



AMS Assembly Minutes
Thursday, March 29, 2018
Kingston City Hall

Minutes are tentative until approved by Assembly

The meeting was convened at 18:36 EDT

Speaker Martinez: Welcome to the final meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. *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 29, 2018.

Secretary Sengupta: Move Peter Stroud to discussion period. I'd also like to move Motions 3-6 to just after Motion 16 as we have to decide on policy first before voting on these motions. I'd also like to omnibus Motions 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, and 18 as they are all the same.

Motion to move Motions 3-6 to after Motion 16 and to omnibus Motions 3-6, 17 and 18 (seconded by AMS President Li).

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I'd like to add another motion - Motion 21: That AMS Assembly ratify the Robert Sutherland Prize Selection Committee consisting of the VPUA, SIC, Rector, 2 Voting Members of Assembly and 2 members of cultural groups on campus. Commissioner Safer will help choose these individuals.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify the Robert Sutherland Prize Selection Committee consisting of the VPUA, SIC, Rector, 2 Voting Members of Assembly and 2 members of cultural groups on campus (seconded by AMS President Li).

VP Susic: I'd like to propose a motion to ratify QSIG separately?

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify QSIG (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 March 1, 2018.

No changes to the minutes.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Speakers Business

Secretary Martinez: I would just like to take this time to thank every single one of you for engaging in Assembly this year. We've had a great year so far, I would also like to recognize the hard work of Secretary Sengupta. He deserves a big thank you and big round of applause for his work this year. Other than that, I hope everyone has a great summer and hope that whatever you do in your next chapter will be successful.

Guest Speaker

Commissioner Hollands: Just before we get into the guest speaker portion, we are actually going to be presenting the Golden Key award. The Golden Key Award recognizes a landlord that demonstrates exceptional management and property development. This landlord has properties in both Kingston and Oshawa and is a visionary in urban economic development. They have helped build a framework that helps young people to work and play in Kingston. They are focused on making customer experience a top priority. One of their nominations read: "I've lived at their properties for four years at two different locations. They are incredibly friendly and always provide easy communication. They host many socials and events for their tenants and are always quick to respond to questions. We will let them know about an issue in the morning and it'll be fixed in the evening. Looking at the checklist: a big room, rooftop barbeques, dry cleaning – check, check, check. The only drawback is that I've finally graduated. Give these folks a key, they deserve it!" This year's Golden Key is to Varsity Properties.

A.J. Keilty: I'd like to introduce our entire team – an absolute dream team. 14 years ago, we started Varsity Properties with the frustration that landlords had no respect for students quite frankly it was a master-slave dynamic and don't-talk-to-me-I-live-in-Toronto mentality. We started with a hospitality mentality, I grew up in a hotel and people like that kind of service. We believe student hospitality is differentiated – quality properties and services are important. I'd like to introduce the entire team. This is Connor, he is the General Manager of our Kingston properties. He does a lot of the work to make things like this happen this year. This is Wali; he is our Accounting Technician and IT Specialist and he makes the operations hum. He does things like data migration – it's kind of scary but he's on it. He fixes properties so fast, so that review is good

to hear. Issues literally get fixed in the evening. The next is Craig. He is an original team member and my first hire. The next is Theresa - she has grown from initially cleaning properties, to administration now. She meets all residents for maintenance and housekeeping and is the heart and soul of Varsity Properties. She picks up the phone for our residents and reassures them that everything will be fine. Hunter joined us three months ago, he hasn't done much yet but we are happy to have him here. He's a CPA and will be doing financial reporting. An employee owned company is different but it's important for all of us for team effort so thank you for the award and the opportunity, you guys rock! As much as I'm excited to talk about Varsity Properties, I wanted to take this time to speak to the most actively engaged members of Queen's - all of you sitting at this table. You guys make shit happen. I want you for my city. If you think about it, you're all already involved in government - whether that's with the city, ComSoc, EngSoc - you are all the ones who raise your hands. Don't stop doing that. I'd like to illustrate an important point; if you go to Toronto, you will be in a population of around 2.4 million people. You have a chance of 1 in 60,000 to get elected and you'll have to wait 30 years. If you go to Ottawa, you may have to wait; your chances will be 1 in 54,000 as there are 23 members of council and 1.35 million people in Ottawa. If you stay in Kingston or come back, you get to be 1 in 9000. There are 13 members and a population of 27,000 people. If you want early impact, and something to build your resume, come into council. Even if a quarter of you decide to do so, if you ran for council this summer in Kingston, you could take it over. What a city it would be. Thank you so much.

Speaker Martinez: Thank you for those words and everything you've done for our students.

