

# AMS Assembly Minutes Thursday, March 1, 2018 Sir. John A MacDonald Hall 001

#### Minutes are tentative until approved by Assembly

The meeting was convened at 18:32 EDT

**Speaker Martinez:** *Land recognition statement was read.* 

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

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the agenda for the meeting of March 1, 2018.

**Secretary Secretary:** I'd like to omnibus Motions 4 and 5. I'd also like to move Motion 6 to directly after Motion 3 so the Speaker only has to mention it once.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** I'd like to add a new motion that Assembly nominate five members that sit on the Appeals Committee for the clubs ratification. *Motion seconded by Representative Cattrysse*.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion carries.

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

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2018.

No changes to the minutes.

*No debate, vote proceeds.* 

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion carries.

#### **Speakers Business**

**Secretary Martinez:** I'd like to take the time to thank Assembly for participating during the appointment process. I will be remaining in my position of Assembly Speaker for the rest of the year. If Assembly has a problem with it, please feel free to address that here at Assembly and I will be glad to recuse myself for the remainder of the year. This Monday, March 5, is the Annual General Meeting, which is mandatory for all members. Every single AMS student has voting rights so please let Secretary Sengupta know as soon as possible if you cannot make it. It will be at 6:30PM at Wallace Hall.

#### **Guest Speaker**

**Secretary Sengupta:** I'd like to introduce George Jackson, ArtSci '85. He graduated with a Liberal Arts degree with a minor in PoliSci. George lived in Kingston Ontario from 1990, was born in Simcoe, ON. He lived on 249 Barrie St. and is in the Queen's Football Hall of Fame. He is currently a management consultant and has previously served on the QUAA as president for an additional 6 years, serving over 150,000 alumni in over 150 countries. George also served on the Homecoming Study Group – he advocated for the return of homecoming, he was the Cochair for the Gael Force Dinner which fundraised for the for the Queen's Football Club, raising over \$350,000. Please give him a warm welcome!

**George Jackson:** I included that I'm from Simcoe - do you know the history of that? It involves one of our most recent principals? David Smith? Anyone live in Smith house? Does anyone know his hometown?

Trustee Chappell: Simcoe.

George Jackson: His hometown was Simcoe. Anyone know where it is?

**Representative Cattrysse:** I am from Simcoe.

George Jackson: Yes! Small world. So let me ask you - who was involved in high school stuff? If you were involved in organizing social stuff? How many came to being involved at Queen's, while only being at Queen's? Most of you stayed engaged from high school right into Queen's, which is great. I'm surprised by that, thought more of you would – actually, I take it back, that's not true. I'm sort of preaching to the choir when I talk about what I'm talking about today which is engagement, in the past, present, and future. I was curious when Jenn asked me to talk about alumni, but also about engagement and how it's changed. I'm not the person to really speak on this as I wasn't really involved at Queen's when I went here. I wasn't too involved in student government. I got thinking about it – I'd be curious to know how people got about it. Over the time that you've been here at Queen's, how have you seen student engagement change – in even a short period of time in four years?

**President Wojaczek:** Student engagement has become a lot more formalized, in a lot of ways such as applying for positions, and the requirements for what it means to be a club. It follows a

very formal process so instead of being a group of friends with a common interest, you need to be a ratified club and you need to follow certain policies and procedures.

George Jackson: I can see that, especially with the formalization of varsity sports.

**President Folkes:** We've seen, especially in the commerce program that there's often an obligation to be involved and that many see it as a necessity to get a job after graduating.

**Commissioner Tsang:** First years come in intimidated. People often find one thing and they stick with it and don't branch out.

**George Jackson:** When you came to Queen's, was there still that intimidation? Yes? Okay, we'll talk about that.

**Representative Roper:** Coming from high school into university, I was surprised by apathy from students especially with student government. If you're not involved in student government, then you just don't care.

**George Jackson:** I might have been guilty of that when I went here, until I got to know people who were running for government. As you go through, you realize "oh he's running, she's running". When you come into university, you don't know anybody so it'll take time for you to get engaged with it. Where do you see it going? Are these trends going to continue or have they peaked?

**Commissioner Tsang:** We hope that engagement for the student government improves, especially with this year at its all-time low and unprecedented election situation. I hope it'll get better.

**Commissioner Safeer:** I think every year, student leadership becomes more inclusive. To think that in 5-10 years, there'll be a more diverse group of students who see themselves as leaders.

**George Jackson:** What's the impact if these trends continue?

**Member-at-large Tharp:** A lot of people believe that by becoming involved, it will look good on their resume or for them as a person. There is a trend of involvement becoming more of a job instead of interactions with a co-worker or boss. One of the things I foresee happening is that a lot of people will do things because they think it'll look good as opposed to wanting to have fun in a position or wanting to do something cool.

**George Jackson:** For the commerce students, it's almost like you have to do it - it does look good on the resume. I don't think that this has changed that much – it's always been that sense of looking good on a resume.

**President Grotsky:** I'm not sure I agree – might be the case for the highest positions but the vast majority of students involved are involved in volunteer positions. These are localized issues on issues that they care about. It's become decentralized where they don't see themselves involved in top positions but are involved in issues on a smaller, more personal level.

**VP Negus:** I don't really see that changing. I think a lot of people, as someone in LifeSci, a lot of Life Science students - they want to be doctors. They may do things because they want to go to Medical School. I don't think this will change but that the lessons we learn in those positions - that maybe it's not the best to pursue things just for our future. However, I don't think that it'll change however it will be a transition that we as students will go through at this point.

**George Jackson:** Time and place for everything – university. I suspect everyone here will try things twice will do things because that looked like fun, he's cute she's cute im going over there.

**Commissioner Myszko:** I want to echo what Adam was saying about the decentralizing of student government. Queen's has over 300 clubs and there are more and more clubs every year being ratified. These are students that are wanting to engage on a base level with the community and their passions and wanting to get involved there.

