



AMS Assembly Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Wallace Hall

Minutes are tentative until approved by Assembly

The meeting was convened at 17:35 EST.

Speaker Maule: Good evening, I would like to call to order.

Motion #1: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the Agenda for the meeting of October 15, 2019.

AMS President Pierce: I would like to amend the agenda. Because of the last minute changes to the timing of Assembly, we aren't able to have the JDUC speaker in tonight. I will be able to field questions on that as well as SCI opt-out rates but I'll be able to speak to that during the President's report. The JDUC speaker will be in next Assembly.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENCES: None

Motion carries.

Motion #2: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 Assembly.

No changes to the minutes.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENCES: None

Motion carries.

Speakers Business

Speaker Maule: *Land recognition statement was read.* I was going to do it on Thursday and it was going to be related to Thanksgiving but I will do it now instead. I want to reiterate about Assembly members not giving sufficient notice. I understand that it was before Thanksgiving and some people wanted to get home early. Please keep in mind that you guys are elected representatives and have a responsibility to the students and your constituents. If you won't be able to attend, please send us an email at least 24 hours in advance; just let us know and we can do something about it. Not everyone gave enough notice last week and as a result, we didn't meet quorum. We could've gone home early or done something about it. Our guest speaker, Teri Shearer, was forced to present in an unofficial capacity on the sexual violence and prevention policy. This was disrespectful to her and also to all of us who showed up. Let's try not to make it happen again and just send me or Lucas an email if you aren't able to make it.

I want to talk about Thanksgiving now. It's an event that originated before colonization. The Indigenous people had feasts well before settlers and we owe them a great deal. The Mi'kmaq people helped the settlers when they first arrived: they taught them about which berries to eat, how to fish and survive. Everyone knows the story of the original Thanksgiving so let's take time to give thanks and reflect those who lived and protected on the land before us. They paid a huge price on stuff that we now take for granted. Especially in light of the things that happened last week at Chown hall. I'm not going to say too much about it as lots has already been said. I'm sure you guys saw the statements from the university and the AMS. The act was just evil – truly evil and inherently malevolent. If anything, there's a slight silver lining as it is a reminder of the atrocities that the Indigenous people faced and a reminder that these issues are not past us. The past can be easy to forget unless it's in your face. Let's take this opportunity to continually commit to changing this narrative. I condemn these actions to the fullest and will not tolerate it at our school.

If you're interested in getting involved with this issue, there's a speaker series with the Department of English. It's from 7-9PM in Room 1517 in Watson Hall. This will feature Indigenous writers and activists. It's a good event to check out.

Finally, I hope everyone is well rested and fed after Thanksgiving so we have energy to comment, question, and voice your opinion – my first Assembly last time was a good experience and I'm excited for today.

No further debate.

President's Report

AMS President Pierce: I think a lot of the things that I wanted to say were covered in my report and I'm happy to take questions. Just to speak to opt-outs: as of October 11, we are free and clear from the Student Choice Initiative. It will be something that we will have to grapple with from every year on out. Just because the numbers are lower this year doesn't mean that they'll be the same next year. This way, also, students are able to hold all of us accountable in our roles. Just to go over some numbers that we just received from the Registrar's Office. We're still processing a lot of requests but these are what we have so far. We will see a 15.91% opt-out of the AMS

Membership Fee, 22% for the AMS Food Bank, 23.97% for campus safety and risk, 25% for OUSA and more. Faculty exec, if you could let your faculties know of these changes.

AMS Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Dahanayake: Nothing to add to my report. Just sent out a faculty society MOU news. I'm going to address a clause in there so all faculty executives get access to Lynn Perry. It might be better if I explain further on how you can best use our AMS General Manager to help you guys excel. Just some background: Lynn has decades of management experience, and has encountered lots of different situations when it comes to management, especially managing a large amount of people. On behalf of the three of us, we've learned so much over the past few months about how to manage people and the difficulties that come with that. Lynn has been so helpful and a mentor for all of us. All faculty society executives should be aware of how they can use Lynn to their advantage. I'm sure you manage lots of people and you should all know that you have access to this resource, especially if you don't have a resource like her in your faculty societies. If you want a meeting with her or if you are confused on how to manage people, boundaries, or conflict management, reach out to us to set up a meeting or email gm@ams.queensu.ca directly to book a meeting with Lynn.