President's Report

AMS President Li: Good evening. We made it to the end of the assembly year. I am excited to have made such meaningful change in policy and the AMS and community. There is so much you all put in behind the scenes. You all put a lot of time and effort to spend every other Thursday here so thank you for the time you spent on Assembly. I wish you all the best in your future years. I'd like to take the time to thank all of you for making my year so special and for making sure the AMS functions. I'd like to give a special thank you to Neil for all his hard work putting these policies together. These were a lot of work that I don't think went noticed. Also, I'd like to thank Neil for making sure every Assembly has meals and that the agendas are put out in time. Can we all join in thanking him for his efforts this year? I have another special announcement. The Good Ship AMS is the essence of our community and a reminder to AMS Presidents since 1985 to steer a good course for our students. It has been protected and guarded by the AMS President to represent the organization's stability into the future. For over a year, the Good Ship AMS has been held hostage by someone who refers to themselves as 'The Captain'. We did not seek nor did we provoke an assault on our freedom or way of life. We did not expect nor did we invite a confrontation with evil. Yet the true measure of the AMS' strength is how we rise to master that moment when evil arrives. Tonight, I can report to Assembly and Queen's students, that the AMS authorized an operation that resulted in the recovery of the Good Ship AMS. We give thanks to the loyal students who carried out this operation, for they exemplify the professionalism, patriotism, and unparalleled courage of those who serve our University. Tonight, we are once again reminded that Queen's students can do whatever we set our mind to. That is the story of our history, whether it's the struggle to being more focused, determined and better, or the pursuit of doing things together to enhance student life, create a caring campus and tailor our services. This does not mark the end of our effort to secure the stability of the AMS. There is no doubt that the Good Ship AMS

may be taken from us in the future. We must – and we will – remain vigilant in the JDUC, the Queen’s Centre, and elsewhere. In the words of President Chinniah, the AMS does not negotiate with terrorists.

AMS Vice President’s Report

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: I don’t have the same kind of report because that was indeed the tea. I’ll add an update. We met with student care about the dental plan; there is still half of the year left to go. The plan is having a positive impact; however we are not sure of the full impact. In the future years, any changes to that plan will require surveys to get student feedback on the student health and dental plan. Thank you for the year, it was great to be appointed in September and I’m glad to still be here in March.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I want to add one item to my report. The Clubs Ratification Appeals Committee met 2 weeks ago and upheld the decision made earlier. We provided feedback back to those clubs so they can come back. So I’m just providing that update to Assembly. Something major draw attention to is mental health – \$2.1 million is being provided for mental health funding on campuses at schools. I’d recommend you watch that budget and the two other platforms coming out. There is lots at stake for students with this election so engage. Thank you all for coming out every other week. Want to give a special thank you to all the commissioners, and Marni.

Board of Director’s Report

Chairpersons were not present.

Undergraduate Student Trustee’s Report

Trustee Chappell: I have nothing specific to add to my report. It was a little lengthy however try to skim through it. The next principal’s search is underway. I did put a link to the Secretariat. They are currently in the search process of finding candidates and those candidates will be taken to a committee to review candidacy, and the principal will be selected by September. If all of you are interested in providing feedback, please do – it is a really big decision and I am putting it out to constituents to get engaged, I will be around again next year so I am looking forward to next year.

Student Senator’s Report

Senators were not present.

Rector’s Report

Rector Yung: Thank you very much. This is my last and final report but I got it in so hashtag, small wins. Just want to say it’s been a pleasure to have worked with all of you. I have had the opportunity to see incredible leaders make a difference here at Queen’s and I commend you all for that. For those who are incoming, continue on the great work. Like Jenn said, this is a ship and it takes everyone on deck to make a difference. One person I really want to point out in particular is Liam Dowling, who has been sitting on assembly for four years. In light of Liam’s participation,

for his constant strides to ask challenging questions and be a nuisance, you've done a great job. It's been an honour. We gave a big round of applause to Palmeri and so now I ask you all to give a big round of applause to Liam Dowling - four years! I didn't buy you pie as promised, but I did buy you cake.

Statements by Students

President Wojaczek: I also just wanted to say thank you. It was an incredible journey. I'm thankful for getting to know all of you and seeing the work you do; the time and effort you put in. At the end of the day, Assembly is a lot of time and hard work on our part but it makes a big difference for the students. It may seem pointless and tedious but it does make a big impact on students. I'm really glad to get to know all of you and thank you all for all the work you do.

President Folkes: Unfortunately, we had Comm Prom this weekend so no report was submitted. I'll share some updates about ComSoc. ComSoc had the opportunity to lobby the commerce office and successfully implemented Personal Interest Credits for the next academic year. Secondly, I want to give a big shoutout for Team JMT taking over in the upcoming year. I know they'll succeed in pushing ComSoc forward over the next few years. Thank you to all of you for being here, it's been an absolute honour sitting here with you and I wish you all the best in the future.

Commissioner Tsang: First of all, on behalf of PHEKSA, I want to extend a very kind and warm-hearted thank you to all of you. You guys really did amazing and luckily, I will be here next year. I promise President Dowling that I'll carry on his legacy of asking candidates what their favourite pillar of NAM is. Lastly I just wanted to thank Outgoing Rector Cam Yung. I can't believe it's his last year; it felt like forever, but not in a bad way - not that I'm sick of you. I remember seeing Cam on my first day on West Campus as he was a don there. He made an effort to make everyone feel welcome and when he first ran for Rector, I couldn't be happier. I remember he had a life-size cutout for his campaign. So to Cam - thank you for your service. It's hard to say goodbye to a really good friend and a mentor. I'm a bit emotional, but on behalf of PHEKSA, thank you.

