



AMS Assembly Minutes

*Meeting of Thursday, October 22nd, 2015
McLaughlin Hall, JDUC*

Minutes are tentative until approved by AMS Assembly.

Attending:

AMS Executive - AMS President Kanivanan Chinniah, AMS Vice-President Operations Kyle Beaudry, AMS Vice-President University Affairs Sarah Letersky

AMS Council - Campus Activities Commissioner Danielle Kimmerly, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainability Peter Liberty, Commissioner of Internal Affairs Miriam Bart, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Matt Kussin, Social Issues Commissioner Alex Chung, Hospitality and Safety Services Director Stephanie Harper, Media Services Director Emma Fuller, Retail Services Director Tyler Lively

Aesculapian Society - Senior Representative Zain Siddiqui, Junior Representative Celine Allen

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society - President Brandon Jamieson, Vice-President Andrew DiCapua, Representative Lucas Cohen, Representative Liam Dowling, Representative Stefany Li, Representative Sarah Flisikowski

Commerce Society – President Ana Lopez, Vice-President Vasanth Ranganathan, Vice-President Caroline Hayes, Lower Year Representative Filip Susic

Concurrent Education Students' Association - President David Wiercigroch, Representative Crystal O'Dea, Representative Tiffany Wong

Computing Students' Association - President Max Garcia, Proxy Jamie Bannerman

Engineering Society - President Julie Tseng, Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Wood, Fourth Year Representative Matthew Lawson, Third Year Representative Rigers Rukaj, Second Year Representative Callen Hageman, Proxy Julianna Jeans

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

Physical Health Education and Kinesiology Students' Association - President Lindsay Toth, Vice-President Angie Travlos, Equity and Wellness Officer Brook Walkwyn

Masters of Business Administration Student Society -- Vice-President Kamna Krishnan

Ex-Officios - Student Senate Caucus Chair Leah Brockie, Chair of the Board of Directors Michael Blair, Student Trustee Jennifer Li, Residence Society President Gregory Georg Radisic, SGPS President Chris Cochrane

Regrets:

Commerce Representative Connor Bevans, Engineering Society 1st Year Representative Kevin Corey, Rector Mike Young, MBA President Joshua Hamilton, Computing Vice-President Mareena Mallory

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 22ND, 2015

MOTION 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of October 19th, 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

For: All.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion Carries

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF October 8th, 2015

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of October 8th, 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

For: All.

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: None.

3. SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

4. GUEST SPEAKERS – WOOLF AND FADER

President Chinniah: This is one such consultation with the Board of Trustees. This is one opportunity for students to provide their feedback. There is an opportunity for any student to send a written statement to this committee later on. This has not been a decision made overnight. We are all ready for change, all ready for real change. I would like to welcome Principle Woolf and ... Fader to give their presentation.

Principal Woolf: Thank you AMS Assembly for your time. As you know, the Board has charged me with conducting a review of the NAD system at Queen's. The primary outcome of this will be a new and comprehensive student code of conduct. The aim is to improve it with the primary purpose of student health and wellness. The decision will not focus so much on what will be included in the Student Code of Conduct. We are here to get the student point of view. The questions are there to ensure a structure on the consultation process and we would very

much like to get your views throughout this consultation process. Let me begin, then, with the first question.

Provost Harrison: Sorry, I would just like to add one thing. You might wonder where these questions have come from. What we did was frame the questions in a direction in with the Board has advised us. The committee met and reviewed that directive and then made suggestions for the series of questions.

Principal Woolf: Which codes of conduct from one of the institutions mentioned in the given documentation would more effectively meet the board's direction while building on the strengths of our existing systems?

Principal Woolf: Again, let me re-emphasize that if you wish to have another opportunity to speak on these questions you may refer to the Principle's website.

President Jamieson: I am curious to know why has there been a question to use our own construction for a code of conduct (i.e. peer to peer system) as opposed to referring to the codes of conduct of other universities.

Principal Woolf: There are some problems with the Student Code of Conduct. There are problems with regards to definitions and other institutions might call things something different, but they are, in fact, the same thing.

