



AMS Assembly Minutes

Thursday, January 19th, 2017

Wallace Hall, JDUC

Deputy Speaker Evan Dressel will henceforth be known as Speaker

Assembly commences at 7:07pm

Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of January 19, 2017

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: I move that we omnibus motions 12 through to 16.

Speaker: This is a procedural motion; you must vote yes or no.

All in favour: ALL

Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSES

Speaker: We will now omnibus motions 12-16. Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will now move onto the vote.

FOR: ALL

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Motion passes

Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of December 1st, 2016

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion?

No debate, proceed to a vote.

FOR: ALL

AGAINST: 0

MOTION PASSES

Speaker's Business

Speaker: A couple things, just for tonight, please everybody speak up, we don't have a microphone and there's some people that are hard of hearing and they would really like it if you guys would speak up and announce your points so everyone in the room can hear everything, especially since we have a large crowd in the back, it would be very advantageous if we were nice and vocal with our words.

Guest Speaker

None

President's Report

President Tyler Lively: Nothing to add to my report.

Vice-President's Report

Vice-President (Operations) Dave Walker: Nothing to add.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Nothing to add.

Board of Directors

Board of Directors Chair Quinn Giordano: Hello everyone, no real updates except to report the retirement of the director Maconomy from the board. We wish him the best as he moves on and we salute his 8 years of service to the board. With the vacancy now on board we will be looking to fill the position for the director and I'm happy to reach out to any of you who have suggestions or names to put forth. Thank you.

Student Senate Report

Student Senate Caucus Chair Brandon Jamieson: Senate is in two week although what I plan to talk about concerns raising inclusion here at Queen's. Feel free to contact me to discuss obligations or decisions of membership. This is to be explained further following the senate; hopefully we'll see some action.

Rector's Report

Rector Cam Yung: Can everybody hear me alright? Perfect. Just wanted to provide you with a few updates, my apologies for not providing a written report, but a few exciting things will be coming up. On January 24th there will be an announcement for Bell Let's Talk day, so please keep your eyes and ears out for that, there's going to be some very exciting news coming from that. On January 25th, it is going to also be Bell Let's Talk day, so it's going to be quite spectacular. Now, today myself and several students both from SGPS and as well as AMS had the opportunity of speaking at the administrative retreat, which was a spectacular opportunity for us to discuss what needs to be done about racism and inclusivity here at Queen's University. We provided some recommendations and as well as gave the voices of students to administration. One recommendation that they truly appreciated most was the foundation of creating an alpha pierce social justice center, and that was going to be something that we can hopefully work with them in the years to come. Further to this, I had a discussion with the principle, he has asked me to sit as an observer on the implementation team that has already been brought up and I'm very excited to serve on this to be of support, and I will provide you with more information about how that goes. Furthermore, tricolor awards are going spectacularly. Both the selection committee and all the nominees are ready to vote so the results will be coming out by, I think, February 20th, so that will be very exciting. I wanted to say that there are going to be clearly a few things that are going to be hot topics to discuss tonight. The Peer Support Center is closed as they have ongoing training. However, after this meeting, I will be in my office, so if you would like to seek for any support or for anything, please come visit me afterwards. Thank you very much.

Speaker: We will now move onto statements by students. So if anyone would like to bring up anything for discussion or a statement please raise your plaque.

Statements by Students

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: First of all, I would like to introduce everybody to Karly Kamps, who is sitting to my right. She will be the new and remaining assembly scribe for the remainder of the semester. So if you see her, please introduce yourselves tonight and make her feel welcome. Following along, as everyone remembers from last assembly, we were going to have the non-academic misconduct report from the AMS, however that is going to be a discussion for the next assembly. For everyone who has already read the agenda for tonight, you can see it is going to be lengthy agenda and I'm sure that there's many people who will be wishing to speak on points. So I do ask that everyone make their points as clear

and as quick as possible when speaking to make sure that we get through the Speaker's list as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Speaker: Are there any more statements?

Nursing Science Society President Alexandra Palmeri: Hi everyone, hope everyone having great night and an even better start to the new semester. I want to take a second to introduce two new people. On my left we have Courtney who is the new MSF VP so I hope you guys will enjoy working with her throughout remainder of year. As well we have our lovely first year presidential intern, Julia, she's been doing fantastic work with the AMS so far this year and I'm sure she will enjoy her experience tonight at the AMS Assembly. I also wanted a mention a fun event that will be happening next week. So for any Grey's Anatomy fans in the room we will be hosting a Grey's Anatomy PJ pizza premiere party in our brand new nursing lounge. This event is a week from today. It's probably the favourite show of every nursing student ever so you're all welcome to join us for that. The event is listed on the NFS Facebook page. As well we launched an NFS instagram account, so feel free to give us a follow to stay updated with all of the things that we do throughout the year. We will follow back to help with your follower ratio. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Are there any more statements by students?

Member at large: I have a question of the policy on forum, so does that mean that the election candidates won't be ratified?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: We will make an allowing for ratification of the AMS candidates. The proxys that are here tonight are representing the members who do hold quorum, so we do trust that they will vote the same way that the elected members will vote at the following assembly. The ratification is more of a symbolic process to follow policy, however everything that we pass tonight will come into effect.

Member at large: So to confirm, are the motions that pass tonight binding?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: The motions that pass tonight will be binding, especially in regards to AMS executive elections. Most of the motions that are coming in regards to either the election or referendum process, however they have already been validated by the election's team. Presenting them before assembly is simply a ratification process, whether the ratification happens tonight with the official ratification happening at the next assembly, the motions that pass tonight are binding. I do ask that any more questions directed at me or to any other members wait until the question period. Thank you.

Speaker: Are there any more statements by members? Seeing none, we will now move onto the question period.

Question Period

Speaker: Are there any questions by members? Seeing none, we will now move onto Business Arising from the Minutes.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion 3 – Moved by: John Wiseman, Seconded by: Susy Emerson

That AMS Assembly approve the first reading on the changes to Section 2.2.3 of the Constitution, as seen is Appendix: Alpha

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion?

Proxy: Just a quick question going off, so with not enough quorum, will this still work, I know you said this was just for nominations, to accept nominations, does this also apply to constitutional matters?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Because this is the second and final reading of the AMS constitution, it has already been approved by the official Assembly. So, because it's the final motion it's just a procedure so it will be binding.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on this motion?

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Just to clarify, this looks like a motion that is a change in name, not really anything substantial, it takes out simply speaker, it changes human resources officer to director, is that an accurate statement regarding this?

Speaker: Yes.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Okay, thank you.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on this motion? Seeing none we will move to a vote.

FOR: ALL but 6

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: 6

Abstained by President Tyler Lively, Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson, Vice-President (Operations) Dave Walker

MOTION PASSES

New Business

Motion 4 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Jennifer Li (President), Brian Mackay (Operations), and Palmer Lockridge (University Affairs) as candidates on the 2017 AMS Election ballot.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: I would like to invite team JPB to come up. So team JPB has met the nomination requirements as well as all of the other requirements in policy and by the elections team. At this time I will allow any questions on who they are and their background but what I will not allow is any questions about their platform, what they plan to do, or any questions that can be related to the campaigning period in general, as the campaigning period does not commence until tomorrow.

Member at large: Why didn't you go with PB and J as your name?

Jennifer Lee: That's a great question; many people have asked us that. We were simply following AMS policy and decided to go with the President, operations order but stay tuned maybe there will be a surprise, I don't know.

Speaker: Are there any more questions?

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: Would you mind telling us why you're running?

Jennifer Lee: We came together because we believe that the AMS has an important role to play on this campus and has to lead by example, and has to come together to address issues that effect the student body head on. So when I reached out to Brian and then Palmer, we shared a lot of ideas that we wanted to put forward, we shared a lot of the vision, so ultimately we came together as a team.

Brian Mackay: I think one of the reasons why individually and as a team is simply because we inspired each other. Jen and I were floor mates in first year and have been friends ever since. I also had the awesome opportunity to work with Palmer as my experience as ASUS Vice President, and I think first of all one of the reasons I want to run, is I've seen first hand the capacity that organizations such as AMS have to make student life the best it can be, and I think that truly inspired all of us.

Palmer Lockridge: All I can say is I was really humbled to be asked by Jen and Brian to run with them. I'm very excited for what we have ahead of us; I think we can put together a lot of good ideas. I just can't wait to start conversations and start talking to people about it. So, I'm very excited about the week we have ahead.