Secretary Sengupta: Thank you all for meeting quorum. I might seem snarky, but I did enjoy writing policy this year, and having Assembly vote on it.

President Dowling: As Cam mentioned, I am old. I started in November 2014. Over the years, I've seen all the changing faces. One thing to take away is that often times, people think what happens in Assembly doesn't matter; that it's all just policy and jargon that doesn't affect students. There is an importance of incorporating context of what happens in this room for students. I've been thinking and reflecting on what policy created and amended will mean for students, clubs and student fees. That's what I've learned in my past four years. It's been a wild ride, but I'm glad to be done. Hopefully, I will not sit on Assembly next year.

Secretary Sengupta: One quick reminder: the incoming Assembly date will be April 9. Please contact me with the names of the incoming executives.

No further discussion.

Question Period

No questions asked.

New Business

Motion #7: Moved by: Manager Myszko, Seconded by: VP Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify the Queen's Student Investors Group and Soul Notes A Capella as a club.

Manager Myszko: To begin, I just wanted to clarify what this process is meant for. All clubs have gone through a certain process and have been approved by ratification committee. This vote is to vote on if I made sure that I followed clubs' policy and ensuring that that the process has been fair and followed through. QSIG has met all the metrics of clubs and we are here to follow that through.

Representative Rosenbaum: Question: given that there are four investment clubs on campus, Limestone Capital, which is ratified under ComSoc but is open to all faculties, in fact, our CEO was an economics student, Queen's University Investment Club which is just for commerce students, Trillium Capital, where 20% of the club are students in faculties other than commerce, and Queen's Capital, which is an AMS ratified club. What is different about this club than those four clubs?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I just want to speak to that idea, and towards what Manager Myszko started. With this process, this ratification is that Marnie followed procedure. According to current policy, there is no policy that describes differentiation as criteria for clubs on campus. This is a failure of the current policy. However, new clubs/ policy is being presented tonight that will make amendments of the current policy.

Representative Rosenbaum: I totally understand that. I think everyone is here is grateful for opportunities in finance, which is the field that I will be getting into as well. My hesitation with the ratification is two-fold. All four of these clubs compete with the same people. There are over 110 people across those four clubs. It's hard to find qualified individuals and a lot of people who go from these clubs go straight to different corporations in Canada and the US. It's difficult for recruiters from corporations to come to campus and find five different investment clubs on campus. I know that the current policy doesn't say anything but I think there is plenty of opportunity on campuses for students of all faculties to get involved in investing, rather through the ratification of this club.

VP Jeans: My question for Palmer is that if we were to move this motion to later in the evening, then would this club not be able to get ratified? Is there any process where this club can be deratified afterwards? What's the point if it will just get deratified in the next year?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Just want to speak on this, as a matter of procedural policy. They applied for ratification under this policy and to change the decision on the new policy subject to these additional exclusions would not follow proper procedure. If Assembly thinks that this thought doesn't hold up and if we want to move it back, Assembly can decide that. But it would my position and vote that the club vote should be applied under the old policy that they applied under in the first people. The answer to the second question is that it is up to the clubs ratification committee. If a club comes forward and there's another club that has similar mandates, they have joined together – and this has happened before.

Manager Myszko: The additions of the policy is for new clubs that are being ratified for application. But this policy does not fall under deratification.

President Dowling: I would just like to agree with VP-UA Lockridge. I agree that they are not subject on the new policy. They have unconvinced me that their mandates are similar to existing ones. If they have the same mandate, then they wouldn't have formed in the first place or had the opportunity to form. With a significant student basis and support, they have a different mandate than other investment clubs. I think they focus more on casual investment than professional portfolios. I will be voting in favour of ratification. The role of ratification is to approve the process. My role as an assembly member to vote in favour of that.

Secretary Sengupta: Assembly is ratifying whether or not Marnie has followed the process and not specifically in support for the club.

VP Susic: Two things to bring up: one of them is criteria and consistent governance. Thank you Marnie for bringing that up. Is there differentiation or not? We have to ensure consistent governance. One of the ratification committee group key criteria and reason for not ratifying a club was a lack of differentiation. This is precedent reflected in policy, even in the Canadian judicial system and should certainly be a criterion that has to be met. Precedent has suggested that should if there is not enough differentiation, that clubs have not previously been ratified. Elly can speak more to his experiences however at the core, all of our investment clubs are the exact same. You mentioned different types of investing however, the things they are learning, the practices in the meetings, the rationale is that because they're the exact same. Finally, there is a negative by-product. Individuals are able to obtain unique experiences that are applied to jobs and the workplace. When more jobs are opened up, less differentiation amongst candidates means that it is tougher to differentiate to employers. It is more in line with policy to ensure this club is not formed

Representative Cattrysse: Can Marnie let us know how she feels they substantially differentiated from the clubs that already exist when she decided?

