



**AMS Assembly Minutes**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

**Sir. John A MacDonald Hall 001**

The meeting was convened at 18:07 EDT

**Motion #1: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

*AMS Assembly approves agenda for the meeting of September 21, 2017.*

Amendments made to the agenda: Judicial Affairs Manager Sidhu moves to withdraw Motion 14. AMS President Li moves to withdraw Motion 6, omnibus Motion 6 to 9 and omnibus Motion 10 to 13.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

*Motion carries.*

**Motion #2: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 2, 2017.*

No changes to the minutes.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

*Motion carries.*

## **Speakers Business**

Acting Secretary Sengupta: Land recognition statement was read. Due to new assembly members, assembly procedures were read out.

### **Motion #3: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

**AMS President Li:** President's Caucus reviewed the AMS Assembly Speaker Election Policy Manual and approved to move for today's election. The Assembly Body has to ratify the policy as passed by the President's Caucus. This policy creates a standardized application process and additional step of vetting for the elected position of Assembly Speaker.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

### **Motion #4: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for AMS Assembly to elect a Speaker of Assembly for the 2017-2018 school year.

Candidate(s): Member-at-large Miguel Martinez.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** What has changed since Member-at-large Martinez was last nominated?

**Member-at-large Martinez:** They missed Assembly, opportunity to come to Assembly.

**NSS President Palmeri:** What experience does Member Martinez have to make them appropriate for this position?

**Member-at-large Martinez:** They were the previous AMS Secretary, thus has experience with Assembly procedures.

**Rector Yung:** What are some of the challenges that they are going to face and how are they going to address these challenges?

**Member-at-large Martinez:** Some challenges are conflicting topics that will divide some of the Assembly members and students. The Speaker's role is to maintain peace and order, while allowing the Assembly to voice their opinions in an inclusive environment. Will address this by being respectful in all ways.

**Senate Chairperson Corey:** Curious about how Member Martinez will balance between allowing constructive student debate but also respecting the lengthiness of the meetings.

**Member-at-large Martinez:** They want everyone to be able to speak as much as they desire, however they will cut people off once they have made their point. If any extra additional points, they may add however, he would like to prevent tediousness of repetition. Agendas may be long, but it is important for everyone's voices to be heard, however there is no need to be repetitive.

**COMPSA President Wojaczek:** Wonders how Member Martinez will maintain impartiality to all voices.

**Member-at-large Martinez:** Being impartial is something that was challenging last year in his previous experience of being AMS Secretary. He recognizes the importance of the Speaker in being impartial and not revealing their side in any debate. By not displaying any bias, they want to make all students comfortable with voicing their opinion in Assembly.

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** What are strategies to make Assembly more accessible for students-at-large that are not mandated to come?

**Member-at-large Martinez:** They recognize that evening Thursday classes happen therefore Assembly is inaccessible to some. By sending emails to students, providing emails of elected representatives, and reading out emails/concerns from students that aren't able to come, they hope to make Assembly more accessible to all students.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Acting Secretary Sengupta relinquishes Speaker Chair to Speaker Martinez.

**Motion #5: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for AMS Assembly to appoint a Deputy Speaker of Assembly for the 2017-2018 school year.

*Nomination period commences.*

Nominees: ENGSOC VP Jeans (nominated by AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by ENGSOC Representative Cattryse)

*Nominees accept. Question period commences.*

**Senate Chairperson Corey:** Curious how they will communicate with current Assembly Speaker to best prepare for every assembly that they are called for.

**ENGSOC VP Jeans:** Has experience on Assembly previously, and worked together with current Assembly Speaker as Director of Internal Affairs on EngSoc. Because of their previous collaboration, there is an open line of communication between the Assembly Speaker and themselves.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

### **President's Report**

**AMS President Li:** Welcomes everyone back to Queen's for 2017-2018. Couple big things that have been announced in the summer that will affect the next two terms. First, a review of undergraduate orientation week. Reiterated the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion during Orientation week and that student involvement in the week is fundamental to the Queen's experience as student leaders. Discussed Principal Woolf's seeking of reappointment. A joint Board/Senate committee will be created by early October. AMS President, SGPS President, the Rector and Board of Trustees Chair will be on the committee, with representation from staff, faculty and students as well. This committee will convene to discuss the current state and future of the university, the role of the Principal and general consultation with community. Will ensure that all discussion on the university and Principal will be shared with Assembly.