Speaker: Are there any more questions for the team?

ASUS President Darrean Baga: Just a simple question for you all, when is the last time you went to the gym?

Jennifer Lee: I have the date, it was December, this already sounds bad, but December 18th, the day before I left Kingston, so December 18th, and I played squash.

Brian Mackay: The last day I went was Sunday of this weekend. I did a 6.5 km run, it felt good.

Palmer Lockridge: It is a new year, but it is not a new me, the last time I went to the gym was December 30th.

Speaker: Are there any more questions for this team? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 1

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

ASUS Representative Carling Counter abstained

MOTION PASSES

Motion 5 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Aniqah Mair (President), Julie Tran (Operations), and Landon Wilcock (University Affairs) as candidates on the 2017 AMS Executive Election ballot.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Just like said before, Aniqah, Julie and Landon have all completed all of the requirements set out by policy and by elections team so all they need now is your final approval. Same thing, keep your questions directed at them and not at their campaign. I would like to invite team to come up and present themselves for Assembly. If you have any questions you can raise your plaque card and the Speaker can put you on the Speaker's list.

Speaker: So are there any questions for this team?

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: What inspired you guys to run?

Landon Wilcock: I'll start. I think I speak for all of us when we say that we found each other due to shared passion and vision for Queen's. We are all absolutely in love with Queen's, but we as everyone who sits here as well, see things that can improve, because things can improve even though you love something. So for me, I see some stuff to improve as I'm sure all of you do. I think it came under a shared passion and vision that we found that really unified us together.

Julie Tran: Personally for me, I realized that when Landon, Aniqah and I came together, I realized that there is so much potential here and there is an opportunity to do something for Queen's, and better experience for them and ourselves. So I think it's essentially challenging Queen's to be better than it already is, and using my voice to do so while alongside these amazing people.

Aniqah Mair: For me personally, what it was that I found that we shared the same values and had the same vision for what we wanted Queen's to be. So when they asked me to join with them, I wasn't really sure I was going to do it honestly, but then we actually talked I realized that we had a lot in common and we really connected as individuals and I think we would make a really great team together. Same values, same vision for what we wanted queens to be, wasn't sure when they asked but then I realized we had a lot in common and connected as individuals and would

ASUS President Darrean Baga: When was last time you went to the gym?

Julie Tran: I guess I'll start first. I am an avid zumba participant, but I'm also kind of on a student budget, so the last time I worked out was last night in my room when I pulled up a zumba video on youtube.

Landon Wilcock: It's awkward because last night I also pulled up my favourite zumba lesson in my room. The last time I went to the gym was probably a few days ago.

Aniqah Mair: Personally I'm not a big fan of the gym, but I do like running. I used to do cross country in high school and I enjoyed it a lot. So I sometimes will go out for long runs, and then morning push-ups.

Nursing Science Society President Alexandra Palmeri: For the sake of consistency, why didn't you name yourselves PB and J?

Julie Tran: Another great question. I think we all agree that PB and J did not accurately reflect our team and who we stand for so went for MPW. Thank you.

Speaker: Are there any more questions for this team? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 1

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

Abstained by ASUS Representative Carling Counter

MOTION PASSES

Motion 6 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Victoria Chappell as candidate on the 2017 Undergraduate Student Trustee Election Ballot.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: So once again, I will repeat myself for the third and finally time tonight. Victoria successfully repeated all of the requirements in AMS policy and set up by the elections team, so please feel free to ask her any questions. One more thing, because the undergraduate student trustee position is uncontested, policy manual 1 section 4 the election also falls under that and before Victoria is acclaimed she does have to go through a vote of confidence which will also be happening on the 30th, and the 31st of January, for which you will still need student approval.

Speaker: Are there any questions for the candidate?

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: What made you run for this position? The dog is distracting me.

Victoria Chappell: Thank you for asking, that's a great question. I think for me what really brought me to this position, and why I feel it's a great role, is that I feel like it would be really impactful and I've had involvement through my two years here now at Queen's and really what has continuously inspired me to keep reaching out and talking to people and to continue getting involved has been the people you're able to meet and the different students you're able to reach out to and interact with on a daily basis. There's an incredible diversity of people here at Queen's, and I'm continually inspired by all the things students are able to do, and I think this position really sets you up in a way that you're able to keep reaching out and listen to them and bring that to a higher board level and make their voices heard.

Speaker: Are there any more questions?

Commerce Society President Bhavik Vyas: Victoria, my question for you is, what are the biggest issues that undergraduates face today, that you want to make known as a trustee?

Victoria Chappell: That's a great question. I have been thinking about this a lot and building different points on this over the past couple of weeks, months or years at my school. A couple things I want to touch on are student study space on campus, it has been brought up at the last board meeting I was able to attend and I think there have been some actions working towards that and it continues to need to be addressed. Also to continue improving the health and wellness services on campus, but also how we can address health and wellness on a wider scale at Queen's, through addressing mental health continuously as we keep working towards a more diverse and inclusive campus. We've had some great progress, like the installation of the sexual violence office with Barb Lotain, and I have had the opportunity to speak to her. They are doing a lot of great work and I think one of the main things we have to keep doing is communicating to the board that these issues are still something students are talking about, and making sure that is being heard, and making sure that changes are being made.

Speaker: Are there any more questions for the candidate?

Proxy: Considering this is an uncontested election, correct me if I'm wrong, which is very rare, how do you plan to get your name out there to the student body and ideas out there to the student body?

Victoria Chappell: I appreciate you saying that, I've had a few people ask me if anything has changed now that I have learned that I am running uncontested, but basically my plan is to run my campaign as I planned it all along. I think it is really important to make sure you're still talking to students and building the confidence in them, and making sure they have confidence in you. You're going to be someone who is claiming to represent, or hoping to represent students on campus and you want to make sure they have confidence in your ability to do so. Basically, I plan to continue running my campaign as I've planned it, just reaching out to students and making sure I am still acting in my full ability and doing my best and not slacking off just because there is no one else.

Speaker: Thank you. Are there any more questions for the candidate?

Rector Cam Yung: At the last point of trustees meeting, one of the main things that was brought up was diversity and inclusion, as you had mentioned, and I was just wondering what does diversity and inclusion mean to you?

Victoria Chappell: I think to me, diversity and inclusion is obviously an incredibly important topic and we've had some great points being brought up in the past year by different groups of students on campus. To me I think my general premise on it has always been that if anyone points out that something is making them uncomfortable or there is an environment that they feel unsafe in, it automatically has to become a priority for everyone in that environment around them to address that situation and see what we can do about it as a community to help fix that. I think we have made some progress working towards reaching out to students and

trying to build those safe spaces, but I don't think that's a short term goal, I think we have to look at it as a long term goal. I think we should take a long term systemic educational approach that's going to be years to come, but I think it is incredibly important and I think it is important to make sure we are doing our best to get students to reach out to people like us at Assembly or people coming out themselves, and just making their voice heard because that's the best way we can make change here.

Speaker: Are there any more questions for the candidate? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

For: ALL but 1

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

ASUS Representative Carling Counter abstained

MOTION PASSES

FEE Establishments

Motion 7 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warriian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Enactus Queen's and social entrepreneurship at Queen's?

CRO Rebecca Warriian: I am a returning officer so some of you may have seen me before. Obviously it's a really exciting election season coming up. So we're hearing from five groups that are establishing on ballot, so you're free to ask them a question about their establishing fee. So the first group that we're going to have is Enactus Queen's, so I'll pass the floor onto them, if you have any questions for them.

Speaker: Does anyone have any questions for the group?

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: Can you give us a short summary of what you guys do?

Enactus Queen's: Enactus is a worldwide organized that is a socially focused entrepreneurship club, and we combine many different faculties. With the establishment fee we hope to work towards starting more projects, while also supporting the ones we already have. We would really benefit from an opt-out fee. Does that answer your question?

President Tyler Lively: Would you please clarify if the name of your group is Enactus Queen's and social entrepreneurship at Queen's, or is it just Enactus Queen's?

Enactus Queen's: It's just Enactus Queen's.

President Tyler Lively: Point of order.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Yes.

President Tyler Lively: Can I make a motion to remove "and social entrepreneurship at Queen's."

Speaker: Seconded by President Nelms.

