



**AMS Assembly Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 20, 2018**  
**Sir. John A MacDonald Hall 001**

The meeting was convened at 18:48 EDT

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

*“That AMS Assembly approve the agenda for the Assembly meeting of September 20, 2018.”*

**Secretary Woolhouse:** Move to omnibus motions 5,6,7, separately motions 9-14, separately, motions 17-27.

**President Martinez:** When we omnibus, for efficiency, if you have an issue and you want to debate, you can request removal and treat motion as separate.

**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** Any amendments to agenda?

**Representative Pirani:** Suggest that we do not consider motion 17 in omnibus.

**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** Motion 17 has been removed, any other amendments to agenda?

*No further debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

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

*“That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of April 9, 2018.”*

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Speakers Business**



**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** Land recognition statement was read

**Motion #3 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse**

**Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly elect the AMS Assembly Speaker for 2018-2019"*

All in favour: Unanimous.

**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** Will candidates please come to the front of the room.

**Representative Pirani:** What did we vote on?

**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** To elect AMS speaker. Is Irene Lu here. We will begin by giving Nicholas an intro, state background, etc.

**Member-at-large Agius:** My name is Nicholas, I am a fourth year bio student, AMS assembly important aspect of effectiveness, creating grounds for constructiveness, wanted to be apart of this environment due to impartialness and be involved in each decision that is apart of the AMS. That is why I want to be apart of the AMS and this role.

**Deputy Speaker Keheler:** Anyone have any questions for candidate. Please raise hand.

**Trustee Chappell:** Thank you for putting yourself forward. I was wondering about previous experience.

**Member-at-large Agius:** I was in the divisions of student affairs for sexual violence and it is my job to discuss bystander affairs and have taught 1500 different students and created positive environment and created a good facilitated conversation. In grade 12 it was my job to be unbiased and create an impartial environment as well as make a good experience. Worked in Rogers as human coordinator, part of arbitrations and litigations, and I was leading in discussion on movements, and I believe this has formed me into a great candidate.

**Vice-President Frankfurter:** How will you keep impartiality in this role?

**Member-at-large Agius:** Terrific question. Two main aspects, understanding and rigidity. Comes from my role as student, peer, and classmate, that type of role is separate than the role I am playing right here. Important to understand that everything remains important and unbiased. Second component is rigidity, based on policies that litigate how these are assemblies are run, and by following rules and not taking personal forms.

*No further questions, Candidate leaves room, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

*Motion carries.*



*Nicholas Agius assumes role of Speaker.*

**Speaker:** Thank you. This is my very first time participating, and I have no formal training. I will do my absolute best to be educated and try my best, but I will be making mistakes. I appreciate everyone and am excited to be here.

### **Guest Speaker**

**President Martinez:** Good evening everybody, guest speakers are Mayor Brian Patterson, and Provost Tom Harris. Mayor Patterson has received his masters and PhD in economics, joined RMC as assistant professor, has served the city, city counsellor district, 96<sup>th</sup> mayor, centered on economic development and affordable housing, vice chair, board member and Kingston economics corporation. Tom Harris has been involved, he has a Bachelor of Science and Chemical Engineering, and Masters and PhD from McMaster, in 1986 returned, became the dean-head of the department in 1992. Appointed as headDean of the faculty of Engineering in 1996, and reappointed. Honorary life member of AMS. He now serves as the interim provost for a two year term. Please join me in welcoming the Mmayor and University Provost.

**Mayor Patterson:** Thank you Miguel, good evening, truly a privilege to come and speak. First off, pleasure to work with AMS over last few years, always appreciative to have a dialogue. First chance to speak to assembly. Would love to have a conversation about safety initiatives. To discuss and get feedback. Pilot project means we are testing this, and open to feedback changes and tweaks. Take a couple minutes to see context and clarify things. On context side I want to make it clear. My message to Queen's students is we want you to enjoy yourself and have fun and do it in a respectful manner, criticism as too pro-Queens, but take it as compliment, I believe university and city go hand in hand. Mayor innovation challenge was good. One of the issues that is at the heart is unsanctioned student parties, we have tried to manage. During St. Patrick's Day street party, the roof collapsed. My phone started to ring, and I spoke with emergency personnel. Somebody could have been injured. Speaks to what we need to do. Only a matter of time before someone was injured or killed. Clarify, gotten emailed, form cities point of view, street parties, viewed as dangerous. First night of orientation, university avenue was blocked, and the ambulances couldn't get through. Emergency crew says this is safety concern. Second thing is not targeting students. But why. Calling it that because that is where we have seen it. Applied in new court place, near St. Lawrence college. Targeting behaviour, not students. Lots of people participate that are not Queens students. Another piece to clarify is what is purpose is what is point of going to court for tickets. Not to saddle anyone with criminal record. Not looking to name and shame. Post names and people must deal with this years later, all it is designed to do, have person go in front of member of Kingston community, this is a concern to community. Face to face is important for seriousness and issue to community. Clarify those pieces and reiterate message. Stop there and turn it over to tom.

