



AMS Assembly Minutes

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Memorial Hall, Kingston City Hall

4. Speaker's Business

Read the land recognition statement. Talked about putting your placards vertically to indicate if you want to be added to the speakers list

5. Guest Speaker (Student Care) About Justice!!!

Questions about presentation"

Counter: asks do you contract Kingston lawyers or you own?

- Depends on province, in Quebec they use a Quebec based law firm, currently probably Toronto to help serve all of Toronto but in person consultations could be a thing in the future. Just got to pick up the phone to talk to someone. Target is mid level law firms, also if the student doesn't think the case was handled well can bring to 3rd party arbitration process. This is currently evolving and always looking for ways to add new coverage.

Commissioner Campbell: have you considered if there is a large influx of people, is there a capacity that it can handle?

--- No issues with capacity, average 1500 people asking in past year, adjust staff accordingly if getting a lot of calls. Don't see it being an issue

6. President's Report

Adds that is happy to announce that N45 is the architecture firm that worked on the Isabel and will also be working on the JDUC. Very happy with their work and looking forward to working with them and will update as project moves forwards

7. Vice-President's Report

WALKER: adds that furniture for spaces will be available soon, after the weekend people will be contacted once new AMS furniture comes in

THOMPSON: We are having a water tent tomorrow at Aberdeen and earl, have fun during the day but visit us for snacks and water if you want

8. Board of Director's Report

Quinn adds that nothing major has happened since CGM hope you all enjoyed that meeting.

9. Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report

Nothing to add happy for questions

10. Student Senator's Report

Senate met 2 times since last assembly. Fall term break proposal passed, phe closed. Happy for questions

11. Rector's Report

Two town halls have happened about racism diversity and inclusion. Going to be fascinating to see what comes of that. March 21st is when TRC report comes forth. There will be 1 town hall 530-630 in kin building

12. Statement by Students

Campbell - I didn't submit a report. Working on compiling things for the summit and put forth recommendations for housing issues and accountability stuff

Brockie: congrats Molson and someone else for winning awards! Select Pasqual for something else

Dowling: apologizes for no report, has been working on finalizing EPM, should bring it to next assembly same with board. Working on sustainability week for nxt year

Kurcin: talked about o-week budgets, and conferences going well!

Keren: Also sorry for no report. Rolled out ask for Angela at taps and Clark. PSC is closed :(working on making it warmer. Also indigenous awareness week, working on transition stuff too!

13. Question Period

Mair: asks Tyler Lively what timeline is for nominating to governance working group.

Lively - this was discussed at pres caucus, caucus was receptive of names brought forwards, also want to select a member at large through a form, accepting applications soon, want to pick someone who is external to AMS and looking for assembly members help to promote this to people

Palmeri: asks Li what her most memorable moment was in last 2 years

Li: thank you for surprise question. Tough to narrow down, have to go with opportunity to have gotten to work with two rectors (mike and Cam) good to see impact that they have had on the community.

Mair: asks follow up question to lively. Doesn't it have to have its members nominated by governance nominating committee?

Lively - not really an official committee that is a body of assembly, no real policy for working group or committee made in ad hoc manner. This is something that the working group should look into to figure out how to do this best in the future.

14. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business

15. New Business

Handing it over to Dressel because next motions about incoming team which palmer (SPEAKER) is a part of

a. Motion #3 – That AMS Assembly ratify ~~Jason~~ Jesse Bell to the position of Head Student Constable 2017-2018

Incoming vp ops Brian Mackay: we were floored by Jesses commitment to stucons, he even has to work tonight

Yung: what do you see as important issues facing stucons and what is the biggest issues facing students?

Jesse: says thank you for question, biggest concern is drinking culture at queens, need to improve communication with bar staff, will do this by learning about their organizations better and training stucons better in recognizing those situations so that we can make everyone as safe as possible

Martinez: stucons are seen as fun police sometimes, how do you plan to change this perspective?

Jesse: says it starts from the top, looking for people who are personable as a person and as an MOD. Want to make staff more approachable, and equitable. Have gotten most staff applications in a very long time and are looking for hire the very best candidates so that we can make stucons accessible to students. Hope to see you all at throwback tonight, if you ever have feedback for me it would be greatly appreciated

Dressel asks Jesse to leave room so we can do the vote

Vote is all in favour and Brian opposed and wants it noted in the minutes I think. Everyone claps and Jesse walks in with proud smile on his face.

e. Motion #7 – That AMS Assembly ratify Seema Sidhu to the position of AMS Judicial Affairs Manager 2017-2018.