President Tyler Lively: I'm sorry for being so picky, but the AMS policy states that referendum questions need to be worded such that it only supports the name of the group but rather than the initiatives taken on by the group. So to have "and social entrepreneurship at Queen's" is a violation of policy. It would be up to the group in question, in this case Enactus Queen's, to promote that you stand up for social entrepreneurship at Queen's.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Unfortunately I do not find this motion friendly. However, I do introduce the President to make an amendment to the wording of the motion.

President Tyler Lively: That was the amendment.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Yes, I do find this motion friendly.

Speaker: So, the motion is friendly. We will amend the motion to read that the AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Enactus Queen's? Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Point of Order. Is this still considered election business?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: It's considered election business not referendum business, so you may vote.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Thank you.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

Motion 8 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Queen's HanVoice?

CRO Rebecca Warrian: As I said before, I'm going to open up the questions from the group.

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion?

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Just tell us the Reader's Digest of what your club does, thank you very much.

Queen's HanVoice: At large, we are an organization that supports the South Korean war refugees, but also the rights of North Koreans escaped from North Korea. So, what motivated us to the establishment of this fee, is last semester we spoke to 120 Queen's students as well as people from around the Kingston community and based on the response of the many people who reached out to us to ask us to continue doing what we are doing because it's meaningful to them. As Queen's students, we felt a responsibility and motivation to take further steps to include more people. Some of what we plan to do is implicate larger conferences, not only for Korean refugees, but other people in Canada who need our help.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Thank you.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

Motion 9 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.30 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the NeuGeneration Conference on Neuroscience?

CRO Rebecca Warriar: Once again, we will have the members answer any questions for Neugeneration.

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion?

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: Can you tell us a little about the conference?

Neugeneration: Neugeneration is Queen's first and only neuroscience conference. We're completely student run and founded in 2015. What we would like to do is offer a completely unique, successful conference that is available to undergraduate students of all faculties to learn about the nature of neuroscience. What we wish to use the opt-out fee for is to increase accessibility by lowering our ticket price. Also, we would like to extend our conference to students and speakers from outside of Kingston and Queen's. Hopefully, in the long run, we can make Queen's a beacon for neuroscience research, and also we would use our opt-out fee for funding, because as of right now our funding is limited to donations. Thank you.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on this motion? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

Motion 10 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warriar

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$1.00 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Health and Human Rights Conference?

CRO Rebecca Warriar: Well will now accept any questions regarding the Queen's Health and Human Rights conference.

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: Can you tell us a little about the conference, and why is your fee so high?

Queen's Health and Human Rights Conference: Just to speak about the conference, it's surely a tradition at Queen's; it has been going on for the past 16 years. The conference focuses on speaking about specific human rights issues directly in the world. In recent times, the conference has been a more multidisciplinary event. Not just medicine, but neuroscience, operational and physical sciences, public health, and life sciences as well. The reason we wanted to establish a 1.00 opt-out fee is because every year we need to select a career panel of individuals of professionals, and they can be lawyers, doctors, psychologists, and CEOs. Some of our professionals volunteer their time, but other professionals request a fee to speak, and this fee has been up to \$5,000. They have been charging this fee pretty consistently. Every year we have 150 to 160 students at this conference, and just to pay for their speakers and their accommodations. There is also the cost of catering, and it is a two day conference. Usually we apply for external grants and donations, but this year we would like a more reliable source of funding, and that is why we are asking for a \$1.00 opt-out fee.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on this motion? Seeing none, we will move to a vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

Motion 11 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.10 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Correctional Services Volunteers?

CRO Rebecca Warrian: This is our last establishment fee, potentially on the ballot, so we will allow any further questions for this group.

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion?

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: Can you tell us a little bit about what you do?

Queen's Correctional Services Volunteers: Thank you. Our club connects new tutors with students through correctional offices in Canada. That includes positions

in tutoring, as well as other positions to help and further the education of those in need of correctional services.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will move onto the vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

Fee Modifications

Motion 12 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to an increase in the Queen's Aero Design Team fee (subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.25 to \$0.50, and increase of \$0.25?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: So these motions are changing their fee, most of them are increasing, with exception of Motion 16, the engineering tearoom. Their fee was originally 1.00 but it will be decreasing for the continuation of the next three years to 0.75. After reviewing their budget, they came to us and said they had surplus and didn't need their full fee. Cudos to everyone in the Engineering Society for their honesty in the referendum process, thank you for that. If you guys have any questions on the fee please feel free to direct them to either myself, chief returning officer Rebecca Warrian, or the groups themselves. Thank you.

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

MOTION PASSES

Motion 13 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to an increase in the Queen's Baja SAE Design Team fee (mandatory fee/ subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.50 to \$0.69, an increase of \$0.19?

Motion OMNIBUSSED to OMNIBUS 1

Motion 14 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to an increase in the Queen's West Africa Aids Foundation (subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.30 to \$0.40, an increase or \$0.10? This fee was originally established in 2010 and last went to referendum in 2013-2014.

Motion OMNIBUSSED to OMNIBUS 1

Motion 15 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to an increase of the AMS Food Bank Fee (subject to individual opt-out) from \$1 to \$2, an increase of \$1.00? This fee was originally established in 1977 and last went to referendum in 2013.

Motion OMNIBUSSED to OMNIBUS 1

Motion 16 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: CRO Rebecca Warrian

That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum: Do you agree to the continuation and decrease of the Tea Room Environmental Education fee, originally \$1.00, decreasing to \$0.75 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years? This fee was originally established in 2013 and last went to referendum in 2013.

Motion OMNIBUSSED to OMNIBUS 1

New Business

Motion 17 – Moved by: Social Issues Commissioner Leandra Keren, Seconded by: Vice President (Student Affairs) Carolyn Thompson

That AMS Assembly nominate two members of Assembly to sit on the AMS Committee on Inclusion.

Vice President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Many of you have probably seen within AMS, we are nominating two members to see on this committee, it is a bit of a time commitment, we are going to meet once a week, and also do consultations throughout the semester, the committee will move forward recommendations and shift over to an implementation team starting summer, hopefully into September of the new school term.

Speaker: We will move to a nomination period. So, if anyone has any nominations for this committee.

Candidates for AMS Committee on Inclusion:

- ASUS Representative CARLING COUNTER, nominated by Nursing Science Society President ALEXANDRA PALMERI (Nominee ACCEPTS)
- Commerce Society Lower Representative to AMS ABIGAIL KINGSWOOD, nominated by Commerce Society President BHAVIK VYAS (Nominee ACCEPTS)
- ASUS President DARREAN BAGA, nominated by Vice-President (University Affairs) CAROLYN THOMPSON (Nominee ACCEPTS)

Nominee 1: ASUS Representative Carling Counter

Nominee 2: Commerce Society Lower Representative to AMS Abigail Kingswood

Nominee 3: ASUS President Darrean Baga

Speaker: I would like to ask the candidates to please come up. I would invite AMS Assembly to ask two questions to the candidates, and each of the candidates will answer these questions in no particular order.

Proxy: I have a question for Miss Abigail.

Speaker: It will be asked to all of the candidates.

Proxy: Okay, I have a question for all of you then. Why would each of you like to take part in this committee?

Commerce Society Lower Representative to AMS Abigail Kingswood: Sure, I can start. So, as a faculty, commerce is always under scrutiny for diversity and inclusion and equality, and so I believe our faculty can really learn from other faculties who may have better practices than our own and I would love to be a part of this committee so I can essentially be there to learn from other faculties best practices and bring those back to our faculty as we definitely have improvements to be made. Furthermore, personally diversity and inclusion of equality are things I work to

improve both in the commerce program and at Queen's in general and I would love to keep doing that.

ASUS President Darrean Baga: I would like to sit on this committee because naturally I am one of the racialized student leaders on campus, and the first racialized student president in a long time. I do think it's somewhat my responsibility to take on a role in this committee, just so I can contribute my experiences and my voices while standing up for the racialized bodies on campus who don't necessarily have the same opportunity to either be in my position, or attend these meetings to get their voices heard. I've also been involved in equity work since high school and it's something that's near and dear to my heart, so I would greatly appreciate the opportunity, thank you.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Great, thank you so much for the question. Coming from a similar, but not the same place, equity work is super super important to me, I run a club and we have a gender equity quota, so it has to be 50/50. It's something I'm very in tune with, something that is really important to me as a woman, but not as a racialized person, obviously, so that's something that I've always been interested in, and making sure it happens. I was in gender studies for first and second year as my major, so I learned a lot about it, and it's really inspired me to keep doing this work, and doing the work that needs to be done as a white person with the amount of privilege that I do have. So I would really like to see what I could do, with all the privileges I have. Thanks again.

