



AMS Assembly Minutes
Thursday, November 30, 2017
Sir. John A MacDonald Hall 001

The meeting was convened at 19:04 EDT

Julianna Jeans, EngSoc VPSA, will assume the role of Speaker.

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

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the agenda for the meeting of November 30, 2017.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

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

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2017.

No changes to the minutes.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Speaker's Business

Speaker: *Land recognition statement was read.*

Speaker Martinez is studying for a final and would like to apologize. I would like to apologize in advance for the pronunciation of some names. Please also just make sure that your placards are raised high as I am shorter than Speaker Martinez to ensure that I can see them. There is a guest speaker presentation today with AMS Exec Mid-Year Review. If everyone could close your laptops for the presentation, that would be great.

Guest Speaker

AMS President Li: Hello everyone. This is a look back on where the team has been spending their time over the past 7 months and a look ahead for the next 5 months. There will be time at the end for comments. We ran our campaign on three guiding principles – enhanced student life, caring campus, and tailored services. This term demonstrated the need to be flexible and the ability to adapt to things that arise, for example the minimum wage increase, as well as the JDUC redevelopment project. We maintained our campaign priorities but were able to adapt to the students' needs that are constantly evolving. I also want to take this time to acknowledge our team as none of this would have happened without them and they deserve recognition for their work.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I will be speaking on enhanced student life – we're trying to focus on the concerns of students. An issue we worked on was the high cost of student constables. Clubs on campus voiced that the cost of student constables was a barrier for some of their events on campus, especially when these clubs don't have funding through a student fee. As such, we've committed to providing them a bursary. We set aside \$10,000 from the assembly allocation and clubs budget. We also simplified the event sanctioning process. We heard during elections that the current process is long and tedious and requires a lot of non-necessary information. We've been working with a small working group – the General Manager, Assistant Director of Clubs, and the Campus Activities Commissioner to develop a new process, looking at things that are working and things that aren't working. For example, when clubs have to get sanctions through AMS but also have to go through university for food, student constables and others. We're trying to consolidate the process so that clubs aren't running around to communicate with different organizations. Another priority was looking at making course material more affordable. The AMS has a mandate to advocate for affordable education at Queen's. Open educational resources reduces textbook costs and will save short term student costs without having to make any major changes to the university's bureaucratic system. On campus, we've been working with the librarian. Commissioner Lewarne is working to promote OERs with faculty members that are looking to adapt their campus materials. We are also working to indicate on SOLUS the courses that use OERs – to educate students on courses that don't have any additional costs for access of the class. OUSA also provincially wants to secure OERS as it is a lobbying priority. We spoke with MPPs this week and will be campaigning next semester with all OUSA schools. We also looked at varsity transcription recognition and how to recognize work that athletes put in outside of academics. Commissioner Lewarne is working on proposal that will be taken to groups so that they can put their varsity athletic involvement on their transcripts. These students must be an academic all star – a student who achieves high academically with a minimum 3.5 GPA while being a varsity athlete. This provides an opportunity to recognize academic excellence in outstanding circumstances and is the beginning of recognizing what goes on outside the classroom.

AMS President Li: I will speak to our pillar of caring campus. To support an academic, professional, inclusive and comfortable campus, we need to create a campus that welcoming,

positive, and is somewhere that students genuinely want to be. While we can't speak on behalf of every student, we can ensure that we are incorporating their perspectives into the decisions that we make. Every initiative has been in collaboration with partners across the university, for example, we partnered with ASUS to create a \$2,500 renewable scholarship for Indigenous students. We also created a fund for black history month initiatives that has been matched by the Deputy Provost. In October, the Social Issues Commission ran a campaign to begin a dialogue about fostering cultural appreciation not appropriation. The Committee Against Racial Ethnic Discrimination and Levana Gender Advocacy Centre hosted an open discussion about cultural appropriation at Queen's. We worked closely with the university to ensure the implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Task Force report and that the university's efforts were matched on both sides, both top down and bottom up. We also recognized the importance of addressing sexual violence – it affects all students. These efforts included the mythbuster video that addressed misconceptions about rape culture and sexual violence, and reached over 24,000 students. This led into sexual violence awareness week in November led by Commissioner Safeer in collaboration with Barb Lotan, the sexual violence coordinator, and the Bystander Intervention Training Program. We had a guest Speaker Robyn Doolittle which was a well-attended event that challenged our thinking and a Posttraumatic Art Growth show that demonstrated the strength of survivors. Students should know how to identify instances of sexual violence - every staff member has received training to ensure the safety of their peers. One of the main successes under this pillar include the increase of counselling coverage on the AMS plan – students now receive 80% coverage under the AMS health plan. This opens opportunities to receive help on and off campus, and makes the coverage more accessible as it is now applicable for Masters of Social Work as well.

We also are working towards online booking at the Student Wellness Services, which is something we remain passionate about. It reduces stigma of receiving help for mental health and there is an anonymity with the booking, which is especially great for people who find it hard to vocalize what they are going through. When Student Wellness Services moves into the Innovation and Wellness Centre, it will be a new access point for students to get help. There will be a pilot program launched in the fall, and we are working closely with Student Wellness Services to ensure they transition smoothly. that they aren't being thrown into a new system in the new year.

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: Tailored Services is a little under my portfolio so I'll speak on it – our platform comes with an understanding that our corporate services should remain relevant. We have to find ways to effectively facilitate advocacy on issues that matter to students. For example, we have worked closely with Kingston Transit to understand what routes and service students want out of their bus pass. The renegotiation with them is for increased bus services and we recognize there is a need for more North-South routes for students getting to campus and more stops on campus and the Northern parts of University District. With that, we are developing a proposal that will include more North-South route coverage – it should expand to near the 665 Princess area, which is Princess and Nelson. In addition, we've been working on more student centric late hour bus services. This includes things like Route 17 and enhancing Walkhome, which is one of the ways to get home safe to West, John Orr Tower, An Clachan Complexes. Also with that, we are going to be able to get more service to downtown. This will provide student centric routes in the renegotiation coming next semester. In addition, I want to talk about the Peer Support Centre. We recognize that they do incredible work to change the culture at Queen's for reaching out to students and destigmatizing issues of mental health. In recognizing their growth and expansion, we want to ensure that we are strengthening support and meeting the needs of the student body. We added additional shift leaders and the number of volunteers has gone up from 60 to 80. We added a new