Palmer: says panel was impressed with her, looking forward to working with her.

Ryan - queens misconduct system used to be the only peer administered one, please explain why u think peer administered system is still important to queens students

Sidhu - still important because we should be able to rise to occasion and combat the issues we are all going through. We understand the implications about the sanctions that we impose. We can have a strained relationship at times but as students we can advocate to improve the system and foster a good relationship with university

Dowling: what is your favourite pillar of NAM is

Sidhu - restorative, students need to learn but also be held accountable, want everyone to live up to their full potential as students here

Ryan: this is a tricky one and asked of me last year. What is your fav colour? Thank you Ryan, my answer to that is blue

Dressel asks for her to leave room so we can vote

Vote is all in favour and no abstentions, motion passes, Seema walks back in looking so happy :)

f. Motion #8 – That AMS Assembly ratify Neil Sengupta to the position of AMS Secretariat 2017-2018

Palmer says again, very impressed by Neil and excited to work with him and have these rooms (assembly rooms) become his new home

Ryan asks the secretariat is in an interesting situation because them and the Judicial committee have a relationship, how do you be a resource to them (between supervisor and supervisee) but also give them autonomy

Sengupta: Need to be oversee but also autonomy, need to have good relationship with JCOMM chair

Counter asks pineapple on pizza yes or no?

Sengupta - absolutely not (mixed reactions from the crowd)

Dressel asks to leave the room so we can vote

Vote is all in favour with no abstentions

Now Palmer can be speaker again

b. Motion #6 – That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the changes to Section 19 of the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: Alpha

Tyler-We have made a housekeeping change and reformatted the entire constitution. With new information officer we have noticed that section 19 doesn't make any sense at the moment, example it says assembly retires after last meeting but also retains status which is kinda confusing. Fixed this by saying each session of assembly is retired on May 1st and the next session of Assembly begins moving

forwards. We also changed font to Palatino linotype and added the AMS logo to the front page. Happy to take any questions on it

No debate on the motion, move to the vote

The vote is all in favour, motion passes

c. Motion #7 – That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Manual 2, Section F as seen in Appendix Bravo.

Lea- this change established substances abuse committee, focused on education and awareness about this topic on campus. Important to address this as noted by Jesse, the committee is here to answer any questions you might have

No debate on the motion, move to the vote

The vote is all in favour, no abstentions, the vote passes

d. Motion #8 – That AMS Assembly ratify all of the new clubs as seen in Appendix Charlie.

Grace- we got around 32 applications this winter period. After application and interview we are putting through 13 are being put forward

No debate on the motion, move to the vote

The vote is all in favour, no abstentions, the motion passes

I. Motion #9- That AMS Assembly appoint Palmer, Neil, Dressel and Skelding to hire JComm chair

Sawadsky nominates wong, seconded by Patrice he politely declines

Dave nominates **Dressel**, seconded by Jeans - let me check my calender, oh time hasn't been set yet?
Okay I accept

Miguel nominates Skelding, seconded by wong- She accepts it

Both of u come to the front! Oh wait, Miguel nominates Caro seconded by Dave but she says uh no

Counter says motion to close nominations seconded by Brian, everyone votes to close it

U all have 30 seconds to say why ud be great

Dressel - I have sat on many panels, pretty decent and judging who to hire and stay impartial

Skelding- I just went through hiring process this year, I value a lot of traits in people and think I'd be good at ths

Palmer asks if anyone has any questions? No questions so asks them to step outside so we can vote

Palmer calls vote of confidence as both together everyone is in favour of it cal em back in, lots of claps and they both look pleased

Motion passes, only dressel and skelding abstain

g. Motion #11- That AMS Assembly appoint 2 people to hire CRO

Counter nominates Darrean seconded by Brian but he declines

Miguel: if you plan on running for anything next year don't say yes. Sitting on either the CEO or CRO Hiring Panel makes you ineligible as it creates a conflict of interest.

Someone nominated Palmeri but she declined

Mair nominates Counter seconded by Brian but she declines

Palmeri nominates JJ seconded by Dressel but she declines because she can't be it

Jeans nominates Feli seconded by Dressel and he accepts

Dressel nominates Rene, seconded by Quinn but he says no

Miguel nominates Vyas seconded by Mair he says yeah sure

Any other nominations? Nope there are not!