Speaker: We will be entertaining one more question for the candidates. Are there any questions for the candidates?

Rector Cam Yung: How will you as a student leader make sure you use your voice in order to represent the voices of many students who aren't present here tonight?

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Thank you again for the question. I think that's a really hard thing to do, and that is the problem with representing a constituency in general. It is a lot of work. In my role as ASUS representative to the AMS I do try to get out and talk to my friends and shoot them a message with something interesting in it about Assembly, or to be posting on my own personal social media, as well as the social media page I run for my position. I try to engage as many people as possible. In all of my classes, especially drama class, when we talk about big issues like this I always say "Hey, you guys should come to Assembly" to try and get people to come out as much as I can. So that's what I do, but I know we could always do more.

ASUS President Darrean Baga: Could you repeat your question please? I was distracted by the dog.

Rector Cam Yung: So how will you use your voice as a student leader to represent any voices that aren't heard tonight.

ASUS President Darrean Baga: I think I already do that in my role as ASUS President. One of the most important parts of representing a constituency is to actually engage in dialogue and reach out to students and see what they have to say, that can either be done online or through my office. I think another really about thing about the job, is it operates in two ways. It's not just racialized students who need a voice at this table, it's also non racialized students, to hear what their experiences are with students, just so we can start fostering a community of respect here on campus. I think that I would bring that to the role on the Inclusion panel.

Commerce Society Lower Representative to AMS Abigail Kingswood: Thank you for the question. I think that is a very important question to consider. I think the most important thing as a representative is to listen to what constituents are telling you they want, and need from you. So to do that I just engage as many first and second year commerce students who are the people I represent, to hear their needs and what they're looking for from me, and then to just work to provide equal opportunity and voice to all of those students that I represent.

Speaker: Thank you. I would please ask you to leave the room while we commence the voting. Alright so everyone that has a vote in this room will get two votes on the candidates, so you will be able to vote twice, but not three times. First up, we have Representative Counter.

Results of Voting:

COUNTER- 4

KINGSWOOD – ALL but 2

BAGA – ALL but 2

That AMS Assembly appoint Representative Kingswood and President Baga to sit on the AMS Committee on Inclusion.

FOR: ALL but 2

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN:2

Commerce Society Lower Representative to AMS Abigail Kingswood and ASUS President Darrean Baga abstained

MOTION PASSES

Motion 18 – Moved by: Social Issues Commissioner Leandra Keren, Seconded by: Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson

That AMS Assembly approve the Fall Equity Grants as follows: \$500.00 to the ASUS Academics Commission, \$300.00 to Good Times Diner, \$350 to Queen's Got Your Back, \$300.00 to Queen's Equity Conference, and \$400.00 to QNSA as seen in Appendix: Bravo

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion?

Social Issues Commissioner Leandra Keren: So the Equity Grants committee met last semester to go over eight grants. I provided in the appendix the rationale for why each group got what they got or why they didn't get anything. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask me them.

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion? Seeing none, we will move to the vote.

FOR: ALL but 3

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

Proxy, proxy and proxy abstained

MOTION PASSES

Motion 19 – Moved by: Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thomson, Seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS Assembly adopt the first reading of the changes to the AMS Constitution, as seen in Appendix: CIAO CEAO

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you everyone for being here this evening. It's so wonderful to see such engagement at the first Assembly of 2017. I hope you have all taken the time to read the brief we provided about the closure of the CEA and our plan to strengthen sustainability in the AMS to better incorporate it throughout both our offices and our services. You'll notice that the brief that was presented had changes to policy manual 2, however we did not bring a motion forward to amend this policy. We did this to provide Assembly with a holistic overview of the changes and we will bring policy manual 2 forward at the next Assembly, pending approval of the first reading of the AMS constitution. To begin, I want to briefly explain our plan to you. The goal with this plan is to truly strengthen our commitment to sustainability within the AMS. We believe this is done by distributing all the elements of this commission to different offices and services. Unfortunately, the organizational chart that we

created is not working on the projector, but it was sent to all the Assembly members. I'm sorry that everyone in the gallery won't be able to see it, but I'm willing to briefly explain it to you. So the SFS will take on the environmental affairs, Students for Sustainability, which will fall under the deputy of education in order to promote intersectionality, education, and sustainability across committees. Just to be clear, the environmental affairs deputy is going to be a new deputy, within the SFS. The municipal affairs commission will take place on youth mentoring youth, a committee that does environmental education in schools around Kingston, under the deputy of information and advocacy. This deputy oversees committees such as high school liaison, and hype, that already have relationships with various school boards. This deputy has recently streamlined the process with Kingston police for background checks, and require training for volunteers going into elementary and high schools. These resources will enhance youth mentoring youth ability to deliver programming, as it fits with the current programming in the MAC. Greenovations, a committee that does housing retrofits for houses in the university district, will work in a housing resource center. The HRC has recently developed a proactive property standards program, in conjunction with the city of Kingston. Greenovations will find a natural home within the HRC. With addition of the proactive property standards program, a new campus and outreach initiative, we will have the ability to reach more students and provide more opportunities for housing retrofits. We need to increase sustainability in the university district. The sustainability action will fall in the president university affairs portfolio, with the deputy of environmental affairs sitting on the committee as an information member. The Earth Center will be spun into a club. In 2016, the Earth Center was moved out of the Queen's Center and into the JDUC, we will make sure that they maintain their office space. The Queen's Sustainability Conference will also be spun back into a club, and we will provide them with support in the transition process, as they undertake hiring, etc.

Vice-President (Operations) Walker: Just going off of what Carolyn said, we also have a really big opportunity here after introducing the corporate side of AMS, something that hasn't been present in my time at Queen's personally. So there are two major changes coming, one is bikes and boards, which is in retail services director portfolio, but will become a corporate service. As an initiative, it is becoming increasingly popular on campus and our students do deserve that we are taking business like approaches and increasing their ability to provide increased service offers. Additionally, the bigger change, and the real opportunity we have here, as many of you know in our campaign last year, we had a real focus on the student life center, and the JDUC, and what we can do here at Queen's, so we will be renaming the operation command position to the operations and sustainability manager, and increasing the time commitment, specifically to keep focus on sustainability, and where our student life center can find improvements and efficiencies to be made for AMS, clubs, and other tenants of the building. So I know both retail services director, and Sam Anderson, are not here tonight, should you have questions for them at any point.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Just in closing, we are confident that by distributing sustainability across the AMS, we are taking a proactive and strategic approach. This will enhance sustainability throughout the AMS rather than keeping environmentalism siloed into one office. We are happy to take any questions now.

Speaker: First up, Representative Counter.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Great, thanks very much. I wanted to say right off the bat, this is a really impressive amount of work that you've done on this. I definitely see the value in this, there are a lot of issues facing the CEA. I'm just not sure dissolution is the way to go right now. I like the focus on trying to make sustainability a bigger issue, I believe that is important and probably the heart of most peoples' concerns here. Symbolically it feels like what's happening is that this commission is so important, so why are you taking it away? So I understand you want to keep the AMS sustainable, but I have logistical area questions and concerns. So this is kind of a large step, and I think people would probably be concerned by the lack of consultation, since there are a lot of volunteer positions being affected by this. I'm sure this would be a logistical nightmare, figuring out this out, but why have the students in these positions not been asked what would work best for them, why could it not be done from within, I think it is just a little bit fast to dismantle, and we should find out what has to be done, and reforming the system from within, if you will, instead of dissolving it in the first place. I think it's a fast-related step because I didn't know about it until yesterday and it's a large document, a lot of things to get through. My thought is why not take the time to set up a plan, and give them a time frame to do this in, because if you don't have an exit strategy and you don't have a time line then you know nothing ever gets done. So, I would personally be interested if you are willing to make amendments to this, would this be a friendly thing to do, you know, instead of dissolving the CEA, a year or two years, work out and strengthen the committee, have some guide lines, figure out a way to make this adhere to a better mandate overall because I think that's just a better thing to start with, rather than to sort of jump to a big thing of dissolving it. So, I would really like to see if you guys would be amendable, just to take some small steps, consulting people and seeing how other people think, especially from within because they do their jobs best, I would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks.