George Jackson: Some of that decentralizing structure is good. There's downsides but also upsides. From a branding point of view, you come to Queen's because you're able to do all that extra-curricular stuff. That's all part of it. Many of you are leaders. Something I always say is "students for a short time, alumni for a lifetime". You're going to be here for the four or however many years, then you will graduate and become alumni. It struck me as I was preparing these remarks really just how much you guys are on the edge of change compared to the broader society. You are in a crucible of change. The stuff that is going on here is unbelievable. I can't remember any time like this when I went to Queen's. It certainly wasn't like this. The stuff that is being talked about and debated about now is amazing and you guys are right in the middle of it. It's important to carry on and to never discount being new to the group. That's life. We go to high school, learn how to run the place, and then we go to university and boom, we are back down to the bottom. We slowly climb up the ladder and run the place then you go into the workforce and you're at the bottom again. You're the young person on the block again but this time, you come with so much experience that most people don't have and that's important to keep in mind. We also know that you will be asked in the circles you live in in the future to take a leadership role. I would expect that out of you as Queen's grads and because of the work you do. Your communities will change too. You will graduate and some of you will go to Cold Lake, Alberta and some of you will go to Toronto. Your community may get bigger and smaller and you will have to work into it and engagement is a good way to do that. I talked about the recurring pattern of rising up and falling down; that is life in general. I think that's what you've experienced here is crucial. Does anyone know what the imposter theory is? The thought of: "what am I doing here?". I think that's just natural in life. You have to fake it until you make it. As a Queen's graduate, you have a good foundation, you're smart, you've seen how groups operate and you slowly rise to the top. How to be an engaged alumni: there are three T's – time, talent, and treasure. Typically when you've graduated and you're young, you have time and you definitely have talent you don't have a lot of treasure. But you definitely have time and talent. You can use your talent to get involved and lend your time.

**AMS President Li:** This works for being engaged as a student too when you're on campus not just for after graduation.

George Jackson: Definitely. Time is easy to figure out and talent is easy to figure out. You folks really are living some change right now that you've probably almost normalized it but the world is struggling like mad and you can really help lead the way. The environment and societal climate is in flux and there's a lot of value for you to add there. Treasure: I want to talk a little more about it. You actually are richer than you think as a Queen's graduate. Not only will Queen's look at you but the world looks at you as looking as you have more money than you do. Engagement should be looked at time and talent, and should not be measured by quantity but quality. This is the strategy to deal with the people who ask for money: Select a focus – focusing my attention and resources. Who doesn't go to Starbucks, who doesn't go to Ale? All I'm saying is take that \$5.50 you just spent on that vanilla latte and once a month and give that to

something. It could even be just \$20 a month and you could divide it up in five ways. One of those ways could maybe be Queen's but choose five charities or five focuses. That way, when a person asks for money you can say "Not right now, in the next year I will focus on these five things and you will not be one of them. My treasure is limited". This will give you the ability to say no. The key to all of this is participation. I am the Co-Chair of the Football Club. Smith gave \$50 million which is a big vanity number and it's very impressive. What about my \$350,000 I raise for the club or my \$50 a month, my buddy's \$85 a month. It easily equals \$1000 a year. That \$5 a month to Queen's or \$5 to the MS Society or whatever the case it be, it makes a difference. It makes you pay attention; unless you have a little skin the game, you don't pay attention. Don't be afraid of the call because this will force you to be proactive with the way you deal with your time, talent and treasure. But as things get tighter, you start to say "no, I don't have enough". Set your budget and pick your focus areas. It could be something you want to do that is applicable to your job. It might be something else. Whatever it is, it gives you the ability to say no. But remember to not only say no, but to be open to hearing things. If all you're worried about is saying no, then you don't actually hear the message. If you say "no but I'd like to hear what you have to say", then it gives you the ability to hear the message. It's a hard thing to do but you will hear more about it. When you graduate, commerce will be coming after you, engineering will go after you, ASUS and others too. You can say no and it gives you the ability to say yes later on. Let me reiterate: time, talent, and treasure and you're richer than you think. I encourage you to stay involved as alumni but I also know that you will go into your own communities and find things to get involved in. Queen's will always be here: maybe you will return on a faculty level. The Chair that Art McDonald sits on that won the Nobel Prize was not funded by a physicist but was actually funded by a commerce grad who had an interest in the field. I appreciate what you do for the university and the alumni love it as well. It's the way we operate. Get involved, use your time, talent, and treasure that you have and stay involved in your community. I don't know how you do all the things you've done. I think some of it will come back to Queen's in 5, 10 years. The door's always open, and family's family.

**Rector Yung:** Two questions. The first is a pretty serious one: have you ever considered going into marketing? You'd be a great salesman for Scotiabank. I think you might just need to put the emblem on there. You can also sell the Starbucks. Secondly, thank you for being here and providing words of wisdom. In terms of what you've said, at Queen's you played football and you claimed you weren't too engaged yet you still got engaged with alumni and alumni relations and served as QUAA president. What was it about Queen's that inspired you to continue to give back?

George Jackson: With football, I stayed involved with the club. At the games, there was so much alumni support at the games and I wanted to give back. The reason I got involved with QUAA the 5 "I"s. I was invited. You need to be invited. It makes a big, big difference. Don't assume the person will just come along. Therefore, invite people, welcome them, and be very cognisant of inviting and creating a space where you can be invited. Look back at how you got involved. Did you respond to an ad or did someone invite you to come in? I keep that in the back of my head. Someone extended an invitation.

**AMS President Li:** Thank you George for sharing your insights. It's always a pleasure hearing your stories. As an alumni and an engaged alumni, what have you seen is the strength of the student body? You've seen generations of students and engaged with students. What is our collective strength as a student body?

George Jackson: Just the knowledge. I think ultimately a university without students is a Think Tank. Without students, you wouldn't have anything. It would be easy to push the students out and I know you folks have had to fight tooth and nail for the students. There is always tension between the university administration and the students but the students always have to win - within reason. But I think it's the energy of the students too. It's their experience, it's their money, it's their time and it's their learning. It's great to have students involved throughout the whole facet of it – on the leadership council, the clubs, the governance piece – I think that's the important part of it and it's important to keep it strong. I look over at Adam because from a broad point of view, we forgot about the grad students when we organized our board. We had a person who represented the graduate student portfolio. They are less engaged, mostly because they're here for different reasons. It's important to have an inclusiveness too. I think you bring the diversity, look at where you all are from. Kingston now is not very big so where do we get the influx? The richness that the students bring when they come to Kingston, for the townies like me, that's exciting.