AMS VP-UA Greene: I won't speak to stuff in my written report, happy to take any questions. A few highlights: SOAR debriefs will be coming in the next two weeks. Your faculty orientation head and faculty Dean will be fielding questions and feedback about SOAR and Orientation Week. Feel free to reach out to Commissioner Henriques to meet in advance and prepare for that SOAR debrief. I also got the chance today with AMS President Pierce to take part in the Principal's Conversation from 12PM-1PM here in Wallace Hall. Principal Deane opened up to the community to discuss issues on campus and what direction our university should be going. This is an awesome opportunity to get a voice in the direction that we'll be heading in for the next little bit. Some notes were notably that the undergraduate voice was missing. There were lots of representation from international students, faculty, and staff so I encourage you to take this back to your faculty society assemblies and encouraging them to go out. The next one will be on November 11. One thing that was especially pointed out was the Chown Hall incident. The one thing was that there is a small silver lining in this situation in that this issue is now out there and we can recognize that there still are prevalent racism problems on campus towards Indigenous communities. Our responsibility is to acknowledge this and tackle this moving forward. This is something we should all be thinking about moving forward.

Board of Director's Report

Proxy - Chairperson Nensi: Nothing to add to the report, happy to take questions.

Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Macintyre: Hope you're all doing well. I recently attended the board meeting on September 27-28, 2019. It was very productive. First thing was to ratify the senate decision to approve the establishment of three SEAMO Chairs in research and innovation in the school of medicine. We also recognized the consumer analytics as a formal research centre. It had formerly

been operating as such but was not approved. We also reviewed the audited financial statements and they were approved and are now available publicly. It took a critical look at the university's expenditures and income streams. It was generally good news as it was a financially healthy year and that is projected to continue. We were amusingly able to the international tuition fee for the Graduate Diploma in Water and Human Health after a clerical error led to it being misrepresented. The final sort of action was that the funding for advancement office was rescinded. Essentially, now it is funded like everything else on campus. Principal Deane was able to speak at the trustee meeting and presented on the dangers of returning to a place that's familiar. He displays a great excitement to engage with students about the future of the university. I highly recommend students to attend the Principal's Conversation sessions and to participate. I have the most absolute confidence that these discussions aren't happening just to happen. Principal Deane really wants the student voice to be our feature as a university. These consultations are used to produce the next strategic framework for the next 5 years and will help to shape the next 5 years. This is a great way to leave your impact on this school and how it operates for our students. This is a much more permanent way to leave an impact than other options of student voice.

There was excellent AMS and SGPS voice at the meeting. There were a lot of stressed student voices in these discussions particularly around climate change. On September 22, the Queen's Backing Against Climate Change ("QBACC") committee organized a climate meet pushing for university divestment from fossil fuels and policy change for environmental social governance factors in our investment policy. The QBACC President also presented and gave an excellent speech for the action required to take on that. I can't speak to how the university will proceed on this topic but it's a good reminder that the student voice can be heard. When students go out and try to be loud and there's 500 people blocking the street, people listen. This is the positive impact that students can have. I'm happy to take any questions here, after assembly, if you shoot me an email.

Student Senator's Report

Chairperson Niddam-Dent: I submitted a written report so I won't go in too much detail. OSAP reductions have been a big topic of discussion. The numbers going forward for Senate show the impact of the reduction. While Queen's students received \$3 million more in loans, that was offset by a \$20 million loss in grants. This totals to a net \$17 million loss. The university recognizes this challenge and that these are the numbers to have moving forward. There were also concerns raised about the new sexual violence and prevention policy as well as how the university is addressing mental health issues. These concerns were noted but there have been no concrete changes that the university is ready to establish immediately so I encourage you to continue your advocacy so we can get to a better state moving forward.

Rector's Report

Rector not present.

Statements by Students

No debate.

Question Period

No questions asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion #3: Moved by: Clubs Director Schrempf, seconded by: Secretary Borchenko.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to Clubs Policy as seen in Appendix: Clubs Policy

Clubs Director Schrempf: We've gone through these already at the last Assembly. This is regarding the removing of the line to make it clear that when clubs are deratified, they also lose their student opt-out fee.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #4A: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes to the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: AMS Constitution (everything but membership).

Secretary Borchenko: This is a vote on everything except for the membership. We split them at the last assembly into an AB format. There were no changes, questions or comments to me over the week so it's presented the exact same as last assembly.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #4B: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes regarding membership to the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: AMS Constitution.