paid position of assistant manager to provide more structure to the service. Also, there are now two dedicated peer spaces instead of one, with hours extended from 10am to 10pm, 7 days a week. There have been vast improvements made in volunteer training to include more diverse training on cultural issues, compassion, fatigue, and increased resource knowledge so they know where to send students if they need further support. One of our biggest challenges is our response to the minimum wage increase. We have tailored our goal plans and budgets this year to reflect the circumstance that we are in. This is our short-term strategy and we are looking to develop a long-term strategy with the Board to ensure that services that are needed and wanted still to operate effectively. We have also been trying to ensure that the Board is fair, transparent and providing a holistic approach to the system for the \$15 wage in 2019. If there is any need to follow up on the financials, I'm happy to provide any help. It is important to focus on the student response as that is what really drives what we do with the services. Feedback surveys are found at the bottom of the receipt – we do read the feedback and want to improve services based on the advice that we get. We have also been working on operational changes, which include small improvements to physical spaces. The Tricolour Outlet is supposed to be a modern, student facing store that represents students, so we have done some painting and included more school supplies, for example, the MUJI pens seem to be flying off the shelves. We are glad to respond to what students are looking for in that space. Studio Q also had physical changes to a more professional vibe and that they are a more design service. We also added five more computers to that service, which improves the professionalism allowing students to gain design skills and to improve the quality of work output for those in the service right now. We also added a new printer for the P&CC for faster service. We have also added a new espresso machine at CoGro to mitigate wait time issues at the service and ensure there are less breakdowns that require them to shut down operations. Finally, tonight is Throwback. We heard you and we know that you wanted it back. After Assembly, I encourage you to go to the Underground. Throwback will continue into next semester as well. We have listened to your feedback.

AMS President Li: Beyond all of these platform initiatives, we have to be able to respond to different projects as they arise. This is just an overview of major projects that we've spent our time on. The JDUC Redevelopment – we believe that the JDUC should be the hub for student life and that we need to match our student life centre with those at other universities. Students are introduced to this incredible student experience here and everyone in this room hopefully understands the value of this project.

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: The important takeaway is that moving forward, we will be taking a two-pronged approach to the minimum wage increase. Operationally in the short term we will cut down on then change hours or evaluate staffing decisions that will impact the bottom line. We are working on the long-term strategy moving forward, maintaining a realistic perspective on operations and how to be sustainable. We have not even experienced the full effect of the minimum wage increase and will keep everyone updated on what the response for that will be. Another issue is the accessibility of senior staff positions. High level positions are challenging and daunting and we experience high levels of turnover, which happens because people prioritize other things over the jobs. It is difficult for one to balance future plans, jobs, classes, grad programs, other opportunities, and it is hard to take a heightened level of responsibility. It is difficult to be a commissioner, a head manager, a director, and we recognize that. We are working on the possibility of having those high-level positions receive recognition that shows the value of their position outside of what we can describe in interviews. This goes along with the varsity transcript

and finding different ways to show that experiential learning is an important part of the university experience. We recognize these barriers that people experience when applying.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Looking at the honoraria review, we have been working with the Board's Personnel Committee to review the balance between salaried and honoraria positions. Volunteers have little levels of accountability and we want to make sure that there are accountability mechanisms in place. This could be assessing whether a volunteer position is adequate for accountability, or moving to another model. If we do need to change these positions around, how does it still fit in the budget which is constrained? Regarding Orientation Week, we were informed that the principal wanted a review at the beginning of our term. AMS representation and the ORT Campus Commissioner are sitting on that group, working with the university to prioritize student-led orientation week, looking at things like how we support incoming students..

AMS President Li: This is not a new problem, but there is an increasing trend of binge drinking and student misconduct that affects students and Kingston community. We need to recognize that there needs to be a creative way to address the behaviour that is not discriminatory against students and we need to be learning from the best practices from other universities in encouraging responsible behaviour. In terms of the Reunion Street Festival – do we need to increase programming during the day since the trend of misconduct is shifting towards the day? This is not new but it has grown more significant in the past few years. All universities are collaborating to understand the effects. Commissioner Hollands and I attended an event where other universities shared their best practices in regard to this issue. Looking ahead, these are our priorities: execute successful referendum for JDUC fee, reach an agreement with University for JDUC, determine operational changes to minimize financial impact of minimum wage, ensure all AMS positions are accessible and effective, work with University and community partners to reduce alcohol harm and address student behaviour.

So this is kind of a high level review. There are many steps that we need to take but this is what we have prioritized for the next five months. Any questions on this presentation? It was very comprehensive. When we came into office, we did not realize how much happens in the 12 months. We are very proud of the team we have and all that they have accomplished in the past 7 months and know that they will continue to do amazing things in the next five months.

CESA President Dowling: I was just curious. On your personal perspectives, what are your biggest failures?

AMS President Li: Regarding failures, one was not realizing the strain and stress of the people in the jobs and how difficult it is for people to balance academics and the job. We need to reshape the way we allocate our time and resources. We are looking to strengthen the transition process and trust that everything the person is passing on is sufficient. It is never too late to recognize that and that is why we are doing the reviews of the salary and honoraria positions.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: The scope of the other projects that have come up. The size of Orientation Review that was going to happen was something. Another thing we committed to was expanding the bystander training to Orientation leaders – we ran into issues where we needed to budget for resources. We can look at providing these in a different way so that these resources are available in a different way.

NSS President Palmeri: Thank you for the presentation, it was very well put together. I appreciate that you went back on their pillars which shows continuity and alignment of your vision throughout

the semester and summer. The bigger picture projects that you highlighted that are so much higher in the sky than that of previous teams, for example the JDUC Redevelopment. I want to recognize that that is huge and have not seen something so big. So, we should recognize the time and effort that has gone in, as well as your work in making the campus a much more tremendous place. From a nursing perspective, your emphasis on caring campus, and investing in mental health, increasing campus resources in terms of breaking down barriers to access, the AMS Health plan expansions and online booking, just because we know that this is an incredibly stigmatized niche, really adds to our campus. The Varsity transcript, in our nursing community, we see the amazing job that you do. It gets our foot in the door for extra-curricular recognition. Regarding the minimum wage increase – I think you handled that very well. Although there was chaos on campus, you are working well with the Board to navigate that and so thank you for your accountability to your initial goals and your evolving vision. Thank you from the NSS to the three of you and to your office – I really appreciated this presentation and hope you will continue to lead the way with what they want to accomplish.

AMS President Li: Thank you.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: If you're thinking about it a little more, something good would be to look at our summer in review interview with The Journal. We talked more about the promises we made in the election and went more in depth with topics in the interview with The Journal.