Palmer says u now have 30 seconds to say why u'd be gud at this

Bahvik says he'd be good at this because he sat on similar panel last year and had a great time so he has experience with that and many other hiring panels

Felix says he has been CRO for eng so has experience and knows what is important in the position.

Palmer asks if there are any questions?

Miguel asks what qualities would u look for in a CRO?

Felix says unparalleled ethics, want to make sure person is able to make tough calls

Bhavik says u need to have accountability, courage and transparent. Need to be able to call out things if wrong

No other questions, asked to step out so we can vote

All in favour, vote passes, they walk in and look stoked

All in favour to strike committee all in favour but bahvik abstain

h. Motion #10- That AMS Assembly appoint 2 people to hire CEO

Patrice nominates Sawadsky, seconded by Palmeri and she accepts

Li nominates Palmeri, seconded by Thompson

Miguel nominates wong, seconded by Gardhouse but she says thanks but no thanks

No more nominations put forward so why u be good at this?

Sawadsky says she did this last year so happy to do it again

Palmeri says this would be a great opportunity as this position is integral to the AMS moving forwards

Palmer asks any questions? But there are none so he asks them to step outside so we can vote

Vote is all in favour, they come back in and are full of smiles

Vote to strike the committee and all in favour but nominees abstain

16. Discussion Period

a. Student Activity Fee Policy – Tyler Lively i. Please find attachments to this discussion topic in Appendix: Delta

Tyler says this is a draft student activity fee policy. We struck a task force in the fall to review this, look at best practices by other universities and bring a draft forwards. This is it, here are our opinions on it.. We want to hear your feedback on the policy, the net week the task force will meet to make revisions and then get final approval for net assembly

Rationale behind this is that we ant to be more accountable, especially with groups that get student fees. Doing this by making it harder to get fees, this is because it is too hard to keep track of if the groups are actually using the fees like they are supposed to. Also going to request yearly reports to see what the groups are using the fees for. Creating a fee review committee to determine eligibility for fees, and doing the reviews and auditing process. This allows for a better perspective ad legitimacy to the process. Also gonna make a scalability policy, recognize that there is more work that needs to be done so want to be able to adjust accordingly. We set the doc up in a way saying how its set up to look at eligibility, the application and referendum process and then u got the fee so now what. The format is very clear which we think will help so before we go into discussion I want to say something that wasn't in briefing note. We made changes about mandatory fees. Originally we were going to limit fees to ams or sgps groups, we have decided against this but rather limit it to certain purposes. We came up with they should be allowed for central purposes, big expenses and one more thing that I missed.. I'm so sorry!!! Central purposes are things like safety and health and wellness

Mair says this is great, does the cooling off period apply to things like the stucon fee that if they don't pass there is a long time to go until the next time the fee comes up

Tyler says yes this is true but AMS Assembly can override this if they feel necessary. We do this because many groups try year after year, this helps the group to reconsider why they want this, and improve their messaging while also not wearing down the people who can vote on this

Patrice says on page 4 u mention scholarships and bursaries, what is the monetary value that we give to students? Because I don't want to take this money away from them

Tyler says I don't know the exact number, But WOW Dave does! Dave says we commit minimum of 5000 per year but anything that isn't used goes back into account, this amount is fully used

Mair says what about partisan political groups? The wording seems vague about what could be considered political

Tyler says we did have some concern about the previous wording, it used to say partisan political and issue based group we felt this was too broad, the new definition is better. If it is explicitly linked or aligned then they wouldn't count and I cant think of any examples, but if u have any input to make it more clear I'd love to see it

Counter says I understand this but what about single issue groups like the queens students for librtly, they are not officially aligned with them but they d align with those values. Would they be included or excluded?

Tyler says not eluded by policy but by popular opinion, we don't want to get into issue of what is political vs what is advocacy. We also don't want a duplication of services

Counter asks about how fees need 2/3 vote, is that the same standards as before?

Tyler says no, usually it is simple majority. Did this to say groups need broad support, need to make it harder (there are 114 groups, up 8 by last year) This also burdens solus system because each fee goes in as an individual transaction. No other university has a fee system like ours, we want to continue ours but modify it.