**Speaker Martinez:** On behalf of all of Assembly, thank you for taking the time today to join us. Please join me in thanking George.

**Secretary Sengupta:** You can never have too much tricolour. We got you something from the Tricolour Outlet.

Member-at-large Jackson: Cha Gheill!

## **President's Report**

**AMS President Li**: This is our second to last Assembly. Thank you for staying engaged. I hope everyone is excited to make it a strong finish to the finish line. I wanted to acknowledge the referendum results. We want to remain committed to the project and will be working with university and the SGPS on how to move forward. We continue to believe that the JDUC needs to move forward to fulfill what the students need. I continue to ask everyone to comment on how to move forward. Please let us know any feedback. This is how we continue the momentum and this is what's so special about Queen's. This way the students have an opportunity to stay engaged.

#### **AMS Vice President's Report**

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: Nothing to add.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** The OUSA General Assembly will be happening next weekend at Laurentian. AMS delegation will be there. We will be debating three papers on student health and wellness, mobility and credit transfer and mature students. If you're interested in providing comments, please talk to your faculty president. If you are members-at-large, feel free to speak to the Commissioner of Academic Affairs. Secondly, the Student Choices on Sexual Violence Survey will be running from February 26 to March 26. I encourage all students to do it and we want to make sure you know services are available for students.

## **Board of Director's Report**

Board Chairperson was not present at Assembly.

# **Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report**

**Trustee Chappell:** The board is meeting this weekend which will be an exciting time. I've included the topics that will be discussed at open session. If you have questions, the full agenda can be found on the secretary's website. The Board is meeting on Saturday for the Board Retreat to talk about the comprehensive report. I will report at the next Assembly to discuss what happens.

#### **Student Senator's Report**

Chairperson Berkowitz: The Senate met this Tuesday so I didn't get to put in a report. It mostly pertained to graduate awareness. On top of that was future scheduling for where Queen's plans to take research as there is not much for undergraduate level. Finally, it would be inappropriate for me to omit and I have no verbatim quotes but the Journal was there. In essence, this Monday, there is a professor for the University of Toronto coming to do a speech at Queen's that has been considered controversial. Principal Woolf made a speech on the topic and there was significant debate from Professor McDonald on it. For more information on it, Principal Woolf has posted a blog.

# **Rector's Report**

Rector Yung: The TL;DR is this: The Tricolour Award has been provided to Adam Grotsky, who was here for sandwiches and the speech, Asha Gordon, Emilio Frometa, Hana Chaudhury, Alexandra Palmeri, and Max Garcia - congratulations. Thank you for everyone who served on the selection committee. It was a good time and was a pleasure to serve with you. The reception will be on April 7 from 5:30 in Grant Hall. The Joint Board/Senate Principal Search Committee has hired a search firm and we are going ahead and looking for a long list of potential candidates. Another thing is the alcohol harms reduction this coming next Thursday. This is the symposium for the Eastern Ontario regional area. I would also like to take a brief moment to discuss the Jordan Peterson speech. I will not speak to this in my personal sense, however, if you are looking for support on campus or alternatives on campus: the Human Rights and Equity Office has been working with the AMS and SGPS for a trans inclusive teach-in and there will also be a UCARE meeting at 5:30PM in Sutherland. My office is open for support if you need support. I just want to remind everyone to keep an open mind, to challenge ideas and thoughts and be willing to ask questions whenever you're given opportunity.

#### **Statements by Students**

**Secretary Sengupta:** The AGM is March 5 at 6:30. March 15 is also the Corporate General Meeting which is mandatory for current and incoming assembly. Please email me the name of your successor. This will allow them to be eligible to vote for the upcoming student director. This is notice we're moving a new consolidated Assembly policy on March 29.

**AMS VP-OPS Hollidge:** Since we don't have a board representative, we do have Student Director positions for the Board of Directors open. I wish that the board members were here to talk about it. Students provide an important perspective going forward. It's a good thing to get involved in. The applications close on Monday night.

**President Wong:** We are doing our service hiring soon if you want to work at Clark Hall Pub, the Tea Room or Campus Equipment Outfitters.

**President Lagundzija:** ASURF has reopened. That is \$25,000 which provides opportunities to fund amazing work. The ASUS Scholarship is also open. This is for 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> years who are graduating this spring. I encourage them to apply for scholarship and the money goes straight to bank. Finally, The Mark R. Wilson Award is open. This is the ASUS equivalent to the Tricolour. It is the highest honour ASUS can give to non-academic or athletic service. If everyone could please encourage people to apply or if they have questions, I will be happy to answer them during the break.

## **Question Period**

No questions asked.

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arising from the Minutes.

#### **New Business**

VP Jeans assumes the position of Assembly Speaker.

Motion #3: Moved by: Member-at-large Watters, seconded by: Member-at-large Martinez.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Alix Birt to the Position of Campus Activities Commissioner, Julia Gollner to the position of Academic Affairs Commissioner, Myriam Morenike to the position of Social Issues Commissioner, Soren Christianson to the position of Municipal Affairs Commissioner, and Regina Robbins Codera to the position of Clubs Director for the 2019-2019 school year.

**Member-at-large Watters:** I am so excited to introduce these wonderful individuals. We are so, so excited to work with them. We received a phenomenal pool of applicants and found these five individuals. We are sure they will do amazing things in the upcoming year.

**President Dowling:** Miguel reminded me that I ask this every time. What is your favourite colour?

Member-at-large Birt: Lime green.

**Member-at-large Gollner:** Anything on the green scale.

Member-at-large Morenike: Blue, red, and yellow.

Member-at-large Codera: Purple.

Member-at-large Christianson: Tricolour red.

**Rector Yung:** How excited are you for your positions?

Member-at-large Christianson: Excited

**Member-at-large Codera:** Excited. I talked to Marnie in the past few weeks so I'm excited to work with her to just get the idea of what the heck clubs does and do her job justice.

**Member-at-large Morenike:** I don't know what happens if I say I'm not excited but yeah I am. I have my first transition meeting with Ramna so I'm excited to learn more about the social issues commission and looking forward to things that can be done on the student level.

