



AMS Assembly Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2018

Wallace Hall

The meeting was convened at 18:31 EDT

Neil Sengupta shall henceforth be known as "Speaker"

Motion #1 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse Seconded by: Miguel Martinez

"That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of April 9, 2018."

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #2 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse Seconded by: Miguel Martinez

"That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of March 29, 2018."

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Speakers Business

Speaker: Welcomed everyone to Incoming Assembly. Land recognition statement was read.

Motion #3 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse

Seconded by: Miguel Martinez



“That the Incoming AMS Assembly elect the AMS Assembly Speaker for 2018-2019”

Member-at-large-Macintyre moves to the front of the room.

Question Period Commences.

Vice-President Frankfurter: What motivated you to run for Assembly Speaker?

Member-at-large-Macintyre: Assembly is a key element of the AMS, without a successful Assembly the AMS is unable to successfully advocate for students

President Martinez: What is the most important attribute you believe the Speaker must possess?

Member-at-large-Macintyre: Impartiality, the Speaker must be unbiased in keeping Assembly in order and be able to be unbiased in applying the rules of Assembly to members.

President Tsang: How can you ensure assembly will remain impartial and remain a safe speaking ground?

Member-at-large-Macintyre: I think that is a complicated thing, but I believe that impartiality can be maintained by firstly being stringent about the rules. Further by generally remaining out of debate unless its absolutely necessary.

No further debate, Member-at-large-Macintyre leaves the room, voting commences.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Tyler Macintyre assumes the role of Speaker and shall henceforth be known as “Speaker”

Guest Speaker

There was no guest speaker.

Team MLM Report

President Martinez:



- Members of assembly must be informed on what we're talking about to engage in thoughtful debate
- Excited to be given the opportunity to accomplish great things in the next year
- Thanks to Jenn, Palmer, and Chelsea, the outgoing executive, for their guidance and Team MLM is looking forward to the rest of transition
- They will go over their summer working plan in this meeting of Assembly
- First Assembly in the fall they will have a more comprehensive strategic plan
- Invited everyone to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns
- Emphasized that the executive will work to be as accessible as possible

Board of Directors Report:

Chairperson was not present.

Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Chappell:

- Mentioned, as at last assembly, that the search for a new University President is underway
- A search firm has been selected and they have collecting feedback from students
- There is a form on the Secretariat website for students to fill out a feedback survey

Student Senators Report

Senator Berkowitz:

- Two main notes, and positive points, from the Principals report
- We're expanding OSAP loans and grants in the upcoming near future
- There is currently \$1.7 million dollars being allocated to mental health services on campus

Rector's Report

Rector Da Silva:

- Brief overview of the position of Rector and what it entails, an impartial representative who represents student concerns on administrative levels
- She is the successor to Cam, whose responsibility it is to, as Cam did, feel the pulse of Queen's University
- Thank you to Cam, who left big shoes to fill

Statements by Students



President Cook: If any members are in Kingston for the summer there will be a Eng Soc barbeque that all are welcome to attend, as well as Clark Hall Pub.

Question Period

No questions asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

New Business

Motion #4 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse

Seconded by: Miguel Martinez

"That the Incoming AMS Assembly appoint an AMS Assembly Deputy Speaker for 2018-2019"

ENGSOC VPSA was nominated, but was not present to accept the nomination.

Rep. Lunetta declined a nomination.

President Keheler was nominated by President Martinez and seconded by Rep. Cattrysse

COMPSA President Keheler moves to the front for questions.

Representative Pirani: As deputy Speaker, how do you plan to support the speaker throughout the year?

President Keheler: I would reach out to Mr. Speaker and make sure we are on the same page about what me supporting him looks like, have good communication in case I have to fulfill my duty. Communication is key.

No further questions and no debate.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.



Motion #5 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse

Seconded by: Miguel Martinez

“That the Incoming AMS Assembly ratify Paul Jacoby to the position of Judicial Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 school year”

Member-at-large Jacoby moves to the front of the room.

Secretary Woolhouse: I’ll just start with the process of hiring, we had a couple great applicants this year for Judicial Committee Chair. Paul really stood out to the hiring panel, with his organizational skills as well as his decisiveness and dedication. I look forward to working with him in the upcoming year.