President's Report

AMS President Li: Nothing to add and I am happy to take questions. Just thought that I would take the time now to recognize President Palmeri as it is her last day in office at the NSS. This is the end of her third term – it has truly a pleasure and honour and privilege to work alongside you these past two years. I know that I can speak on behalf of your students that you have made a tremendous difference. It is humbling to see how much you put in behind the scenes. There is a lot that you put in that you do not get recognition for. Seeing someone who puts more than they are required to put in is amazing and inspiring, and I have been so happy to work with you these past few years.

AMS Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: Nothing to add to the report. I would like to echo President Li's sentiments regarding Palmeri as well. Thank you for all that you have done. I have only worked with you for a short time, but you are truly an inspiring leader. All the best for the future.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: If I look at President Li, I will cry too. It has been a pleasure working with you for the past three years as well. I appreciate all the time you put in. Just wanted to talk about Advocacy Week with OUSA – Commissioner Lewarne and I spent the last 4 days in Toronto speaking with MPPs about the three priorities that we pledged which are Open Educational Resources, improving the Tuition and Funding frameworks, and supporting students and their mental health. There were 65 meetings. I think we saw some amazing uptake with some of the things that we talked about. Minister Deb Matthews said, “now that we've done free tuition, the next is free textbooks”. We are looking at a follow up plan and I am happy to take any questions.

Board of Director's Report

Chairperson Blair: I have not submitted a written report as the Board just met on Tuesday. We read a motion. Here is the condensed version of the motion that was passed: whereas short-term changes (i.e. 1-3 years) to operating conditions affecting the AMS, including a proposed increase in Ontario's minimum wage, proposed construction in the JDUC, and creations/deletions of student activity fees funding services/programs, stand to have considerable impact on AMS finances and service capacity; and long-term strategy (i.e. 3-6 years) for all AMS programs and services, including advocacy and government-side programs, must reflect the proposed changes to the JDUC. Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Board of Directors strike an ad-hoc sub-committee named the Strategic Planning Committee. The members of the committee shall be the President, VPOPS, VPUA, Chair of the Board, 2 Student Directors, 2 Non-Student Directors, GM, SLC Facilities Officer, ROO, and the Controller. The Directors appointed to the committee shall be the voting members of the Committee. A chair shall be elected amongst the voting members of the Committee. The chair is empowered to invite non-committee members to the committee proceedings at his/her discretion. THAT the Committee shall develop short-term recommendations to address the aforementioned operating condition changes affecting the AMS and submit them to the Board as they are completed. THAT the Committee shall develop long-term recommendations based on AMS student feedback to determine what services and programs students will require from the AMS in 3 to 6 years. From this determination, the committee shall inform the programmatic assessment component of the JDUC planning process by recommending what infrastructure/facilities needs are required in a new JDUC to support the desired AMS services and programs. THAT the Committee will meet on or before December 15, 2017 for an inaugural organizational meeting. At this meeting, a Chair will be elected and a detailed Terms of Reference will be developed by the committee to supplement the directives of this motion. The ToR will be submitted to the Board for approval at the January 2018 meeting. The committee will meet on December 15 but we will have interim report in March. This will persist in the number of years to come. It is uncertain what the time will be, but we are down the road in the development process. If there are any questions, I'm happy to take any. I'd also like to wish Alex a farewell, have worked with her for a number of years and it's been a pleasure.

Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Chappell: My report is not extensive as the Board will be meeting on December 15 and 16. So if any of you would like to come out, the agenda will be coming out sometime soon. Please get in touch with me and I'll give you a guest pass. I will have a more comprehensive update in the first Assembly in January. Thanks so much to Alex, this is our third year working together. Just want to note that Alex has been at every AMS Assembly and her concern for every student at Queen's, not only her constituents, is inspiring.

Student Senator's Report

Proxy: I only found out about Assembly 30 minutes ago so this is not very structured. Principal Woolf has decided to rescind his request for third term. He originally did not think about much, however when he got on his 7th, 8th, and 9th plane ride, he started to change his mind. Regarding Orientation Working Group, there has been an increased emphasis on equity and inclusivity and it was good to hear that those decisions were coming from students.

Rector's Report

Rector Yung: Just a few things to add on to the report – the Agnes Tricolour Award applications will be due December 27, to the AMS or to the Rector offices. You may also submit online and save the environment. If you are interested in sitting on the selection committee for the award, hoping some people in here can attest to how lit it is, also apply. You are choosing some pretty spectacular people into the society. I've sent out the message to all faculties and heard from a few you. Be sure to check your emails as sending me your representative information would be awesome. Finally, Alex, what I do have to say is that these 3 years have been incredible. You've done so much for the students, for the NSS and you've revolutionized the society itself and changed things for the future. I am so impressed with the fact that you've been to every assembly, and sent in a report every single time. I wish you the best of luck and hope that you continue to come back to the Queen's community. Everything that you've done has been inspiring. Help me in extending a standing ovation to President Palmeri.

Statements by Students

Secretary Sengupta: Thank you President Palmeri for your years of service. We wish you well in the future. I put one pizza form in front of every Faculty Society president– some of you have been slightly annoyed with the bland pizzas, so for the next Assembly I will order one special one per faculty. Our next assembly will be in Wallace Hall. The election voting days will be January 29-30th.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Thank you for the care – ENGSOC is glad that their petition worked. Question regarding the pizza form, ranch is listed as an option. To ensure that pizza is as delectable as possible, is it a spread or a drizzle?

Secretary Sengupta: I literally copied the Domino's website. I'm pretty sure it's the base.

Commissioner Tsang: It's the base – similar to how with the BBQ sauce, you can get it as the base. You can also choose half and half of what sauce you get.

Rector Yung: This is why you sit on assembly.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Do faculties get multiple pizzas? For example, we have 8-9 reps. Do we get multiple pizzas or do we have to share?

Secretary Sengupta: I will make a decision come time.

NSS President Palmeri: First off, thank you for making me cry. I should have worn waterproof mascara. I would like to say a few words to everyone. Over the years, AMS Assembly has been a place to gather, debate, learn, and grow. The opportunity to engage on behalf of the students of the Queen's Community is an honour and a privilege – one that I hope each of you will always hold close to your hearts. May we always remember that it is not the titles we wear, but the students we

wear them for that matters the most. The opportunity to advocate for a better Queen's experience for all should never be taken for granted. I hope you each will take advantage of the opportunity that lies before you. You have the capacity to make a difference and selflessly advocate for the most remarkable group of students in the world. To say that the past four and half years with the Nursing Science Society and three years with the Alma Mater Society were a blessing would be just about the biggest understatement I could deliver – I truly could not imagine life without NSS and AMS. Quite simply, to imagine a life without them would be to imagine a life without precious friendships, tremendous growth, impactful advocacy, and a transformed Queen's experience. I always knew the day would come when I had to say goodbye to the NSS and the AMS. I guess I did not know it would be this hard... so instead I choose to say "see you later". One's time in student leadership never really ends... there is always another tomorrow. A tomorrow filled with the next generation of student leaders who will no doubt take on these responsibilities with immense passion, determination, and creativity!