Secretary Borchenko: This is the second half of the motion. I'm happy to take questions. There should be questions and comments on this one. This hasn't changed since last time however, no suggestions were made on potential amendments to it.

ENGSOC Representative Arpin: I know President Benoit and VP Kasim had questions and concerns regarding this motion. Is there any chance postpone the motion?

Motion #4C: Moved by: Representative Arpin, seconded by President Perkins.

Motion to open agenda and move Motion #4B to after Motion #6.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #5: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the new Non-Academic Policies and Procedures as seen in Appendix: NAM.

Secretary Borchenko: There were comments sent to me over the weeks and things were changed. The most notable changes were to sanctions. I spoke to the Director of Student Conduct two weeks ago and she had proposals on small things to change. We simplified the language. There were leftover spots for old position names, so those are changed to the new position names. Also, we removed the separate sections for GNAM and NAM.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: 23

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #6: Moved by Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the new Policy infringement protocol and Procedures as seen in Appendix: PIP.

Secretary Borchenko: Just again, this one has not changed at all since last week but I have to say since both of these will pass that I'm happy with work and consultation levels we did to make sure they were AMS and administratively approved. The splitting of NAM and PIP will prevent many situations that have arisen in the past and make sure no one goes through both processes. PIP hasn't been used previously because no one really knew how to use it. Also, there

was no mention of NAM in the PIP stuff and one mention of PIP in NAM stuff so we took that all out.

COMPSA President Boateng: In the appendix, the link to the policy change doesn't work.

Secretary Borchenko: I messed up the link but it's the exact same as last week's email. Nothing else has changed.

COMPSA President Boateng: The NAM link doesn't work but the one for PIP works.

Secretary Borchenko: I will update the agenda online to make sure those are correct.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: 23

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #4B: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the changes regarding membership to the AMS Constitution as seen in Appendix: AMS Constitution.

ENGSOV VP Kasim: I just want to bring attention to the membership change. We do have some concerns with this membership change but I want to precursor that the concern is with the addition of the change, not that it exists. I want to bring up the implications on what that addition has on students - most significantly with elections and clubs. Could you guys please outline the implications of change?

AMS President Pierce: When it comes to elections, the change would be that there would be less students eligible to vote. Looking into the policy, we wanted to lessen the barriers to get engaged with elections. One of the reasons we decided we wanted to run was because no one else was. We didn't want any more uncontested elections on campus so we wanted to reduce barriers to allow for more people to get engaged. It takes a lot to get nominations and one major concern with this change was that come election time, students might not know if they are members or not. These stickers will be administered and will provide further confirmation for students that they can rely on the sticker. As for clubs, nothing has changed.

ENGSOV President Benoit: I believe what he meant is more about people voting in elections, not running in elections. Our concern is that there is not a lot of engagement already. If people do vote on campus, they don't put too much thought into the vote. The membership fee, given how it's defined in the constitution and redefined, will limit the people who can vote.

Secretary Borchenko: Our policy stipulates that you have to be a member to vote. There has to be a required membership. I understand that the practice of elections will not change; the change of the two words won't change how we operate but provides more clarity for the constitution. The AMS membership fee line we could've made that a housekeeping article and not put it to a vote in the summer. The "AND" part is the thing we have to vote on. The comment has been raised is that the essence of the clause is changing. The AMS membership fee is in replacement of _____. Every policy will now reference the membership fee. Most faculty societies have

membership fees. It was recommended to change to membership fee so that students know what they're opting in or out of. Students would struggle with a different name so the decision was made to change. The decision was also made to put all constitution changes in the summer, so I appreciate your concerns are being brought up

AMS VP-UA Greene: I will add to more and directly speak to that. That's the problem with the Student Choice Initiative is that less voices will be able to participate. Every student will have to pay fee to have a voice. To have a voice in this society, you must have paid the fees which really students who believe the society is valuable will do so. This is the unfortunate decision that the Student Choice Initiative has put us in but it is the reality.

ENGSOB VP Kasim: I want to clarify my personal concerns with elections. Like you said, the AMS is very valuable. Regardless of whether the student thinks that they are valuable or not, the AMS is supposed to be the voice for all students to the administration and to everyone, regardless of membership. Student government shouldn't matter if you are a member or not. If I am part of the percentage that chose not to pay the fees, now I don't have a choice in the people who will make decisions for students in the future. I think that elections and voting on the AMS executive should be open to all students regardless of membership. Regardless if they think the AMS is valuable or not, they become voiceless.