Provost Harrison: We usually talk to procedures to know what the nature of the sanction might be if it were to occur. We prefer the term 'misconduct' to 'discipline'. In many cases, there is a different kind of intervention that is required. I think it's fair to say that our code of conduct does not cover comprehensively what all the areas are. We rely on documents from other universities as guidance to see what people like and what people don't like. We certainly didn't intend to suggest that there was nothing in our code of conduct that wouldn't be useful but rather we would like to look at models of other university documents that might be able to strengthen our own. The documents are varied. We were hoping that you could tell us what the strengths and weaknesses are.

Principal Woolf: They do have content that will be useful to forming a specifically Queen's one. The next question... It would be most helpful to have your views on examples that most appropriately belong in each category. This is about separating out things that must be dealt with on the university level.

Member At Large: In the interim protocol it states "a failure to comply with the direction of campus security and emergency services officers or university officials or furnishing false information to a university official is an example of a common form of non-academic student misconduct." Would that circumstance include a student's failure to present their student card to a campus security member?

Provost Harrison: It would depend on the situation and whether or not the officer has jurisdiction. I think it would be more appropriate if you could provide a reason explain how the

regulation might be inappropriate.

Member at Large: [Gives a more detailed example regarding students eyeing bicycles suspiciously]. Incidences in which students fail to comply with campus security members.

President Lopez: Issue of alcohol concerns. I believe this is something that should be done student to student. Cultural topic that I believe should be an issue handled at the student level.

President Jamieson: What is your view in terms of classifying substance abuse?

Principal Woolf: Substance abuse does put students at risk. We are somewhat agnostics on this. There are alcohol offences. If someone gets drunk in the dorm and throws up on their carpet it's not entirely a university level offence. Hazing... would be a university level offence. Tonight, it is most helpful that we could get your comments.

President Jamieson: Obviously, if a first year student were to get sick in a residence room the issue would not be as serious as hazing. As a result, I believe a distinction does need to be made.

President Toth: Understandably, we want to protect the reputation of Queen's. How far would you extend your right to intervene? For example, I am quite confident now that NAD can distinguish between a party and a hazing event. I am confident that NAD does make the best decisions for students given the reliability.

Principal Woolf: I am also confident. I don't think that university has the slightest interest in starting to provide hearings, sanctions, investigations in every situation that might occur. Anything that potentially puts students at risk from our point of view is what we would like to address.

Provost Harrison: Just to add: the purpose of this is to make exactly the source of judgments in the sense of what constitutes a victimless crime.

Chair of the Board of Trustees Blair: As a medical student, I often respond to many instances of alcohol. I would like to recommend that when a student calls to activate QFA, the security guards do not penalize the students for doing so. I would encourage the policy to reflect that.

Principal Woolf: I would not encourage policy to demonstrate anything that would discourage students from seeking assistance.

President Jamieson: A certain level of specificity is required. The most important pillar is by making a policy that is based on the student body.

Representative Rukaj: I noticed in the document that the Board approved a motion on pg. 4: "acceptable uses of those fees." Has there ever been an instance with the liability of student fees?

Principal Woolf: It's there to show that the ... Judiciary body. We traditionally have had an excellent relationship with the AMS. We don't always agree but we have always been quite

successful at working this out. Another thing is that student governments collecting fees have not been as helpful. The Board does not want to be in a position for fees set aside for clubs to be used for other purposes.

Provost Harrison: It's really somewhat tangential to the main issue. The Code of Conduct will not discuss how we should administer student fees. Came up in terms of delegation.

Principal Woolf: Mr. Speaker I am conscious of the time. How would you like to proceed?

(Members on speakers list. Proceed with questions)

President Garcia: Residence facilitators and live coordinators. It might be a good idea to have those levels (two levels) dealt with by students. Easier for students to learn in a peer-by-peer situation rather than at the university level.

President Toth: I am wondering if you have considered opening some kind of student forum. How to target student interests as a whole?

Principal Woolf: I would like to point out the Principle's Website. Reads off next question...

President Jamieson: Privacy on behalf of the student. Part of our job description. When we adjudicate a case, we are prohibited from releasing info not related to...If the protocol ... currently it's just the number of cases reported.