**Member-at-large Gollner:** I am really excited as well. I had the fortune of meeting with Victoria several times and we get along really well and have met a good group of people. Academics unite us all. There are lots of differences in the room but academics unites us in the end so I'm excited to be working with such amazing people.

**Member-at-large Birt:** Devon sparked my love for the O-Week and Reunion Street Festival which is something I haven't been fully involved with previously but it's something I'm excited to get enriched in.

**Representative Romanski:** What's your biggest goal for your role in the AMS as commissioners?

**Member-at-large Codera:** I think I have three that I really have been starting to focus on when preparing for clubs. One is the Clubs Directory and reworking that so that it's accessible and as user friendly as possible. Also, like Marnie had mentioned, we have so many clubs overwhelming the possibilities so things like using the Clubs Caucus as a platform for hearing the perspectives of students from so many backgrounds. Finally, it'll be streamlining the clubs space and club sanctioning process.

**Member-at-large Christianson:** I had the pleasure to live in Kingston and work here and I have developed a love for the city. What I want to focus on is emphasizing the opportunities and expanding them so that they can be utilized for Queen's students. They're not just coming here as a place away from home. Kingston is a place that can nurture then develop opportunities for them in the city.

Member-at-large Morenike: There are so many issues, there are so many things to address and there is more than we can do in one term. These socials issues continue and I hope to focus on these things. I hope to get more people engaged in the social issues whether they are affected or they want to engage as allies. We need as many people as possible, working on this, working on increasing sensitization of students and engagements. I also want to work on sexual violence and whether it's in terms of increasing resources for every student that needs them and making sure all students have a positive experience with them. I want to ensure that the culture around sexual violence on campus is inclusive and safe. Finally I want to look at continuing to implement the recommendations in PICARDI.

Member-at-large Gollner: I think coming into Academics Affairs, I've had an opportunity to hear from students about what they want. Three things I'm excited to focus on. The first is the continuation and progression of OUSA. Just the continuation of providing high quality and accessible resources in Ontario is something I'm excited to have a voice in whether that's affordability and accessibility. Also, I want to focus on the international involvement and Queen's Comprehensive International Plan. One of the pillars is increasing international

enrollment which is an important. Something that affects that is financial accessibility so I'm excited to look into that for international students. Finally, experiential learning. Queen's doesn't have some of the same opportunities for experiential learning but I don't think that is something that holds us back. We can continue to focus on experiential learning by tackling it with a new committee.

Member-at-large Birt: In the CAC, I'm excited to learn about O-Week. From commerce to engineering to me being in arts and science, I only got to see that orientation week in full capacity so I'm excited to see all of the faculties cohesively. Also, with the Reunion Street Festival and what direction it goes in. I'm excited to work with alumni and seeing the progression for that. Finally, I want to see the CAC as more of a resource and want to foster a leadership culture in the recreational portfolio. This is an opportunity to gain leadership experience and I want to drive home that the CAC is there as a resource if you want to go in our direction, if you want to start a conference. We're really here for that and that's something we want to exhibit.

Candidates leave the room.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion is ratified and carries.

# Motion #6: Moved by: Member-at-large Martinez, seconded by: Member-at-large Watters.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to appoint two Members of Assembly to sit on the Chief Electoral Officer Hiring Panel.

**Member-at-large Martinez:** The Secretary hasn't been hired yet as this hiring needs to happen in the next few weeks. If you are nominated or if you yourself are looking to run in the election next year, please do not nominate yourself.

**Secretary Sengupta:** I'd like to speak on the time commitment: you have to go through a 30 minute equity training. Hiring will take an hour or so depending on applicants. The hiring panel will be incoming Secretary and the two members appointed tonight.

**VP Susic:** I'd like to nominate Representative Nensi to the hiring panel. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

**President Wong:** I'd like to nominate Representative Cattrysse. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

AMS President Li: I'd like to nominate President Dowling. Position declined.

No other nominations.

**Representative Nensi:** I am Jordan, I'm in second year commerce. Part of what makes me qualified is that I'm passionate about elections. I've talked with Neil quite a bit and have been

involved in referendums. I will be someone who looks for integrity and confidence in the CEO position.

**Representative Cattrysse:** I am in fourth year engineering. I've served as orientation executive, a Director of EngSoc, a manager of EngSoc and in those positions, I've hired a lot of people. I'm currently an elected officer and the speaker for EngSoc council. I've performed the role of CEO so I know I'll be able to find the right fit for you.

**AMS President Li:** What do you see as a challenge that faces AMS elections and referendum?

**Representative Cattrysse:** The retention of people in their roles. We are passing something this Assembly which will provide cash incentives as we lost two CROs. By giving one person more responsibility will also give a person the incentive to perform the role better.

**Representative Nensi:** With our Special Assembly and with all of those issues brought up of student engagement and maintaining equity in the roles of leadership.

No further discussion. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion is ratified and carries.

Member-at-large Martinez reassumes position of Assembly Speaker.

Motion #4 & #5: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li; moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: Member-at-large Obonsawin.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the constitution as outlined in Appendix: Typica and to approve the changes to the Elections and Referenda Policy Manual as seen in Appendix: Yellow Caturra.

Secretary Secretary Sengupta: As Representative Cattrysse mentioned, the motion is to combine the positions of the CRO and CEO. This passed at the Board of Directors and it makes the CEO a salary paid position and removes the other positions. This is solidified into policy. It's a constitutional change. The CEO will now cast the tie breaking vote moved to election referenda policy as the constitution should not be guided. Section 4.6 will be removed as we want to remove redundant clauses in policy. New section 4.1.8. has new wording about vetting student fees which is not directly related to the CEO, but changing the words so that not only the Secretary is held accountable but anyone who looks at student fees is. Most of the other changes is to elections deputy. By polling a lot of the applicants for DRO, no one had any idea for what the returning officers did. A lot of people said they just had to be returning. People who are not involved in politics need clarification and so we've increased the number of DROs to 5 to reduce workload for the CEO and they can redistribute the workflow between the 5 deputies. We added a definition for boothing held by the CEO this year and that's based on established precedent. If the CRO had resigned, it would've been taken over by the logistics. However now, if CEO resigns, the position will be assumed by logistics and the deputies assume until a new CEO is

hired. The new CEO will be hired asap so that elections can be seamless. The CEO can delegate some tasks. We altered the all candidates meeting for the reason that people are not candidates until they get assigned table space. This allows us to know how many candidates we have and allows the elections team to plan table space. We've inserted a clause that prohibits giftcards or cash giveaways. We have allowed giveaways as long as they do not have a direct monetary value. To the CEOs, they can invalidate those signatures if people collect in QP and CoGro. We clarified that a single transparent vote in our validating procedures must be published online at all times. There's also a formatting diction to make it look better. I'm happy to take questions.