Manager Myzko: As Palmer stated, it's not written into policy for a unique mandate. I have the policy here. One of the only criteria is that you meet with the clubs 30 days after you receive their application. I've worked to refine that policy and fill that gap, which represents a lack of initiative before. I appreciate the sentiment and perhaps things could be different in another case. However, QSIG went through their interview process, submitted all the documents. They met everything we were looking for in a club.

President Wojaczek: My question is on a different line. When you were ratifying, why did you decide to ratify this club?

Manager Myzko: Something previously mentioned was that QSIG had applied in the fall. We had a lot of concerns so they were not ratified. Since then, the club has been able to produce, significant interest and hold events with students attending including speakers. They demonstrated initiative and passion. None of those things are held in policy however, these are things we value in the Clubs Office so we decided to ratify QSIG.

Representative Cattrysse: So I was on the ratification appeals committee along with the VP of ComSoc from Assembly. One of the largest reasons why we chose not to ratify clubs was a lack of differentiation. It a major reason for why other clubs couldn't go through the system. Why is this is not an issue with this club?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Again, I'll just speak to the current clubs policy. Only two items need to be met: the submission of all materials and the demonstration they provide value to Queen's.

Their constitution doesn't infringe on constitution. The ratification committee saw other issues with those groups which included lack of differentiation. Because the policy is so vague, there is subjectivity. In this case, bringing it into Assembly, the point of lack of differentiation or unique mandate is not explicitly in policy. That club didn't provide the same amount of value that this one made. Something to keep in mind is did people come out to this club regardless of the presence of other similar clubs on campus? That should play into Assembly's decision.

President Folkes: The clubs' manager mentioned criteria that was outside of policy but I'm still confused that differentiation was not considered. That gives me a lot of concern about ratifying this club.

Representative Rosenbaum: I definitely appreciate student involvement. Looking at whether it's a benefit to Queen's, this club probably does provide value. I have stated the conflicts with the other clubs. Looking at the net benefit, QSIG receives benefit however the net benefit, as a whole is not provided by this club. That's what I have to say.

Commissioner Tsang: I'm not for or against but I have a question for Palmer or Marnie. If we did not decide, does this not extend forward to the next motions?

Secretary Sengupta: They are two separate motions.

President Dowling: What I think he is saying, if we vote against this club, would it set precedent? There are a lot of clubs that have similar roles and there are a lot of clubs that overlap, for example placements in CESA and more in ASUS and the AMS. As I think about it, it's more of a free market style. If there is room for students to engage, then there is room for this club to exist. If there are clubs who go through this process, this club should be given opportunity to exist and continue into the next year. Although I agree, it might lead to a dangerous precedent. Who are we to do decide what that level of differentiation is?

VP Jeans: How many members does this club have?

Manager Myzsko: Not sure, but the application requires 5 executive members.

President Folkes: This club has 12 people.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: 16

AGAINST: 11

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion to open Agenda moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge (seconded by Secretary Sengupta).

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I ask that we move City Councillor Stroud as our Guest Speaker from the Discussion Period to after Motion 7 and before Motion 8.

Motion to move City Councillor Stroud as our Guest Speaker from the Discussion Period to after Motion 7 and before Motion 8 moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge (seconded by AMS President Li).

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion to close Agenda moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge (seconded by AMS President Li).

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Guest Speaker:

Commissioner Hollands: I'd like to introduce Peter Stroud, the city councillor for the Sydenham ward, which Queen's is situated on. Peter was born and raised in Kingston, attended Queen's for a degree in the Science of Linguistics. He knows four languages. Peter has been the councillor for the past four years, chaired many subcommittees such as the City Environment Infrastructure and Transportation Committee. He is a strong advocate for the student body being an alumni himself. Please welcome Peter to the stage.

Councillor Stroud: Stefano didn't tell me how much time I had. When I give presentations, I time myself and I know that if it goes longer than 7 minutes, it would turn off in my head. So I'll try to keep this under 5, but if I get it over 7, please raise your placard and I'll stop. I want to tell you a little bit about me. It occurred to me that there are around 40-50 people in here. Some of you will probably get elected in general population one day, and I myself, may get elected again. I want to talk about what happens to a person on a human level when you're in office, which is a high profile position, even here in Kingston. It's small potatoes compared to what could be and I'm pretty sure that Justin Trudeau goes through the same kinds of things that I do but on a grander scale. For example: you're talking to someone, someone else comes up and interrupts, there's an awkward moment, and you somehow get to decide who keeps talking. If someone keeps repeating themselves for 5-10 minutes, what do you do? At first, I waited until everybody stopped talking, listened, take that opportunity to change subject and move on. It's also okay to walk away in the middle of a sentence. I learned that if I don't do that, I would run out of time at these gatherings if I only talk to 2-3 people. I realize that you need a little promptness and rudeness. It's a balancing act when you're in office for other examples like in my campaign, I had lawn signs. I don't know what years you are in, but in 2014, I had lawn signs with dark blue with gold lettering signs. They were placed in Sydenham with a magnolia tree in the back that was pink. Over the course of my campaign, they started to disappear. I thought that my opponent was stealing all of my signs. For context, my opponent was a high-profile real estate agent with more money. He could afford to replace them. I thought of him at first and people were like are you sure it's him? I wasn't sure.