**Provost Harris:** Acting principal tweeted saying gall bladder removed unexpectedly, just left hospital, doped up on meds, limited mobility, but doctors said success. Deep roots in Queens. Ben here long enough to see issues to be addressed. Student lived in Aberdeen and Johnson. In applied science, close to engineering executive and students. What he realized, if he tells students to do something, they don't do it, students can do it themselves. Encouraged dual efforts. Alumni outreached, deal with AMS on many projects. Queens student government wants to see an end to unsafe and



destructive behaviour. Queens students are also members of city of Kingston. AMS have been active partners in union street festival, alcohol safety initiation. Encourage all students individually and collectively to realize harmfulness. Our reputation is your reputation, graduate with Queens degree. We care about well being of students and Kingston community. KPF was found months after Queens was formed. 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Parties throughout the decades. University students have considered themselves indestructible. Over past 10 years, 6-7 thousand more students in Queens. Density has increased, and we have experienced the advent of social media. Here's what we do know, combination of alcohol and large group behaviour doing things they would've never done. Climbing on roofs, blocking streets, members of the community can't get the help they need. Only so many doctors. Grim story, they had to shut down and move rooms. Other people at risk. Unfortunately happens all too often. New tactic, university support initiative. Queens student receives ticket and found guilty, university student conduct system, each case looked at individually, other considerations will be apart of disciplinary action. University has modified code of conduct, we have not modified, university code of conduct has always had provisions to consider off campus behaviour. Just because if you go to the person who is going to hear the case and gets thrown out, if justice of peace issues a ticket and fine, we will consider case. Not blanket statement. Consequence is resources into this that diverts resources. Trial program to determine overall effectiveness. Sorry we are at this point. Some of you object, all about self-determination. Be mindful of behaviour and encourage others to do the same. Not saying don't enjoy, harmful behaviour is unacceptable. That day is the day some student gets killed. Initiative applies to alumni, visitors, and members of Kingston community, that will be expensive ticket. Working with alumni association and volunteers to get message out. Thanks executives and taking issues with this. Questions?

**Representative Pirani:** Wondering in what ways are students and student groups consulted.

Patterson: Great question. Started out with conversations between principals and myself, extended to community and police. Sit down with Miguel and executives. Feelings that reaction for St. Patrick's Day. Had lengthy discussion, but clear this would be beginning of consultation, and interactions. Had conversations with SGPS, to get his input, it seems from their end that their support is around clarification. If I'm going to go to court for J-walking. What are the goals, what does this apply to, consultation shouldn't be stopped?

**Provost Harris:** University has endorsed this approach and would say that the complications that the AMS has been made aware.

**President Coldwell:** What is the key performance indicator, besides number of tickets.

**Mayor Patterson:** Great question: Already had round table discussion with Kingston police, and others to get feeling. Goal is not tickets, but the goal is to effectively rein in unsanctioned street parties. Partying within city bylaws is success. Not have emergency room overflowing, success is situation where the coexistence which students are having great time, and emergency are not over taxed. Suggestions are welcome.

**President Tsang:** Two-part question of court system. First court date is November 20<sup>th</sup>, peak mid-term students. Have there been academic considerations and considerations about mental health. How can we justify this to tax payers, and increase volume, justify we are community members?



**Mayor Patterson:** Great questions. I did not personally have info on court date in question, exactly kind of feedback I am looking for and happy to consider. For me it's a balance, fair and reasonable as possible. Looking to treat everyone the safe way. If you violate city bylaw and you must go to court. Everyone should have same date. In terms of point for justifying. I would come back to say concern about community is the costs of policing, costs of emergency services, costs to bylaw that cities bare with unsanctioned students. People are having to pay more taxes for this. Community much rather have resources directed to treat this pro.

**Representative Torres:** Questions regarding nuisance bylaw. Talking to colleagues and peers, concerned that folks must show up to court to represent themselves, paying fees and levies, statistics, first weekend. 91 people who were fined with bylaw, were fined with open liquor, premise is to prevent catastrophic from happening. If folks are drinking alcohol in public equating it to arson. I had alcohol confiscated. Not going against bylaw, knows how to drink responsibly. City is trying to profit off students. If it is serious enough, legal representation with university. With something as miniscule as drinking in public, consequence that carries on for quite some time. Worrisome that bylaw was pushed through, wasn't aware, sitting for 2 years.

**Mayor Patterson:** First thing I am going to say and apologize. Bylaw and university district safety initiative. Rolled out one then the other in perfect world. Nuisance party bylaw for a while. UDS that is new, does not have bylaw attached because part one summons power that police have always had and been there just power they haven't used before. You make the point about open liquor. Not big of a deal. Argue collective impact. When you have enormous amounts of people, it creates circumstance and situation that is dangerous. To be clear that is why university district is targeted. We are not trying to needle everyone. All those tickets are within context of large unsanctioned street party, go back to emergency vehicle reference.

**Provost Harris:** Legal issue. Currently, you don't need legal representation, most students don't have legal representation. Type one offense, type two. Type two is very serious, sexual violence, poisoning students. Type one offense is going through AMS system, each case considered individually. For most student cases is students telling their story. No need for a lawyer. These are provincial offenses, not where they face criminal record. Up until this initiative, with ticket, always had option to go to court, and pay in mail, that is removed.

