall
- Interested in policy and doing a policy analysis in this role
- Bolstering standard of living in queen’s comm

Devon – Campus Activities Commissioner

- Excited to be involved again under AMS
- Have enjoyed previous
- Looking forward to proving more opportunities for students

Emmy – Director of Clubs

- I am director of clubs
- Have seen the problems facing clubs from the SLC, this is one of the biggest problems facing clubs

Victoria – Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Excited to apply skills in policy making that I have developed through my degree
- Continue work Leah has done and advocate for students

Taylor Sawatsky—ENGSOB Pres:

What’s your main goal for your portfolio this year?

- **Victoria**
 - o The financial accessibility of queen’s is important
 - o Undergraduate research hub to improve experiential learning
- **Emmy**
 - o Continue giving students opportunities
 - o More opportunities to existing clubs and solve problems facing them
- **Devon**
 - o Advocate for activities that students want on campus
- **Stefano**
 - o Engaging with city stakeholders whether that be boards or civilian committees
 - o Building relationships is the way we advance student voice
 - o Critically engaging with committees under the MAC and deciding how to allocate resources
- **Ramna**
 - o Establishing a balance between the admin side and the more grassroots activism (event planning, physical places of discussion)
 - o Making sure physical spaces of discussion are available to everyone
 - o No one left out and include as many people as possible



Cam Yung – Queen’s University Rector

Why do you believe your commission is important to the AMS and why should it belong?

- **Victoria**
 - Integral part of the queen’s community
- **Emmy**
 - Clubs are peoples experiences with over 300 clubs
- **Devon**
 - Allows students to branch out from academics, running events and coordinating with other individuals and apply further skills throughout life
- **Stefano**
 - Impt to have a robust and active commission that is working towards advancing the interest of students on a municipal level
 - Actively looking for solutions that appease the resident and students
- **Ramna**
 - There will always be a more open and accessible way to advocate for social issues so bringing people together

Alex Palmeri

If you could describe yourself using one emoji what would it be?

- **Victoria**
 - Upside down smile face
- **Emmy**
 - Girl in pink shirt
- **Devon**
 - Easter island head emoji
- **Stefano**
 - Side angle of peoples face with lines signifying talking
- **Ramna**
 - Black moon

Approve hiring of the incoming commissioner and director team

Motion by: Palmer Lockridge

Seconded by: Jenn Li

Abstentions: VP Mackay

Statements

Tyler Lively

- our ideas didn’t pass for fall break
- thank everyone for working together

Dave- nothing to add



Carolyn- special projects grant is out

Board- the board of directors positions are now open, everyone please share the link. It is a no experience necessary position. Would recommend that they put their name forward even if it's not a typical position you think you may know. We want anyone who can learn from this position. Spread awareness. Applications close Feb 28.

Trustee- nothing to add

Student senator- nothing to add

Rector- officially announced the tricolour award winners, this year was an exceptional year for candidates that were nominated. We were all very impressed with the calibre of applicants and application

- I have been working on race and racism as an advisor on the principals committee on inclusion. The group is working nicely. There are a lot of obstacles and barriers with regards to staff and faculty. The people on the committee are exceptional.
- working closely with people around the room with regards to drinking and alcohol culture at queen's. looking at all the possible resources and how to address this.

President Vyas:

- CCC hockey game occurred. Raise \$11,043
- Comsoc cares
- Concluded all frosh leaders
- Introduce taryn mason as a new member of the comsoc executive (Team FMS)

President Palmeri

- beginning of the semester with exec turnover—social issues commissioner compiled a list of all equity based training (bystander, positive space and cultural safety training) highly recommend you bring this to your students and address the issues facing our students
- process of collab. With an NGO that will bring ind. Guatamaleon midwives to Canada encourage you to share with your peers. Exciting global health initiative
- in march teaming up with QFA to do heart/health education. Tables set out in the ARC where nurses can test your blood pressure. Heart health starts when you're young and it's important to understand what you can do as a young adult

President Sawatsky

- general comment for the student body
- working on in the engineering society about educating students when they come in that this push for a fall break was about increased mental health resources for students and we need to hold them accountable to this.



- I am also creating a document about this issue and how we can protect student run oweek and hold the admin accountable to mental health resources

Question period

Business arising from minutes

New business

- approve changes to AMS hiring and appointments

Motion by: Emma Jones

Seconded by: Jon Wiseman

- Tyler Lively: most of these changes are un-substantive
- Rep on the hiring panel of ind. Students will be a member from four directions
- Created a government side rehire policy which comes out of a desire from the PSC to allow students the opportunity to come back—given the amount of money we invest in their training
- Allow for question or comments
- Seeing none going for the vote

All in favour

Motion passes unanimously

Move to omnibus motions 9-10

That AMS assembly empower the AMS president to strike a committee on AMS governance

AMS Assembly direct the WG to report back to assembly before the end of the year

Tyler Lively

- began as a side project I wanted to take on before the break
- I became obsessed with governance after sitting on GOVNOM of senate and how to make AMS governance more effective and our board more effective. Read reports from Deloitte (not-for-profit governance)
- Most recent from the university of BC AMS put a report together based on theory and practice and issues I have identified and questions I think the AMS needs to ask when it comes to our governance

Open up to questions and comments on the document

- President Mair

- o Many matters that come forward to ams assembly are operational and not policy do you have examples?

- Tyler Lively

- o The policy with regards to election complaints
- o We debated the difference between 24 and 48 hours when it comes to complaints and when you can submit them
- o Policy statement would be that “all complaints be sent to the elections team in a reasonable time frame” and the elections team determines what that time is
- o Haven’t seen a lot come forward when it comes to



- Are we discussing at a strategic level the things we should be doing for the AAC. When they come forward its more operational (ie: changing this committee) and not based on strategy and how we move forward in that direction.
- Debate on motions
- **Aniqa Mair**
 - Conflicts of interest faculty society on AMS assembly and causally mentions that Assembly is a very large body that is inefficient. Should we have fewer elected members? A smaller assembly?
- **Tyler**
 - We have a lot of people around the table and noted that we aren't getting a lot of solutions from this
 - Working alongside assembly, BOD and reaching out to external governance experts on how we can move forward and become more efficient
 - Benefits of having facsoc rep. over members at large outweighs the potential for a conflict
 - What we do formalizing relationships with faculty societies and signing documents at the beginning every year. These are new document and it's not something we have looked at from an assembly point of view. Be aware of potential for this and introduce some safeguards.
- Vote on omnibus motions 9-10
- All in favour: everyone

This brings us out of new business. Lead us to a discussion period. Anything to propose?

Adjournement

Motion by: Alex Palmeri
Seconded by: Tristan Brunet