ENGSOE President Wong: Since we all have our first-year interns – this is Helen, this is Sinead, Chas and Zaid is at the end.

NSS President Palmeri: Got the team here, this is Julia, the incoming President, Alex, incoming VP Operations and Caroline, incoming VP-UA. They are the dream team. They are wonderful people and so lovely. Good luck and hope you enjoy the experience.

Question Period

Secretary Sengupta: Just so everyone knows, question period is the time for any member to ask another member any question, generally pertaining to their portfolio.

No Questions

Business Arising from the Minutes

Speaker: No business arising from the Minutes.

New Minutes

Motion #3: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS VP-OPS Hollidge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Sarah Obonsawin to the position of Chief Returning Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.

Secretary Sengupta: Myself, AMS VP-OPS Hollidge, and CESA President Dowling conducted interviews for CRO. Representative LeClair had a conflict, so we assigned AMS VP-OPS Hollidge last minute given the urgency of the situation, but she does fulfill the requirements outlined in PM2. Sarah was our DRO of Marketing and has been transitioning nicely into CRO. She has her work cut out as there are elections coming up, however we are confident that Sarah will be able to execute it. She can field any questions now.

Rector Yung: With regards to becoming CRO – it carries a lot of weight, focuses a lot of equity and equality during the elections process – how are you ensuring that these two pillars are maintained through the campaign process?

Member-At-Large Obansawin: Constant communication with Chief Electoral Officer or with the individuals in the campaigns and ensuring that everybody understands what the expectations are and what happens when you breach those. Also, by being a point of reference for communicating.

Question period commences.

CESA President Dowling: How do you plan to increase voter turnout?

Member-At-Large Obansawin: I was the DRO of Marketing and so I'm excited about increasing voter turnout. My belief is the biggest thing is to have a constant presence on campus whether that's through social media, and email reminders for people to get out and vote. The biggest turnout happens after email blasts and social media posts, however it's also important to have physical presence at University and Union and the SLC to get the word out.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous -1

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #4: Moved by: Commissioner LaFlamme, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Alexi Honsberger to the position of Orientation Roundtable Coordinator.

Commissioner LaFlamme: A bit of background – ORT Coordinator is a salaried staff position of the commission. They oversee directors, assist 9 faculties surrounding orientation week and act as a liaison between Kingston stakeholders and the university.

Question period commences.

PHEKSA President Murray: Just wondering, what do you think your biggest challenge will be and how will you address that?

Member-at-large Honsberger: Moving things around for orientation week and its restructuring. It's a new opportunity for everyone and every week to revitalize their events, create new events. I'm looking forward to working with every group, faculty and see their awesome ideas. We know they have great ideas and I'm looking forward to their new ideas and perspectives and seeing what they can bring to Orientation Week

Proxy: Congratulations. What inspired you to apply for this position?

Member-at-large Honsberger: Orientation Week means so many different things to different people. I personally dealt with homesickness. However, coming into Residence Society and faculty orientation, I knew that this was where I belong. Seeing the impact of O-Week on myself and other

people, I see the importance in making the transition as smooth as possible and so I'm excited to work with all stakeholders to make that transition as amazing as it was for me.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #5: Moved by: AMS VP-OPS Hollidge, seconded by: Secretary Sengupta.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to nominate one Voting Member of Assembly to the CFRC Board of Directors.

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: We need to nominate a member. The CFRC is our on-campus radio station. It's an amazing opportunity to get a look at the broadcasting environment and is an interesting niche. The time commitment is around 3-5 hours per month. It's an opportunity to get involved at a very basic level. However, it is important to be available the evening of December 5, but if not that's okay.

Nomination Period commences.

NSS President Palmeri: Seeing as this affects the upcoming calendar year, would I be able to nominate someone coming into Assembly for next year?

Secretary Sengupta: Yes.

Rector Yung: I nominate ENGSOC President Wong (*seconded by AMS President Li*).

ENGSOC President Wong: I respectfully decline.

Nominees: VP- Elect Frankfurter (*nominated by NSS President Palmeri, seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge*), Representative Cattrysse (*nominated by Representative Roper, seconded by Representative LeClair*)

Nominees accept.

Nomination period ends. Question period commences.

Speaker: We are moving into Question Period. Reminder that all questions are directed at both candidates.

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: For a bit of background, CFRC is the longest standing campus radio station in Ontario. It's a long standing tradition in giving commentary on sports broadcasting, politics, and music, particularly Canadian music as a regulation of Canadian content. Sitting on this board, you would be responsible for the judiciary responsibility that CFRC has to its students. They are looking for a student perspective on the broadcasting radio industry, which is on a bit of a decline. They really value the student perspective.

Representative LeClair: What relevant experience do you have that makes you relatively experienced to sit on the board?

Representative Cattrysse: I am not available on December 5 so if that impacts your decision in choosing a representative, then I have to make that clear. I currently sit on another board so I have experience of being on a Board of Directors. I was involved in a lot of things regarding O-Week, as well as being an ENGSOCC executive. And I have a good perspective of what being a student is given that I am a student.

NSS VP- Elect Frankfurter: I have been a peer health educator, a CAPE, and been on the NSS Exec so I am able to bring the student perspective to the CFRC.

NSS President Palmeri: CFRC is all about sharing student voice. What does that mean to you and what is an example of you facilitating student voice?

NSS VP- Elect Frankfurter: Student voice is very rounded and this is an amazing opportunity for the upcoming semester. For me, the student voice – everyone is able to be represented. During O-Week, as a frosh week leader, you have all the first year students who are unfamiliar with their environment. So as a frosh week leader, I was able to facilitate their voices and their problems.

Representative Cattrysse: It means less so what I or the few of us believe, but what the people on the outside who don't really get involved and have no opportunity to voice their opinion, for the less represented student who needs more voice. I was a First Year Director, so trying to guide first years from their high school mentality to first year. I was able to voice many first year perspectives for those whom were too scared or intimidating to ENGSOCC.

Rector Yung: Have you had a chance of listening to CFRC before? Which show? It's okay if you haven't, but any thoughts on a potential show in the future?

Representative Cattrysse: A good friend ran a show during the summer about different covers in music. It was interesting to get student perspective on the covers instead of music industry.