**President Flannigan:** Nuisance party bylaw vs UDS.

**Mayor Patterson:** NPB is something that has been applied as best practice from other communities. Other cites have NPB. Police to arrive, declare nuisance party, issue warning and ask people to disperse. No one gets ticketed until warning is defied. Of all tickets, there is one NPB, police warned, they warned him a fourth time, then they issue an NPT. NPB has larger fines attached. This is the same model used in other universities. UDS is something that is new. NPB applies anywhere in the city.

**President Cook:** Scheduling, it would make sense to schedule around summer. Let them know about initiative, sounds like it is already built, to what extent was it already created.

**Mayor Patterson:** Great Question, agreed upon summer scheduling. What point about consultation. When I sat down with AMS exec, laying back was not an option. They raised a lot of important



details about communication, how should we work together, geographic determination, flexible, parks should be included. Number of discussion points, and subsequent discussions. I will admit that my feeling was we had to do something. Do something but have it as a trial. Through consultation, if changes, issues, scrapped, that in my view was balancing act, trying to be open to as many students as possible. Some action that needed to take place. I am accountable, and consultation is important.

**Member-at-large Sheriff-Scott:** In June, Martinez told of initiative, but he wasn't consulted. Why.

**Mayor Patterson:** I don't believe that there is an inconsistency, consultation. I did ask for endorsement, for feedback, input, ideas, and we did want them to be partners. Statement that I made was correct. Understand that at the end of the day, safety initiative, but, open to consultation.

**Vice President Long:** Spoke a lot about equity when creating this, assuring alumni or student, treated same way by court date and fees, concern with student going through academic misconduct, in my eyes its double the punishment, speak to clarify about how equitable.

**Provost Harris:** Speak to part about university. What I would say is approach is there are big changes in how it has evolved, several cases we've seen, there are underlying problems, concern is to address the problem. Situation has got to point where additional measures are required, university decided that we have considered we should go into academic misconduct. We don't know what will happen, we can't say what might happen.

**Mayor Patterson:** I will just add. We know that when tickets were issues. RMC tickets issues. There will be repercussions. Often institutions or employer there is always risk that employer has freedom to act.

**President Sharma:** Brought to attention, and solutions. First, one of the things I want to recognize is you don't want to punish students, you want to make sure of responsibilities, it extends to others. There is ownership with students who are drinking, and not recognizing that its students, one thing but another thing. Increased police presence. Few students were uncomfortable with that because of intimidation and transfer students, and for students of colour. Taking that in mind, increased police presence, and relations students have with university. Walking to and from home, scary for seeing police cars. To echo Cooke and Tsang, concerns is St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, gives a month to practice. Recognize have done wrong, receive ticket. Moment of intense vulnerability. They are not being processed until November. Something to keep in mind if it is something that continues. University could do better about education on alcohol. Drinking is a personal choice, to recognize, not representative. Supporting education pieces regarding alcohol. Campus observation room, drinks. Proactive actions may involve a support system. New York University has module in place in which all incoming students complete. Mandatory for enrollment. There are issues with students speaking, ussies on how to be a better person in Kingston community. Educational piece to mitigate.

**Provost Harris:** Happy to work with students on this issue, and to talk with policing. In some areas, police cannot be trusted. Kingston police can be trusted. I am an Art-Sci graduate, I will have conversations, and ask the incoming chief of police.



**Mayor Patterson:** First female chief in Kingston history is very progressive, effort to reach out to marginalized communities, timing is noted. Increased police presence understood. Key performance indicators understood. Everyone can just enjoy themselves and we don't need police presence. How do we address the unsanctioned street parties?

**Provost Harris:** Observer outside police force, part of strategy is to make you appear before someone. In combination with travelling back which is very inconvenient.

**Mayor Patterson:** Point about balancing. I agree with that. The importance of binge drinking safety, one of many measures they are employing.

**President Sharma:** Provide more support for international students. At Queen's we struggle with one on one support. For international students specifically, that can be a scary thing. At least figure out better support system.

**President Cook:** Curious as to what efforts are made to investigate solutions. Underlying reasons to why people drink too much.

**Provost Harris:** Speak to past 30 years. We have high education programs. The AMS is a brilliant job with Union street festival. Great diversion received well in community. Try to convey impact every year. Vomiting in a hospital is not a great idea. Importance about binge drinking. Problem with a difficult solution. Queens participated in binge drinking. Common questions. First Question: Do you binge drink, Queens is way above other students. Second Question: Queens students by far and away recognize that this was destructive. Third Queens students say students don't want administration to get involved. Underlying solution of binge drinking perplexes universities and colleges, not easy, no matter what we do nothing will stop it. Think about consequences beforehand.

**Representative Torres:** Follow up. From my understanding, two months turn around (ticket to court) if that is the case, would courts be asking them to come back in summer months.

**Mayor Patterson:** Great point raise, taken as feedback to make sure.

**Representative Torres:** Second follow up for clarification, not criminal, they could have someone else appear for them.

**Mayor Patterson:** Don't know answer.

**Representative Torres:** If that's the interest if students go there and look at the impact of the thing they are doing, and outlier, they can get someone else to represent for them.