President Tyler Lively: So, I would say that this has been a fairly lengthy process from our perspective, when we were first elected in February, we brought this conversation to AMS Assembly, in saying that we needed to look critically at the way we are doing sustainability within the AMS, and we heard a number of things from the Assembly at the time. We heard that we do need to take a very strategic approach to this matter, we heard that environmental education is very important, and we heard that internal sustainability should be a real focus to us, and that's an area that we need to improve. I think we've brought forward a plan that combines all of that we've heard from Assembly, we have brought this forward to president Clarkus in November to get their opinion on this, and we got a lot of very great

feedback from them at the time, which we have now incorporated into the proposal. We have also been working very thoroughly across the organization, with municipal affairs, with social issues, on the corporate side, we did as well bring this to the Board of Directors before the winter break, and we heard a lot from them about the ability to also improve things on the corporate side by looking at the ways we do goal planning, improving the resources that we provide to the SLC, so I think we've got a very comprehensive plan and the AMS does have great transition periods from year to year, given that none of these positions are changing substantially in exactly what they're doing, they're really being moved to other parts of the organization, we don't really see it as a huge logistical hurdle to handle, because we have the transition manual program in place whereby there is transition from the committee to the incoming committee, and from deputy to deputy, and we're going to make sure this process is managed very well. Liam is obviously a great commissioner who has put a lot of work into helping us with this proposal, and we're very confident in his ability as well of that of the other commissioners and the rest of our staff to oversee this and make sure it's a success, and we do want to see this go forward this year because we have put a lot of work into it, and we know this proposal inside and out and we think we're the best people to manage through this process.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Another thing that I would add, I would like to restate that we are not actually getting rid of any positions; it's more of a shift. The only shift we're taking away is the exact commissioner position, which would technically just be turned into a deputy, and the social issues commission to focus solely on that advocacy in education. The other thing is that policy manual 2, we gave it to you guys so that if you have suggestions, if you have feedback, we want you to be apart of that process. So, Carling if you want to talk to me about that I am so open to that, and I would be happy to have that conversation.

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Francis Campbell: I just wanted to express support for this change and provide testimony for sustainability within commission. I think it will allow sustainability to have a better hold, not only within the MAC, but within the university district and the greater Kingston community. I don't want to repeat too much of what Carolyn Thompson said, but as she said Greenovations will go under the HRC. This is the best case scenario I've come across, through extensive consultation with the VP and the commissioner of environmental sustainability where the existing structures can still function but under new management, yet allowing us to have a greater impact in the community when it comes to sharing sustainability initiatives and environmental consciousness, especially as we already have the resources in place to promote them.

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: I would also like to give my support to this motion, I think it will really help the AMS increase and improve their environmental sustainability. I do recommend forming a committee of all those members that have been tasked with individual parts, I think it would help keep

each person accountable for the environmental stability their overseeing and ensure success with the AMS.

Social Issues Commissioner Leandra Keren: I want to say I am looking forward to bringing environmental issues into the SFS, it is something we have been talking about, and we are always open to having more friends, so we're looking forward to it.

Concurrent Education Student Association President Jacob Gardhouse: I support President Lively's comments on this motion because I believe sustainability is important for every aspect of AMS now, and not later. Commerce has prioritized sustainability quite highly, and I believe we should be dissolving the commission and properly distributing it's products to make sustainability a primary commitment for everyone. The commission has done necessary steps for this, but these changes will result in a more efficient and effective action.

Nursing Science Society President Alexandra Palmeri: I'll start off by saying thank you to everyone who's had a hand in putting together this extensive research and consultation to bring this motion forward tonight. I'll also add that it is not a conversation that just sparked out of the blue, because I've been around the student government for quite a few years now and I would like to add this has been an on-going conversation, and it has been something that AMS has been looking to address. So, I'm happy to see it coming forward and I absolutely support it. In terms of the information that was distributed, if you did not have a chance to see it, I really appreciate that diagram and that visual representation because it really emphasizes that environment and sustainability are a shared responsibility and across the board, so instead of having these issues addressed by a group of people in one office, the AMS is saying hey, we want to support these in a louder way and get more people in that conversation, and that's one of the reasons why I'm very much in favour of this. As well, I want to mention, the surface language level, the language of the dissolution sounds very scary, but I believe a more accurate term is the redistribution of these services and aspects throughout AMS, and when you look at it as we are sharing the responsibility across the board, we can have much more of an impact and focus for sustainability and environment. Thanks.

Aesculpien Society Junior Representative Julia Milden: I just have a couple questions that I'm hoping could be clarified about the specific mechanism of hoping to increase environmental sustainability at Queen's, I also agree that's an important solution. My first question would be why are they mutually exclusive, so the goal is to distribute responsibility and make most sectors, so our society is more environmentally friendly, that hasn't been happening to the status quo, but why does dissolution suddenly motivate people to become concerned for the environment, in quote "there is little to no accountability to increases sustainable practices at AMS", so I'm curious specifically why there's no longer a head commissioner to go to. The other thing I'm just curious about, is why the three reasons listed no strategy, ineffectiveness, and redundancy, if those had been

discussed to reform them before dissolution took place, and also if these things are applied to other commissions as well or if this is exclusively criteria for environment commission, so I'm curious if other commissions have been put under the same level of scrutiny for not adhering to a long term strategy, which I think is hard to prove, especially when people have a one year mandate. So overall, I'm just curious about what specific mechanisms only because I see this as being largely non-reversible, we are not going to be able to reestablish this commission should this not work. So, that's why I want to be assured that this will be positive change.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point of information. Representative Milden, just to answer your first question in terms of the way the structure of AMS works, that does fall under my portfolio. No commission is above any other commission, so it is a little bit difficult for a commission to try to impose a policy or rule or even if it is sustainability, it's difficult for commission to try to impose that on other commissions, other offices, or other services, especially because they're not the same level as the executive. So that's just to answer your first question as to why exactly the commission itself can't impose that. To answer another part of your question, with the spread out and the dissolution of the commission itself, it allows different commissions and different offices to handle a portfolio of sustainability, which expands sustainability itself. So, if you're looking at environmental sustainability in general, by putting different portfolios under different offices under different commissions, under a commission that works directly with the city, it allows sustainability to be expanded and actually grow into the Kingston community but rather than a commission trying to impose a policy that it can't really enforce over other commissions or another office, that's just answering the first part of the question, which has to do with the structure of AMS.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: So I'm just going to add onto that and then Tyler is going to tackle the second question. In terms of accountability, that was a really phenomenal question, and I have a few different answers for it. So the first goes off of what Secretariat Martinez was saying, I think that by incorporating sustainability into these different commissions it actually forces our commissioners to be thinking about sustainability, because they have people that report to them who think about it every day, and right now we don't do that and I think that's a huge problem because sustainability is siloed into one commission, and it really doesn't disperse enough into where everyone else is. The second part, commissioner Dowling has been working night and day to create the environmental procedures manual that will be passed probably at the next assembly, hopefully. That's going to be housed in my office, as well as the corporation one that's going to be housed in the Vice President of Corporation's office, and that makes sure there is a top down approach to sustainability. Assembly will hold the executive accountable, and when going through goal plans and going through budgets, we will look at sustainability and say are you actually incorporating these things, have you gone through the environmental procedures manual, how are you thinking about this when you're delivering programming, I think in that way there's going to be that level of accountability.

Speaker: I'm going to make a speakers ruling, and I'm going to be setting a one minute speaking time on all points from now on.

President Tyler Lively: So I'll try to hit on everything, but you may need to refresh me on the question. I think one of the big reasons, in kind of addition and also addressing those three points that you mentioned, is addressing the huge diversity of what we're trying to do within the commission, that I think is why we homed in for reform. That's because we are trying to do a variety of things; we are trying to do advocacy, we are trying to do education, service provision, community outreach, a number of different things, so it's kind of like we are trying to be the jack-of-all-trades there. What we have found is that we have commissions and other parts of the AMS that are doing all of those things, and they are doing them all very well. We think that if we put the sustainability focus initiative with them, for example taking the bikes and boards and putting it under retail services so we can take a critical look at things like business processes and how well we're delivering services to students. That is going to augment the kind of service we're offering. By putting advocacy in the VP's office, we have direct contact with senior administration and physical plant services and the new vice principal of sustainable properties, and we can get more done with sustainability at Queen's at that level, as well as putting things like Carolyn mentioned, community outreach into the MAC that already house the place for things like background checks, has the relationships, that this is going to make a lot of the things that we have better, which is what we mean by taking a strategic look, and making these things better in other parts of the AMS, and by bringing forward this plan.

