



AMS Assembly Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Sir. John A MacDonald Hall 001

The meeting was convened at 6:40

Speaker Martinez: *Land recognition statement was read.*

Motion #1 Moved by: Neil Sengupta

Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of September 21, 2017.

President Li: I move to place the discussion period immediately after the guest speaker slot.

No further debate or amendments, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #2 Moved by: Neil Sengupta

Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of October 4, 2017

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Discussion Period – Student Voices on JDUC Project

President Li, VP Lockridge, and VP Hollidge

JDUC Redevelopment:

• ***Jennifer Li:***

- *An ambitious yet achievable goal to build partnerships here and beyond the University*
- *Starting in 2014: started conversations around a long-term plan for the JDUC*



- *With these conversations, have to be ready to begin consultations and reach a fair deal for students with the University*
- *Showing Assembly what the students are telling us through focus groups and a survey*
- *Focus of presentation: Research that has been conducted over the last 3 weeks on campus*
- **Palmer Lockridge: Quantitative Research**
 - *Over 2000 responses — a positive uptake rate for the survey*
 - *Exploring current opinions on the JDUC, opinion on redevelopment*
 - *Brief overview of findings from focus groups:*
 - *Accessibility: qualitative groups agreed that accessibility is critical in JDUC and must be addressed*
 - *Physical infrastructure modernization: students expressed that the JDUC does not meet the bar to sustain a modern student life space + club space is inadequate and described as “musty” as “dark”*
 - *Strong preference for fee after construction*
 - *Supportive of JDUC Redevelopment – 94% of students are supportive*
 - *An increase in club space and bookable event space*
 - *Updates to elevators and entries to make it AODA accessible*
 - *Creation of 24 hour study space*
 - *Improvement of facilities to shorten wait times for student services*
 - *Incredibly high level of support for redevelopment (94%)*
 - *First year, second year, fifth year students are more likely to support development*
 - *Students express that they will use the JDUC more frequently after redevelopment*
- **Chelsea Hollidge: Satisfaction with services housed in JDUC**
 - *One of the most important things is that they want to see lower prices at Tricolour*
 - *Currently can't provide this because of the lack of storage space*
 - *Students have made it clear that they want a fair deal for the development*
 - *Important that students don't want to pay for something that won't be finished before they leave Queen's*



- *At least 52% say that they want University to pay for 50% or more for the project*
- **Jennifer Li: Next steps**
 - *Secure a fair deal for students with the University*
 - *Engage students around campus*
 - *Engage faculty societies and clubs*
 - *Will be consulting in the future with different student groups of the University*
 - *Will be focusing on negotiating a fair deal with the University*
- **Questions:**
 - **Julia Milden:** *What obstacles are you anticipating from the University?*
 - **Jennifer Li:** *The university is on board with the project, but it's about the money and finances and this is a significant concern*
 - **Alex Palmeri:** *Really appreciate the extensive work in the research*
 - *Would like to emphasize the notions of accessibility*
 - *The accessible areas of the building are incredibly important to this project*

President's Report

President Li: The JDUC Project is your chance to reimagine what student life space looks like on campus, we need physical space to match student experience that we are so proud of at Queen's. Please engage with the project and provide your feedback and suggestions. This has been and will always be a student-driven project.

Vice-President's Reports

VP Hollidge: Nothing to add

VP Lockridge: We have more time for the KATC letter and will redistribute it to Assembly once complete. We are also hiring ORT so if you know anyone interested make sure to look for that on AMS Apply in the coming weeks.

Trustee's Report

Trustee Chappell: My report is rather long so I am going to give highlights from that report. The board met over the homecoming weekend so that was fun. You can see updates from that in my Report to Assembly. In the update on Strategic Framework, the Principal noted that the University should continue



to focus its efforts on making improvements in student/faculty relations, discussions with diverse others, and increasing experiential learning opportunities. I also attended a presentation by the Mayor who spoke on “Innovation and the Power of Partnership”.

Senate Caucus Chair Report

Speaker Martinez: Since Senator Corey failed to submit a report, Assembly must vote with a 2/3 majority to allow Senator Corey to speak.

Vote Proceeds

FOR: 14

AGAINST: 7

Speaker Martinez: By exactly 2/3 majority, Senator Corey may deliver his report.

Senator Corey: I have nothing really to report other than to say that the next senate is on October 23.

Statements by Students

President Lagundzija: Said that ASUS is proud to announce ASURF that will be funding undergraduate research projects. Applications will open on November 13 and encourages everyone to apply for a position.

President Folkes: This is the 50th year of Commerce Society so I would like to congratulate my team on making it a successful year so far. It is also Comsoc conference season and these conferences are open to all faculties so I encourage everyone to come out and attend one to see if you are interested in business.

President Woyajzek: Scott Reid is our new Hi-Tech for Orientation week.

Question Period:

Speaker Martinez: Just a reminder that Question period is a time when any student can ask any member of Assembly one question related to their portfolio.

No Questions.

New Business

Motion #3 Moved by: Neil Sengupta

Seconded by: Pavan Pasha

That AMS Assembly ratify Mackenzie Porter to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2017-18 school year

Secretary Sengupta: Myself, Pavan Pasha, and Palmer Lockridge hired Mackenzie back in the Spring term for her position. Both myself and Pavan have been very happy with her performance on the committee thus far and I’m sure that Mackenzie is able to answer any questions that you may have.



Trustee Chappell: Why do you want to be a part of JComm?

Member-at-large Porter: JCOMM is a great opportunity for students to take part in the judicial system at Queen's and make a meaningful impact on my school community

Rep. LeClair: What is your favourite pillar of NAM?