Provost Harrison: Example of someone getting drunk in their residence room. If it's happening every night, it could pose an issue to safety. Asking the question: is there something behind this systematic behaviors. Open up the information to a group of people as a whole. If we look at other codes of conduct. Laurier's speaks very clear to the diversion.

Principal Woolf: You will have one particular body adjudicate or divert. The system needs to know that 'Fred' has been involved in level 2 offence. Right now

President Radisic: Residences. Underage drinking is considered a level one offence. Three levels; three is most severe. If the rule you are breaking is more severe, you will reach the level that you will have to meet with an administration councilor. Could you see a quasi residence life counselor being integrated?

Principal Woolf: One of the things that came out of the Board was that the review would lead to a revised system is constructed in a holistic manner. The issue here is integration and entry into a larger system.

President Toth: One of my worries that right now the NAD system is very effective. Often students who offend once do not reoffend. How will you continue this?

Principal Woolf: It has certainly been effective but it has not been effective in all respects. If there is a risk factor in the 5% of recurring behaviour and it involves health and safety, a student

is at risk.

Provost Harrison: We do have a document. You will find that what was proposed at that time. It's too early to say categorically what will happen but you can at least get some pointers by looking at that document.

Principal Woolf: Privacy of students. Useful for the faculty office to have a fuller picture as to what is happening in students' life. That info would be used with academic advisors. Quote Susan Munn. Are academic advisors perhaps the best unit to do this?

Provost Harrison: I would hate to contradict one of my deans in public. But this is a medical situation. Let me reassure you, we do appreciate it.

Principal Woolf: Students in positions of guidance able to provide assistance.

Provost Harrison: Overlap if there was a need for accommodation. Rebring positive culture for where students have gone wrong. Make sure that misconduct was well-learned from.

Principal Woolf: You've just answered question #5 which asks what the role of restorative justice is. There may be other circumstances in which restorative justice is brought out by the university.

Provost Harrison: Any system that sees part of its function as education. That system is still in place.

Principal Woolf: Is there any disagreement in the room that there is a place for restorative justice.

Representative Dowling: Of course this is a role. Journal article released. A lot of concern from students. Question for AMS Executive: What have you done? How will you ensure that ... moving forward?

Vice-President Letersky: We have two seats on the University committee that is currently looking over the process. We are ensuring that students maintain a very active role moving forward in this process and that they will continue to do so even after a framework is determined.

President Chinniah: In terms of the op-ed. An op-ed is entitled to its opinion, but it is those kinds of dogmatic positions that are not helpful for the future development and working towards the wellbeing of all students.

Representative Hageman: Current system, NAD system. What were the other pillars of the NAD system and will they also be taken into account.

Principal Woolf: Let's remember that this is not about getting rid of the NAD system but rather a review of the Student Code of Conduct. There are a couple of other questions. Legal. Currently the NAD system is outside of the current governing system. The senate actually delegated NAD

to the AMS many years ago. Problems with that statement. Practice has been for the past 100 that there has been delegation. It's difficult for a governance body to be sub-delegated to another body without a pretty precise set of rules and terms. I would be interested in your views: delegation and sub-delegation.

President Radisic: With our system, with the levels of severity it is clearly outlined. Would you be open to a points system to make it very clear how severe certain violations might be? I think that one of the main issues is that this might not be very clear in our current system.

Member at Large: How do you foresee NAD and the AMS being involved with the future of alcohol being involved in hazing? How will you acknowledge the past efforts of the AMS to combat this?

Principal Woolf: Certainly respect this. I struggle to think of a case of hazing that I would not put into the university-level category. Last question: what role should students play in a system that is not delegated?

Provost Harrison: You will see how there are examples of how students participate in that system.

President Jamieson: I think that it is very clear that there is a role for students in the committee. If we are interested in moving away from these instances, we need to have a cultural shift. I don't see administrators making that same type of shift.

President Lopez: Echo Jamieson. Put it perfectly that students need to be involved in the shift and it's a role we all have to take together in terms of student wellness.

Provost Harrison: Outside the university structure. Strong element of restorative justice.