**Mayor Patterson:** We will make sure of that.

**Speaker:** Thank you both very much for coming.

### **President's Report**

**President Martinez:** Reviewing applications, JDUC conversation, welcome to the first assembly (of the year. I want to make sure all members work to invite students to these assemblies, as we make decisions for betterment of undergrad student experience, will take questions on written report.



### **Vice-President's Reports**

**Vice-President Tharp:** I am developing agreements for the upcoming year, excited to work with every single one of you. Interesting to see that people here are working towards the betterment of everyone.

**Vice-President Watters:** Budgets, thank you for listening for budget information, appreciate time to read and information.

### **Chair of the Board of Directors' Report**

**Chairperson Page:** Looking forward to answering questions.

### **Trustee's Report**

**Trustee Chappell:** Don't have anything to add to report. More updates do have a two-year term, coming to an end next year, will be election in January. Problem with turn out in candidacy. Something I'm going to be reaching out about in coming weeks is going to be to work with you about position. Just wanted to give a heads up.

### **Senate Caucus Chair Report**

*Chairperson Berkowitz not present*

### **Rector's Report**

*Rector DeSilva stepped out.*

### **Statements by Students**

*Seeing none, moving on.*

### **Question Period**

**President Martinez:** Trustee Chappell, lack of interest, your position is very important at administrative level, and is important for university, the main governing body. Would you please talk to what board does, what they do over the year?

**Trustee Chappell:** I have included in the start, included what the board is. People don't know what it is. Two major governing bodies, senate which is academic, and board of trustees, senior officials and alumni, and have volunteered their time to role, rector all sit as voting members, can vote on motions. In terms of what those entail. Sub committees, like assembly functions. Main conversations go on and they go to meetings of board. Look at who will participate in audit risk, internal and external, top 10 risks, reviewed every single year for health and wellness, academic sub committee for misconduct. Budget get reviewed every year. Summary, always happy to answer more questions.

**Speaker:** No more questions, moving forward.

**Member-at-large Sheriff Scott:** Question for Martinez, can you confirm there will be a second referendum for the JDUC redevelopment?



**President Martinez:** Second referendum will happen early second semester.

**New Business:**

**Motion #4 Moved by: Brandon Tyrrell**

**Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Liam Gellatly to the position of Judicial Affairs Clerk for the 2018-2019 school year.”*

*Manager Tyrrell and member-at-large Gellatly come forward*

**Manager Tyrrell:** Had lots of applicants, reducing office size by one, three deputies and one clerk, confident in Liam’s abilities, quite confident in year going forward.

**Member-at-large Gellatly:** Clerk this year, JAO, largely administrative, reaching out and ensuring sanctions are followed through.

**President Tsang:** In loving memory of our good friend Liam, moving on to queens med, what is your favourite pillar of NAM?

**Member-at-large Gellatly:** Favourite pillar is non-adversarial, it is about coming to a solution and restoring relationships and issues. I am also interested in restorative justice due to my interest in indigenous law.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Secretary Woolhouse:** Member mentioned in motion 5 is not in attendance, I move to table until the next meeting.

Seconded by President Martinez

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Manager Tyrrell:** Emma is not here.

**Motion #7 Moved by: Brandon Tyrrell**

**Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Dakota Johnson to the position of Judicial Affairs Deputy for the 2018-2019 school year”*



**Member-at-large Johnson:** Hi I'm Dakota Johnston, working as deputies. Judicial affairs office, complaint driven office, worked within student code of conduct, and conducted investigations.

**President Tsang:** What is your favourite pillar?

**Member-at-large Johnson:** Unique setting, along within judicial affairs, students administrating can be difficult occasionally, has approach that is unique and allow students to learn.

**Manager Tyrrell:** Hiring process, 16, usually below 10, how to contribute to non-academic misconduct, Dakota showed promise because of her experience as a stu-con, which is very valid experience.

*Member-at-large leaves the room.*

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #8 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse**

**Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly ratify Seema Sidhu to the position of Judicial Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 school year"*

*Member-at-large steps forward.*

**Secretary Woolhouse:** Assembly ratified separate person for this position at incoming assembly but he got into law school. Seema has a plethora of experience working within the judicial system at Queen's, her interview was great and I trust that JCOMM will be in good hands.

**Member-at-large Sidhu:** This is my fourth year in the judicial system here at Queen's, will be on JCOM as chair, biggest parts of efforts is to use integrity, dealing with people higher executives, seen as legitimate and seen as that way in university. Tyrell talked about meeting deadlines, and happy with training, looking forward to another year.

**President Tsang:** What is the weakest pillar of NAM?

**Member-at-large Sidhu:** I think at times in non-academic misconduct system as whole, miss restorative pillar, working with university, heard a lot of information and what we are looking at is restorative system.

*Member-at-large leaves the room.*

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None



ABSENCES: None

Motion carries.