This was the first time I had to find a way to rise above the emotion you feel, and that's really what you get trained in in office, kind of like Mr. Spock in the old Star Trek. I had to control my emotion. Your emotional reaction will damage your reputation. So I got volunteers to help me, replaced the signs, forgot about it, and won. Just a few months ago, I saw a guy dressed up for a Halloween costume and it was a dark blue blazer, light blue shirt. If you saw the signs, you would know that he dressed up as me for elections. He said so many of those signs were stolen for things to put up in your residence room, put up as dartboards. It was common in residence up on the walls as a joke maybe. I don't know how many actually voted but my costume and look became a Halloween costume. Again, the emotion comes in: I wonder what that all means, how many people are dressing up as me? I'm not really a celebrity or anything. However, they don't help me do my job. You've heard the saying: when others go low, you go high but it's more complicated than that. However, if anyone goes anywhere, you go high. Even if the emotion is giggling, you go high. You have to remain focused on the prize which is winning the vote and that's the only thing that matters. You learn discipline. It has nothing to do with ideology. The keys to winning or losing an election are timing and luck. Not much is actual talent. In my case it was luck. My grandpa ran and lost, My father ran and lost. I ran and I won. I got lucky. I am forced to learn all of these things. For those of you who end up in the hot seat, even if it is district counsellors, people expect you to go high. Represent them with dignity, regardless of emotion, and reconcile the fact to feel emotions. Maintain your cool, don't let anyone see you sweat or smile. Don't smirk when someone is talking, whatever it is you are thinking and maintain your emotions at your at their core. Politicians have a bad reputation, that's worldwide. I actually speak 7 languages but the general disposition towards politicians are all the same. Every country says the same thing about politicians, partly the explanation is in my speech. You almost always have to be acting as a politician and because of that standard, in order to connect with people to get their vote, you have to be phony all of the time and not let the emotion get to you. I was once a student like you and I know that many of you will be elected one day. Do not forget that you represent everyone whether they paid attention or took the signs as a joke, you represent them. Thank you very much. Keep it up, good luck with the rest of your Assembly.

No questions asked.

Motion #8: Moved by: Manager Myzko, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Queen's A Capella

Manager Myzko: Just to reiterate, this is to ratify the process that we went through interviewing and ratifying the club. Happy to take any questions.

No further discussion. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Speaker Martinez relinquishes the role of Speaker. VP Jeans assumes the role of Deputy Speaker.

Motion #9: Moved by: Incoming President Martinez, seconded by: Incoming VPUA Watters.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Bronwyn Woolhouse to the position of Secretary for the 2018-19 academic year.

Incoming AMS President Martinez: Just want to invite Bronwyn to step here with me. We did have several applicants this year. It's a position I hold dear as I held it last year. When looking for a person who filled AMS Secretary, we looked for someone who is impartial, unbiased, and worked to serve the student body as much as possible.

Member-at-large Woolhouse: I'm a third year politics student with a history minor. Last year, I worked in the secretary's office as the Deputy for Dispute Resolution. I'm excited to work with you guys next year.

Questioning period commences.

Commissioner Tsang: I'm going to take over for Dowling. What is your favourite pillar of NAM?

Member-at-large Woolhouse: I can see the Judicial Affairs Office in the back, and I know they want me to say natural justice, however my favourite is peer-administered. It's not the most important, but my favourite just because it is the nature of not only the Judicial Affairs office, but Queen's as a whole.

No further discussion. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #10: Moved by: Incoming VP-UA Watters, seconded by: Incoming AMS President Martinez.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Brandon Tyrrell to the position of Judicial Affairs Manager for the 2018-19 academic year.

Incoming VP-UA Watters: I am incredibly excited to introduce Incoming Judicial Affairs Manager Brandon Tyrrell. We had a lot of applicants and he stood out incredibly. His knowledge of policy is frankly impressive and we are so, so looking forward to working with him in the coming year.

Member-at-large Tyrrell: I'm a policy major and was previously a Judicial Affairs Deputy. I'm applying for the managerial position so I will be incorporating deputy knowledge in my work in the upcoming academic year.

Questioning period commences.

Dowling: What is your favourite pillar of NAM?

Member-at-large Tyrrell: My favourite is natural justice. In a peer administered system, it's important to ensure that process is equal and fair and that there is the right to appeal and the right to representation.

Manager Sidhu: Given that in the past couple of years, the NAM review happens and there is often difficulties with the university, what is your favourite colour?

Member-at-large Tyrrell: My favourite colour is green.

