



AMS Assembly Minutes

*Meeting of Thursday, September 24th, 2015
McLaughlin Hall, JDUC*

Minutes are tentative until approved by AMS Assembly.

Attending:

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

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

Aesculapian Society - Senior Representative Zain Siddiqui

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



Commerce Society - Vice-President Vasanth Ranganathan, Representative Connor Bevans

Concurrent Education Students' Association - President David Wiercigroch, Representative Crystal O'Dea, Proxy Cody Weeden

Computing Students' Association - President Max Garcia, Vice-President Mareena Mallory

Engineering Society - President Julie Tseng, Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Wood, Fourth Year Representative Matthew Lawson, Third Year Representative Rigers Rukaj, 2nd Year Representative Callen Hageman, 1st Year Representative Kevin Corey

Nursing Science Society - President Alexandra Palmeri, Proxy Emily Sullivan

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

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

Regrets:

Commerce Society President Ana Lopez, Commerce Society Vice-President Caroline Hayes, Nursing Science Society Vice-President Arryana Carkner, MBA President Joshua Hamilton, MBA Vice-President Kamna Krishnan, SGPS President Chris Cochrane



Speaker Sam Anderson (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Introduction to Assembly.

1. Approval of agenda for the meeting of September 24th, 2015

MOTION 1: That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the meeting of September 24th, 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

President Chinniah moves that Motion 11, to ratify the Chief Student Constable, take place before Motion 6, to ratify the Vice-President University Affairs. Vice-President Operations Beaudry seconds the motion.

For: all

Opposed: 0

Motion carries.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of April 1st 2015

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of April 1st 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

For: all

Opposed: 0

Motion carries.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of April 18th, 2015

MOTION 3: That the AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of April 18th, 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

For: all

Opposed: 0



Motion carries.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of June 12th 2015

MOTION 3: That the AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the meeting of June 12th, 2015.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

For: all

Opposed: none

Motion carries.

5. Speaker's Business

Speaker: When you are speaking, please speak loudly. Provides overview of procedural motions, rules of order, points of order, privilege, and information. Move to election of deputy speaker.

Representative Dowling and **Vice-President Wood** nominated and accept.

President Tseng and **President Wiercigroch** nominated and decline.

Speaker: Please provide a one-minute introduction as to why you should be elected.

Representative Dowling: Second year Concurrent Education student. Sits on ASUS, looking forward to speaking. Member of Assembly last year and would be confident in the role.

Vice-President Wood: Similar rules of order at EngSoc Assembly, of which he has been a member of in the past. He is confident in his abilities to take over the role of speaker if necessary. Prioritizes efficiency and respect for time.

President Jamieson: What makes you the ideal candidate for this position?

Vice-President Wood: Strong belief in fairness. Everyone has a fair chance to get their word in. Never stop people from making their point for the sake of efficiency.

Representative Dowling: Logical thinker and follows the rules. Enjoys dialogue within society. Wants to make sure everything is democratic.



Rector Young: Speak to why AMS Assembly is so important.

Representative Dowling: Large question that covers a wide scope. AMS Assembly has a unique structure and brings together a range of needs. AMS Assembly brings forth debate and views of a variety of students.

Vice-President Wood: AMS Assembly is the key place for anyone to represent their opinions at the University. AMS Assembly is an outlet for debate, but gives the option to tackle issues that you could never accomplish alone. Possible to make change in academics and services, as students have a voice and make a change in the University experience.

Speaker: We'll now move to the vote.

Vice-President Wood elected as Deputy Speaker.

6. Guest Speaker - Dr. Duncan McDowall, University Historian

7. Presidents Report

President Kanivanan: Expresses condolences for the loss of two members of the Queen's Community. Assembly engages in a moment of silence.

8. Vice-Presidents Report

Vice-President Beaudry: The Opt Out period for AMS fees due date is approaching (30th September) so please promote it!

Vice-President Letersky: Thank you for helping with my transitioning into this role and fingers crossed for my ratification later.

9. Board of Directors Report

Chair of Board Blair: Nothing to add.

10. Senator's Report

Senator Brockie: Lockridge added to Woolf committee

11. Rector's Report

Rector Young: Student initiatives is accepting applications.

12. Board of Trustee's Report

Trustee Li: NAD review. Look to the report.

13. Statements by Members

None.

14. Question Period

None.

15. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly reaffirm the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section K, as seen in Appendix A: SIC Policy.

Moved by: Alex Chung

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Motion carries.