**Omnibus Motions #9-14 Motioned by: Seema Sidhu    Seconded by: Bronwyn Woolhouse**

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Victoria Gudzak to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school year.”*

*“That AMS Assembly ratify James Taptelis to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school year”*

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Noah Brennan to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school.”*

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Mahad Ali Asif to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school year.”*

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Max Teitelbaum to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school year.”*

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Jeremy Jingwei to the position of Judicial Committee Member for the 2018-2019 school year.”*

*Chairperson Sidhu and members-at-large come forward.*

**Chairperson Sidhu:** I would like to introduce these six members as competent as they have shown through interviews, I've been thoroughly impressed with them so far.

**Member-at-large Asif:** First year at Queens, recent transfer, taken part in activities, engineer, great interest in legal trials, I feel all that plays a good role in that philosophy.

**Member-at-large Jingwei:** One thing is important with system is restorative justice, one thing I did last year that speaks to experience is working with CARM, we must address this aspect of the restorative nature.

**Member-at-large Taptelis:** Unique spin, Ju jitsu, grappling martial arts, questions. Ju jitsu is equitable discipline, woman, man, diverse, techniques of art will always prevail. Deliberations, when individual comes in front, forced to look through that lens and not be biased to gender, age, something I hope to bring.

**Member-at-large Brennan:** Living in residence, residence was crazy, interesting things went on, from students' perspective, I can understand how going into a case can operate, empathize with student, and be objective.

**Member-at-large Gudzak:** Deep love for policy, best used to our advantage. At the end of the day, any one of us can be in front of JCOM, important to be restorative and everyone is subject to same rules.



**Member-at-large Teitelbaum:** Executive on team for Queens empathize with people, some of the things that they say and do and write down is not reflective as a person, inflict restorative justice on people.

*Members-at-large step out.*

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: 32

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 3 [\(AMS Executive Abstained\)](#)

Motion carries.

**Motion #6 Moved by: Brandon Tyrrell**

**Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Emma Ilyaz to the position of Judicial Affairs Deputy for the 2018-2019 school year”*

*Member-at-large Ilyaz and Manager Tyrrell come forward.*

**Member-at-large Ilyaz:** Third year psych student at Queens, excited to work in judicial affairs office, encourage to work because I find that my reasoning is because I want to understand where students our coming from and their logic. Engage in conversations with them and feel like they will be able to contribute rather than what I would do. Through orientation week, understand how to approach things. Work in judicial affairs reflects this.

*Member-at-large step out.*

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #15 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse**

**Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the elections dates as seen in Appendix: Elections.”*

**Secretary Woolhouse:** I hope you looked over them, that’s it.

**President Martinez:** Fall referendum dates go over fall term break, it just falls on Thursday and Friday, will be two days with online campaigning, because it is referendum for student fees.

**Representative Pirani:** Has the beginning of the campaign period been moved forward to add on campus campaigning days.

**Secretary Woolhouse:** It hasn’t.



*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #16 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse**

**Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly approve the elections spending limits as seen in Appendix: Spend."*

**Secretary Woolhouse:** These are the same as the past 2 years.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #17 Moved by: Munro Watters**

**Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly approve the OUSA budget as seen in Appendix: OUSA."*

**Vice-President Watters:** Julia, the academic affairs commissioner is the Vice-President of HR right now at OUSA, and is the voting member. I gave up vote my vote on committee, as my time is better used on Queen's campus. My portfolio is greater than other VPs, my ability to advocate students is challenged when I am away, she still consults with executives, I am available more frequently. Frees up more of my time. Speaks more to role on OUSA.

**Commissioner Göllner:** Commissioner of academic affairs in AMS. 1992 undergrad student awareness founded at Queens, more formal platform for student government. Key stake holders with post secondary. For a member-based lobby group to function, each member needs to put in work. Take on responsibility to be executive member of OUSA. For OUSA to be functioning, something we will investigate. Queens students will be represented to the same extent. OUSA has benefitted our students across campus. 350 million tax benefits, policy was written by human affairs. Another is OUSA policy recommendations that allow for savings plan for OSAP. Taken form OUSA policy recommendation. That is the value of OUSA.

**President Cook:** Not questioning value of OUSA, question is increase in cost of academic commissioner, why is AMS paying for position external to AMS. Why is this position being okay to pay for and not other positions? Why is this position okay to alleviate, rules on guidelines and commissioners, would any student have the ability to be funded by AMS, or is this just because someone that happens to work with AMS exec.

**Vice-President Watters:** Spent a lot of time going through budgets and spread sheets, this year within OUSA, 3500 increase, 2000 gone to membership, increase in enrollment and inflation, 5000



increase for general assemblies from years passed. At the end of day 200 dollar increase for Julia's position.

**Commissioner Göllner:** In terms of things that we do that are advocated based, engage in advocacy priorities, stems from AMS, health finance, advocate fully for all students, cannot communicate particularly.

**President Cook:** Second question, guidelines too much involvement to fulfill commissioner role. Internal affairs are decreased. Why is this position breaking the rule.

**Vice-President Watters:** With academic affairs commission, academic grievance centre, OUSA falls under bulk of Julia's portfolio, stems from work she puts in as commissioner, we want to ensure we can function. I don't believe that is taking away from her.

**President Cook:** Difference between this position and others and student conduct?

**Commissioner Göllner:** Advocacy, we do help, because the AMS budget, we have chosen to advocate specifically, trying to be a priority.