NSS VP- Elect Frankfurter: I haven't heard any shows other than when I walk by the building. My suggestions will be a comedy sequence. I enjoy all genres of music.

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

FOR FRANKFURTER: 19

FOR CATTRYSSSE: 8

ABSECTIONS: None

Speaker: Congratulations to VP Elect Frankfurter.

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #6: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the Accessibility Queens's grant amounts as outlined in Appendix: Minnie Mouse on the recommendation of the Accessibility Queen's Granting Committee.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: We spoke to this two assemblies ago. Accessibility at Queen's is funded by a student fee. We received five applications, and we've granted it to four groups. You can see the breakdowns on each. I will note two things: for the Queen's Student Association – that event

had already taken place, but we decided to still grant them \$150 based on receipts. Child something Services – that group must be able to demonstrate ongoing funding and that will be followed up. Overall, they were all good applications. Just the largest one – the Alma Mater Society – applied for \$30,000 of this, and we put it into the JDUC redevelopment in the long term. This is in line with what happened last year. Last year, \$20,000 was put into the removal of fire doors that are no longer necessary with the JDUC so it's been a continuation with how those funds have been put into the JDUC project.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENCES: None

Motion carries.

Motion #7: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the AMS Elections and Referenda Policy Manual.

Secretary Sengupta: You can see my executive summary. I hope you like the Disney references, I tried for this one. Basically, this manual is a consolidated policy manual that consolidates items from Policy 1 and 2, and makes a slight adjustment to the constitution. I thank Assembly for the lively discussion on policy and I've tried to incorporate that into the policy manual. Several things are crossed out from PM1 and not put into our new policy– these are mostly procedural things that were moved into a procedural manual to make policy easier to follow. The crossed out areas are for nominations and validations, which are things that we do and not necessarily things that should be enforceable via policy. The campaign period has been shortened to 7 days, rather than 10 days. As we go forward, anything more than 7 days can tire out candidates and can be fatiguing for the entire team, and we don't believe that it helps with voter turnout at all. We've also applied time constrictions for boothing from 9am to 6pm. We don't want candidates to feel like they should be here before they should be here for class or later than necessary. We've also restricted table space to 45 hours which is 6 hours per day available from elections teams. You can still meet with clubs and classrooms and do class talks but these are just restricting the boothing hours, so we don't alter the generality or ability to campaign outside of these times. They can withdraw their candidacy up to 24 hours before the ratification at Assembly, which we believe is fair as it provides a slight amount of leniency but also a timeframe that does not waste the time of the Elections Team when they have to count signatures. Candidates will be required to release a brief platform, which we will provide a template for, on the Monday which includes a very brief biography and brief overarching themes on what they're going to be campaigning for. The debate will be happening on Wednesday and Thursday. Electors should be prepared and understand what they are voting for and have some premise on what they will be running for. The limit on banners is two per candidate and we've imposed a limit of 100 physical posters which will hopefully encourage more online campaigning. Candidates are responsible for list of campaigning numbers and they will need to provide a list of individuals associated with the campaign. The sanctioning and violations policy basically outlined what the Chief Electoral Officer can and can't do. Before it was very vague and

verbose. We cut it out and consolidated into a list of three things – the standalone policy, changes to Policy Manual 1 and changes to Policy Manual 2 and a deletion of Policy Manual 2 to insert into this policy manual. Happy to take questions and concerns.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Just wanted to move to omnibus Motion 7-10. Just to save time, we will be voting on all four things at the same time.

Motion #8: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to omnibus Motion 7, 9, 10, 11.

Secretary Sengupta: The rest of the motions are effectively the changes that are to be done.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Thank you for providing clarity on this policy change. I have a question regarding platform. Based on your working definition, as a candidate, you could hypothetically release your “platform in light” on Monday, but platform in full later. I want to hear that all official platform points from a campaign need to be released by a set deadline to ensure that a team does not give another team the right to not have to provide their full platform.

Secretary Sengupta: It is to effectively give a guideline on where the team stands. I am working to create a template to highlight what they need to do, and not mandate that you cannot change anything after your initial platform is released. I am open to an amendment if you so choose to alter the wording for this section.

AMS President Li: The wording is an attempt to make a level playing field – not everyone is going to have the same format in their platform nor do we want to mandate the same format. We can amend in policy this deadline, however, but also add in to procedures steps in place to help address this concern. It is to help the student body to know what the teams are campaigning for.

Secretary Sengupta: Releasing the platform on the Monday gives us time to reflect on candidates ideas, work on developing debate questions, as well as give the student body time to read the campaign document to have a general idea of what candidates believe.

ASUS President Lagundzija: In the policy, It is very broad. Walking into a debate with your competitor, all they would know is three well-crafted sentences. A full platform needs to be released by a set date, which is always a challenge but ensures a level playing field. We should flesh out a policy for the minimum to be expected.

AMS President Li: We can open it up to Assembly. This was our attempt to try to level out the playing field. If Assembly wants to be more strict, whether that’s strengthening the definition of platform, or relaxing it and saying 24 or 48 hours before debate.

CESA President Dowling: I would like to echo sentiments of President Lagundzija – it would be valuable to have a platform for everybody. Why isn't a full platform being released at the beginning? It's transparent and should be an expectation for individuals running – they should have time to prepare their full platform. Within the policy, with regards to getting permission for candidates to speak during class talks, that hasn't really been upheld. How are you planning to enforce that? How do we expect that candidates have gotten permission from an instructor to do class talks?

Secretary Sengupta: We will introduce a procedure on when they need to alert the elections team. Obviously, it is difficult to monitor every classroom and I don't really want to be the world police. We also run on a complaint driven system. And in addition to that, the purpose of policy is to try and level the playing field; if both teams don't ask permission, one could argue that the field is level. Obviously, we may or may not know due to the sheer number of classrooms and it is difficult. This is certainly something we can put in for the elections team to track where the candidates are.

NSS President Palmeri: I'd also like to echo sentiments of President Lagundzija. I would be in favour of an amendment to have a full platform release at a set time. It's important for candidates to have a clear vision when coming in of what they expect to do for students. Having a clear vision would be valuable for the candidates and their team, but also for the students who need an idea of what the branding is. Having a platform release day and time could be a way to bolster excitement from the student community surrounding that. I suggest one of two items: stick with the original 6pm on the first day or change it to 24 hours prior to the time of the scheduled debate time. That will give enough time for opposing candidates to familiarize their competitors' strategy and bring more things to the debate.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I agree, there should be a more strict definition – whether that be 6pm on Monday or 24 hours before. But we have to realize that things come up during a campaign and we have to make sure we can allow candidates to be somewhat flexible. For example, in our campaign, the AMS Foodbank asked a question late into the campaign term. We were able to respond, and the other team did as well with their stance.