Secretary Borchenko: The essence of the Student Choice Initiative was to allow students to not have representation if they didn't want it. Part of the point that Premier Ford made was that students don't feel represented by their executive and they should have the option of not having to pay for that option which is what the Student Choice Initiative is. I understand your point of view, but we can't force people to vote or be represented by us. We have the membership bursary which people can apply to that and still become members and make sure that it's still financially accessible. It's a decision – we gave options so people can get it paid for.

NSS President Kruizinga: I would like to voice my opinion, given that I don't believe you can blame this on the government. There is still a portion in essence of what they've created however, this is what our society did in response. There are options such as if you pay the mandatory fees, you're able to vote without having to pay for all the services. Obviously, it was a choice to decide to make it one membership fee instead of breaking it down. So you can't blame it on the government because it doesn't explicitly say that.

ENGSOB President Benoit: We recognize that there are a lot of different opinions on this and that we just wanted to ensure that the voice of our students are being heard. The resounding opinion in engineering is that they didn't want to pay this fee but they should still be able to have an opinion on next year's leadership or play a role as a volunteer in the AMS. I recognize that there are things outside of our scope and I have already talked to the AMS executive and Secretary Borchenko about it. We just wanted to make sure that these student opinions were voiced and documented in some official capacity.

AMS President Pierce: Thank you for voicing your opinion. That's the point of Assembly. I look forward to many more times where we can get things on record. The conversation was great with Teri Shearer and I hope we can continue to have more guest speakers where students can have their opinions.

Proxy - ASUS Rep: I encourage you check out other clubs on campus where students can voice their opinions. I'm a part of the Provincial Advocacy Committee. We're passionate about

making the campus more inclusive and getting students who don't pay these mandatory fees on the issues that concern them. If you want to present alternatives to students for advocacy opportunities, then you can talk about other ways on campus to have their voices heard.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: 16

AGAINST: 8

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

New Business

Motion #7: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of \$1.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Queen's Women in Leadership?"

Secretary Borchenko: We have a guest from Queen's Women in Leadership to come talk about their club mandate. Originally every club was supposed to come. They all showed up on Thursday but we didn't meet quorum. However, Member-at-Large de Gannes is here tonight to give a brief description and rationale for the student fee.

Member-at-Large de Gannes: I'm the Workshops and Events Coordinator for QWIL. Essentially, we are a club that started under ComSoc 26 years ago. It started off as Queen's Women in Finance but is now known as QWIL. We provide opportunities for people especially women, but all gender identities with career advancement. We do speaker panels, case competitions, and other events to champion equity in the workplace. We help with personal branding and hold an annual conference. We're also partnering with McKinsey which is one of the top management consulting companies in the world. The fee will go towards a bursary to allow our conference to be more accessible to all students. In our funding structure, we have a high delegate cost and as we are branching out to other faculties and lived experiences, we want to remove the barriers of financial need. All the student fees would be going towards subsidizing cost and internal structuring to make sure that hiring is as equitable as possible. The changes in government result in students selecting the student fees that they want to support and we want to see as many students as possible attend QWIL events.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #8: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: “Do you agree to the establishment of \$0.15 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Freedom From Violence Queen’s?”

Secretary Borchenko: Freedom from Violence focuses on advocating for a future free from violence through education and social justice initiatives. We aim to host educational/awareness events regarding abuse, domestic violence, issues effecting marginalized communities, mental health, and healthcare. Our goal is to promote a safe and equitable future for all through empowering those effected by violence and equipping everyone with the skills and knowledge to be an effective ally. Each month we hold two events. One larger scale event (e.g. discussion night, MMIWG educational event, mental health run, etc.) as well as one smaller scale event aimed at relieving stress and anxiety (ex. collage night, paint night, etc.) Despite having only been ratified for three full months of the school year (March, April, September) we have already begun having a profound impact on the Queen’s/Kingston community. Our first event, just three weeks after ratification, was a discussion night featuring a panel of speakers from local organizations. Attendees listened to our panel share their stories of surviving domestic violence and learned about how to recognize the signs of abuse and where to get help. This September, we promoted our club at Queen’s in the Park and the Tricolour Open House. Then, on Sept 26th we held an exhibition remembering and honouring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and Two Spirits. This event involved a warrior song performance by indigenous counsellor Lorie Young, a display of red dresses, signed pledges, and information about persons effected. Later that evening, our display was also featured at the Confederation Basin Marina Tent downtown as part of Take Back the Night. We are passionate about advocating for communities affected by violence and tackling issues from an intersectional perspective. We look forward to growing our presence at Queen’s and executing many more events.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #9: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: “Do you agree to the establishment of \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Queen’s Dancerama?”