**President Sharma:** 54000 membership fee entail.

**Commissioner Göllner:** OUSA, determined proportionally, how much membership makeup holds, pay membership fee, go to OUSA budget, OUSA's budget goes to lobbying and financing effort. Policy recommendations for provincial effort. Relationship building with politicians, to discuss lobbying efforts one on one. Covers general assemblies to ensure legitimacy. After process is concluded, general assembly, like this, bring delegates, review policy, any policy shouldn't be made until consultation, in which delegates come and make changes, we need to be in one place. Big component of OUSA budget. Goes towards campaigns, raising awareness.

**President Flannigan:** General question, what does it take to become VP of OUSA?

**Vice-President Watters:** To run, you need to be one student committee, one rep from each school. Assign to designate, Julia. Early in May, given up voting seat. All members essentially went through questioning, who we want.

**President Martinez:** Background as to Ontario Undergrad Student Alliance. Review student activity fee that goes into that. Best way of explaining, AMS is government that represents, a nation, kind of like UN to go through advocacy efforts. What advocacy efforts have been, increase in OSAP, 54000 dollars is coordination to 3.8 cents for undergrad fee to be part of alliance. Next year is up for review, successors will be under review. Happy to take questions.

**Representative Lunetta:** 2019 budget, allocation for taxis and travel 300 vs 3500 dollars, more frequent.

**Vice-President Watters:** Taxes and travel is 3500, steering committee line, invest in via pass, wasn't an increase.



**President Cook:** Arbitrary, Watters said that AMS is willing to support advocacy, opens gray area for what counts with AMS. Say I ran and became Canadian version of engineering society, would AMS be willing to support this, what is considered for this, opens a lot of gray area.

**President Tsang:** Metaphor; comments about Julia, our students are supporting us advocating for AMS, we are attending a larger body, caution assembly members to think short sighted about number, Julia will advocate the same way AMS will fund.

**President Flannigan:** If the role of academic affairs commissioner the first year that person holding role has been on OUSA, what makes it up.

**Vice-President Watters:** Two things, given instruction to advocate OUSA, and budget, visit next year, given as part of budget. In the past AC has acted as resource manager, significant support work, now with OUSA, helpful for medial and tutorial work, research and digging and ensure stance was delivered. Used as support.

**President Cook:** To Tsang's point, it is true, but we were elected, and it is different. OUSA attending members are different. Thinking bigger picture for gray area to address future AMS decision making processes. What is enough to be paid for. Black and white line. Gray area, for denial.

**President Flannigan:** In no way not supportive, our issues comes from the fact that it maybe wasn't the best transparent way, opportunities weren't given in general and it does add to the feeling that the AMS is a clique, inherent benefits, where were struggling. Gone about in a more public way.

**President Martinez:** Our structure is different than other student unions, half of senior management team here, 5 individuals is the entire student union for a lot of other student unions. Lots of different vice presidents. We argue a much broader portfolio, with that other student unions the executive VP academics, portfolio has five different ones. Last couple years there have been challenges for affairs both in the AMS and inside university atmosphere, and on campus, go into portfolio, not put focus on. Commissioner of academic affairs. Actual person doing work that would advocate on behalf of students. Journal article was written to be transparent as to why academic affairs commissioner appointed to this position. Other student unions have different demographics and issues. A lot of issues we face here are different than schools like Toronto where there are commuter students. One of the opportunities of having commissioner on committee gives us as AMS a lot more representation at higher level.

**Vice-President Watters:** I'm sorry about the transparency. In terms of thought process, that is where bulk of decision making is made. Accountability and responsibility. Similar goes to Julia, because Julia is accountable to me as supervisor. I can visit policies and look at them.

**Representative Pirani:** Waters mentioned she was transferring the vote, also mentioned that budget line was being moved from one section of travel to another.

**Vice-President Watters:** Yes, roughly 200 dollars increase for OUSA VP position. Julia must go more frequently.

**Representative Pirani:** Canadian federation of Engineering societies, president was president of CFVS, paid for travel. Was this option investigated as a matter of principle?



**Commissioner Göllner:** OUSA as a lobby group, Queens is founding member of alliance, student facilitates coming together. My specific travels are not as much as the two other executive roles and is not substantial increase. On top of that I do perform evaluations of staff, not a large increase in my executive role affective travel costs.

**President Flannigan:** Clarity on whether this is a one-off thing, Julia is Vice President, is the money going to be table stakes for commissioner moving forward. Is this a changing role?

**Vice-President Watters:** Decision I made as individual, I could serve students best with Julia. It will be up to the next executive to determine if that is the best course.