Rector Yung: I have to say, I agree with the sentiments from Dowling, Lagundzija, and Palmeri. However, I do see the benefit of releasing the platform the first day of election period. One of the things I can appreciate as well is that most teams won't be wanting to go into a debate without a platform ready as it looks unprofessional and informal. Whether or not you need to clarify how much you release, that's not fully certain and should be open to debate and for comment if you need to release an entire platform or if there are other things that you want to include. I agree with VP-UA Lockridge in that respect. With regards to the policy itself, I agree with the fact that Policy Manual 2 is redundant. Quick question – are some the procedural parts of that going to be put into a process document so individuals know where and what to follow up on? Finally, if you can correct me: the food credit is for students and their mental health. Will the rector candidates also be receiving a food credit?

AMS President Li: We wanted to finalize AMS Policy, and then work on the Rector elections with the SGPS.

Secretary Sengupta: I want to ensure that the SGPS is willing to do that with us. It's easier to change AMS Policy first and then amend with SGPS approval. The Policy Manual 2 is changed and will go into a process/procedure document which basically standardizes elections procedures

year over year. In terms of points on your platform, I agree that platform is fluid and can change over the period of the campaign period. If Assembly is in favour of releasing a full platform, we can keep the floor open to debate.

ASUS President Lagundzija: I agree that it can be fluid, but that the principles should be stagnant. Otherwise, people take ideas from each other's ideas/platforms. We should put forth an amendment that all official campaign documents need to be submitted and published 24 hours before their debate. It ensures that Rector and AMS documents are staggered and gives more flexibility to the elections teams. If this year's debates are Wednesday and Thursday, they still have time to consult. If official documents are published 24 hours ahead, then inquiries can still be responded to. It creates a culture shift with having not only platforms released but that everyone does create a platform and it isn't just a precedent that is set.

AMS President Li: Do you want us to define the platform differently? What is the guidance – if that changed to official campaign documents or platform?

ASUS President Lagundzija: Campaign platform in full. What I'd say is that yes, the elections take place at the end of January. It gives them 3 days to write and we're not expecting a 70 page platform, just any points that they plan to run on so that everyone is aware of what is happening.

AMS President Li: This is something we quickly drafted: "Official Campaign Documents" is defined as all documents released by candidates that contain a biography of each individual candidate and/or any comprehensive description of any campaign points.

"Section 5 "campaigning" clause c: Candidates shall release all official campaign documents, as defined in this policy, no later than 24 hours before the debate."

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Official Campaign Documents would replace the wording platform.

Member-at-large Ierino: I would like to comment on the specific platform: we can leave the option open for candidates to submit complaints against each other and that limits your ability. That supportive information can either be a good or bad thing.

ASUS VP Negus: When we get too specific about what defines campaign documents and what doesn't, does that mean I can publish something later on in the campaign? When we get too specific on what these documents are, it opens up the idea that someone can publish something that isn't that. We should change the definition to campaign promises, regardless so there is opportunity for students to make changes to their campaign while at the same time mitigating that teams won't be able to supply other campaign documents.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Rather than official campaign documents, it should be platform in full. This still gives elections teams flexibility and maintains the 24 hours. If we could change to platform in full to contain a biography of each individual candidate and any comprehensive description of any campaign points.

Secretary Sengupta: We're requiring candidates to release any biography and any comprehensive platform points.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Sorry to drag this out. I wanted to make an amendment to ensure that a team's full intentions are published and any amendments they make are their prerogative and that any points they want to make are published on the Monday.

Secretary Sengupta: That's the essence of what we meant.

AMS President Li: Take out the word brief.

Representative Cattrysse: Sorry if I got lost along the way here. Does this prevent campaigns from adding points to their initial campaign?

Secretary Sengupta: That's not the intention of what we are doing. We would allow candidates to release further ideas or promises to things that come up within the election period, but we would have them release a document with overarching themes at the beginning of the campaign period, and one that contains brief biographies of their candidates.

Rector Yung: I like the definition. I wonder if we can make an amendment with a recognition that additional campaign points/platform points can be added throughout the campaign period. That is something that can be added.

Secretary Sengupta: We are only allowed one sub-amendment per amendment.

Rector Yung: Disregard.

Recess called at 21:00PM. Meeting is reconvened at 21:22 PM.

Speaker: ASUS President Lagundzija is up on the Speaker's queue.

ASUS President Lagundzija: I'll leave it to Secretary Sengupta, but we have revised it to reflect what most want.

Secretary Sengupta: Instead of official campaign documents, we put it as platform in full and it is defined as a document by candidates.

Representative Cattrysse: Same question - does this prevent candidates from releasing more documents?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: The goal of the policy is that the same platform is submitted to the elections team, and posted on the AMS. This is all procedural stuff so it's not included in the motion. They won't have an opportunity to update or submit an alternate. It gives them opportunity to respond, add those additional things, but they won't be hosted – what you submit at that time is publically promoted by the AMS.

Representative LeClair: Question for Secretary Sengupta – is it now considered friendly?

Secretary Sengupta: It is the same amendment so it is still unfriendly.

Rector Yung: Does this apply to Rector elections also?

Sengupta: Rector elections follow AMS policy on campaigning, so yes

ENGSOc President Wong: The point right before that says it must be approved by the CRO prior to posting. With ENGSOc, things are processed by ENGSOc in terms of campaign materials: things like posters, websites, banners – things that don't necessarily pertain to platform. Would those also need to be submitted?

Secretary Sengupta: That constitutes campaign material and not a platform and that policy is not being affected by this change.

Vote for all in favour of amendment as it reads.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Amendment carries.