President Wojaczek: My question is kind of a play on Liam's, but what is your least favourite pillar of NAM?

Member-at-large Tyrrell: Peer-administered. A lot of people misinterpret this as Queen's students have the ability to make decisions as they seem fit however the Judicial Affairs Commission's responsibility is to present the cases to JCOMM.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #11: Moved by: Incoming VP-OPS Tharp, seconded by: Incoming VP-UA Watters.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Taylor Clarke to the position of AMS Queen's Student Constable Head Manager for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Incoming VP-OPS Tharp: Kaitlyn has impressed me already. She has already begun to write policies and procedures for the position. I believe there will be a lot of accomplishments next year and I'm excited for it.

Member-at-large Clark: I am currently a fourth year psych student, I will be back for a 5th year. I'm excited to come into this role. There are a lot of positive changes to make with the identity of student constables and the relationship with the Queen's community. I have so much to talk about but cannot because I will be here all night.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #12: Moved by: Member-at-large Woolhouse, seconded by: Secretary Sengupta.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify Kristen Johnston to the position of Chief Electoral Officer for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Member-at-large Woolhouse: I just want to remind everyone that CEO is now a paid position as the CRO does not exist anymore. I'm confident in Kristen. We had a lot of applicants and her ability to know what's going on maybe even more than I do is great. She is ready to put in work, she's super great, and I'm excited for next year.

Member-at-large Johnston: I'm a third year Politics student with an Indigenous Studies minor. I'm excited for CEO. It was different and new this year, and I'm looking forward to tackling the upcoming and challenging adventures with Bronwyn.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified carries.

Speaker Martinez reassumes the role of Speaker.

Motion #13: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: Manager Sidhu.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to Policy Manual 4 as seen in [Appendix: Columbus](#).

Secretary Sengupta: Two main changes. One is to tighten the scope of PIP to include only Society Policy, second is a new policy for constitutional interpretation.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #14: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve AMS Assembly Policy

Secretary Sengupta: Two off-topic points, my appendices are named after Midwestern capital cities. Thank you JJ for deputizing. I won't regurgitate a ton but here is a little intro to policy. This is a consolidation of the Constitutional amendments we started at the last Assembly, AMS Assembly Speaker Elections Policy, and PM1, Section 2. Happy to take questions

VP Jeans: I was just wondering if I could have just a bit more of an explanation on #5.

Secretary Sengupta: Any Assembly member is prohibited from using their official Assembly position to campaign for a position. For example, Stefano could not advertise that he supports Team ABC as a Municipal Affairs Commissioner, but he could advertise as Stefano.

VP Jeans: What about me personally?

Secretary Sengupta: You would not be able to use your position on an AMS team's platform. This has been part of JCOMM, and has been enforced by the CEO for the last three years.

President Wojaczek: I'm curious how that also applies to past people who were those roles before such as the Past VP-SA of COMPSA.

Secretary Sengupta: Doesn't apply to past members.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #15: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to Elections and Referenda Policy

Secretary Sengupta: This policy does two things. One, moves deadline up by a week to allow student activity fee review committee to properly review validation packages. Second, adopts a new process for Appointment by the Executive. Happy to take questions.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #16: Moved by: Manager Myzko, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to That AMS Assembly approve AMS Clubs Policy

Manager Myzko: Just want to summarize what was in the brief and changes in policy. We removed Clubs Policy from Section 7 and made a standalone document which is more accessible to students and clubs which makes it easier to read and find. It separates sections more accurately than what is in that section. It makes it easier to find what we are looking for. A lot of what was in the document was process oriented so we moved it to procedure documents which are made available to incoming Director of Clubs. This is to help any student who is looking for information on the process of ratification, deratification, and bursaries. I'd like to highlight the area of friendly amendment deratification which is in Section H. You can look in the appendix, but we add in a section that talks about the failure to meet any club criteria and have added in what we found to be a gap in our policy as well as looking for the eligibility to apply for club status in the AMS. The club must operate for one semester minimum before the application is submitted. There must be interest in involvement. They must have 5 executive members, 5 general members, a timeline of

events to be held in the year, a full financial breakdown, and they must have a differentiation from other AMS clubs. This was to fill any gaps in the policy.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #17: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve Student Activity Fee Policy as seen in [Appendix: Cheyenne](#).

