



Assembly Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Macdonald Hall, Room 001

Assembly Commences at 7:15

Palmer Lockridge shall henceforth be known as Speaker

Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1- Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of November 17, 2016.

Speaker: Are there any amendments to the agenda? Any amendments to the agenda? Last chance for any amendments to the agenda.

No amendments, proceed to a vote.

FOR: All

OPPOSED: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2- Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 3, 2016.

Speaker: Are there any amendments to the agenda? Any amendments to the agenda? Last chance for any amendments to the agenda.

No amendments, proceed to a vote.

FOR: All

OPPOSED: None

ABSTENTIONS: None



MOTION PASSES

Speaker's Business

Speaker: I have nothing to add. Other than, we have a short agenda today, which is wonderful! But that doesn't mean we should try and rush it... Okay, I will also just read the Queen's land recognition statement; So Queens University is situated on the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, which we study, live and work on today.

Guest Speaker

None.

President's Report

Speaker: He is not here. Is there anything either Vice- Presidents would like to add to the report?

Vice-President Dave Walker: We are happy to take any questions on it.

Vice-Presidents Report

Vice-President Dave Walker: Nothing to add.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Um, I just said in my report that I would update the numbers for the experience we got. We got about 15, which is a lot more than I received in previous years so thank you to everyone who got the word out. And we are going to be meeting next week. So, I can update you as things go on, and thank you for getting the word out I really appreciate that!

Director's Report

Chairperson Quinn Giordano: Nothing to add.

Trustee's Report

Trustee Jennifer Li: Yea. So, um there are still spots for the Conference on Education (CUCOH), you don't have to be in CON ED, so I recommend you check it out. There is a link I put online, so yea I recommend you check it out!



Student Senator's Report

No Report

Rector's Report

Rector Cam Yung: Nothing to add, but I just wanted to extenuated that I am looking for members for the selection committee and would appreciate if you would recommend any one who would want to sit on the selection committee ASAP! We are looking forward to it! Awesome, thank you!

Statements by Students

Speaker: Are there any statements by and students, or any members of assembly here?

Vice-President Thompson: Okay, so this is related to my report, but I didn't want to say that. So, uh, we were contemplating having a discussion about Fall-term break today, we decided not to... because we don't think you guys had adequate time to prepare your thoughts about it. We would ask everybody, with their delegations, to think about it, um, separately about where you think Fall-term break should be going. And I think we would like to have discussion at the next assembly, so December 1st: about what you think should be happening. We would like everyone to prepare some sort of suggestion or proposal whether it is in your report or we just have conversation about it. Because I think we need to have some sort of strategy moving forward with this break I think things have been somewhat fragmented which is okay, but it might confuse the committee... and I am worried that they will forget about students altogether! The discussion would make it more comfortable and come together as Assembly, so please thing about that. Thank you!

President Alexandra Palmeri: Just a little bit of an update, um NSS week has been going fantastic this week! So thanks for everyone who came out to support the events, the Execs did a great job at doing that. There is also an open mic and karaoke night at Co Gro tonight and tomorrow is a tea event, just bring a mug to Queen's center 506 I believe. And if you are interested in getting your flu shot you can go to the Drug Smart pharmacy in the ARC, I got mine before coming here... I mean look at me moving my arm!

President Alexandra Palmeri: I encourage all of you to do the same! There are ample appointments, enough for everyone!

Question Period



No questions.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion #3 – Moved by: Vice-President Dave Walker, seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Section 18 of the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: Reticulum

Vice-President Dave Walker: This is the second reading, it is more so standard changes, and just to update current practices and switching office budgets too...

Coughs

Vice-President Dave Walker: Excuse me, and so in the jurisdiction for Assembly budgets to be approved here and also as well as updating things from Executive Director to the General Manager, which took place 2 years ago from now. Again, happy to take any questions!

Representative Carling Counter: Just looking at section 18.1.7... I would just like clarification cause it says... I don't know... I don't really get why it is being struck more or less.