**President Cook:** Crystal clear is about president for the future, can cause headaches and gray areas.

**Vice-President Watters:** Engage in conversation to see what we can do. This is what made sense to me, but I want to keep and open dialogue.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: 24

AGAINST: 11

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

#### **Omnibus Motions #18-27**

**Motion #18 Moved by: Julia Göllner                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Academic Affairs Commission budget as seen in Appendix: AAC.”*

**Motion #19 Moved by: Alexander Birt                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Campus Activities Commission budget as seen in Appendix: CAC.”*

**Motion #20 Moved by: Regina Robbins-Codera                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Clubs Office budget as seen in Appendix: CLUB.”*

**Motion #21 Moved by: Stewart Langley                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Food Bank budget as seen in Appendix: FBK.”*

**Motion #22 Moved by: Brandon Tyrrell                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Judicial Affairs Office budget as seen in Appendix: JAO.”*

**Motion #23 Moved by: Søren Christianson                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly approve the Municipal Affairs Commission budget as seen in Appendix: MAC.”*

**Motion #24 Moved by: Bronté McMaster                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**



*"That AMS Assembly approve the Reunion Street Festival budget as seen in Appendix: RSF."*

**Motion #25 Moved by: Myriam-Morienke Djossou                      Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*"That AMS Assembly approve the Social Issues Commission budget as seen in Appendix: SIC."*

**Motion #26 Moved by: Bronwyn Woolhouse                      Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly approve the Secretariat budget as seen in Appendix: SEC."*

**Motion #27 Moved by: Munro Watters                      Seconded by: Miguel Martinez**

*"That AMS Assembly approve the VPUA budget as seen in Appendix: VPUA."*

**Vice-President Watters:** Opportunity for students to engage, go to food bank, fantastic programming academic affairs, grievance centre, all the engagement that is done, reunion street festival, ensure all students feel safe, any questions more than happy to take them.

**Representative Pirani:** 3 questions, CAC, question about Queen's model parliament, showed expenses 30 grand higher, revenue, 20 grand less, second goes to Secretariat, asking if they can explain why salaries have dropped by 6000 dollars, explain intent, third is on VPUA budget, one line is 22 000 for bursaries, 50x more than what was budgeted in the past, wondering plan.

**Commissioner Birt:** Budgeting 350 individuals from Queens go to Ottawa and go to parliament, campus activities, didn't come through, massive deficit with sponsorship. Focus on sponsorship. Working with co-chairs for sponsorship in general. Q and P has always been logistically challenging, always gone to Fairmont, under-went revamp, can't go to house of commons. Focusing on mainly looking at where certain things lie. Hotel purchasing and logistical errors, focusing on logistical errors. Working with sponsorships and direction of alma mater society, understand where you are coming from and errors in the past years. Conferences in themselves are hard to run and different errors arise, AMS and commission is focusing on reducing that rate. No fault, as year to year they fluctuate.

**Representative Pirani:** What do you intend to do to make it a more stable process.

**Commissioner Birt:** Heart and soul into sponsorship, moving forward we are advocating mainly for sponsorship and our individuals going to Q and P, moving forward we are mainly using a fine-tooth comb to go through details. Reflecting on chairs prior. 4-5 conferences, larger portfolio, less of a role, therefore I can guarantee that priority is that Q and P is affordable, go back to original, conferences always experience different troubles and problems.

**Secretary Woolhouse:** Reporting tool error, missing \$11000 dollars for my salary, and chief electoral officer's salary, increased due to my portfolio and the minimum wage increase.

**President Martinez:** Increase in our commitment, ~~CEO~~Chief Electoral Officer has gone ~~from~~to volunteer position to salary position.

**Representative Pirani:** Just wondering why there was a sudden decrease when there is an increase.



**President Martinez:** ~~Tricky to format.~~ That is a formatting error and we will be tabling this budget for that reason.

**Vice-President Watters:** 16,000 decrease, take from omnibus, we can table that, and look through budget.

**Representative Pirani:** I would like to table the Secretariat budget as well.

**Secretary Woolhouse:** We will table both of those for next assembly.

**Speaker:** We are excluding motions 27 and 26 from the vote.

*No debate, vote proceeds.*

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

**Motion #28 Moved by: Myriam-Morienke Djossou**

**Seconded by: Munro Watters**

*“That AMS Assembly appoint 3 members to the Equity Grants Committee, see Appendix: Equity.”*

**Commissioner Djossou:** Grant given twice a year, goal is to foster an anti oppressive by advocating money for a project, basically standing committee, education is made by assembly or members at large. Session for grant, looking to put together committee. Roles are very simple.

**Representative Pirani:** If someone had a page reference.

**Secretary Woolhouse:** Appendix was excluded will e-mail the policy to all members.

**Commissioner Djossou:** This is a committee to promote anti-oppressive safe community, targeted grants in community outreach, committee provide recommendations to assembly including equity grants applications, recipients, summary of committee’s decision. VP of affairs, deputy insurance commissioner, and the social issues, equity grants commissions meets once in fall and winter. Equity grants are advertised at least one week in advance, applications to be considered a report detailing the project a proposed budget detailing the allocations of funds.

Woolhouse: A second to read things over.

Any nominations by members?

*Vice-President Rickard nominates Officer Mickie, seconded by Vice-President Frankfurter*

*Representative Lunetta nominates President Sharma, seconded by Vice-President Enns*

*President Keheler nominates member-at-large Rachel Theriault*

*Nominees come forward for questioning*



**President Wong:** Thank you so much for accepting nominations, how will you ensure you are self-aware of your biases.

**President Sharma:** When doing a grant which has an impact on the student body, it will be based off budgets and the work that goes into it to assure sound use of money.