### **AMS Vice President's Report**

**AMS VP-OPS Hollidge:** Has transitioned into the role. The service goal plans and budgets were approved by the Board of Directors in the summer; plans are currently being executed and welcomes feedback on performance of services. Faculty society agreements are also a priority. A draft will be going out to all faculties and signatures will be required back by September 25, 2017. Finally, the last priority is to streamline the event sanctioning process for all faculty societies and AMS Clubs.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** Highlights that the Commission Advisory boards will be meeting over the next week. They will look at the goal plan and budget, and will be seeking feedback. The current goal is to have the budget finalized by October 4, 2017.

### **Board of Director's Report**

**Chairperson Blair:** Nothing to add.

### **Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report**

**Trustee Chappell:** Nothing substantial to add. Board will be meeting over homecoming weekend and will share the agenda prior to said meeting.

### **Student Senator's Report**

**Chairperson Corey:** No report submitted. Senate has not met thus nothing to add.

## **Rector's Report**

**Rector Yung:** Discussed the inaccessibility of Exam Bank access. Thus, they rolled out a new website found at <http://library.queensu.ca/search/exams-exambank>. Exam bank will date back to 10 years for certain classes. Also looked at the approval of allowing bulky jackets, particularly faculty jackets, in exam halls as long as the student provides a plastic bag that is see through to put under their chair during the exams. Also discussed student health and wellness by meeting with student leaders. Discussed a program where Queen's University will partner with MasterCard Foundation and the University of Ghana in a 10 year multi-million dollar partnership to provide inclusive education opportunities for youth in Ethiopia and Africa. Expressed support for Ms. Hollidge's appointment to the role of Vice President (Operations) and is excited to be working with AMS VP-OPS Hollidge. Addressed Take Back the Night, a crucially important night and encouraged Assembly members if they had the mental and emotional capacity to attend such an event to attend the walk as student leaders. The walk commenced at 19:30 EST and it would be important to show support for survivors of sexual assault and sexual violence. Announced intent to resign from the position of Rector, and encouraged all interested candidates to run for this position.

## **Statements by Students**

**CESA President Dowling:** Addressed the Board of Director's decision to transition Bikes and Boards from a retail service to a club. CESA President Dowling consulted his constituents about this decision and has found that no one consulted has agreed with this decision. Offers his condolences to Bikes and Boards, the administrative team and the laid-off staff. Addresses the censorship issues that have risen from this situation as he has allegedly found AMS to be deleting comments from their Facebook posts about this decision. Also brought up an email sent by AMS to their staff addressing their staff that it would be inappropriate for staff to criticize the decision and allegedly threatened student staff with termination under the clause of demonstrating insubordination. If students cannot criticize governmental decisions, the AMS should re-evaluate calling themselves a student government. President Dowling is here to protect Con-Ed students who have concerns over not being able to voice their opinions and thoughts due to threats of termination. They believe the students should not feel concern to criticize any elected official and that priorities such as individuals' rights to support and criticize elected officials will be supported for the years to come.

**RESSOC President Roseman:** RES SOC first year experience fund accepting applications. This fund promotes clubs/programs amongst all faculties that will support first years. They are currently accepting applications on website, which you can find at ResSoc.ca in the tab under Funding. They are also hosting a homecoming event, where they are accepting signups on website. This event will include a tour of the residence buildings to visiting alumni, a luncheon on Friday at 3PM to connect students with alumni and allow residence students to learn from alumni and their residence experience.