Chair of the Board of Directors Blair: Strengthening the risk mitigation. Would recommend a reporting mechanism to mitigate that risk. Would recommend those steps.

Vice-President DiCapua: As a past member of the system, the methods are only strong when students are involved in the process. In order to ensure that there is that culture shift and for students to remain at the highest level. I would strongly advise that the committee consider student involvement at the highest degree. Offenders don't reoffend. The system is working and will work in the future. I hope students will be part of that system.

Representative Rukaj: Protocol has not been seen as transparent. I don't think that fear or academic penalties ... [interjection] ... It is a suspicion or fear by uninformed students. Perhaps the Board doesn't have the resources.

President Tseng: A lot of alumni were very surprised to see the shift that was happening. There have been lots of efforts to make this a collaborative effort moving forward. Questions are about undergraduate involvement. When the system has been implemented, there should be some kind of mechanism. Reaching out to general students as well. Proactive effort from university. A topic

that a lot of students have a lot of trouble relating to. Doing our best to include students in the conversation.

Principal Woolf: Any new system that's built largely for an existing system will not be without unintended consequences. I think it will be subject to review. It's been some time since the system was reviewed. I think it's healthy for these systems to be reviewed to correspond with the various changes.

Provost Harrison: I think I can speak for our committee...

President Tseng: Telling someone to change isn't the best way to make things happen – it comes from within. Looking at it out of context is perceived by some students as just something that the administration is doing.

Principal Woolf: Thank you very much. We have received some very useful feedback.

CHRISTINE FADER: "ITALLADDSUP" CAMPAIGN

Fader: Students felt a high level of stress when thinking of their careers. We were hoping to find a way to think of ways to reduce that stress. Came up with the campaign. Wanted to have an intervention of what students are actually doing so that they can realize that they really are doing a lot. Photo-based campaign. Students found it very useful. Other schools got wind of the campaign and this is year it is travelling to 17 other campuses. 17 of November. Will run for the rest of the year. Follow the event by following the hash tag. If you as student leaders could do a photo for the campaign, that would be great. Many groups are hosting booths in various locations. Distribute the information and hash tags. Has sent information with poster. Thank you for your support and we hope to get many students involved.

President Palmeri: Extend gratitude about coming over to speak on this campaign.

Fader: Thank you for your participation.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CHINNIAH

President Chinniah: Several additional things to add to report. Development of JDUC, the executive and I will be engaging in discussions of the project, to revitalize it into a functional moving space moving forward. Discussions will be made moving forward next week, and will continue for further executives to continue. We are very delighted and very happy to report that the university has been very gracious to us, and with their approach towards the JDUC, and the improvement of the JDUC moving forward, and that is something we will continue to apply moving forward to the assembly.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Operations: Beaudry

Vice-President Beaudry: One, a follow up from student fee discussion. You will notice that policy changes have been added for the sole option of referendum and striking the AGM option to this assembly's agenda. The remaining two items discussed will be brought up again at this council meeting. We will take a more principle look at it and that will come back to assembly as a more concise stance. The other two is respect with the SLC Management and Operations Agreement, which was updated in Spring 2015, is coming to a close and will be passed to the board of trustee meeting in December. Quick refresher: The management operation agreement governs how the student life space over overseen, and the AMS role as the property management. Starting in spring, this agreement has been getting updated. Second update: Ongoing issues in Mac Brown have become more complicated in the past week. Entire bottom floor had to be evacuated, as it is not hospitable for the clubs that were there. Trying to fin space for the clubs that were there as quickly as possible.

Speaker: Moving on to Letersky

b. University Affairs: Letersky

Vice-President Letersky: Vacancy in the Academic Affairs Commission, thank you Reask for all the effort you put in the past several months. I just wanted to share that I assume all roles, including the e-mails. I am making every effort to get into touch with individuals who were working with the commission. Position will be hopefully filled by next week, and the position will be ratified by the next AMS Assembly. Moving forward, we have a thorough review on on-campus health services here at queens, so fill in the survey and encourage people to fill the survey on the AMS website.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN BLAIR**

Chair of the Board Blair: Outline a few points in the report. You may notice that it is not very long. The board will be meeting this next Thursday. At the next AMS Assembly, a summary will be delivered with the individual goals of the committees, and will represent the overall goals of the committees of this year, and when we reevaluate the progress of the committees in June, the results will be published at the last AMS meeting. Additionally, the audit committee is a new committee, and has been struck. Note that the November 10th corporate special general meeting will take place in the new medical building at 6:00pm. If you are to send a proxy, please e-mail myself and the commissioner of internal affairs, as you need to do in writing. Also, during this meeting we will be having a discussion and presentation from the various service structures to improve the auditor in the coming year. If you have any questions, please e-mail, and also if you would like to meet with me, please do so, the link is in my report.