**President Dowling:** This is more of a clarification with regards to standardizing the single transferable vote. For example, at the Special Assembly, I was wondering why the CEO will be casting that vote when normally that's not the system?

**Secretary Sengupta:** The CEO will always cast the vote, even in a ranked ballot. If there is a true tie, that's when the CEO's vote will come into place. That will be validated in outlying procedure that I'll bring to the next Assembly.

**Rector Yung:** Looking through referendum policy, with regards to policy and the part about ballots, it comes across that if an individual is not elected into the position and it goes into a Special Assembly or meeting where members of Assembly can appoint positions, will this be disregarded?

**Secretary Sengupta:** We have a part at the end of Assembly to discuss how that appointment process will work. It's easier to consult Assembly before it is written.

No further discussion. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS:** None

Motion carries.

#### Motion #7: Moved by: Myszko, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify the clubs as seen in Appendix: Yellow Catuai.

**Commissioner Myszko:** We had 33 clubs apply for ratification. This is quite a few less than last semester. After reviewing their applications, interviewing the clubs and meeting with the groups, we have decided to ratify 17 clubs that brought unique offerings to campus. I've provided a synopsis about each club and what their goal is. I'm happy to take questions.

**VP Susic:** What's the financial contribution as a result of any of the clubs?

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** This process is just ratification of the clubs, it doesn't come with the student fees. According to the policy, any club, whether they are ratified or not, is eligible to apply for the student fee. So whether they are ratified tonight or not, they are still able to apply.

**President Wong:** We just caught in the QMIND definition - a "non competitive design team". Can we change that wording from team to club? With engineering terminology, it means something different.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** I am uncomfortable changing the title without consulting the club, if there is an issue from Assembly about that.

**Commissioner Myszko:** Nothing in club policy that says that they abide by that. It might be under other club policy but unless we provide them with policy then we can't tell them to do anything.

**VP Jeans:** Our concern is just a lot of times when you hear about Queen's Design Team, it gets tied to EngSoc, and design teams are ratified by our faculty. We'd just be more comfortable if there was more explicit information on there that would differentiate itself from EngSoc.

**Secretary Sengupta:** The discussion is moot. There may be words used that you're uncomfortable with but the description is not from the clubs themselves and is not verbatim their language. We're ratifying the club, not the description. The official name is QMIND.

**Chairperson Berkowitz:** As someone in the team, if you did want to change it, I'm sure that they would have something to say about it.

**Representative Cattrysse:** If this is not the name of the club that we're debating, is it ok to ask if we could change in the minutes as to a change in the synopsis. You're saying it's not a big deal however we just don't want that terminology to be tied to this team in any way. Even if it's not a normal, can we just change the synopsis?

**Representative Rosenbaum:** One of the criteria ratifying the clubs is differentiation amongst other clubs?

**Commissioner Myszko:** Yes, bringing a unique offering. We don't ratify clubs that have more overlapping mandates.

**Representative Rosenbaum:** The club, QSIG, it seems a little excessive to me as we already have three investment clubs.

**Commissioner Myszko:** This group applied in the fall and we denied their request. We found that this club was able to develop a strong mandate and that there was a list of strong support from students that fulfilled what we were looking for in terms of clubs.

**Representative Cattrysse:** Is there any way to change the words in this synopsis?

**Secretary Sengupta:** We're not ratifying the synopsis, we're ratifying the process they took to get ratified as a club.

**Representative Cattrysse:** My concern is that when this agenda goes into the minutes, that people could reference that this team is referenced in this society.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** I really think this might not be the best solution. This conversation is recorded and there will be a conversation where we've said that this club is not endorsed by the EngSoc.

**President Wojaczek:** If it's a club that's involved in commerce, are other faculties eligible to be a part of the club?

**Representative Rosenbaum:** One of the clubs is ratified under the AMS and two of them are ratified under commerce. I am definitely open to the QSIG, but it seems like they overlap with the other clubs directly.

**Commissioner Myszko:** I'm sorry that the word team was used, we can wrap up this matter. If you have any further issues I can forward you their constitution and their mandates.

**Representative Rosenbaum:** Is there more information between the club - is there differentiation between this club and the other clubs?

**Commissioner Myszko:** I don't have QSIG's documents. I have extensive notes from interview. I would ask that this club be left off the ratification, I don't want to give you information that isn't true.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** Motion to amend: for Assembly to remove QSIG from the ratification of the clubs. Seconded by Representative Cattrysse. We do have the club going into appeals with the ratification decision and another two clubs that may be ratified at the next Assembly.

**Commissioner Myszko:** Just to comment, you aren't necessarily there in person to see the unique perspectives they bring. We try to avoid having overlaps in terms of mandates but I hope you appreciate these students are just as passionate as other groups and that we respect their ideas and passions.

Motion found friendly.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion is ratified and carries.

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

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the constitution as seen in Appendix: Mokka.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I'd like to highlight a priority for our executive this year has been the transition from different policy manuals to a consolidated structure. This will make it easier to access and interact with and will ensure that everything related to an issue is in one place. In concern to student activity fees, they will be undertaking review but it's more consolidation of policy that exists into a policy manual. We will be proposing removal of 3.3.5-3.3.10 on the Constitution on recommendation of Information Officer. At this meeting, we will be putting forward the first reading. At the next Assembly, there will be a second reading and the introduction of a manual that has to do with student activity fees. If you don't approve the new policy manual structure, you can vote it down at the next Assembly.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion carries.