No further debate on the motion, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Discussion Period

Commissioner Hollands: I'm simply aiming to give an information report on the Nuisance Party By-law considered by city of Kingston. They approached us in July to provide our input on their proposed Nuisance Party By-law that would be proposed to council in 2017 or 2018. The two policy developers took the initiative to the AMS and have been working collaboratively to ensure that students aren't alienated and that there are no curveballs along the way. This by-law resurfaced after homecoming when both the mayor and Principal Woolf called for a Nuisance Party By-law following the mass disturbances and street party street closures. They will be regulating behaviour by imposing a high set-fine. Most municipalities have their fines lying between \$200-\$750. It provides additional enforcement tools so it basically creates a duty for hosts to control their parties and guests, and curbs substantial risks to the health and safety of neighbourhood residents and to a persistent disruption of personal well-being. London and Guelph also have similar by-laws. They really started to think about it and presented it in an information report to City Council on November 7th. It is now in a public consultation phase and will be going to go to the City Council Administration Committee and it will be proposed to City Council in 2018. Kingston's bylaw policy makers have done research to comply with comparative best practices. This "nuisance" only targets parties, and doesn't target individual behaviour. Fine can be given to any person who creates, causes, hosts, sponsors, conducts, continues or attends the nuisance party. Landlords can also be fined if their tenants are repeat offenders. For landlords, their obligations would be as simple as providing written correspondence. This will address absent landlords who neglect their duty. This by-law fine will require ample evidence and bureaucratic consultation before being an issue. I can see a lot of appeals however, police cannot just issue them on a limb, but will need substantial evidence.

There is no mention of students in the bylaw, aims to be city-wide, not confined to the university district, meant to only be used in extreme circumstances. The points listed on my slide are all acts that are public nuisances. All of these acts already have by-laws that regulate them – these by-laws will be reinforced and only under new stipulations is where this bylaw will come into effect. The process is as such: the party will have to have spilled into public areas. The whole reason for this by-law is to remedy situations where police have lost control of the situation such as unplanned street closures and such. The police will be then be called to a party and the officer will detail the incident to the Chief or to their designate. Only the Chief of Police or a person working as a

representative can declare this party to be a nuisance party. Police officers will not be able to just hand out 500 fines. The police officer on duty will issue an order to shut down the party, and will give time for the host to comply. There will be a 10-20 minute window to comply. Nobody can actually be issued this fine right away as they need to demonstrate that they failed to comply with this police order. If not, they will be issued this by-law fine. Other considerations are that less strict by-laws will be enforced for the vast majority of the time. The policy makers want to assure our student body that anyone who received a fine needs to have issued a compliance order, and must be given a window of time to disperse. Officers need to approach for the Chief of Police or their designate, which makes these fines rare and exclusive, and there needs to be substantial evidence provided by the Police. This will only apply to nuisance parties, will not apply to indoor parties where the current by-laws are in effect. This is only aimed to weed out the bad apples. It's only for the people who openly and overtly defy police orders. The appeal process is available for them to contest too. The AMS will be meeting with Kingston Police to get a better understanding of what the enforcement will look like. One of the lead policy developers was the AMS Municipal Affairs Commissioner two years ago. They are working proactively with the AMS. Why we're bringing this to AMS today is to inform, but also to gather your opinion and perspective. I would also would like it if you can reach out to your student bodies to gather their voices. The Kingston by-law writers are looking to bring a large amount of voices to bring to city council. You can submit questions to Get Involved Kingston or send an email to me or bring it to Greg McLean. My first question is how do you think your students will react to a Nuisance Party By-law?

Rector Yung: I think speaking on behalf of the students here, for the most part, it sounds like an accumulation of the other bylaws that are already taking place. Just for clarification: say you are have an open beer in your hand. You aren't be able to get two tickets for both open alcohol and a nuisance by-law.

Commissioner Hollands: This would replace the weaker by-law.

Representative Farley: Based on students in my year – on first glance, calling it a nuisance by-law, it sounds like a by-law out to get parties. Once the presentation was presented, it's completely reasonable. The name provides a negative connotation to it.

Commissioner Hollands: It's to act as a deterrent psychologically – the name is meant to be played up to be a deterrent for students. Why we are here today is to be an information session and provide that educational piece. If this by-law were to pass, there would be an effort from the AMS and Kingston to educate students on what this by-law entails.

ASUS President Lagundzija: Something we were discussing something brought up at Presidents' Caucus. How it gets enforced is a little unclear. Let's say if Stefan has a rowdy get-together, and I am at it. I get fined, and if I don't pay it, will Stefan and Stefan's landlord receive the ramifications. Essentially how are you going to enforce that this by-law affects the people at the house? And how do you think landlords are going to deal with this as they will now receive part of the blame?

Commissioner Hollands: The whole idea there is that the issue is mostly with compliance. The city assures that if the host does comply, they will not receive a fine. If one person is failing to vacate the premise, then as long as the host tries to comply, they won't be liable for that. In terms of landlords, we didn't want landlords to offsetting these to students, but they assured us that it can be as simple as providing written correspondence to their tenants. If they demonstrate that there is no action, this will fight absentee landlords and exonerate them from community involvement

Representative Cattrysse: You almost kind of answered my questions. If there are these ramifications for landlords – it takes a lot for landlords to be charged – they may use this to raise rent further.

Commissioner Hollands: I can't speculate how this will work out, but it was brought up to the City of Kingston. They seemed to indicate that they could put legal provision that could prevent Nuisance Party by-laws fines to be written into the lease. That is a common problem that the AMS has expressed for a variety of things. We've been afraid that by creating a standard lease that landlords need to pay for that that will increased rent. A bunch of other municipalities have introduced rental licensing without affecting leasing so we can draw to those examples.

Representative Roper: On that note with landlords and dealing around that area: within the by-law idea, it is very ambiguous on what is expected of the landlords. It would be more ideal in the next iteration if in the by-law to make it more clear on what is acceptable for the landlord to do.

Commissioner Hollands: President Li and I met with them again, and echoed those concerns. On what the actual requirements are for the landlords. There were a few things we wanted clear definitions for and that was one of them. This is clearly something to bring back to them – it's constructive for us to lobby for them and landlord obligations.

PHEKSA President Murray: I'm confused on whether all of the acts have to be met in order for them to be charged for a nuisance party. The way that it is described seems discriminatory towards students: it's pretty obvious that it is for parties at Queen's. What requirements for a nuisance party have to be met for students to be charged a \$750 ticket?

Commissioner Hollands: Something that they have really been on the city for is clear definitions. It would be if there's a massive party that's spilled out onto the streets and residents or party goes on the roof. If you are sitting and just having a few beers, they assured us that that doesn't fit in with a nuisance party. We really questioned them on how they made that declaration that it is a nuisance party. The public consultation meeting on Monday night asked a Kingston police officer who is working on this by-law and he responded that any by-law is perfectly vague because there are certain special circumstances that should be covered but aren't because a lot of it has to do with police discretion. Something that we lobbied for is more specificity. They assured us that although this will be held to police discretion, they only plan to use this for most extreme circumstances possible. However, we will meet to get a more concise expectation of what will happen.

ENGSOCC President Wong: How does this apply for a lot of the housing on Aberdeen that is owned by the University? How would it apply to those?