**AMS President Li:** In response to the concerns brought up by CESA President Dowling, they encourage students who have concerns to direct them to the AMS Executive. This will allow for factual information to be shared and not gossip or rumours. The AMS never deleted any comments, only hid comments while Vice President Lockridge and Director of Communications were in an interview with the Journal. This was done so that the comments could be responded to

accordingly after the meeting. Termination was also never threatened for any AMS employee. They want to keep a culture of open discussion and there were a lot of personal feelings involved in the Bikes and Boards decision, but at no point did the Board of Directors consider termination for employees who voiced their opinion. They made sure their concerns were heard and supported, and want to pursue an open consulting process should a decision like this arise in the future. Reiterated that these decisions aren't just business, but that human beings with feelings and emotions are affected. Facebook is not the best medium to communicate concerns, especially when they impact an individual with private and personal lives.

**NSS President Palmeri:** Expressed that this would be her last semester in AMS and would like to share some wisdom and tips, the first being the importance of communication and collaboration in AMS. "We are all here to work for the best interests of the students we represent." The second was to respect everyone in the room, even those with contradicting opinions. AMS Assembly is a welcoming environment where everyone should be able to share their opinions. President Palmeri also shared the importance to take care of one another in these strenuous roles and that there would be many personal issues and mental fatigue that the Assembly body can encounter in their roles of service. Encouraged everyone to lean on each other on their teams and on everyone in the room and to work to support one another to ensure the most successful year. Although these roles are elected, it is good to remind oneself about the students that they serve in their positions.

### **Question Period**

**Rector Yung:** Directed at VPUA Lockridge. Addressed the issue of access to exam dates and the release of the dates to be sooner in the school year. The date currently is October 6, which is two months prior to the exam period but was wondering how much sooner can these dates be released by and the current process right now to ensure fulfillment on their campaign promise.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** The current release is after the fifth week of class. However, Commissioner Lewarne is working with the Registrar and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures Subcommittee on Examinations Deborah Smith to push the exam date release up by two weeks. Nothing can be done for this fall as it is too late in the term, but by the winter term, we hope to release the exam dates by the third week of class.

**RESSOC President Roseman:** Question for AMS President Li about Orientation Working Group and RESSOC's role on this Working Group whether that is being able to sit on the committee or form a subcommittee.

**AMS President Li:** The Working Group has just started its work and haven't gotten to that point yet, however they are looking to finalize its work plan. Will raise this concern to the Working Group.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

*No business arising from the minutes.*

## **New Business**

*Motion 6 withdrawn.*

### **Motion #9: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

Motion for AMS Assembly to ratify Julia Carver, Tim Schjerning, Tessa Latowsky and Paul Jacoby to the position of Judicial Committee member for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Hired the judicial committee back in the spring and was impressed with their interviews and performance to date. Will allow Judicial Committee Chair, Pavan Pasha, to speak to the members' qualifications.

**Member-at-Large Pasha:** These committee members are great, although we are looking to hire one more member. One member was unable to attend and will be ratified at a later assembly. Collectively, the members scored a 98% average on their exam after three days of training.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** What is your favourite pillar of the AMS Non-Academic Misconduct?

**Member-at-large Latowsky:** Peer-Administered as it is crucial in understanding students.

**Member-at-large Carver:** Non-Adversarial as it is integral to the rest of group and Restorative Justice which is also important because it reminds peers that we also are peers.

**Member-at-large Jacoby:** Restorative Justice - we want to help more people and gives an opportunity to help the individual through lots of sanctions that will help them in the end and a part of the process.

**Member-at-large Schjerning:** Natural justice as it reimagines a system of non-campus conduct where the other four pillars are not involved. If you don't follow natural justice, the system will fall and it helps people follow through with the system in a fair and unbiased way.

**Rector Yung:** With a huge focus on diversity and inclusion, as a judicial committee, how will you ensure an intersectional lens in restorative justice so that all students are viewed with no bias and in a non-judgemental way?

**Member-at-large Latowsky:** Intersectionality is a thing as they went through equity training with Social Issues Commissioner Safeer. They will ensure that the board recognize their position and privilege and factors that could play into decisions and take those into account.

**Member-at-large Carver:** As a community, we look at cases individually in order to maintain no bias in decision making.

**Member-at-large Jacoby:** They should recognize our own standpoints and take that into account when making their decisions.

**Member-at-large Schjerning:** There are a variety of people in the committee with lots of similarities, differences and voices that can be heard in each case to ensure impartiality and an unbiased decision.