Member-at-large Jacoby: Hello it’s great to be with you all today. I want to do this position because I’ve always had a passion for getting involved at Queen’s, being on the Judicial Committee as a member has been one of the most amazing experiences thus far. Due of the impact that I’ve seen, that we’ve had on individuals and the community at large and I’m happy to answer any questions.

Questioning Commences:

President Tsang: What is your favourite pillar of NAM?

Member-at-large Jacoby: Restorative justice is the most important, because we have the unique ability to improve students’ lives, affecting both the individual students and the community at large, which distinguishes Queen’s from the rest of Canada.

No further questions, Member-at-large-Jacoby leaves the room, voting commences.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion is ratified and carries.

Motion #6 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse

Seconded by: Munro Watters

“That the Incoming AMS Assembly Strike the Nominating Committee”

No debate or discussion, voting proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None



Motion carries.

Motion #7 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse

Seconded by: Munro Watters

“That the Incoming AMS Assembly appoint 5 voting members to sit on the Nominating Committee”

Secretary Woolhouse: The nominating committee will meet to assign all Assembly members to standing committees.

The following members were nominated:

President Sharma (Nominated by Pres. Martinez, Seconded by Rep. Cattrysse)

VPOPS Dassanayake (Nominated by Pres. Keheler, Seconded by Rep. Cattrysse)

President Kruizinga (Nominated by VPUA Frankfurter, Seconded by Pres. Martinez)

President Tsang (Nominated by VPOPS Tharp, Seconded Pres. Martinez)

VPUA Frankfurter (Nominated by Pres. Tsang, Seconded by Pres. Martinez)

President Martinez: Point of Information. NomCom appoints members of assembly to the seven or eight standing committees of Assembly. They generally meet in the summer. Secretary Woolhouse will send Assembly the applications and from there NomCom will appoint members to a Standing Committee.

Nominees Sharma, Dassanayake, Kruizinga, Tsang, Frankfurter come to the front to field questions.

No questions asked, members leave the room, voting commences.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Discussion Period

President Martinez moves to Committee of the Whole (Seconded by Rep. Cattrysse)

Vote proceeds

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Committee of the Whole commences.



President Martinez:

- Liam, Munro, and I have been working with the outgoing executive team to decide the best course of action for the AMS at the undergraduate level over the next year. What we're presenting today is just the summer working plan to explain to Assembly what we will be working on going into the summer and where our team's interests lie.
- This is still a work in progress and Team MLM welcomes any comments, concerns, or suggestions that Assembly may have to be voiced.
- Based off the conversation today and the work we will do over the summer, we will come back in the fall with a strategic plan.
- We have identified areas that need a specific focus

VPUA Watters:

- Welcoming any suggestions or comments to the governance section, as there is a lot that falls into my portfolio and I'm looking to make this year one where I get as much done as possible
- Working closely with my commissioners and my Judicial Affairs manager to make this section as comprehensive as possible, though it is not complete yet

President Martinez:

- There are three main topics that we will focus on tonight and then if you have any specific questions about anything in the Summer Plan we'd be happy to answer them
- The JDUC redevelopment project obviously isn't one that we've started this year, it is a combination of years of hard work of the previous executives. This past year it was put to a referendum where it passed under the SGPS and failed at the undergraduate level.
- It is on all of us in the room to find out why students voted no as representatives of students at large
- Through conversations we've found out that students didn't vote no to a new JDUC they voted no on two main points. The first is that students did not believe that they should be putting \$90 out of their own pockets. Secondly, they wanted to see more detail in the proposal.
- Team MLM will dedicate time to go back to the drawing board, see what needs to be implemented, what needs more support, so we can put that to a referendum again to hopefully get a positive result.

President Wong: Thanks for listening to students. How do you plan on making sure students know exactly what's going on in the project?

President Martinez:

- There will be a more comprehensive plan of what exactly will be in the JDUC
- We will be in communication with the faculty societies about what changes are being made and where they are taking place



- We will work to create places where students can come and be engaged with the project and stress that redevelopment will be a positive for Queen's students down the road

Representative Borchenko: Most first years voted against it as they would be paying \$270 over a three-year period for something they might never see. How will you deal with that?

President Martinez: That is one of the challenges we're facing and we are looking for other ways to address this issue. It is unfortunate that there will be a year or two where students won't have their student life center. We must frame and promote it in a way that students see the value in a new JDUC.

VPOPS Tharp: This is a pay it forward project and we are here as students but in a way, we will soon be here as alumni. This is a project that students to come will get to enjoy as this is a university wide project.