## Motion #9: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the constitution as seen in Appendix: Kopi Luwak.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Same thing as what Palmer's comments were earlier; we're consolidating policy documents – make it easier to interact and know where everything is. This is the first reading to the AMS Constitution to sections 5, 6, and 8. Something notably sections 6 and 8 and will be placed in a document next assembly. Should you not agree, you are welcome to vote it down at our next assembly on March 29, happy to take any questions.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

**ABSENTIONS: None** 

Motion carries.

# Motion #10: Moved by: Commissioner Myszko, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the constitution as seen in Appendix: Arabica.

**Myzsko:** These are some straightforward changes. It includes an update to the state of the office and removing having a SGPS designate as we have merged. This is relatively straightforward, the red is stuff that is added in, the red crossed out is stuff being removed. Happy to take questions.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

## Motion #11: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: Representative Cattrysse.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to nominate five members that sit on the Appeals Committee for the clubs ratification.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** One club out of the 33 that applied for ratification and was denied by the committee, which consists of the General Manager of AMS, me, and Commissioner Myszko, has filed an appeal. They have the opportunity to appeal to a committee of five Assembly members. This should be a fairly short meeting that should be no more than 30 minutes. It will just be an opportunity to give this club a second chance on their ratification hearing. The meeting will occur next week.

**President Wong:** I nominate Representative Cattrysse. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

**VP Susic:** I nominate Representative Nensi. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

**VP Drouillard:** I nominate President Wojaczek. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

**Representative Nensi:** I nominate VP Susic. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

Representative Cattrysse: I nominate President Wong. Position declined.

**VP Susic:** I nominate Representative Rosenbaum. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge. Position accepted.* 

**VP Susic:** I nominate President Folkes. *Seconded by Representative Rosenbaum. Position declined.* 

**AMS President Li:** I nominate Commissioner Tsang. *Seconded by AMS VP-UA Lockridge*. *Position declined*.

**Speaker Martinez:** I propose that nominees not have to accept questions.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

*Motion is ratified and carries.* 

## **Discussion Period**

**Secretary Sengupta:** It's my favourite time of the night where I have to stand up and talk. I'd like to focus on tangible policy changes we can take when crafting a new policy on the executive appointment process. The special assembly is based and exerted from the JCOMM this year. We can focus this discussion on the policy changes, not necessarily on what we can do, but this should be on how we should craft policy. I have a few questions to guide the discussion. Was this process a success in sufficient information to form a reasonably informed vote?

**VP Jeans:** I'd like to ask that we move into Committee of the Whole.

Motion #12: Moved by: VP Jeans, seconded by: Representative Cattrysse.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to enter Committee of the Whole.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

#### Motion carries.

**President Dowling:** One thing I will say, over my time, is that I found out more about the candidates interests through this process than the elections process. The usual process is ambiguous and hard to engage the candidates and to get details outside of the debate. From my perspective, this was effective in the way to gain an understanding where people were coming from. The challenge – institutional knowledge – is it reasonable to expect individuals applying to have the level of understanding that a team would have in the time of applying? I think it was fairly effective, given the circumstances.

**Proxy Cook:** The gallery was allowed to ask questions, but the general feeling was to discourage gallery comments, which led to limited questions and limited participation.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Would policy be there to encourage more gallery participation?

**Proxy Cook:** Morel like less discouragement of participation.

**Commissioner Safeer:** Logistically if we are able to split up the general debate and the AMS debate into two. It's not exactly fair to expect a team that has just assembled to prepare for those questions. 24 hours is adequate time to come up with answers for the nuanced questions we had. A 7 hour Assembly is also not conducive to us being interested. I want to make sure that whoever is in that room is just as engaged as they were 10 minutes into the Assembly.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** There's a good point raised in President's Caucus. If we could start earlier in the evening, other schools that do this every year use a weekend day and they have breaks for lunch to give people a chance to recharge. So we would be proposing a more specific timeline.

**Representative Cattrysse:** I felt that the question period for individual teams was more valuable than the time for all three teams at once. Maybe it there was more time given to that. In the group section, teams can piggy back off answers. We may have more benefit by increasing the time for the individual group questioning.

**President Lagundzija:** Something that would be useful would be information on the candidates compiled prior to the Assembly including the candidates and their goals. Teams are limited to speak to their own experiences which is useful for people who didn't speak as much so we have an idea of what they've done on campus. Whether or not you want to have some form of a platform that can be an expectation that teams can prepare for that that'll give more concrete information. If they have a platform, that can be given to us at the beginning.

**Secretary Sengupta:** What we did this year: we had nominations open until 6PM the day of. Pushing the deadline forward and having them publish an addendum. We can have something like a platform or something similar which will force them to come together and work together.

**President Wojaczek:** I disagree with the point that Representative Cattrysse made. I found that a lot of questions were asked during the individual period but that some of the questions were repeated for each candidate. We should be able to separate a period of questions that are repeated. We should separate the time into questions that aren't being repeated to all of the candidates and then have the specific repeated questions asked.

**President Dowling:** To the point of was it effective in facilitating debate between candidates? The sequential nature of group first, followed by individual questions forced candidates to speak to their own points as much as possible before challenging the ideas of others. By separating it into two sessions, I would suggest if it were to be sequential to see how they're answering questions. Then we can also prepare for a more generalized tradition question period.

**VP Jeans:** Something I heard from students following the election was that the thing that made them feel disconnected was none of the Assembly members had their phones so unless they were one of the 50 people that were in the gallery, then we weren't able to listen to them. A lot of people weren't very happy with that.

**Secretary Sengupta:** If we had a longer day where we could consult with constituents during the day, would that work better? I don't think that that was the issue. We were disconnected for seven hours so that we couldn't consult with anyone.

**President Wojaczek:** I like that we didn't have to use technology. We were voting on what would be best for the best school. I have a lot of people from computing on my social media - I don't represent voices of say, commerce. If you are using the people that influence you then that scope is limited. On the other side, it would be really useful to have the live feed be displayed on the big screen in some way so you can still see people's comments. This way, these are things aren't to your personal phone and but are things about the Queen's community in large.