*No further debate, candidates leave the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Members are ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #13: Moved by: Judicial Affairs Manager Sidhu, seconded by: Secretary Sengupta.**

Motion for AMS Assembly to ratify Brandon Tyrrell, Sally Kim, and Mike Cavanaugh to the position of Judicial Affairs Deputy for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Judicial Affairs Manager Sidhu:** Secretary Sengupta, Vice President Palmer and I hired them in March. They are very accountable and I am very excited to working with them and I'm proud of their training and the average was 90% on the training exam. They will answer your questions well and serve the students well.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** What is favourite pillar of NAM?

**Member-at-large \_:** Peer Administered because it reminds us that we are just students and that we all make mistakes and are able to relate to one another as students.

**Member-at-large \_:** Restorative Justice because as students, we should be able to learn from our mistakes and carry forward in a non-punitive system.

**Member-at-large \_:** Natural Justice as we should be subjected to the same fair and non-biased system

**Rector Yung:** Diversity and inclusion is a huge focus. How will they encourage committee members to remain unbiased and to have an intersectional lens?

**Member-at-large \_:** Get a little jist of what they did, but remember that there is always a "why". They will look more into personal motives and reasons to what the student did and then assess the situation instead of immediately slapping a sanction on.

**Member-at-large \_:** A new approach when providing sanctions could be an academic essay to help them reflect on their situation and problem.

**Member-at-large \_:** Acknowledge our differences, as they investigate more, to look at it objectively and at the straight facts, rather than having biases while looking at the situations.

*No further debate, candidates leave the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Members are ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #15: Moved by: Judicial Affairs Manager Sidhu, seconded by: Secretary Sengupta.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Kristen Johnson to the position of Judicial Clerk for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Judicial Affairs Manager Sidhu:** Kristen was hired for her organizational skills, her supportive attitude and the conversation that she has been able to have with individuals. There is confidence that Kristen will be able to fulfill the role and they answered questions well.

*Question period commences.*

**Vice President Lockridge:** Asked for more information about the role as members of assembly may not be familiar with what this position does

**Member-at-large Johnson:** The clerk is in charge of organizing hearings and that all the paperwork is in order, booking the rooms, and is the main point of contact after sanctions are given out and that sanctions are fulfilled.

**CESA President Dowling:** What is your favourite pillar of NAM?

**Member-at-large Johnson:** Restorative justice - we are all learning from our mistakes, we have the chance to look back and learn something.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENCES: None

Member is ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #16: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, second by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Member-at-large Matt Ierino to the position of Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Matt Ierino was hired by President Palmeri, former ENGSOC President Taylor Sawadsky, and I in March/April of 2017. We are pleased with his progress. He has brought a keen approach and a great leadership to the position and will be a fantastic CEO this year..

*Question period commences.*

**Rector Yung:** How will they increase accessibility to elections and the barriers to be able to run in an election? Looking at how they will address obvious barriers such as time away from class, mental health, eating healthily and other barriers such as emotional retribution and abuse from the general public?

**Member-at-large Ierino:** Will be looking at accessibility concerns, the time and energy and internal processes needed to run an election. The internal processes need to be streamlined and easier for potential candidates to run. There is also an inefficient complaint system and would like to streamline the system as well as work with Secretary Sengupta to create an online platform for candidates to submit their forms quicker. Finally will communicate with candidates about the stress of elections and to be present to hear their concerns. Hopes to continue to talk about the accessibility of elections.

**RESSOC President Roseman:** What are the pros and cons of running as a slate and running as individuals and how do you ensure that best candidate is elected? What are your thoughts on the two separate processes and procedures?

**Member-at-large Ierino:** Things to be looked at in an election - when you are running as a slate, you can rely on the moral support of your team mates which is important in balancing the stress that comes with an election. Individually, there's a lot of work and logistics that you need to do, for example, running with a campaign manager. If there were individual positions or opportunities to run individually, they would look at putting systems in place and improving the systems so that candidates could be capable of running individually.