Trustee Chappell: This is how projects have been done here for a long time. For example, for the construction of the Athletics and Recreation Centre students had paid for six years. At the same time, we do need to make sure that this is something that students want. People have done it in the past for us and it has shaped our University experience. This project is an opportunity for students to be a part of something that when they come back as alumni they can point to as something they helped build.

Representative Lunetta: His constituents as second and third year students do not want to pay for something they will not see. A good solution would be to ask the principal to delay the student fee until the new Student Life Centre is complete, then the students who will benefit from it will pay for it. It is unfair for us to pay.

Trustee Chappell: Question about a shift in time frame for the project and when the referendum will be.

President Martinez: That hasn't been decided yet.

Representative Torres: Echoes the sentiments of Rep. Lunetta, it's problematic. Constituents came up to me asking how they should vote and why is it important to them. I found it very hard troubling to explain to constituents. The University should be pitching in more money than they are now, as administrative costs have risen and its absurd to ask students for more money. I wonder if Team MLM can ask if the University can put more money in.

Representative Cattrysse: Is this just a summer plan?

President Martinez: This plan will spill into the school year but it is called a summer plan because there will be a more comprehensive strategic plan in the fall. This outlines the goal developments for over the summer that may not be implemented until the middle of the school year.

President Tsang: If the referendum passes where will the services in the JDUC go?

VPOPS Tharp: We cannot exactly say, that's why this is a summer working plan. The corporate services section is not there, this is what we'll be looking into during the summer.



President Martinez: Service closure was in the old plan, so it is important to try and figure out spaces for them so they don't have to close.

President Wong: What about services like the Tricolour Outlet and Queen's Pub?

President Martinez: The main thing we will do is consider contingency plans. We are working hard to keep all services open, but we cannot promise anything.

President Tsang: What about ensuring accessibility to the building? For example, the Queen's Centre is not as accessible as possible.

Trustee Chappell: Accessibility is important and the University administration has been working on this and having conversations about how accessible it will be. This isn't exactly under their portfolio, but Team MLM will work with the administration.

ResSoc Proxy-Ierino: Pointed to the importance of regulations around construction sites

President Keheler: If construction is approved how will the missing residences be accounted for?

President Martinez: I do not know.

ResSoc Proxy-Ierino: When there are more students sometimes there is an option to create more triple and quad rooms.

President Martinez:

- The next item is alcohol culture on campus
- We have been seeing a rise in unsafe drinking habits on campus, one decision to drink too much can lead to serious consequences
- It is important that we as students need to address this. Every student needs to be responsible for the decisions they make as well as be responsible for the behaviours we allow our peers to engage in
- We need to stop being bystanders and look out for our peers in alcohol related situations
- We want to be sure we are providing Queen's students with the education and the tools they need in order to ensure they and their peers are engaging in safe drinking
- This year we are partnering up with Queen's for the Boys, the University administration, student wellness services, and other organizations to develop an alcohol harm reduction course
- The goal of this project is not to tell students to stop drinking or partying, but is to encourage a friendly drinking environment on campus that promotes safe drinking habits
- We will be working hard over the summer to have this done for the beginning of the school year
- The Queen's community benefits when we all hold each other accountable

President Keheler: A suggestion would be to meet with faculty orientation groups because that is where change needs to begin, with incoming students.



President Martinez: We will be sure to speak to faculty society orientation week leaders to challenge them to speak out engaging with their students and have conversations about what healthy drinking looks like

President Sharma:

- It could be helpful to actually collect data and conduct surveys on what's really going on in terms of the drinking culture.
- It would have been helpful if this was brought forward earlier to represent ASUS students through data collection and also in terms of potential implementation

President Tsang: Concerned that the people who need this will not attend, how do you plan on implementing this?

President Martinez: That is one of our main concerns as well so we are reaching out to student groups to ask them how they can better engage themselves. Our hope with this program is to start off with mandating AMS employees to take it, then working outwards to residences and first years, then faculty societies.

Rector Da Silva:

- This is a conversation that we are also having within the University about this program adding to a welcoming and safe culture at Queen's, and doing that through compassion based action.
- Again, this isn't about telling students not to drink it's about promoting a healthy culture
- Starting with educating student leaders who can be a support system in a drinking environment
- Start changing the drinking habits so that it can catch on and be a university wide change
- The bottom line is trying to make student's care about taking care of other students

Representative Wright: Orientation leaders educated on safe drinking environments are a good way to set examples to first years

VPUA Frankfurter: What are the specifics of the program?