8. **STUDENT SENATOR'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN BROCKIE**

Senator Brockie: Senate doesn't meet again until November 3rd so I have nothing to add to my report.

9. **RECTOR'S REPORT – RECTOR YOUNG**

Not present.

10. STUDENT TRUSTEE'S REPORT – TRUSTEE LI

Trustee Li: *Board does not meet until December so nothing more to add at this time.*

11. STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

President Chinniah: I just like to note, that the engineering society has yet to return the good ship AMS, and I implore them to report it as soon as possible. I will say that the engineering society should be stealing from the AMS assembly to secure their grease pole, which has yet to be returned at this time *(Sarcasm).

President Palmeri: Follow up on the comment, although the good ship was presumably stolen, there weren't any particular measures to ensure the ship is protected. Please address those moving forward.

Representative Dowling: What Measures, Chinniah, are you putting in to ensure the ship will return?

President Chinniah: First priority is to deliver to the programs students deserve.

DiCapua: Great to see you wearing red and that you are ready for change.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

13 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business.

14. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly ratify Jennifer Williams as the Clubs Manager for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year.

Moved by: Chinniah

Seconded by: Letersky

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: As many of you know, the clubs office has been through much instability. Jenny was the assistant clubs manager as of September 1st, at the same time when thousands of students started coming back to campus. Jenny has handled them fantastically and offers valuable insights to the clubs on campus, and has great ideas for the clubs office going forward. She has some answers to the relocation of clubs from Mac Brown.

Speaker: Any Debate on the Motion?

Speaker: Last call for debate on the motion.

Speaker: Seeing none, do you have a closing Commissioner Bart?

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: No.

For: All

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approves the Commission of Internal Affairs budget as seen in Appendix A.

Moved by: Liam Dowling

Seconded by: Alexandra Palmeri

Vice-President Letersky: Due to circumstances, I was the individual who reviewed the budget, so if you do have any questions. If you have any questions or comments, I welcome those.

For: All

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly approves the Municipal Affairs Commission budget as seen in Appendix B.

Moved by: Andrew DiCapua

Seconded by: Alex Wood

President Palmeri: CIA Advisory board recently met to discuss it, concluding it is a very comprehensive budget, in which Commissioner Bart has made some incredible changes. We look forward to see them in action; I respectfully move you support this motion.

For: All

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries

MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly approve the Municipal Affairs budget as seen in Appendix C.

Moved by: Brandon Jamieson
Seconded by: David Wiercigroch

Vice-President DiCapua: MAC Advisory board met to discuss the budget, and everything looks fantastic. Couple of things to note, fundraising levels have stayed the same. I direct any questions to commissioner Kussin.

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries

Motion 7: That AMS Assembly approve the Campus Activities Commission budget as seen in Appendix D.

Moved by: Sarah Flisikowski
Seconded by: Kevin Corey

President Lopez: I was wondering why this budget wasn't divided by events. It would be easier to read if it was divided by separate events. Moving forward it would be more transparent to show which events run on a zero budget.

Campus Activities Commissioner Kimmerly: My budget is divided by all of these sections; I don't know which version you got, I will be happy to send you the section.

Vice-President Beaudry: I recognize since we have this new model, we can do the same approach that President Lopez just recommended.

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries

MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly approves the Commission of the Environment and Sustainability budget as seen in Appendix E.

Moved by: Alex Wood
Seconded by: Brook Walwyn

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

Motion 9: AMS Assembly approve Social Issues Commission budget as seen in Appendix F.