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: Just want to walk through my brief. This falls along the theme of tonight. The priority is a standalone policy manual to make it easier for students. This includes student activity fees for the AMS, but also any external or internal group to the AMS or university, along with the General Manager, Information Officer, and Secretary. It consolidates everything in the constitution, and subtracts a few sections that will go through the student fees referendum process, which requires full campus referendum to overturn. The first consolidation creates a student activity fee review committee which includes VP-OPS, General Manager, Director of Clubs, two members of the Board of Directors and one general Assembly member. It takes over CEO and moves it into the committee. It provides more accountability on student activity oversight from the Assembly to Board of Directors. The board has oversight for financial members and risk. We have over \$8 million directly from students so it provides comprehensive oversight for those fees. For this fee review committee, the NAM Committee will nominate and they will be putting questions on the ballot. Next, consolidated policy has been updated one of the eligibility of the criteria. We've updated the language of student activities donating 20% to charitable organizations. It currently just says an overwhelming majority so we felt that 80% of the fee must go to services on campus for the students. We are open to questions. Finally, remove any process related procedures for disbursements, opt-outs, audits, and it takes the guiding policies the procedure held year to year, which will be available to clubs as well. We also moved amendment to the policy and that comes out of the fact that it is inconsistent with other club policy. It groups getting money from the AMS, and adds eligibility criteria. No group shall be eligible if they are directly associated with a political party. They will not be eligible for a student activities fee so money isn't going straight to a political party.

President Wong: The 20% rule – essentially a division of 20%. Is that the maximum a club can donate to a charitable organization? Where is that arbitrary number coming from?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I'll just pull up the language here so I can give you the exact wording from the previous policy. Previous policy stated that an overwhelming majority of fees collected must be used to benefit students on services on campus. In the past, Chelsea has to make the decision on what that overwhelming majority is, so it's very subjective. We're open to discussion if you think that number is too high. There is a little more flexibility on what to do with it. This is the best attempt for policy.

President Wong: A quick point, I want to ask anyone else too, but we were thinking it just seems high. 20% of a student fee is high for student fees to be going to a charitable organization. We were going to ask if 5% seemed better.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: We had the Board of Directors review this policy. They flagged the same issue and felt it was high as that's a large portion of funding that's directly donated to charity. I would be totally open to changing to that number. Neil was nice enough to go through the full slate of student fees, going through charities and clubs, there are currently 20 opt-out student fees affected by a lower threshold for charitable organizations. It will give you six opt outs that were grandfathered in. They'd had to prepare at their review, they'd have time to comply.

President Dowling: One concern with this change of moving student fees to Board of Directors, the fiduciary majority of its usage are clubs. My concern is stemming from the fact that previously with massive change in student fee policy and clubs were able to come out to Assembly to voice their concerns. The Board of Directors is not a transparent body and if we thought about those concerns then we'll be moving away from those responsibilities, and moving into public assembly.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: For us, it's a large amount of finances. For Chelsea, she is pretty much running the student fee process by herself. It provides an opportunity by creating a Student Fee Activity Committee to provide a voice for students and to find approval for questions that are going on the ballot. I think the benefits outweigh the risks.

President Dowling: I definitely agree with the committee creation, however, my concerns are on the information for that committee going to just the Board of Directors. We have two members of Board of Directors. Just asking for equal representation from both bodies, so it's balanced as representatives.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: If you would like to move that amendment to having equal representation?

Motion to make an amendment moved by: President Dowling (seconded by: Representative Cattryse). Deemed friendly.

VP Jeans: Question with all the mandatory fees. Just wondering if you could provide context on what fees will be getting removed from the mandatory slate, which ones will stay mandatory?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I will just read out the language. Under Policy Manual 1, all mandatory fees shall be considered central to student life and shall sustain services that benefit all students and statements, less requirements. The Student Activities Committee will be looking at that responsibility and made the language less restrictive.

President Lagundzija: President Dowling, I support that, in particular if to increase the involvement of clubs director, the clubs caucus chair/cochair. Perhaps they could be a valuable member of this committee.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: That was an option to swap the director of clubs, but with the caucus chair, they were also trying not to make the committee consist of a lot of people like 12 people.

AMS President Li: It'll still come to Assembly's decision at the end.

VP Jeans: When did that policy come to place? Is that one from last year in Policy Manual 1?

AMS President Li: It's always been here.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: It was here in 2016. Before Tyler's year. All mandatory fees have gone through review after that.

President Wojaczek: Is there any estimate of what 20% is? Doesn't have to be exact? 500? 50,000?

Secretary Sengupta: If we had a 90 cent fee and if we had 12,000 students not opt-out, that would be \$2000.

President Wojaczek: How many clubs is that?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: It's an approximation. Neil pointed those out by looking at the slates but we haven't taken a look at the budgets so it could be up to 18 clubs that have some sort of foundation component to their clubs. The audit process is on the review and clubs will have to be aware of this policy change through clubs caucus as clubs apply for a student activity fee. It could be anywhere up to 18, ours was just an approximation.

Secretary Sengupta: That was me going through a very rough slate including anything that may widely be associated with charities. We don't know if they are donating their student activity fees or not.

President Wojaczek: If people are able to opt-out, should they have to declare that this portion is to charity? That way people can opt-out if they choose to do so.

AMS VP-OPS Hollidge: Just to provide a little insight into that process, unless we were audit particular groups, nothing in the 300 words they provide says that they donate to the charity or not. It's only through auditing process that we know where the allocation of their funds are. If they are directly affiliated with a charity, it's not required for them to disclose whether or not they are donating to a charity. We don't know if they are directly donating to a charity until we audit them.

VP Jeans: Point #4 is that the student activity must be overwhelmingly be used in the year that they are. How much is that?