Member at large: Although I am not on the board myself, I do have members for the board. There is debate to be had regarding the future of the CEA, however, I do have a couple concerns as it stands right now, and I think that it warrants further discussions. The executive mandate when elected did not include platform point, or even a critical look for the removal of the commission of environmental affairs. So, I believe it is wrong to put this motion forward on in eve of election season. If the next members elected do not agree with this motion, then this would all have been a sherade.

Speaker: We will now move onto Rector Young.

Rector Cam Yung: Point of information. So, this is directed towards the executive. In terms of the consultation process, just so that I can clarify, you have consulted the MAC commission and as well last year at Assembly in January, and as well President Sawatzky in November. Am I correct in that?

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: That's correct, we also consulted with the services, so retail services director, student life center, managing director, and the board of directors.

Rector Cam Yung: Point of information. So, just a quick question. In terms, of I guess, leaders, and as well as administration with an environmental focus, why were these people not consulted as well?

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Great question. We're not getting rid of sustainability in the AMS, the goal is to enhance it. So, as you've said by distributing the sustainability mandate it's actually going to enhance our operations as the Alma Mater Society, and make sure that our internal goings on, so the programs that we can deliver to students, will be more sustainable, so I think that because we are not getting rid of any of those groups, and it was more of a shift, so we made those decisions and consulted our commissioners to make sure that they would all fit but nothing is being taken away, except for the commission position.

Rector Cam Yung: Point of information. Do you think consulting-

Proxy: Point of order. I just want to make it known to rector that any comments he is making are not points of information, rather topics of debate.

Rector Cam Yung: Point of order. I think they are points of information because they are simple questions that I am asking.

Proxy: They should be asked in debate.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point of order. I do have to agree with Proxy, if you are going to be asking questions it has to be in the form of debate and you have to get on the Speaker's List, thank you.

PHEska President Matt Nelms: So thank you very much to the executive team for putting an incredible amount of work into the proposal. I'd like to express my support for this motion. It has been drafted to ensure efforts to emphasize the environment and sustainability at Queen's. It demonstrates a new outlook for how we as students can make a change in sustainable practices. I would like to provide additional support in adding an environmental committee as Sawatzky had previously brought forward, I believe that this will provide quorum a lot of positive discussion for this proposal, as well as ensure responsibility for commissions and services within AMS.

Computing Student's Association Vice-President (Operations) Vinith

Suriyakumar: I have a few questions, so the first would be, I see how distribution will work but what I'm wondering is why you are taking away the commissioner, because he's the one who really new environment the most, and wanted to continue researching it the most. Also, upon redistribution, are they also going to be required to take on learning all of that research, and if so, how will you ensure the same level of knowledge of the environment? Or, will the deputy not be required to take on all of that knowledge and how can that affect the workload?

Speaker: Thank you Vice President, sorry. Do you have a direct response?

President Tyler Lively: Can we have multiple people answer, because there were a few questions?

Speaker: Yes, you can have multiple people answer.

President Tyler Lively: So I'll try to take on a few of those things, in particular you mentioned the student life center, so more on the service sustainability portion. One of the things that the board, our outgoing director, suggested that I think is very salient, is through the EPM process and through the goal process, direct the services to look at sustainability and include sustainability related goals in their goal planning, so that we can take advantage that our service managers are spending those four months over the summer learning how to operate within the service, and telling them that in addition to that, we want you to be looking for way to make your service more sustainable, and then, instead of having someone come in and have to learn the service, which I think is the big knowledge thing in terms of the service, they're coming in they're learning the service, and how to be sustainable at the same time with the assistance of the SLC operations position.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: So, I'll take the kind of expertise and in terms of the SIC as well. So, I think that the knowledge that we're looking for is within two parts. One is within sustainability, and a lot of that will come within the summer months for the services position, so they can learn, and with the JDUC, in retail services, how they can really work to be sustainable, and then I think a lot of that will come within transition, because we do have a lot of this knowledge right now, specifically when it comes to the AMS, and it's not like that's going to be gone, so I think that's going to be really positive, and we'll make sure that the transition process is really smooth. In terms of the SIC, this deputy is going to be the one that would sit on the environmental committees from the university, so I think that yes while they will liaise with the social issues commissioner, the commissioner themselves will not be required to know absolutely everything about sustainability, but I think that they will have a much greater opportunity to learn by having both students working for sustainability and as well the department for environmental affairs within their commission.

Member at large: I would like to challenge the speaker to remove the limit time of one minute to allow students to be heard.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Is there a seconder for this motion?

Speaker: Representative Counter has seconded the motion.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: I will just remind Assembly that two thirds of majority must be met to challenge the Speaker's ruling.

All in favour: 14

Opposed: 15

MOTION DENIED

Speaker: Up next we have President Baga.

ASUS President Darrean Baga: I would just like to reiterate to everyone that I do stand with AMS and I do respect their decision to dissolve the CEA, but this is definitely coming from a place to improve sustainability for the environment, however, I do have conditions regarding the money that has been allocated to the budget for the salary of the CEA's commissioner, and I do recommend it go to ways that are beneficial for sustainability, so just a sustainability action fund.

Vice-President (Operations) Dave Walker: Darraen, thanks a lot for that point. That is something that we are looking to, the plan would be for the next executive to take the proportionate student fee that would have normally gone to the CEA and create an internally restricted fund over the next few years, to ensure that funding is still available in the case that environmental initiatives do come up, and be used directly for that, in the case that there are additions to be made; whether it be in the MAC, SIC, Bikes and Boards, or at the SLC. So, that is something we don't want to limit, is the growth of any of these things, but we will put aside funding for that specific reason.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: Just to add on to that, I think that the internally restricted fund is something that we will be encouraging because as many of us probably know, taking on extra sustainability initiatives can be expensive, and that's something that we acknowledge. We also see a lot of internal AMS groups applying to the staff, and that's something we think should not happen because we believe those should go to external groups, so we're hoping that this would make sure that doesn't happen and we could promote sustainability within the AMS more often.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point of information. Just to let everyone know, with the late arrival of a couple of AMS members, we have hit quorum, I will be opening up the agenda later tonight introduce a new motion to ratify motions that have already been approved to make this assembly binding forever.

Member at large: I am wondering why the solution to sustainability within AMS is dissolution of a focused body? I believe that the unified sustainability movement should not be an afterthought, and that it would be a more unified movement if their focus was added to other groups as well.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Carolyn Thompson: I think I'm going to address what you said. So, in terms of this being more to a portfolio and it won't

actually be enhancing sustainability, is that your concern? Yes, okay. I think, to be honest, in every other commission besides the CEA, and frankly in our services, from the executive, we do not see sustainability, and I think that's a huge problem because environmentalism is extremely important and something that we need to be advocating on and while the CEA does a fantastic job at doing that, and Liam did a fantastic job at consulting with people for the EPM, it's not something that our commissioners and our services focus on, and I think that having people in each office focused on sustainability, and hopefully that will grow from year to year, will actually encourage a more sustainable mind in these commissioners and it will also be coming from the top down, from the executive, so we will be making sure that people are being more sustainable.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Campbell.

Municipal Affairs Commissioner Francis Campbell: Just a comment or a thought on the idea for Assembly checks on enforcement for sustainability, I think this is something that can be brought down to the commission advisory board. I can speak for my commission advisory board, but I think that, that is an intimate setting of 3 people that I'm accountable to, that they would have a greater sense of enforcement.

Speaker: We currently have no one else on the Speaker's cue, so is there any more debate on the motion? Representative Counter, first.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: I am a little more at ease after hearing the explanations, but I would like to actually agree with what member at large said, I understand where she's coming from, I don't really see why there can't be both. I think it's a good idea, moving the deputies to different position and the portfolios but does have to mean that we dissolve the CEA, unless there's a very specific, or monetary reason, why would we have to dissolve the CEA? I think that we add sustainability to everyone's portfolio because it is important, but I would like to hear if there's any reason there can't be both, as well as having some work done to the CEA. Thanks.

Speaker: Moving on to Representative Milden.

Aesculpien Society Junior Representative Julia Milden: Three quick questions. First of all, concerning the vice presidents and the ams board of directors, can you ensure that these groups of students will be accessible to students at all times for both time availability and in terms of perceived power structures for the student and also for the executive? Secondly, two things are going to become clubs, can we assume that the rest of these clubs can be dissolved for issues that persist? Thirdly, this document also takes about "more concrete long-term goals" can we just have a few examples of what those goals are, and finally I'm just curious about why we wouldn't divulge this into different groups and make the CEA obsolete to all practices instead of assuming it will become obsolete.