**NSS President Palmeri:** What inspired you to apply for this position?

**Member-at-large Ierino:** I am very passionate about elections, have run elections in the past, interested in ensuring accountability and want to improve voter turnout by 3% and improve that further. They enjoy inspiring people to get involved in electoral system, love policy and love looking at ways to improve on current policies that they have.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Member is ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #17: Moved by: AMS President Li, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Member-at-large Marnie Myszko to the position of Director of Clubs for the 2017-2018 school year.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** The previous director of clubs resigned in July, AMS VP-UA Lockridge took on the job in August. AMS President Li, former AMS VP-OPS Mackay and AMS VP-UA Lockridge hired Member-at-large Myszko and they started August 28, 2017. They are excited to work with Member-at-large Myszko and they just finished the Tricolour Open House which was a huge success with over 250 clubs that the AMS sanctions.

**Member-at-large Myszko:** I convoked this past year, majored in religious studies with a graduate diploma in business.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** What is your favourite club?

**Member-at-large Myszko:** They love all of them, can't pick one.

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** In this role, what are three interesting clubs that you have had the opportunity to work with so far?

**Member-at-large Myszko:** Queen's First Aid, whom they met on the first day and were great. QSalsa, whom invited them to all the salsa lessons and Queen's Swing Club who broke a lock, but were great to work with.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Member is ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #18: Moved by: AMS President Li, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly ratify AMS VP-OPS Candidate Chelsea Hollidge to the position of Vice-President (Operations) for the 2017-2018 school year.

**AMS President Li:** Brian Mackay resigned in the middle of August and it was crucial to start the school year with a three person Executive as students depend on the programs and services that we run. They consulted with all AMS staff, Assembly and the Board of Directors and found unanimous support for Chelsea's nomination. The AMS is committed to improving student life and is confident in Chelsea's abilities in doing that.

**AMS VP-OPS Candidate Hollidge:** They are a fifth year politics student and previously served as the AMS Media Services Director, an Assistant Manager at TriColour, WalkHome, the SMART Head Manager, and as Studio Q staff. They are excited to be able to advocate for the services that they are passionate about.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** Regarding Bikes and Boards, would they have changed anything about the process for that closure?

**AMS VP-OPS Candidate Hollidge:** Students thought that there was a lack of transparency. Candidate Hollidge believes that services wanted more of a seat at the table and there is a need to advocate for services at the Board of Directors and to the general public. It is also important to be transparent and open with the student body and services on the higher and operational level as well.

**ASUS VP Negus:** What do you believe is the highest financial risk in the AMS? What is the best service that is the most successful? How to mitigate the risk and how to sustain the successful service?

**AMS VP-OPS Candidate Hollidge:** The current situation of minimum wage increase –the AMS has lots of minimum wage jobs available to students. Moving into 2018, how do we maintain student positions while also taking on the operational hit to the AMS? There are strategies in place, looking at all the services and keeping the services that we love affordable and sustainable. One of Hollidge's favourites is CoGro as all the bagels and new soups are all great. However, there is no favoritism.

**COMSOC VP Susic:** Looking to specifically tackle the minimum wage issue, will they be increasing prices or cutting positions?

**AMS VP-OPS Candidate Hollidge:** The AMS wants to stay competitive, and all the services are doing different things and they want these services to stay accessible and affordable to students. These services looked at raising prices but staying affordable, however the focus is

looking at smaller operational changes, for example, closing times earlier if demand is low. The Board of Directors will be looking at more high-level strategies to implement in response.

**RESSOC President Roseman:** How is AMS looking to decrease the deficit of TAPS?

**AMS VP-OPS Candidate Hollidge:** It's very hard to talk about because we want to maintain level of service that TAPS provides. Will work closely with the TAPS management team. In terms of improvement, it would be important to get feedback from students and see what they want from TAPS moving forward. This will take a lot of time and effort into looking at what students want, and get a broader student perspective on what will get students to come out and support student services.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: 30

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 2

Member is ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #19: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly appoint one member to serve on the Academic Integrity Subcommittee.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** This subcommittee will convene to discuss academic integrity. The member will be supported by Academic Affairs Commissioner and will work together to improve academic integrity policies. The subcommittee will meet two times a school year, once each term.