Vice-President Dave Walker: 18.1.7

Representative Carling Counter: Yea, the very last one that is crossed out: Assembly should approve the total budget amount... I mean just curious; it is like why not?

Vice-President Dave Walker: Uh, so the thing that has been struck there is...

Vice-President Dave Walker stands up

Vice-President Dave Walker: Dave Walker, Vice- President Office

Vice-President Dave Walker: The piece struck there for the general budget office matters. Reason being is to exclude the time limit only real change before that and change request the only time the President would have any sort of input to the office, dealing with them is office allocations.

No questions, proceed to a vote.

FOR: All



OPPOSED: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

MOTION PASSES

New Business

Speaker: So we will move to new business, there is no motion 4... any comments?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: No comment.

Discussion Period

Speaker: On By-stander intervention and prevention training lead by Caro...as it states on the agenda...

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Sure, so Vice President-University Affairs... Also known as Caro!

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Okay, so we wanted to have a discussion with you guys about Bystander prevention training this is something that we have been to all of our salaried staff, so our Exec team received it, our waged staff. And for those of you who don't know what it is: it is essentially like sexual violence prevention training. So, the goal is to equip people with the skills to go into a situation that might not feel comfortable to do now, where after the training you might see signs of potential harassment and be comfortable intervening. Cam is training, so if you have question about the training specifically he can answer any questions about it. I assume as being leaders it is important we all have this training, I think it is important and a conversation that is something that happens at Queens and we need to acknowledge it and do something to prevent it, so I wanted to open the conversation to you guys to see if this is something we should do as an Assembly here or as an Assembly here: ENGSOC, ASUS and do it with their Assembly and because I have had the training I want to hear what you guys thought and have a broader conversation about that. So, open to any thoughts, questions, concerns, comments whatever.

Vice-President Dave Walker: I was just going to move to go into Committee of the Whole.

FOR: All



OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSES

Vice-President Dave Walker: No.

Rector Cam Yung: Okay, um. So I don't have to stand?

Speaker: Nope!

Rector Cam Yung: Okay, so I just want to reiterate that this was absolutely helpful I am completely in full support for this in regardless of whether I is here at Assembly or in your own faculty. The fact you are receiving training in this, it is just not because I am the trainer it is because this is really what will help that societal change on campus. Um, won't thing is I forgot to sum up topics, if you decide to have it at faculty one good opportunity is if your faculty offers services or peer services for any of your constituents it would be really good to intrigue them in this conversation. As, Carolyn said this does happen on campus and knowing how or to recognize it is extremely helpful, and I encourage the training regardless.

Representative Carling Counter: I also would like to voice support for club leaders to talk about how do we get a training, but I as a club leader and student leader and there are some clubs that are massive that would benefit from this, is there a way for how much this is... is it free of charge? I think it would be important to bring to more faculty and more people overall and Grace if you can input.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Yea, so, I think the more we bring up the bystander prevention training, the more interest there is and I think hearing interest from clubs, there is going to be more... and maybe we can start with a sign up list.

Representative Carling Counter: Yea we really want to do it.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: We will talk more about this tomorrow.

Speaker: Vice-President Dressel has been holding his placard up the entire time, so we will move to him

Vice-President Dressel: So, I really value all of this equity training and phenomenal initiative to take and I see it most valuable within our faculty, specifically because I think it is more valuable if we go back to our council and say: hey everyone! We are going to be hosting a bystander intervention training and you are all welcome to come and they can invite their constituents as well and this becomes much wider reach than each of us.



President Bhavik Vyas: I agree with all the sentiments and I am hopeful that it is unanimous across commerce that this is much needed and it is about time that we take steps to get this done! I do believe that as AMS Assembly, it is top down change, this is very much so starts top trickles down to smaller groups and etc. That is just not how things have empirically gone, so I do believe as the AMS Assembly the onus is on us to go through it first before we start asking anybody else to go through it. And I think it would be very beneficial and a bonding experience for us all to come together and do this awesome training and then go to our constituents and leader services groups.