**Officer Mickie:** In addition to looking at self awareness, with affiliation, self awareness, share with each other, about committees, making sure funds are used properly, do they qualify for everything. Front row.

**Member-at-large Rachel Theriault:** I would remove biases because of my position. I will remove myself from personal opinions of things. Consulting with communities in general, better than just me personally distancing myself from topics.

**Speaker:** Will vote on each nominee individually.

*Nominees leave room.*

All in favour of appointing President Sharma?

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

All in favour of appointing Officer Mickie?

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

All in favour of appointing member-at-large Rachel Theriault?

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

### **Discussion Period**

**President Martinez:** First assembly we set out with summer working plan, focused on tangible outcomes. Assembly presents to school year, in the past, AMS execs have submitted platform for the year. Because we didn't have platform we put together strategic framework. Specifics into commissions strategic framework is not stand-alone document, and services attached to agenda. Presented at first assembly hasn't changed, but more tangible items such as JDUC and others. Ask



us questions or re-shift some of the things. With JDUC, different applications from architectural firms, inviting them for consultations directly with students. Mandating separate consultation sessions, AMS assembly promote, and invite. One of the things we can do is visit assemblies in different councils, to have preliminary conversations for the plan, open town hall. Want to speak to architect directly. Point of meetings is to engage students with student life centre, project that the AMS began over 10 years ago and conceptualizing 25 years ago. Into second referendum for the year, with direct consultations is student engagements, exactly what you want from the new building. Some things heard is more study space, communal, more club space for meetings. This is a student project, and students should engage with this, especially in construction period, unfortunately is a turn off for students, it was students that voted for the JDUC and ARC pass before, it wasn't them that would benefit from the building but for future students. Working with university that would be bursary for 1 mil. We have defined items and would like any questions and engage into deeper discussion.

**Representative Borchenko:** Most first years voted against it, no pride in the school yet. First year concerns addressed?

**President Martinez:** For first years, if referendum passes, first years would be the graduating class that would benefit, construction ends in 2021, going into that academic year, they would go into it in fourth year.

**Vice-President Watters:** You can also ask questions in strategic plan.

**President Martinez:** This is a working document and a live document that could change, you are always welcome to come and talk.

**Representative Torres:** Do you have anything in relation to the opioid crisis. Good Samaritan policy.

**President Martinez:** Prevue is division of student affairs, opioid and fentanyl, how to train students on identifying symptoms of fentanyl and opioid. Sidewalk sale stand spotting symptoms for fentanyl, opioid, and lenses that students can see the visuals you can see. In terms of AMS not something specifically focussing on right now.

**Representative Borchenko:** Went through training in o-week, expand on what is being done to amend the training.

**President Martinez:** Failures was in the time and effort, we did not spend enough time on [unf](#) appropriate on contents of presentations would be. We are also going and reviewing the content and issues apology to students that were in group, and students feeling uncomfortable. We are trying to move forward and look back that it was a very serious issue. We are taking steps to resolve issues.

**Representative Torres:** Going back to the Good Samaritan policy, student government must act on this. Most of the times why people don't report is because they could face consequences. If AMS can investigate Samaritan policy, perhaps students rather than ending up hospital may look at getting help.



**President Martinez:** Good Samaritan protects individuals when trying to help someone from legal penalties that may be associated, with that, if AMS created a policy it does not override student code of conduct, it would be stance of AMS that would be taken for such a policy, that would protect students from code of conduct. We can take stances on it that is a value. We were working in the alcohol workshop presentation it was an issue identifies with alcohol or substance abuse problems. The DON would focus more on punitive side, some were focused on assisting, there was inconsistency with how some dons approached this. Making sure there are more consistencies. Advocate to university administration.

**President Keheler:** Before we break, maybe students didn't want to pay 90-dollar fee, have you thought of a lower student fee during construction, and increased after.

**President Martinez:** Two or three weeks of summer, what we did restructure having the mortgage being paid out over a 25-year period vs 20-year period and interest rate being lower the first year.

**President Keheler:** for the fees collected for the JDUC, is there a needs based bursary.

**President Martinez:** Establish bursary for students that cannot afford it.

**President Cook:** Reference document for strategic framework, in threats section. Tricolour outlet should not have numbers.

**President Martinez:** I did not give information, it was on public record.

**President Cook:** I'd like to reference another point in the Tricolour Outlet Goal Plan, they mention Campus Equipment Outfitters, that they copy designs and produce them in cheaper quality and sells them for less. I am very disappointed to see this here and would like it removed.

**Vice-President Tharp:** I would like to apologize, I will amend and make sure this doesn't happen again.

**Representative Lunetta:** ORT team did very well adapting orientation week to the new way it has been set up, and good job to everyone tonight answering everyone's questions.

**Commissioner Birt:** We had a lot to deal with this year, like restructuring and dealing with the city and allocation of park space. It's been a hell of a ride. We took everything we learned from last year and learn from faults to work on making ORT the best it could be

Discussion ended.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

*Motioned by Vice-President Watters, seconded by Commissioner Birt*

Meeting adjourned at 21:45 EDT