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: 90%

President Wojaczek: Moving on to the amendment to Wong's, I was wondering if we could move it to also make it 10% as it makes it more consistent?

Motion to make the percentage of Student Activities fees donated to charitable organizations 10%, moved by: President Wojaczek (seconded by: Commissioner Tsang). Deemed unfriendly.

No further discussion, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

President Lagundzija: For the sake of consistency, for anywhere else that it says overwhelming majority, we should put 90%.

Deemed Friendly

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: *Amendments were repeated.*

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #3-6, 17, 18: Moved by: Secretary Sengupta, AMS VP-UA Lockridge, seconded by: AMS President Li.

Secretary Sengupta: These are all the policies that you superceded by passing the new policies above.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #19: Moved by: Commissioner LaFlamme, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the 2018 FYNIRS and NEWTS budgets.

Commissioner Laflamme: Just a quick background, NEWTS and FYNIRs run ORT not under faculties, but under Campus Activities. I act as the same as a faculty society president for those two groups. Happy to take any questions.

President Dowling: Can you just summarize what the changes are, especially with adjusting to the new schedule of orientation week?

Commissioner Laflamme: Kind of just going over any major changes. One thing was for FYNIRS, under their food and beverage, a portion has been moved to mealcards under the fundraising and event expenses. It's in a faculty through ORT, so any questions to fundraising and event expenses throughout the year. This is for their year events that they run just like residence does for their students. Another change is under uniforms, both in leader sweaters which appeared in both sections and they were balanced out as individuals will pay for that clothing. This is not a significant. The number one change might be to the fundraising and event expenses with charter buses. There was an increase there and it comes from the section in meal cards. There is also another increase as they are planning to go to Sandbanks for the final Sunday of orientation week, as this has been sparking interest for students. For NEWTS, there is a significant increase under fundraising for ORT as all NEWTS will be attending the mystery concert. In the past they haven't and they usually they did their own event as sometimes it's a small Canadian band. Last year, it was an option and an overwhelmingly larger group of NEWTS students wanted to go. There were also recommendations with the lack of programming on Friday and for all of the students to attend the programming that night. There are not many other major changes.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #21: Moved by: Commissioner LaFlamme, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Lockridge.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the 2018 ORT Budget.

Commissioner LaFlamme: Nothing to add, just the budget.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: One thing to add, I've mentioned it briefly but it's worth highlighting. We as an executive have reviewed with Personnel Committee of the Board, which includes contracts with staff from the head of volunteers to the ORT coordinator which went volunteer, full time, and then hourly. They are paid for the hours that they contribute to the AMS. One change that has been made not through faculty expenses, especially since faculty paid through AMS Assembly allocation will be approved when Assembly approves the consolidated governance budget in the fall of next year.

President Wojaczek: My question echoes Dowling's. When I was looking at the budget, there were no significant differences from last year and nothing that has really been moved around.

Commissioner LaFlamme: The salary portion that Palmer spoke to, under room rentals for faculties, it is less than previous years. This is due to change in events due to the restructure, based off of the rentals that includes ARC bookings, room bookings and city parks. We went through that tallied it up and based off of the requests received there and came up with the number.

President Wojaczek: Any changes to cost of city parks from last year?

Commissioner Laflamme: Alexi Honsberger would know this better. Basically I think it was an additional 15% with potential increases from the city. There were quite a few that we noticed. For FYNIRS, the request was down from last year, and that on the final day they're going to Sandbanks as opposed to renting out City Park.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries

Motion #22: Moved by:, seconded by:.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify the Robert Sutherland Prize Selection Committee consisting of the VP UA, SIC, Rector, 2 Voting Members of Assembly and 2 members of cultural groups on campus.

AMS VP-UA Lockridge: I will pass it on to my Social Issues Commissioner to speak to the award and those who she selected to sit on the committee from campus groups.

Commissioner Safeer: Just want to give an overview of what the prize is. It's awarded annually to a student of colour who has shown leadership at Queen's particularly in anti-oppression and racism. They've addressed racism as an issue here at Queen's during their time here. This award is selected and presented at spring convocation and the committee will consist of myself, AMS VP-UA, the Rector, and two members from cultural groups on campus as well as two members of Assembly. The students from cultural groups are Nisha, who has served on CARED, and Asha to be representative of their student groups. Nisha –is a fourth year Con-Ed student and facilitated many anti-racism and oppression discussions with CARED which are campus wide. These have been highly successful on race and resilience and facilitated conversations on how to move forward. Asha's involvement on QBAS is instrumental. I have been to the QBAS Conference and it was incredible. She has also advocated for gender equity for both the Leeds and received the Queen's Agnes Benediction Tricolor Award.

No further discussion. Nomination period commences.

Commissioner Tsang and President Lagundzija accepted nominations.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Discussion Period

Secretary Sengupta: If all members of Assembly can stay back for a photo, if you aren't returning, please take your placard.

Adjournment

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

Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 21:01PM EST.