**Secretary Sengupta:** It's reasonable and that's more procedure rather than policy but it's definitely something we could do.

**Representative Nensi:** To the no cell phone point – during the breaks, I was shocked by how many commerce students were watching since we usually have low involvement with the AMS. Many of them had questions that were actionable in the moment which was great. While there are disadvantages to having your phone, being able to implement the voices for those who weren't able to be there is important.

**Representative Milden:** One of the things I noticed is that people were encouraged to write comments and they would get hidden underneath. If we could do something like poll.ev people can submit questions and people were able to upvote or downvote questions, that would be beneficial. I think students want to be engaged trying to think of different ways to allow different perspectives.

**Secretary Sengupta:** What we had this year was have the CRO write down the questions. This isn't a blanket policy but this is definitely procedural.

**VP Jeans:** The line about representing the whole society should be addressed. Personally that made me really uncomfortable like I can't vote on behalf on of ASUS students. Like I get not wanting to vote on behalf of your small group of friends but I think that consulting on your group of constituents is important.

**AMS President Li:** What ASUS did with their survey was incredibly helpful. Hopefully this won't be able to happen again in our lifetime. The initiative that ASUS took to get the votes of their students' voices in their survey, they were able to bring exactly what their faculty wanted.

**Secretary Sengupta:** I think a broad poll from the faculty in general is a good idea so you are able to represent the broader faculty community.

**VP Jeans:** I commend these two (President Lagundzija, VP Negus) but we did only have 48 hours.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Okay moving on. Generally, this would be considered when the Speaker of the Assembly takes the nomination. In a regular assembly, if the speaker was unavailable, who would be a reasonable chair for the meeting? Would it be the CEO, the secretary or a member of Assembly for gives up their vote to take the position of Speaker?

**Representative Milden:** I think that person should have their vote preserved – it's high stakes and high stress. Given that the secretary has more experience in terms of policy and conducting meetings, they would be the most appropriate. I think it's a lot of pressure for people to conduct a discussion and that it might be better for the secretary to take that discussion.

**VP Jeans:** Having the Secretary be the Chair for something like this is fair and it makes sense that they know policy of Assembly better than anyone. We never had a motion to make Neil the Speaker. With that though, it doesn't give the power to make Speaker's rulings which we did have on the night of the Special Assembly unfortunately. It needs to be more clear what Assembly is approving. Even having Assembly having a separate motion with a Deputy Speaker for the night, if no one is comfortable giving up their vote, then we can default to the Secretary.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Do you think there is too much pressure on the Assembly member?

**VP Jeans:** If they are volunteering, then that's fine.

**President Lagundzija:** If we could have the CRO be the speaker, because they have to be objective on the election anyway.

**Secretary Sengupta:** If this would to happen, it would take a long time for them to learn the policy.

**Representative Cattrysse:** A suggestion would be for the Secretary to take the part of the meeting portion and if it goes to a tie breaking vote, that could be held by the CRO.

**AMS President Li:** In having the Secretary be the speaker, this was an Assembly process and not an elections process.

**Secretary Sengupta:** You would have to make them fully aware of rules. I like Representative Cattrysse's idea of the Secretary being the speaking parts, but the CRO enforcing the rules. Moving on, we had four teams, and one dropped out. We used a ranked ballot because that's how we do elections with more than two teams. Would it be better to whittle it down to two teams? Would it be better to eliminate one team? How the ballot would look best?

**President Lagundzija:** It made it confusing, we looked that we had to rank all four, where some people ranked one or two. When we do a ranked ballot, where you sway votes, you do a simple vote and that makes a much better vote for everyone. At our Assembly who we voted for, it hasn't been posted but there's an instant visual of how everyone is voting which allows people to be accountable to their constituents.

**President Dowling:** How would that process look like? Who would be making this decision? How would the AMS be making that decision beforehand? In terms of a ranked ballot – there's no vote strategy. You put whoever you want in that order. There's no strategy in putting teams in front of other teams.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** To speak to your point, we wouldn't want the chance to take out a team before Assembly meets them. Maybe after a certain step, after individual questioning, would it be appropriate to remove a team?

**President Dowling:** Would we have to do a ranked system anyway? Would it be a yes/no cast? Ultimately you're at the same situation – it would be a ranked ballot and then it would have to be a yes/no process.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** The idea originally was that if there were more than 5 teams to have every individual step voted upon.

**Secretary Sengupta:** We can put a clause in with the 5 teams, but if Assembly is comfortable, if there are more than three teams then Assembly can vote to remove a team after questioning.

**President Dowling:** If you split the structure into individual teams, run through then, then we could do a simple majority vote if Assembly thinks the team is qualified enough to go to a potential debate.

**Secretary Sengupta:** That's reasonable.

Commissioner Tsang: I like the idea of ranked ballots until the final two candidates. The system with ranked ballots, I'm not entirely sure how it works but the math is that if you get the most second place votes, and the least last place votes, you win, right? I think that it's what Jasmine was saying there was a lot of confusion. How many candidates do you have to rank? I thought ballots would be spoiled it we didn't vote for all three. The procedure for it has to be published on the AMS website. Many Assembly members were not fully aware on how ranked ballot voting worked.

**Secretary Sengupta:** Even executive elections are ranked ballot voting.

**President Lagundzija:** I'm fairly certain with the AMS voting system that you would only have to rank one team. I agree that with having upwards of thousands of students – I think it would be beneficial to have all 30 candidates vote and ranked on the team.

Commissioner Tsang: If "none" would have won, then what would have happened?

**Secretary Sengupta:** We could appointment individuals or defer the elections.

**Commissioner Tsang:** If you put "none" as an option, then wouldn't the wisest option be to abstain? No matter what, the math doesn't work.

**Secretary Sengupta:** An abstention doesn't count as a vote but an abstention.

**Representative Cattrysse:** Just to clarify, I was one of the 6 people who put "none" first. If "none" was victorious, we would go into the individual ballots. It wasn't to mess up the system. It was our way of saying we would have liked to move to individual appointment.