*Nomination period commences.*

**Nominees:** ASUS President Lagundijza (nominated by NSS President Palmeri, seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge), CESA Representative Namkung (nominated by CESA President Dowling, seconded by AMS President Li).

*Nominees accept. Question period commences.*

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** This committee develops policies to students regardless of faculty. How will you make sure they approach the issues in the committee for all students?

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** As the President of ASUS, they learned about diverse academic opportunities outside of arts and science such as CompSci, and Con-Ed. This is a great opportunity to learn about more diverse faculties and programs in the streams.

**Representative Namkung:** Having been on the student faculty relations committees, it's relevant as this committee relies on being able to talk to other faculties, professors and staff. Professors having the students' academics in their best interests would be important in terms of academic integrity.

**AMS President Li:** What resources will you lean on to get more information about all of the policies? What resources will you use to support you in your work to understand policies, practices, and procedures?

**Representative Namkung:** To use Academic Affairs Officers as mentors, and students who are more experienced in the topic of academic integrity and look at their recommendations for strategies in understanding policy.

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** To rely on faculties, data driven research, and to look at why are these success techniques and strategies are being utilized. They would also look at the sustainability of strategies such as TurnItIn and determine whether or not these are useful or if they are stagnant in technological advances. They would turn to a strategy of consultation and data driven.

**NSS President Palmeri:** Why is academic integrity being undervalued in students?

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** During Orientation, academic integrity is first shared with students that it is important to your experience at Queen's and it also ensures that when you are building on the ideas of others that you give them a reference and that their ideas are validated. This should be a principle that is implemented when you're younger and as innovators of the future, we should ensure that these principles are important to all students.

**Representative Namkung:** As a future teacher, the learning experience is very important and academic integrity is crucial in that learning experience. It is something that is a big part of individualism and future success and is something that supports students along the way that it can be important for students.

**COMPSA President Wojaczek:** Especially with some programs like computer science and programming, it can be hard to figure out and prove that someone didn't copy certain codes or solutions. What is the best way to motivate students to operate with academic integrity and how to promote academic integrity instead of focussing on the repercussions?

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** A strategy would be to instill academic integrity principles early on. In computing, it is challenging, however by encouraging this principle to students, we will strive for students to not see academic disintegrity as an option to pursue.

**CESA Representative Namkung:** Although academics are important, the learning process is also important as well. By encouraging students to focus on the learning process instead of looking at marks at the pinnacle. This can be implemented by working to have more programs to focus on the learning process rather than the academics/marks, which will relieve pressure.

**Senate Chairperson Corey:** What values do you see in academic integrity that really help the Queen's community and its wellbeing?

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** Academic integrity fosters a culture of innovation.

**CESA Representative Namkung:** Academic integrity gives students a sense of pride and helps them with their sense of character which allows them to grow as a person and ensures their success.

*Closing statements commence.*

**CESA Representative Namkung:** Thank you for the opportunities to learn and for all the questions.

**ASUS President Lagundijza:** Thank you all for the diligent questions.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR NAMKUNG: 8

FOR LAGUNDIJA: 16

ABSECTIONS: None

*Vote for ratification of ASUS President Lagundija.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

*Member is ratified and motion carries.*

**Motion #20: Moved by AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by AMS President Li**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to appoint one member to serve on the Academic Integrity Subcommittee.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** This subcommittee is a large committee of 18, formed by a faculty representative, administration representatives, 1 SGP member and 1 AMS Member. It is crucial for the AMS member to get the student voice heard amongst faculty and administration. They only meet once.

*Nomination period commences.*

**Nominees:** CESA Representative Namkung (nominated by AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by CESA President Dowling, seconded by President Dowling), ENGSOC President Wong (nominated by AMS VP-UA Lockridge, Seconded by VPSA Jeans)

*CESA Representative Namkung accepts. ENGSOC President Wong declines. Question period commences.*

**AMS President Lockridge:** This is a committee with faculty representation and large number of administrators. How will you plan to make sure that the students voice is heard amongst deans and delegates?