Member-at-large Porter: Restorative justice, so people don't feel alienated for one mistake.

No further questions, motion proceeds to a vote

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #4 Moved by: Neil Sengupta

Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly ratify Aaron Rosenstein to the position of Chief Returning Officer for the 2017-18 school year.

Secretary Sengupta: Myself, Felix LeClair, and Bhavik Vyas hired Aaron Rosenstein as the CRO back in the Spring. He has worked diligently to prepare for the AMS Fall referendum so far, which by the way is October 31/November 1, so be sure to vote. Aaron has been in his role for a few months now so I'm sure that he is able to answer any questions that you may have.

President Palmeri: Was the space for you interview accessible?

Member-at-Large Rosenstein: Yeah, it was pretty good.

No further questions, motion proceeds to a vote.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: one

Motion carries.

Motion #5 Moved by: Alexandra da Silva

Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the Fall 2017 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to a decrease in the ReUnion Street Festival fee (mandatory) from \$12.50 to \$12.25 for the next three years? This fee was originally established and last went to referendum in 2014.

Jennifer Li: Speaks to the motion



- Grown to be more than just the concert in its 4th year. We have secured more stable sources of funding through sponsorship and the growing enrolment means the student fee contribution is still enough to cover the costs of running the Festival.

Alex da Silva: The success of the festival in addressing the concerns that led to Homecoming being cancelled for a number of years

- Was created to foster a safer space for students to have fun while also ensuring trust and relationship with other areas of the community
- Allows for students to engage with alumni s

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #6 Moved by: Neil Sengupta

Seconded by: Aaron Rosenstein

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the Fall 2017 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.35 fee, subject to individual opt out, to support the Queen's Space Conference?"

Secretary Sengupta: As a point of information, only clubs or organizations that are changing or establishing their fees need to be at assembly for approval; triennial review questions for continued fees can be found in an appendix to my report, for information only. QSC fulfilled the validation requirements of submitting a budget for approval, filling out the validation report, and collecting the necessary 356 signatures required. Queen's Space Conference is here to answer any questions they may have about their establishing fee

Vice-President Susic: Why does QSC want a fee instead of looking for other ways of generating revenue? Why do you have to tax students to support yourselves?

Member-at-Large Steinhart: We are looking at sponsorship as well as a student fee in order to reduce our cost of the conference

President Lagundzija: What are you doing for outreach to all events so that Queen's students who don't attend the conference benefit from paying this fee?

Member-at-Large Steinhart: We have events for everyone to come to, and these are open to students across Ontario. For instance, we have a gazing under the stars event.

President Palmeri: What do you mean about students from across Ontario? Will the Queen's students be subsidizing other students fees?



Member-at-Large Steinhart: The fee is just for students here but could be used in the future to subsidize other students provided that it goes to queen's students first, because out of town students do still pay travel costs.

VP Negus: This is a question for the AMS VPOPS, but what is the auditing process in place to ensure money is spent appropriately by clubs?

VP OPS Hollidge: Yes, we have a randomized auditing process. Every year we select clubs to audit and ensure that the funds are being used properly by the clubs that receive them.

Commissioner Zhang: This is a question for Neil, are there other conferences like this that have a fee or why is this group applying for one?

Secretary Sengupta: Any group can apply for a student fee provided that they satisfy the student activity policy, currently in PM1. There are other conferences that have a fee, (e.g. CUCOH)

VPUA Lockridge: We are working on a SAF policy that was passed at the last assembly of last year, and we are continuing to consult and make revisions to this policy to ensure that student dollars are spent appropriately.

No further debate, proceed to a vote:

For: 14

Against: 7

Abstentions: 0

Motion #7: Moved by: Ramna Safeer Seconded by: Palmer Lockridge

That AMS Assembly appoint one Member of Assembly to serve on the Accessibility Queen's Granting Committee.

Palmer Lockridge, VPUA: We are looking for one member to sit on this committee, it is not very much work (one or two meetings per year). The Accessibility Queen's fund is a restricted fund of the AMS.

Vice-President Gaudey of PHEKSA was nominated

President Palmeri: What does accessibility mean to you?

VP Gaudey: Accessibility is about leveling the playing field, ensuring equality of opportunity, and making sure nobody has an undue advantage or disadvantage.

Motion #8 Moved by: Ramna Safeer Seconded by: Palmer Lockridge

That AMS Assembly appoint three Members of Assembly to serve on the Equity Grants Committee.



VPUA Lockridge: We need 3 members to serve on this committee, a reminder that Assembly members who are not on a committee are listed in an appendix at the end of the agenda.

Nomination: Commissioner Quentin Zhang, Rep. Julia Milden, VP Julianna Jeans

Commissioner Safeer: Why do you want to be on this committee?

Rep. Milden: Queen's has done a lot of work to become a more equitable place — a lot of that work has been done by students by grassroots communities and having this kind of process to allow more of that is going to be a way to see more of that being done

Commissioner Zhang: We recognize that there are equity issues prevalent on campus — these issues require a lot of awareness that will be brought out through these grants

VP Jeans: Would love to learn more about what other groups are doing on campus

Motion #9: Moved by: Neil Sengupta Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Manual 1 as seen in [Appendix: Policy](#)

No debate, proceeds to a vote:

For: All

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Motion #10: Moved by: Neil Sengupta Seconded by: Jennifer Li

That AMS Assembly approve the changes to the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: Constitution."

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Speaker: I now look for a motion for adjournment:

Moved by VP Lockridge, Seconded by President Palmeri

For: ALL

Against: None

Meeting adjourned, 7:52 pm.