**President Dowling:** What happens in a tie? If we're having a discussion – ties are much more likely to happen? They rarely happen in single transferrable vote except for this year. Should it be in line of elections policy? What happens? Does the CEO cast the vote? Or is it a simple majority? I think it should be consistent with our elections policy,

**Representative Cattrysse:** I just want to elaborate on the "None" vote. I felt it was unclear on the page we got during the Special Assembly on the procedure for going from teams of three to individual candidates. That should be more clear.

**Secretary Sengupta:** As for the Constitution, only teams should apply. The Constitution superseded elections policy. If there was no qualified team, then we would move to individual appointment. That's a good point to clarify.

**Representative Cattrysse:** I don't think other people who weren't us knew that. I feel like they would've felt that that would've been spoiling their vote if they had voted similarly.

**Secretary Sengupta:** JCOMM is binding in that. Teams come first. Policy will have to follow that. In the event that a team fails, would it make more sense to do Assembly afterwards?

**VP Jeans:** You need to gage interest from the teams to gage whether or not they had interest in running different. If we did move onto individual appointments, I'm sure we would've been able to do that without extending Assembly.

**President Lagundzija:** Personally, I prefer a slate in an election. I know that the process that EngSoc uses is that it's done individually, however I don't think that is something that could be considered.

**Secretary Sengupta:** If we were appoint individually, JCOMM rules on that part that upholds the team, the slate should be upheld during this process. If we were to put that in, it would be inconsistent with our policy.

**President Langundzija:** In the future, just because given the process, the critique, and the fact that these teams had been formed in the last 24 hours, it's not as if they were a team that had carried forward through an elections process. Since it was such a short process anyway, I feel as though all nine people could've interchangeably worked together.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** This constitutes two separate things. There is less of a need to go through that process. We actually had one candidate that was interested in running individually. There would have to be consideration to given to those who didn't have a team and wished to be considered. We don't have the ability within the session of Assembly to make changes from the team slate to the individual changes since the Constitution stays as it says we aren't able to put individuals in front of a team.

**President Lagundzija:** Does the AGM not require two readings?

**AMS President Li:** AGM requires 7 days of notice.

**President Dowling:** I was on Assembly when we passed the policy about individuals over teams, in the event that no team came forward or they were unsuccessful, it would be in best interests for individuals to come forward. In my perspective, JCOMM is final, but my perspective, it's not unreasonable to suggest whether or not we can appoint individually

**Secretary Sengupta:** If the team does dissolve after they're elected, it triggers a fresh election. That could have been part of JCOMM's decision, but I'm not sure as I am not JCOMM.

**Representative Milden:** When you have discussion about team vs individuals, a team allows people to form a cooperative structure. However, there needs to be a prerequisite time to form a team and uncover those values. We're applying an unreachable standard for team, so that goes to the question of is there an additional value added by using a team based approach in 24 hours?

Secretary Sengupta: That's something that is recorded in the minutes for future me. Fair point.

**Representative Milden:** One thing that I was talking about at the end before we were voting, to what extent advocacy for certain teams was allowed. It felt like there were things I would like to ask and say about concerns and hopes with certain groups but felt unable to voice. I just felt personally that something helpful in the future is a time for these things to allowed to be discussed and to what extent of personal discussion would be allowed.

**Secretary Sengupta:** When we had that time at the end was for Assembly to critically think and discuss about concerns or questions? What do you believe in? Where do you stand? It was for Assembly to discuss.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** It should be made clearer in future policy in what that discussion period would be. To be able to say: "I know I'm voting for this team based on this" or something like that. Things were vague and it may have been a weakness there. If there were personal comments, is it right to go into closed session for those kinds of things? However, it's important for students to hear the whole discussion. These are fair comments, and we should make it clear what that discussion period is for.

**Representative Cattrysse:** I had a question about the line about voting on behalf of everyone and not just our constituents and where that came from?

**AMS President Li:** It came from legal counsel, and it was meant to be a suggestion and not something binding.

**Secretary Sengupta:** It was just for you to take into consideration.

**President Wojaczek:** I understand that you are elected to represent your constituents. I understand that while this assembly you're voting for someone who will vote for all of the students, it's important to have that as a general suggestion. It's a general guidance to try to keep in mind. I don't want to speak for anyone, but I think the point of that was something to keep in mind. For example, if someone presented you with a the decision of engineering getting all the funding and other faculties not getting funding - even though technically that benefits your constituents, it's still not the logical choice for everyone at the university. The reason you're at this meeting is because your constituents believe in you, but since you're electing people who are representing all of the students at large, we need to make sure that the person who represents this issue is also a good fit for that role.

**Representative Cattrysse:** It appeared in the list of the rules. A suggestion is different than rules.

**AMS VP-UA Lockridge:** It was mixed there so it wasn't made completely clear. I won't add too much, that wasn't the best way to communicate the idea we were trying to get across and it is unconstitutional. In your role representing the idea that we're getting with the no cellphones – your vote should not be based on those people you're most connected to. It wasn't raised correctly and it could've been communicated better. It will change, that wording will not be included.

**President Wong:** I think there should be something that extends nominations until Thursday.

**Secretary Sengupta:** In the policy, we changed it in the previous motion.

**VP Jeans:** Is there any point where it defaults to individuals before it goes to one team running unopposed?

**Secretary Sengupta:** If you want to change that, it has to be a constitutional change. If there are less than three people on a team, the team is dissolved and they won't be eligible as a team.

**President Lagundzija:** I hope you guys (next year's incoming executive) take the suggestions that we are giving when you hire your next Secretary. I don't think that these ideas should be constricted to just this Assembly. Members speaking or endorsing a team should be clearer as President Wojaczek said. Having a screen that displays commentary for students, getting endorsements from anyone on campus whether it's from Twitter or Facebook. There was a lot of important information from President's caucus and in the comments.

**President Wojaczek:** One of the things I thought it would be useful is to have a short introduction on how AMS works, how Assembly works, and how elections work. So many people had no idea on the voting processes or Assembly procedures. Having an introductory thing will help at least the first hour.

**Secretary Sengupta:** That's a procedural move. The livestream stuff will also be put into procedures.

Motion #13: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: VP Jeans.

Motion for AMS Assembly to exit Committee of the Whole.

# **Adjournment**

Moved by: President Dowling, seconded by: Commissioner Tsang.

Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 21:10PM EST.