President Martinez: It will be a one-time program with bystander training, but the details have not been finalized yet

VPUA Frankfurter: Which students will be involved in the program?

President Martinez: There will be a focus on specific student groups

Representative Kielbasa: It would be good to expand upon first year training to promote safe drinking habits to first years

Representative Lunetta: Was involved with ArtSci O-Week and there was a no drinking pledge that encouraged conversations about drinking in a safe manner. Orientation week would be a great start.

VPOPS Tharp:

- The next project is event sanctioning, as it has been brought to my attention by many of you



- The event sanctioning system right now leaves a lot of room for improvement right now
- What we're looking to do over the summer is work with Hospitality Services to make the event sanctioning process as easy as possible, so that if you have an idea for an event you can follow a straightforward policy to get the event done

President Sharma: This is important to get done early so that we can also implement this because we are looking to hold events over the summer and we want an easy transition as possible.
habits to first years

VPUA Watters: We recognize that this is important and I will be involved to try and be as quick as possible, but at the same time we want to make sure that this is done properly and completely

President Cook: I know StuCons are a big part of event sanctioning and I don't know if students should be forced to pay for these services.
habits to first years

VPOPS Tharp: That's definitely something to consider and we'll see if we can establish more clear guidelines for StuCons, but they are there for a purpose

VPOPS Tharp: Seeing no other questions regarding this, I'd like to move on to the next section that has to do with AMS offices and governance and the corporate services. If anyone has any specific questions please feel free to reach out.

President Tsang: I had a question for the Academic Affairs Commissioner about Transfer Recognitions for varsity athletes.

VPUA Watters: I meant to put that on and I'm sorry, that's something that Julia and I have been discussing and will discuss further. Transfer recognition is a little bit complex in terms of how it needs to be followed through, ePortfolios are an option, and right now what we're looking at is a kind of online transcript that is similar to an ePortfolio but slightly different. That's something that we will continue to have conversations about.

Commissioner Göllner: The biggest problem that we ran into with transcript recognition is where we draw the line. Students that not might be involved with something that is typically considered a varsity sport is something that a lot of students wanted on their transcripts, this raised the question of where that line was being drawn. We're looking at something that would actually be able to demonstrate all a student's involvement on campus.

President Tsang: PHEKSA would like to continue having the conversation

VPUA Watters: Regarding the online component of it, I think a lot of people were a little bit concerned that since it was on their actual transcript that it wouldn't necessarily be legitimate. I think right now the conversation that we've had with administration about it being sanctioned by going through administration to have it put on there in the first place

President Tsang: Suggestion is to consider eligibility rosters because they are scrupulous and rigorous

President Cook: We were just a little bit confused, for the services are these your plans for each area or the managers plans?



VPOPS Tharp:

- At the beginning of the services section there's a disclaimer that these ideas were come up with in conjunction between me and the service managers and we will work collaboratively over the summer.
- This is what each manager will do over the summer and what the executive will be overseeing.
- These are our goals for the portfolios, somethings are still up in the air, but this is largely concerned with advancement

Representative Pirani: I wanted to echo Carson's points about the services points that are here, it's good to know there are more plans that what is here. Looking at this they're very small for a full summer for services like TAPS.

President Martinez:

- That's why we decided to call it the summer working plan, and the strategic plan will come out in September
- May and June is where we will be doing a lot of goal planning and July and August is when we will be able to produce more details for the strategic plan

Representative Pirani: Will we be seeing these strategies and measures coming to assembly in the fall? These are very broad level objectives, how you plan on working towards these objectives and how will you measure their success?

President Martinez: Yes.

- Much of what the services will be doing is something that more falls under the level of the board of directors.
- This also outlines a difference of responsibilities where Assembly is more involved with the AMS offices and commissions

Representative Pirani: It's more than just the services it's also the offices that just have broad stated goals such as increasing student engagement

President Martinez: There will be more detail in the strategic plan

Team MLM thank Assembly for their feedback and stress their appreciation of comments

President Martinez motions to move out of Committee of the Whole (Seconded by Rep. Catrysse)

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.



Representative Cattrysse motions to adjourn (Seconded by Rep. Pirani)

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 19:57PM EST.