Moved by: Alex Wood

Seconded by: Brook Walwyn

Vice-President Wood: Every time I had a question, there was a comment box attached. Every budget line has comments explaining it.

For: All

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015-2016 Referendum ballot (also as seen in Appendix G: Fall Referendum: “Do you agree of the establishment of a \$0.30 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support MEDLIFE initiatives?”

Vice-President Beaudry: Miriam and I met earlier this week to go through validation requirements. This is the first one. I am just going to remind everyone what this process looks like, and what we were up to and how this process goes forward. When we met, we tried to validate fees by success criteria: Are they fitting into the category of internal or external group section 3.1 policy. What is the clubs mission for Queen’s Students? We are also again looking for criteria, is the use of the fee coming back to the community? There are 5 questions: Were they answered? The final one is a budget. They had to submit a detailed budget and how they got to that dollar amount, and how that dollar amount translated into what it was going to do for the clubs.

Chair of the Board of Directors Blair: Are the people representing these entities present to take questions.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: They should be.

Chair of the Board of Director Blair: I move to omnibus motions 10 through 14.

Representative Dowling: We need to open the agenda before.

Speaker: You are correct.

Representative Dowling: I motion to open the agenda.

Seconded by Hagerman.

Vice-President Beaudry: We have two things coming up, we have new fees and update fees (check in to check to see if the fees are still filling the their mandates. So we can omnibus them).

Moved by: Kyle Beaudry
Seconded by: Miriam Bart

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

Speaker: Agenda is open.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: Respond to Blair to omnibus 10-15. Motions 10, 11, and 12 can be put into an omnibus, but 13 and 14 are wishing to establish a fee.

Chair of the Board of Directors Blair: Don't they all stay established?

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: No. 13 and 14 – Yes, in fact they do.

Retail Services Lively: 3 year review fees are not subject to review, therefore they are not on the motion sheet... This will save some confusion.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: To clarify, motions 10, 11, and 12 were cleared through validation, meaning Kyle and I cleared them, and through nomination, meaning they got 2% of the student signatures. Motions 10, 11, and 12 are groups that need assembly approval. Motions 13 and 14 were not cleared through validation because their budgets were deemed insufficient. However they submitted revised budgets, and have collected, in fact exceeded, the required amount of signatures needed to be cleared through nomination. Assembly has the power to override our decision and overall validate these groups to move onto the campaign period.

Chair of the Board of Directors Blair: I motion to omnibus 10-12.

Seconded by Hageman.

Speaker: Any debate on the proposed motion?

President Jamieson: Curious, does this inhibit our ability to ask questions about the individual fees?

Speaker: If we were to omnibus it, there would be a motion to approve all three, but we can still discuss them individually.

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

Representative Dowling: I motion to Close Agenda
Secoded by DiCapua.

For: All

Against: 0

Motion Carries.

Speaker: We resume new business with a new motion number 10.

MOTION 10: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following questions, also as seen in appendix G to the 2015 Fall Referendum Ballot: “Do you agree with the establishment of a \$0.30 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support MEDLIFE Queen’s initiatives” “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.15 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Undergraduate Ontario Science Case Competition Queen’s?” “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$3.00 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Ontario Public Interest Research Group Kingston at Queen’s University?”

Vice-President Beaudry: No opening.

Vice-President Wood: My question would be to the fee in motion 12. I am just wondering, since the opt-out fee exceeds more than a dollar, which is rare, I am curious what their objectives are.

Member at Large: We have a budget we submitted and are willing to share. More precisely, one of the big things is, we are inspiring and funding research. Our most recent example, funded researched of how university students can challenge rape culture. I can go more in depth. The copy is in the budget.

President Jamieson: I am curious to know, how many undergraduate students do you have in the executives?

Member at Large: Changes. In September, we had a comprehensive programming series, so we had a lot. Overall, we have over 700 students cumulative during the year. Right now, the campaign, we have 12 students, but we also launched it on Wednesday. Low is 25, high is 100.

President Lopez: I was wondering, if the case competition fee would be privy to the policy being worked out to conferences and competitions funded through student fees.