Vice-President Dave Walker: Something that might be useful everyone as we all hold more than one position and are involved in clubs and that kind of thing. And, I think that if we would be willing to do, as the AMS, cover the costs to some extent and begin the conversation as an open session and put on 3 sessions the AMS will be hosting for x number of people alongside the Assembly one and participate more time out of schedule, regardless, I think it starts here and go.

President Alexandra Palmeri: Yea, I am happy because these are all positive thoughts about this training, showing initiative and I think this will go a long way! Thinking in terms of timelines, question is that this year for this school year I think the AMS Assembly ourselves should do the training first and then pass onto faculty societies. So, after discussion was that if AMS were to compile a list of resources for each faculty and faculty society it would be awesome. Last year, NSS took the initiative to make sure all of our members were trained in positive space training and that was fantastic! Like President Vyas said that it should come from us and move forward but perhaps AMS could put together a list of like by-stander prevention training.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Okay, so thank you all for the thoughts and comments I am hoping we can do a brief conversation just to get a better understanding of whether you guys want to do this within faculty or as AMS Assembly. Initially I thought that it would be the most beneficial thing would be to do it within faculty to appeal to a broader audience, and to me that is the most ideal and the goal of the training and what we are doing with it is to reach the most people on campus as possible. However, I think President Palmeri's thoughts about us taking it first and understanding the training and then encouraging others, is also very valid. Um, so, just I kinda wanted to see everyone's thoughts on that, and I have more questions.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson turns to the speaker

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Can I just do this by myself? So, um, if you want to do this just within your own faculty, I guess just put your hand or your placard up. And as AMS Assembly. Great. Perfect. Okay, so um, I think then more people would like as AMS Assembly, so given that... um, is there a time that you guys would like to do this? Would you like to do it at Assembly? Or at another time, like the training is 90 minutes so that is yea...



Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: So that is something we can consider, so we can do it on Thursday, if that is something possible. However, agendas can be very long, so um, what are your thoughts on doing another time... I know people are really busy and we want to make sure everyone is there. So thoughts on that?

Representative Jasmine Chapman: Um, I was just thinking that maybe it would be easier to do next semester when exams are over, so everyone has time because the first week everything is up in air. I just thought it would be easier and if the AMS reps have the training and then we can ask questions, so like if we go to our own assemblies and we say hey do this and ask question when we don't know what this is about and how to do different things. Like we could say yea this great and experience inclined.

Representative Julianna Jeans: Yea, I'm not sure how long it would take to set up but maybe if we can kind of foresee a short assembly like tonight and put it in Thursday, I'm not sure.

President Alexandra Palmeri: When we did our positive space training we did 2 days during week so like Tuesday and Thursday, and for option. So it did come on our own free time outside of Assembly, but it is a really important cause I wouldn't see it as a loss of time!

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: Um, I think what we'll, um, I mean it is hard to see in January but I think the sooner we do it, an second semester is obviously the best time to do it, so I think we will kind look at the timeline looking at agenda I think I agree with bonding in Assembly because a lot of it is about discussion and asking questions and thinking about things. So, I am really excited about doing this with you guys. Um, thank you for having these suggestions I really appreciate it!

Vice-President Puerta: Can I just say, it would be nice to have it as early as possible to get our faculty to find time.

Vice-President Carolyn Thompson: So maybe the first Assembly back we can talk about it, and we have our Facebook group, so we can informally talk about it there too and figure out a time and have more discussion next time! Amazing thank you!

Speaker: Thank you Vice-President Thompson, so we receive a motion into Committee of the Whole, so we need to move out about the motion. Moved by Vice-President Dave Walker, seconded by Representative Juliana Jeans.

FOR: All

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSES

Discussion Period



Ended

Adjournment

Speaker: Moved by President Palmeri, seconded by Vice-President Mackay

No questions, proceed to a vote.

FOR: All

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSES

Assembly ends at 7:50