16. New Business

MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly ratify Matthew Vrbanak to the position of Chief Student Constable for the 2015-2016 year.

Moved by Stephanie Harper.

Seconded by: Kyle Beaudry.

Motion carries.

MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the appointment of Sarah Letersky as Vice-President (University Affairs) for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year.

Moved by: Kanivanan Chinniah



Seconded by: Kyle Beaudry

Vice-President Letersky: Thanks everyone for support, asks questions and assures that Sarah will be successful in the role. Thanks Catherine Wright for long service in the AMS.

Rector Young: Echoes the sentiments. What is the difference between ratify and approve?

President Chinniah: The Constitution says “approve” for people appointed to the position, Assembly is not assessing the process, but the actual candidate.

Representative Dowling: What are you most looking forward to doing?

Vice-President Letersky: Fulfilling goals, working with commissioners, Commission Review Framework, in line with what students want/need in their University.

Motion carries.

Commissioner Bart: Motion to open the Agenda to omnibus the ratifications seen in Motions 8 through 11.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Motion carries.

President Chinniah: Motion to ratify the Judicial Affairs Clerk prior to the deputies.

Moved by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Seconded by: Miriam Bart

Motion carries.

President Chinniah: Motion to close the agenda.

Moved by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Seconded by: Kyle Beaudry

Motion carries.

MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly ratify Jasmit de Saffel to the position of Judicial Affairs Clerk for the 2015-2016 year.

Moved by: Albert Kwan

Seconded by: Miriam Bart

Motion carries

For: all

Opposed: none

MOTION 9: That AMS Assembly ratify Ryan Anderson, Kristy Wong, Meryl Morant and Lauren Rainsford to the four deputy positions of the Judicial Affairs Office for the 2015-2016 year.

Moved by: Albert Kwan

Seconded by: Miriam Bart

Rector Young: What is your favourite pillar of NAD?

Member-at-Large Anderson: That it's peer-administered.

Member-at-Large Rainsford: Also that it's peer-administered as students are best able to empathize with other students.

Member-at-Large Morant: That it is non-adversarial as the value of being peer-administered is that we do not enter the situation hostile.

Member-at-Large Wong: That it is restorative, not punitive, to ensure everyone feels safe in the Queen's community.

Motion carries.

For: all

Opposed: 0

MOTION 10: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2 Section 7 Part G as seen in Appendix B: Policy Committee.

Moved by: Read Leask

Seconded by: Sarah Letersky



Commissioner Leask: Long representational policy papers, was a lot of work. Done with good intentions. The committee worked last year but it was not put in policy. It was supposed to be under the President's portfolio but in practice it will work better under the AAC.

Vice-President Wood: I'm curious, if it's a committee to deal with representation policy, I am conflicted that a hired member of the AMS would be overseeing it instead of a representative that is elected.

President Chinniah: we will be as transparent as possible, AAC has the capacity to conduct this information and the means, this office that deals with research, however the President's office does not hinder any democratic process.

Rector Young: by virtue of position, various commissions will work towards this, states that AAC is a large representation of student body, along with all other commissioners and are ratified by Assembly.

President Garcia: Why AAC and not CIA?

Commissioner Leask: Academics commission has the research capability to take place in meaningful information, advocate with OUSA, CIA deals with internal policy.

Representative Rukaj: What work has been done previously?

Commissioner Leask: no substantive representation policy papers that have not been co-authored by the AAC, hoping that members of Assembly strive to/help with this. Looking forward to having some outside of academic realm in the future

President Tseng: Can we make the committee name more reflective of the mandate by adding 'representational' to the name?

Commissioner Leask: Representational can be added to the name of the committee.



Motion to amend the motion carries.

Motion carries.

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the first reading of the amendments to AMS Constitution Part 17 as seen in Appendix C: External Alignment with Provincial and Federal Postsecondary Education Lobby Organizations.

Moved by: Read Leask

Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

Commissioner Leask: Provides a brief intro to the amendments to protect the ams and formalize the process that was otherwise understood culturally.

Representative Hageman: commends AAC re: protecting the ams. 2 points: 1. For “full membership” requires a full referenda.

Commissioner Leask: Membership to student organizations requires campus wide referendum.

President Chinniah: To address the second question, any sort of increase in student fee has to go through AMS wide referendum? We intend to implement that legislation at a later assembly, separate from this topic entirely.

All in favour

Zero opposed

Zero abstentions

Motion carries.