Vice-President Beaudry: We actually discussed that as a group. Given that we have only kind of reached a preliminary discussion with mixed opinions, we didn’t feel as though it was fair to allow any of that to weigh into the policy. The groups were only going forward with the public document online.

Speaker: We will now vote on Motion 10.

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approves the addition of the following question to the 2015 Fall Referendum Ballot (also as seen in Appendix G: Fall Referendum): “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$1.00 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre?”

Member at Large: Name is Tess. We were initially flagged. The reason is because our budget didn't say what we would use the fee for. We have since revised the budget. What we do: Is a Queen's organization committed to creating and nurturing queens students fighting against gender oppression. It operates on an anti oppressive framework. We provide funding for projects and initiatives that align with our project and mandate. We have an alternative resource library, which has over 800 book titles/. We hold regular office hours in the gray house, and provide support referrals and advocacy for queens facing issues that match with our mandate. If we acquire the student fee, we will use this funding to enrich program, training, conferences, and financially support initiatives. In prior years with a fee, we have made a lunchtime chat series were we facilitate conversations about social justice issues over lunch, our movie screenings, and our reading series through which we provide copies of the book for interested students. New project is trans issue working group. Provides access to gender affirming spaces to trans communities at queens. First one of its type at Queens, and will be entirely student led. Also, the majority of our events, tend to be well attended (25 to 250 people) depending on clubs we collaborate with.

Moved by: Kyle Beaudry
Seconded by: Miriam Bart

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

MOTION 12: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015-2016 Referendum ballot (also as seen in Appendix G: Fall Referendum): “Do you agree to an increase in the Queen's Engineering Space Engineering Team's fee (subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.50 to \$0.69, an increase of \$0.19?”

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: Pass my speaking writers to Sam.

Member at Large: My name is Sam, and I am the CFO for the Queen's Engineering Space team. Initially, we were red flagged because we were not specific enough on how we were going to allocate funds from the opt out fees. We made the changes, and were very detailed. We believe with this

revised budget, after speaking with Miriam, we would be able to best use the funds to serve Queen's.

Speaker: Any debate on the motion?

Representative Dowling: Can you give some specific examples of what the fee will go towards?

Member at Larger: Basically, we started nearly a decade ago, really building the blocks as the years go back, advocating space engineering and related projects. An example is building a Rover. We go down to Texas to compete in competitions. This year we are planning to go to European competitions, and costs are quite high. We would see a majority of costs held to that, and maybe covering other expenses so students can participate.

Vice-President Carkner: Why a 19 cent increase?

Member at Large: Like I mentioned, to add on to the European Competition, the travel costs itself are over \$4000. We felt an additional 19 cent increase was required to partially cover the cost. Even with the funding, we won't be able to cover all costs and will need sponsors and corporations to cover the rest of it.

Chair of the Board of Directors Blair: Forgive me if you said this, are the Vice President and CIA content with the documents submitted by the team.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Bart: Yes, that is why we are hoping assembly will be the validating body, seeing as we could not do that with their former budget. They have collected more signatures than the required 330, and they meet all requirements so it is up to assembly to decide if they should move on.

Moved by: Kyle Beaudry

Seconded by: Miriam Bart

For: All

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carries.

Vice President Beaudry: There were quite a few fees on page 75 that were not cleared for the ballot which is concerning, but more information about the earlier confusion is found on 74-75.

MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 1, Section 3: Part 1 and Part 4 as seen in Appendix H: Approval of Student Activity Fees

Moved by: Kyle Beaudry

Seconded by: Chinniah

Favor: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motions Carries.

MOTION 14: That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the amendments to the AMS Constitution, Section 3.03, article 3.03.03, as seen in Appendix I: Student Activity Fees.

Moved by: Kyle Beaudry
Seconded by: Chinniah

Vice-President Beaudry: Quick amendment made to the motion, article 3.01.03. Again, just to clarify, there is three lines to ratify a fee, crossed out and now states those established by referendum only.

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions 0

Motion Carries.

Speaker: Any member would like to bring up topics for discussion?

Seeing none, I will entertain motion to close.

Motioned by: President Tseng
Seconded by: President Garcia

For: All
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

END OF ASSEMBLY