Vice-President (Operations) Dave Walker: So I'll try to address I think your first and your third question, about the accessibility of the board. I think given that we have eight corporate services with 800+ employees, I think that there is a lot of access to students, and this year we've made the mandate that when there's been something controversial, we've invited the student body to come in and come speak with us, and that would be no different. As for your second point about the long-term goals, something that we're looking strongly to do in the corporate services, is to create waste targets at services that sell food and waste targets at the PC&C for paper usage, so at both common ground and at QP we would have a steadier track on waste and be setting targets in the goal plans and making sure that is going to a board level and that those targets are being met and any other financial sustainability target.

Proxy: Motion to call to question.

Speaker: Seconded by Representative Jeans. We have a motion to call to question; this is a procedural motion so you must vote yes or no.

All in Favour: ALL BUT 4

Opposed: 4

MOTION PASSES

Speaker: We have now called to question so we will now vote on the motion.

FOR: ALL but 6

AGAINST: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION PASSES

Motion 20 – Moved by: President Tyler Lively, Seconded by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez

That AMS Assembly approve the following Plebiscite Question to the 2017 AMS Winter Referendum ballot, notwithstanding any policy that restricts the wording of a plebiscite question: Which option for a fall term break should the AMS advocate for to the University's Fall Term Break Task Force? Appendix: Delta

President Tyler Lively: As the Assembly discussed before the break, the university is sort of reaching the final stages of its deliberations, in terms of what recommendation is going to come forward from the fall term break task force, that will be reporting to the principal sometime in February. So, what we have done as

we stated sometime before the break, we brought forward a few options for the Assembly to place upon a plebiscite question that would then allow students to tell us which options they would prefer that would then allow us to advocate for to the task force. So, I'll briefly explain the two options we brought forward, why we brought them forward, and then yield the floor to questions. The first option I'm bringing forward is the one we discussed a lot before the break, which is moving move-in day back a week so it would be the weekend prior to Labor day. Orientation week activities would take place along the same schedule as currently, just moved forward a week, a week earlier, and then that would leave room for a 4 day fall term break, which we have said could fall in the week of Thanksgiving. That is the majority response at the fall term break task force survey, of 43% but we're more than open to other options. Then the second option, which is proposed by the orientation round table, is the idea of having classes start on the Thursday and Friday of the week after Labor day, move-in day would move back a day to the Saturday, residence orientation would take place Saturday night so you would have the welcome form, and the typical first night activities, and then Sunday you would go straight into faculty orientation and then that would take place until Wednesday, and then on Thursday and Friday you would have classes, on Saturday and Sunday you would have two more days of your residence orientation, and it's likely kind that the orientation week concert could still take place on Friday night after classes. So, we're bringing this forward to give students a little bit more choice in their options, as well as after speaking to orientation leaders on the round table they think this is an option that could work for them, and if they think they can work their programming around, it's also an option that the task force itself seems to be favoring at the moment, so we would certainly like to get students' opinions on it. Before I yield the floor I should say in terms of process, a plebiscite question is non-binding, you're not allowed to abstain, and the question will be placed at the end of the referendum ballot. Our idea is that, and you'll notice that we're kind of changing the wording of a typical plebiscite question, I don't have the exact wording in front of me, but essentially, what option would you like the AMS to advocate on, and then you would see option 1, option 2 and the voting system you can then click option 1 and it will kind of show a drop down box and then that box will have an explanation, very similar to the briefing notes for the Assembly, and students will be able to see those and make an informed choice. As well, we will be providing some communications around that to ensure students understand why these options are on the table and what are some of the pros and cons. AMS policy does forbid either campaigning for or against a plebiscite question or a particular option, so we will be providing that information but not providing a stance. I hope that I've explained the process well, please let us know if you have any questions and what you think of these two options.

Engineering Society President Taylor Sawadsky: I really support this question being asked, I think it's important to get the opinion of students. I have two comments, I wanted to clarify in option 2, when it talks about the difference between faculty orientation and residence orientation, I understand that it's part of this proposal but I think it puts a blur in the line between the mandate and the task

force committee, because the task force committee can't actually decide where those days are going to be spilt. I also just wanted to make a comment about the pros of option 2 for fall reading week, I might be a bit biased but when it says it could be beneficial for students to returned to a more structured schedule earlier, I don't think that's true because the first two days of class are not structured at all. Additionally, the second point says it allows maintenance of most orientation week activities, although this does, it seems odd to have this as a pro considering option 1 does this better.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point of information. I completely do agree with you that it could be either a pro or a con depending the way that it is presented, on the actually plebiscite question on the ballot if this motion gets approved, what we are hoping to put up is just the options, as well as exactly what it would look like and what we are advocating for, what it won't have are the pros and cons. The pros and cons will be developed by each student.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on the motion?

ASUS Representative Jasmine Chapman: Just to clarify, I can ask questions about both options, right?

Speaker: Yes.

ASUS Representative Jasmine Chapman: Okay, so these are the only two options that are being thought about at this very moment, correct? Are there any other options that are available?

President Tyler Lively: We could present other options, put other options on the plebiscite, but in terms of the chances of those options being adopted by the task force, I would say that outside of these two options it's very unlikely that we could come up with something adopted by the task force, and I would say by the way things are going, option 1 seems to be coming less likely, because it seems at least the university members feel option 2 is preferable for the,

ASUS Representative Jasmine Chapman: My only issue with option 2, I get that it's kind of the option that everyone else is going for, but from a student perspective it doesn't work. I've started school before, whether it was in high school or in college or whatever, and it was the two days, and the two days are useless when you start them on a Thursday and Friday, because it doesn't work with the labs, it doesn't work with the classes or anything, and it kind of messes everything up, logistically for the classes it doesn't quite work, even though it may work better for the people that work for the university, but from a student perspective it doesn't quite work having experienced it before a couple different times, it just doesn't work for classes and everything. My preference is definitely for option 1, it definitely does become a pain, I wish there was other options but I get there is only so much that you can do at this point.

Rector Cam Yung: So, I just wanted to say that it's good we are giving the students the opportunity to share their voices and opinions on this issue, but I did want to consider everyone here to consider the implications as well as the impacts that either one of these two options present, I think that it's great that we already have a list of pros and cons provided to us, but I would encourage you to think about how it might impact someone financially, and it may also impact someone when it comes to finding a house, several other implications or impacts on the students for the years to come. So, I just really want to make sure that we're taking the opportunity as well as consult your constituents to ensure you are choosing the best option and are provided with the most information, thank you.

Computing Society Association Vice-President (Operations) Vinith

Suriyakumar: For option 2, I was wondering if you knew how many pre exam days are still going to be put in? If they took pre exam days away I feel as though it could be detrimental to the student body. If those days were taken away, I feel as though it would not give students enough time to study for exams, to hand in final assignments, etc. and that the students would be overwhelmed.

President Tyler Lively: Thank you for the question. Nothing specific has been discussed, why I bring that forward is the task force mentioned that because in the survey data, students do say they would prefer a break in the range of 3-4 days, I brought up the fact that we should be looking at ways to do that. Option 1, presented here, does allow us to have that four day break, and the university responded saying it would be possible in some years to have a longer break by modifying those things, I don't think it's something that they're going to necessarily do unless students say they want it. So, I doubt that would come in the initial recommendation, but more so down the road if students do want a longer break, we would look at a modification of the exam period or the pre exam study days and what they're going to at the next meeting is have the registrar bring up a number of simulations where they're going to show possibilities across the seven different sessional date scenarios.

Speaker: Representative Counter.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: I'm really glad were discussing this, because I'm hoping to see it go onto the plebiscite. I also just have a couple of short questions, what does the promotion of this question of this question look like? I would personally like to see this really promoted so that people know that it's coming, because this could actually inspire people to vote, and even if they're not voting on anything else, it could have a higher voter turn out. I would like to know how you're going to promote it, and I feel like this is for soliciting feedback, but what's going to be done with the feedback? Is it going to be brought back to the committee you've been talking with, is it binding, or is it just information gathering?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Just to answer your second question, no it is not binding; a plebiscite question is not binding at all. In terms of advertising for this

question, obviously policy strictly prohibits us campaigning for or against the questions, however what we can do is just let the students know that this question will appear on the ballot, and this is the part where I ask all of you through your faculties and societies, through any Facebook pages that you have, to advertise that the question will appear on the ballot, you don't have to say which way to vote or which way not to vote obviously, just that the question will appear on the ballot, that's probably the best method of advertising and letting the students know this question will appear, thank you.