Dave says to this point there has been 40 000 fees gone uncollected, not all groups are using them in the best way possible, some groups also don't know why they have a fee? Some groups also have parent groups who have fees and then send them straight to org

Dressel says I disagree with 2/3 vote, put more review on use of fee instead. It currently reads as 66% of society, not of who voted. This is a large number which can be hard for small groups to reach as many people, doesn't mean they don't deserve fees. In eng we have to submit proposal of what we want to do with fee and then write up how we spent it, we have strict guidelines for how we can spend it.

Mair says she echos Dressel's comments, in addition, look at the stucons, they failed to reach simple majority, this is an essential service

Tyler says about the 2/3 majority, we wanted say broad support is important, we are kind of opposed there so happy to see what assembly thinks. About the issue about smaller groups, haven't seen a

correlation between size of group and ability to get majority. In stucon situation, AMS also didn't campaign properly and didn't do a good job of explaining things well and communicating value of services we are providing. Broad support is important because these things should help everyone

Counter says what about groups who have fees like oxfam, isn't that like political groups because they get funding from outside source too? Another question is, for the system, is this a computer problem or a manpower issue? I'm not a fan of making it harder for clubs. Its not always for everyone, its for the people who those groups appeal to so why do we need 2/3 when its really only going to benefit small group of people in some cases

Dave says in reference to parent company, its more about when they take the fee and soley give it back to the parent org. In current role we can only audit 10 clubs per year which is hard when there are like 100 cubs on the slate, with this we are hoping to spread this out to be able to have more people working on this

Palmeri speaks in favour of this. Think about all the money people have to pay for this stuff. Some people think its up to the students to opt out of things if they want but its more important to make the people who have fees be accountable to them. Keep in mind that some students pay this unknowingly, we need to improve this system as it is kinda chaotic so a policy to help moderate this is a good thing..

Dressel says I don't understand why we require smaller clubs to achieve 2/3 majority when we trust the student body to only have to hit a simple majority to run a \$17 million org (the AMS). Again I say its more important about reporting and making sure they are using them well, not just about making things cheaper and easier to manage

No more debate on topic so Tyler u have the floor to close this now

Tyler says thank u for feedback, we take this back to task force and will bring it to assembly for approval later. There will be some disagreement but we will look to vote clause by clause so that were not ust dropping the full policy if we only do not agree on one small section

b. LAMP – Carolyn Thompson i. Please find attachments to this discussion topic in Appendix: Echo

Carolyn says hello everybody lets talk about lamps! When we ran last year we talked about data and lamps so we have been working with Martha to use this to move forward with the lamp! Katie and Bianca are going to take over, feel free to interrupt us if u have questions. Here we go!

Hi I am **Bianca** and this is Katie , this is a project we have been working on since October. We are excited to talk to u guys about this cause this is something students are concerned about. Feel free to ask questions about anything, take it away Katie

Katie- so this was released in nov, got 831 responses. Wanted to get general perspectives and opinions of students views on this. Stats about respondents were pretty consistent with the makeup of the university. 84% of students prefer to study on campus and in Libraries. 53% like stauff the best Dougie is next at 27%. 70% of seating can find in 1-3 minutes for beginning of sem but decreases a lot as year goes

on. Only 3% strongly agree that there is enough study space on campus. 1 person even called the battle for study space is a warzone. 81% want more single person study spaces

Any questions? We have already brought this to Woolf who will try and make some short term changes like moving some bookshelves around but this survey will help lobby for long term issues

Caro asks can we know how much study space has improved recently to learn how quickly the lamp moves? She answers her own question and says yes we will go back and find this info

Ryan Pistorius asks was it determined if the new tool to see how busy stuff is helpful?

Bianca says we don't know, have looked for better ways to track this, maybe student cards?

Mair says I have answer to that question, it used to work well but it is broken and we are working on it

Counter says why don't we swipe cards in exam season cause problem is there and not at other times during the year.

Bianca- yes there is an increase during that time, also the software to swipe doesn't exist, its ust something Martha is thinking about but we don't know if students actually want this

Palmeri says I love this data and it is super useful, thank u for ur hardwork. For fac socs I encourage u to ask ur people to see where they like to study. We did it and got a new lounge that is a great hub for student life, maybe u can see the same results!

Bianca says we will also share this info with all of u later so u can look at it more

No more discussion, palmer says thank u and everyone claps enthusiastically

17. Adjournment

Thompson motions to adjourn, Counter seconds.

Motion Passed.