Commissioner Hollands: Queen's University would have the same obligation as other landlords in acting to correct tenant behaviour. My second question is as such: How should students be held accountable for Nuisance behaviour. Can you think of any alternative measures to a Nuisance Party By-law?

Aesculpien Representative Milden: I think that this is probably a good idea, and I'm pretty surprised that there is no previous by-law like that, given huge impact that Queen's students have on public safety such as Homecoming and St. Patrick's Day. Students have begun to see those events as our right, however, I don't think it is right for students to destroy public property and that if we show that we want to be accountable for our actions in improving the relationships between Queen's students and the community stakeholders, I think that's beneficial. The

alternative is some kind of criminal charge and I think the by-law is something that is a good medium and it will depend on how it's presented to educated upon.

Commissioner Hollands: I think it would be very tone deaf for the AMS to go and oppose the by-law. Our objective is to work cooperatively throughout the process. We've had good relationships with them in the past and want to keep that up.

Aesculapian Representative Milden: Given that it's such a sensitive issue, thank you for taking that on and giving us an opportunity to be involved in it.

PHEKSA President Murray: In terms of alternatives, is this by-law in place in other universities and cities and how has that impacted them? Are there any stats on how this by-law has affected students?

Commissioner Hollands: I just sat in on a discussion with other schools on this by-law and Guelph, who has this, sees it as an enforcement mechanism that is in place. City of London also has this by-law and have amended a few times to include the roofing provision. I reached out to university student council of London as I wondered if there was student outcry and they didn't indicate that there was anything major to report back. We will be reaching out to all of those municipalities to get a better understanding of how it has been enforced and how the community has interacted with it

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: For Western's FOCO, there were 950 provincial by-law enforcement tickets handed out. Out of that 950, only 8 of these were handed out. That is a huge difference in that. I've reached out to the USC at Wettern, trying to figure out if it was landlord, or tenant, or people who were the perpetrators.

PHEKSA President Murray: These were 8 individual charges?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Yes, 8 individual charges.

AMS President Li: This by-law is not meant to be a double charge, it's meant to replace the weaker charge.

Representative LeClair: One of the things that AMS holds is restorative justice. Has there been any thought given to a community volunteer respect thing – say students cleaning up after these parties?

Commissioner Hollands: Non-academic misconduct can be brought up by community members that uses restorative justice but I'm not sure how that will be worked in. It was brought up to community association boards and they were pretty interested in using NAM as a tool, however, it would be difficult as they need to know the identity of those by-law breakers.

Representative LeClair: More so, I meant not through the AMS. Housing is expensive, and school is expensive. Financial penalties can be hard to bear for students. Should there be other mechanisms for students to pay back the damage that they have done to the community?

Commissioner Hollands: We've been trying our best to lobby for the lowest fine possible. However, this by-law is a deterrence from having these things happening. There are risks involved with the high fine and that was the whole intent behind the by-law.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Every student is given a chance to comply with the officer order. The important part is that students have the opportunity to comply and avoid the fine.

Commissioner Hollands: There are so many safeguards as they're given ample opportunity to comply.

Commissioner Tsang: Building off VP-UA Lockridge's point – I looked that stat up. FOCO had 11 charges. I was wondering if we could find out what those warnings actually mean? Police warn our students on Homecoming or St. Patrick's Day – these could amount to a lot of warnings as well. I want to encourage clarity on what those warnings actually mean and what it means for our police force. Have you consulted on the public outcry at Western FOCO? People launched posts about FOCO and said things like “we're going to party and have the precautions to avoid this by-law”. I just want to see what our mission is to address this outcry? They said it is towards the nuisance bylaws. London's bylaws have fines up to \$10,000 and there is public outcry.

Commissioner Hollands: We would have similar toss-up however, those higher fines would have to be repeat, extremely.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Only a judge can set the fine, and it has to be approved by the provincial government.

Commissioner Hollands: Reached out to the same VP and there is more digging that can be done.

Commissioner Tsang: I encourage more clarification from Western, and want to mention the outcry of Western students.

Commissioner Hollands: Yes that is what we 100% intend on doing. The final question is: What communication/outreach methods should the City be doing to keep student involved in the consultation process? What sort of education campaigns should the city be undertaking to ensure that students know exactly what a nuisance party is? Obviously two part, but this public consultation process ends on December 8 so opinions must be submitted by then.

Commissioner Tsang: Things that PHEKSA is doing is collaborating with the police force regarding safe drinking and laws around drinking on what you can do and what you can't do in response to Homecoming to address student safety in the PHEKSA faculty. It could be faculties/societies partnering up with the Kingston police force to have these smaller consultations with their students. If you're sitting in a room with 10,000 people, you will be disconnected. We had 60 students come out to this event and we got to ask the police officer personal questions on how we felt.

Commissioner Hollands: Good idea with the faculties. Smaller crowds will help ensure accountability and that people will show up.

Representative Roper: Before reading through the agenda I had no idea that it was a thing or that it was in consideration and I feel like that would be the same for most of the constituents. There are only 8 days for students to input their opinions. I feel like it would be more useful to get more press out of it through an email blast or greater social media presence and making sure that it's much more publicized. There aren't many ways to get feedback in other than letter or email and that might be intimidating. I'm not sure if it's an option to have a form that we could fill out.

Commissioner Hollands: The Get Informed website is a form that can be filled out. My office and the communications office in AMS will ensure that if it is passed, that we educate the students on it.

AMS President Li: There is a newsletter going out on Monday and we will include the nuisance by-law in that newsletter

Representative Leach: Just after reading the fact sheet, potentially encouraging an emphasis on the 20 minute grace period. It is found nowhere in the fact sheet and it sounded much more punitive. They should make it a little clearer that there is leniency there which will allow students see more merit in it instead of seeing it as an attack essentially.

Commissioner Hollands: That's something that should be a main piece of our communication, and correcting any misconceptions and ensuring that all safeguards are in place even if they've already perpetuated a nuisance party. There is definitely a strong consideration for their messaging.

Rector Yung: One of the things that I would say moving forward and moving back is to tell them thank you for proposing this and for allowing us to provide feedback. Speaking from personal experience, I think this will be a helpful by-law will be helpful in changing our drinking culture. There is a lot that we can do in regard to that unfortunately, it's more of a reactive stance for most of the students here and we should be looking at preventative measures as well in reaction to the drinking culture here at Queen's. We should be looking at other things in taking care of each other.

Secretary Sengupta: Before we all adjourn tonight, place placards and pizza form to the side of the aisles.

Adjournment

Moved by: NSS President Palmeri, seconded by: AMS VP-OPS Hollidge.

Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 22:13PM EST.