**Representative Namkung:** By maintaining an open line of communication where students can voice their concerns for academic integrity – it will be crucial that she can get that message across and by representing a large group such as the AMS, it is crucial for her to voice those concerns amongst the others.

**COMPSA President Wojacek:** How do you think the opinions of academic integrity differ between faculty and students and why do you think there is a discourse between what faculty and students believe about academic integrity?

**Representative Namkung:** When faculty thinks of academic integrity, they are trying to put the students' education in their best interests, and encouraging students that assessments are their own learning and effort. For students they envision – am I cheating or am I plagiarizing? – that's where the disconnect is. Staff members have the best interests where students just want to pass.

**President Wojacek:** How do you think marking schemes can be changed and how do you think faculty can create an environment that is more focused on the learning rather than the marks?

**Representative Namkung:** For professors who give the opportunity to try, it lessens the focus on the marks, but encourages students to continue to try. For example, if there was an opportunity to learn at home online but was still supported in class through physical quizzes.

*No further debate, candidate leaves the room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Member is ratified and motion carries.

**Motion #21: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the elections dates.

**Secretary Sengupta:** The election dates are found in the Appendix: Elections sections, and are stipulated by Policy Manual 1, Section 4, Part D and Policy Manual 1, Section 4, Part B for referendum. How it was scheduled was by looking at assembly dates and then by working backwards to ensure deadlines were met and followed policy.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #22: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the elections spending limits.

*Question period commences.*

**CESA President Dowling:** In regard to the clubs' \$50 spending limit, will no campaign also get \$50?

**Secretary Sengupta:** If there is a "no campaign", there will still be a \$50 spending limit.

**ENGSOCC President Wong:** How much did AMS Exec spend this year on elections?

**Secretary Sengupta:** Approximately \$760 was spent.

**Rector Yung:** Why is it that only \$300 has been allocated to the Rector elections?

**Secretary Sengupta:** The \$300 spending limit for Rector reflects the fact that it is a single candidate, and not a slate that is running. The Rector is also an Office of the University with constituents from both the AMS and the SGPS. Therefore we believe that while it is fair for the AMS to contribute to the spending limit, funds should not be provided only by the AMS when there are three stakeholders in this election.

*No further debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #23: Moved by: Municipal Affairs Commissioner Hollands, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to Policy Manual 2, Section L.

**Commissioner Hollands:** Met with Kingston Boys and Girls Club, representative from the organization, and set up logistics and planning that would need to happen to implement the committee. Also created policy manual and policies, with a hopeful start in January 2018. Looking to integrate student volunteers.

*Question period commences.*

**ASUS VP Negus:** Regarding ASUS's involvement with Kingston Boys and Girls Clubs such as afterschool buddies, have you consulted with the clubs and if not, how do you make sure this program does not overlap over current clubs and programs?

**Commissioner Hollands:** This program will not be operating separately. Volunteers will be sent straight to KB&G club and working side by side rather than separately. They were never informed that ASUS Program does work with Kingston Boys and Girls Club. This program will only be sending 5 volunteers on any given week and is a much smaller scale operation compared to other committees and clubs.

*No further debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #24: Moved by: CESA President Dowling, seconded by: Representative Namkung**

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the AMS Constitution regarding CESA colour acknowledgement.

**Speaker:** Please note that because this is a constitutional amendment, this is only the first reading of the motion. The motion will be read a second time at the next Assembly.

**CESA President Dowling:** This is an approval of Constitutional Change, so it will only be the first reading, proceeded by a second reading and vote next assembly. This change would add Con-Ed colour to Teal in AMS's acknowledgement of colours. There will be a vote next assembly.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

### **Discussion Period**

**Rector Yung:** Take Back the Night has just started their walk and will be making their way downtown.

**NSS President Palmeri:** Ideas for a fun, Assembly bowling night in the future.

**COMPSA President Wojacek:** CompSci is having a BBQ, extending an open invite for Assembly to come by and join at Agnes Benedickson Field which is near Miller Hall and Kingston Hall.

*No further debate.*

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Senate Chairperson Corey, seconded by CESA President Dowling.

*Vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 19:52 EST.