MOTION 12: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2 Section 6 Part A as seen in Appendix D: Government Issues Committee.

Moved by: Read Leask

Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

Commissioner Leask: Everything in the mandate is reflected in other parts of ams policy. The ams policy committee we just approved will cover much of this and

investigate issues relating to the provincial government that are not covered by our provincial affiliation. Mental health funding and initiatives, policy committee will seek policy representational policy that the commission of internal affairs will take on internally

All in favour
Zero opposed
Zero abstentions

Motion carries.

MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2 Section 3 Part J as seen in Appendix E: Housing Grievance Centre.

Moved by: Matt Kussin
Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

Commissioner Kussin: Minor change. Two main problems with the previous name: students don't attribute their concerns with grievances

Motion carries.

MOTION 14: That AMS Assembly approve the amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2 Section 3 Part D as seen in Appendix F: Helping Youth Providing Education (HYPE).

Moved by: Matt Kussin
Seconded by: Sarah Letersky

Commissioner Kussin: Hype is a volunteer program where university students. Keep the acronym, eliminate the need for a comma, and keep the presence in queen's community.

Motion carries.

MOTION 15: That AMS Assembly confirm the Committee Appointments made by the Nominating Committee as seen in Appendix G: Nominating Committee Allocations.

Moved by: Miriam Bart
Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Motion carries.

MOTION 16: That AMS Assembly appoint one voting member to the Campus Activities Commission Advisory Board.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

President Wiercigroch, Representative O'Dea, President Garcia, President Tseng and President Toth are nominated and decline.

President Wiercigroch nominates First-Year Elect, Proxy Weeden accepts on their behalf.

Rector Young: Expresses concern about electing a first-year.

Commissioner Bart: Believes it would be a good way for first-years to integrate into Assembly given the less-intimidating setting.

Motion carries.

MOTION 17: That AMS Assembly appoint two voting members to the Commission of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Board.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Commissioner Liberty: Promises cookies and a good time.

Representative O'Dea nominated and declines.

Representative Corey and Flisikowski nominated and accept.

Representative Corey and Representative Flisikowski appointed to the Commission of the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Board.

MOTION 18: That AMS Assembly appoint one voting member to the Commission of Internal Affairs Advisory Board.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Commissioner Bart: Encouraged everyone, including members of the gallery, to apply.



Liam Dowling nominated and accepts.
Member-at-Large Jon Wiseman nominated.

President Chinniah: Members-at-large are not eligible.

Representative Dowling is appointed to the Commission of Internal Affairs Advisory Board.

MOTION 19: That AMS Assembly appoint one voting member to the Social Issues Commission Advisory Board.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Representative Cohen and Representative O'Dea are nominated and accept.

Rector Young: What's one topic you are particularly concerned about?

Representative Cohen: Mental health. It affects everyone, de-stigmatizing, there's always more that we can do.

Representative O'Dea: Gender issues. Both sides should be represented. We need to work together to make sure everyone is equally represented.

Representative Cohen appointed to the Social Issues Commission Advisory Board.

MOTION 20: That AMS Assembly appoint one voting member to the Sustainability Action Fund Committee for 2015- 2016.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Representative Walwyn, Representative O'Dea and Representative Siddiqui are nominated and declines.

President Toth nominates herself.

President Toth is appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Committee.

MOTION 21: That AMS Assembly appoint two voting members to serve as AMS representatives on the AMS Staff Awards Committee for 2015-2016.

Moved by: Miriam Bart



Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

President Toth: What is the time commitment?

Vice-President University Affairs Letersky: Could span from 2-3 hours per year. At most an hour a week throughout that period.

Dowling and O'Dea nominated and accepts.
Hageman nominated and declines.

Representative Dowling and Representative O'Dea are appointed to the AMS Staff Awards Committee.

MOTION 22: That AMS Assembly appoint two voting members to serve as AMS representatives on the 175th Anniversary Planning Committee as seen in Appendix H: 175th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

President Garcia, President Tseng, President Palmeri are nominated and accept.
President Jamieson, Representative Li, Representative Lawson are nominated and decline.

President Tseng: Wishes to withdraw.

President Garcia and President Palmeri are appointed to the 175th Anniversary Planning Committee.

MOTION 23: That AMS Assembly approve the dates for the fall and winter Elections and Referenda periods as seen in

Moved by: Miriam Bart

Seconded by: Kanivanan Chinniah

Motion carries.

President Chinniah: Motions to adjourn.

Motion carries.

Assembly ends at 22:01.