President Tyler Lively: Just quickly, we do plan on creating a blog post that kind of explains the process and what's happened to date, because I think this has been so drawn out, I think students are confused as to what's going on and to how we've gotten to where we're at, so we do want to explain that process while ensuring we do present both views in the neutral light, and that why we've got this second motion here to make sure that everyone is going to be clear how we're presenting that from sort of a broad, neutral point of view, but we do want to put forward that blog post and we do want to include that the communications through simply voting coming up are making it very clear, here's what's on the ballot: there's going to be the executive election, the referendum, there's going to be this plebiscite question on fall term break; to make sure students are aware, and I think that Secretariat Martinez's comments are very well taken around, there's a very large responsibility on this body as well to make sure we're all doing our part so we can reach out within our networks and to make sure that students are participating.

Proxy: I believe it is a good thing that finally as an organization we are soliciting these opinions from the students directly. This is a great opportunity to use the referendum period to find out what exactly they would like to see us advocate for as an organization and that they can go ahead and talk to task force with the opinion of the student body. Thank you.

Speaker: Representative Jeans.

Engineering Society 2018 Representative Julianna Jeans: I would like to make a change to this motion, where it says under option 2 where it says the composition of the orientation days, and replace it with orientation would take place from Saturday of Labor day to Wednesday, then say orientation would continue following classes on the Saturday and Sunday.

Speaker: Do we have a seconder? Seconded by President Sawadzky. Is this motion friendly?

President Tyler Lively: No.

Speaker: So, we will now move into debate on this motion.

Engineering Society 2018 Representative Julianna Jeans: I think it's irresponsible to give the idea our members that are voting on this plebiscite that this composition would take place should option 2 move forward, because the task force does not ultimately have the final say, and the composition is not actually up to them, so I would just like to see a more general overview of what it would look like.

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion? President Lively.

President Tyler Lively: I do understand the representatives concerns, I think this is a bit different, and I know we've talked a lot as an assembly and as a student community about the need to make a distinction between these two days and we often have heard feedback from the task force that this is not within their mandate, but I think that honestly they are saying that out of convenience for themselves and there's a general agreement at the task force, from the Dean of Student Affairs, who has a lot of influence, and we have the orientation round table, which is actually the body that has proposed this specific set-up with this exact distribution of orientation days, the campus activities commissioner is on SORBS. I think it is fairly safe to say that if we were to advocate for this option and the task force were to accept it as is, SORBS would also accept that recommendation, and that the senate would ultimately accept that recommendation because they do retain the ultimate responsibility for when orientation days are. We do want to want to provide the caviat alongside that option that does say this is SORBS decision, but I think that given the set of circumstances around this, and given that it is highly unlikely if this recommendation were to go forward that it would be rejected by SORBS, that it would be kind of irresponsible to leave that information out, because we've heard from a lot of people that they were very unhappy with the way things were set up with Thursday and Friday starting, but are now happy given this layout of orientation days, that we're being told is possible would this recommendation go forward.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on this motion?

Representative Jasmine Chapman: I just wanted to point out that we may want to make sure the people in our faculties know that a reading week in the fall is happening for sure, like these are just the two options, choose one, because I've talked to some people about the reading week, and they say well they keep talking about it but I don't think it's going to happen, and I'm like but it is going to happen, so no one knows that it's happening whether a debate's happening or not, so I think that just relaying that to your faculties, that it is happening people, just we wanted to know when it is going to happen is a big thing, and the marketing of it and everything like that would be kind of good. Anyways, just so you all know that's an issue as well.

Speaker: Representative Jeans.

Engineering Society 2018 Representative Julianna Jeans: I've decided after hearing what President Lively said to withdraw the motion.

Speaker: Okay, the motion has been withdrawn; we will go back to the debate on the original motion, starting with President Palmeri.

Nursing Society President Alexandra Palmeri: I just want to comment on President Lively's earlier mention of the blog post and say that is a great way to advertise that the option for fall reading week will be a plebiscite question on the ballot. I'm very much in favour of that and I think that's a great way to share with students what they should be expecting on their ballots at the end of the month. I think it's very important we make sure they're all aware that a fall term reading break is happening, and a couple of options that would work for the university. In addition I think it's very important that the AMS does take a stance, and the plebiscite question is a very good way to ensure that it is taking place. We've been debating fall reading break for quite some time now, and we've been back and forth for over a year at this point, probably longer, so I am very much in favour of AMS forming a stance, I think it's about time. I think the best way to do this is extending responsibility to us here to make sure the students are well informed of the options that they have the opportunity to vote on at the elections. Thank you.

Speaker: President Baga.

ASUS President Darrean Baga: Motion to call question.

Speaker: Seconded by Miguel Martinez. We have a motion to call to question, this is a procedural motion so you must vote yes or no.

All in favour: ALL

Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSES

Speaker: Question has been called, we will now vote on the motion.

FOR: ALL

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

MOTION PASSES

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point or order. I move to open up the agenda.

Speaker: Seconded by President Vyas.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: I move that we add motion 22 which states that AMS assembly ratify motions 1-18 of the January 19, 2017 Assembly meeting. This motion is simply because we were at motion 19 when we hit quorum so motions 19-20 have already been binding, however this assembly now has the power to ratify all other motions.

Speaker: Seconded by President Lively; and now we will vote.

All in favour: ALL

Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSES

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Point of order. I move that we close the agenda.

Speaker: Seconded by Representative Counter.

Motion 21 – Moved by: President Tyler Lively, Seconded by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez

That AMS Assembly direct the AMS Executive and Elections Team to ensure that the information presented to voters regarding the Fall Term Break plebiscite question, both on electronic ballot and through communications, is fair, impartial, and for the sole purposes of helping members of the Society make an informed choice.

President Tyler Lively: So as I mentioned, when I was speaking on the previous motion, we do want to put out some communications regarding this question but just what the options are, the process that's led up to this, as well as inform students about the realities of each option, for example with the first option, moving back a week, that means students are going to be living in residence for an extra week, so it is very likely that residence is going to try to pass that cost on to students, and we want students to be aware of that and understand that is a possibility. We're not saying that it's a deal breaker, or it's bad or it's good or it's worth it, we just want that to be out there because that's something that's very likely to happen and we don't want students to leave that out of their decision making. At the same time, that there's full complete information on both options so students can make an informed choice, so we're going to try and do that through our marketing and communication channels, and we've also included the elections team in this motion because they are a body of assembly and they don't report directly to us.

Speaker: Is there any debate on this motion? Representative Counter.

ASUS Representative Carling Counter: Are you putting the pros and cons list as they are on this into the promotional materials?

President Tyler Lively: We are include probably everything that's on that list, we are going to be doing a very thorough review in everything we're putting forward and the wording. I wrote these up the day of just to ensure there was something coming forward to Assembly, but we do want to make sure that we are doing some consultation, like the members of the task force, for example some of the students concerns and saying does this represent some of the concerns that you've heard through the consultations of talking to some of the members of Assembly to make sure we're getting this right, and especially the wording because that is very important to make sure it's fair and impartial. So, we are going a pretty extensive look at this before we put it out for sure.

Speaker: Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will vote on Motion 21.

FOR: ALL

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION PASSES

Motion 22 – Moved by: Secretariat Miguel Martinez, Seconded by: President Tyler Lively

That AMS Assembly ratify motions 1-18 of the January 19, 2017 Assembly meeting.

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: So as everyone here already knows, and I'm going to say it again unfortunately, motions 1-18 did not have quorum however we do now, so let's just bind this Assembly once and for all.

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will move to a vote.

FOR: ALL BUT 2

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

MOTION PASSES

Discussion Period

Speaker: That concludes New Business so if any members of Assembly would like to raise a discussion period, now is the time. Are there any discussion periods? Seeing none, I would like to entertain a motion to close from Board of Directors Chair Quinn Giordano, seconded by Representative Counter.

Member at large: Point of order. Is Board of Directors Chair Quinn Giordano allowed to vote tonight if he's not a member?

Secretariat Miguel Martinez: Being a member of the Alma Mater Society, he can move any motion.

All in favour: ALL BUT 1

Opposed: 1

Commerce Societ President Bhavik Vyas opposed

Speaker: We are adjourned.

Adjournment

Assembly concludes at 9:15

Assembly length: 2h 8m