Secretary Borchenko: Queen’s Dancerama is non-for-profit organization on Queen’s University campus that consists of 10 undergraduate leaders who share a passion for the arts and community outreach. Throughout the semester we engage in various fundraising initiatives with the goals of both bringing awareness as well as raising money to further Cystic Fibrosis research. Our largest fundraising

initiative is a recital that we hold during the beginning of second semester in which all the proceeds are donated to Cystic Fibrosis Canada. We came together in April 2015 with the idea of running fundraisers across Kingston, and ultimately Canada, to raise money and awareness for individuals affected by CF. Our fundamental goal is to inspire others to follow our lead, and start their own events in the local community to make a difference in the lives of those with CF. Our annual fundraiser brings together both those apart of the Queen's as well as the Kingston community, showcasing the various talent that Kingston as a whole has to offer. Through attracting both groups of people to the recital, we are able to better raise awareness about Cystic Fibrosis and hopefully inspire others to engage in action to continue to raise awareness and funds to further CF research in Canada. This year and for years to come, we will ensure that Dancerama works hard to fulfill these goals and continues to attract a wide audience that will promote awareness of Cystic Fibrosis and help to raise money that will go towards finding a cure and helping families affected by the disease cope with the financial and emotional stress that accompanies the illness.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #10: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Get REAL Queen's?"

Secretary Borchenko: Get REAL is a Canadian non-profit organization that is focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination and promoting acceptance in all kinds of public spaces, such as schools and workplaces, as well as in everyday language. This is accomplished through inclusivity presentations and workshops that share personal stories to influence others. As the chapter operating out of Queen's University, launched in 2013, we host events in order to promote a safer space on campus, working to remove prejudice and promote unity, compassion and acceptance. Some of our events include the school's first on-campus drag show, that now operates bi-yearly; a 'Love Is Love Week' campaign, promoting this positive message through small boothing events; a Queer Coffeehouse, providing a safe space for queer students and community members, as well as their allies, to showcase their talents; and monthly Queer chill nights, which provide a safe space for students and community members to gather to study, play some board games, or just relax and meet some new queer friends. This year, we also plan on introducing many new partnerships with groups on campus and in the Kingston community that align with our values of creating a safe space for all on campus. For example, we plan on hosting a Safe Space Dance Class in partnership with Queen's Dance Club, and the first ever Queer Prom on Queen's campus, in partnership with the Education on Queer Issues Project (EQuIP). We will also be hosting a campaign with Step Above Stigma to promote mental wellness and safety on campus, by encouraging people of all backgrounds to attend our December Monthly

Chill Night and engaging in self care by potting plants. We strive to create the most positive space for all members of the Queen's community, including students, staff, faculty, and Kingston community members.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: 1

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #11: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of \$0.40 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Queen's University Scientista?"

Secretary Borchenko: Queen's University Scientista aims to promote the advancement of undergraduate and graduate women in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) on Queen's University's campus through campus events and campus-related resources as well as by connecting women to a larger network of women in STEMM. The purpose of Queen's University Scientista is to provide women in with the resources and support necessary to help them succeed in their current and future endeavors. We do this through publication of online content, posting of science resources and opportunities, hosting campus events to build the Scientista community, regular podcast posts featuring women on campus, and engaging with women in STEMM at a national level.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #12: Moved by: Secretary Borchenko, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the Fall 2019 AMS Referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Canadian Association in Research in Regenerative Medicine at Queen's?"

Secretary Borchenko: CARRM (Canadian Association in Research in Regenerative Medicine) is a Canadian registered non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to advocating for the advancement of regenerative medicine in Canada. As a Queen's University chapter of the NGO, we do this through organizing various educational and fundraising events throughout the school year. Our educational events include speaker panels or networking events

with researchers and physicians in the field of regenerative medicine to better educate the public about the current progress in regenerative medicine research such as stem cell transplant, and discuss the problems faced them today. We also hold a variety of fundraising events generally once-twice a semester and are dedicated to raising funds for both the operation of the NGO and funding the researchers.

Our club is composed of executive team consisting of 10-11 members and a general member team that is open to anyone interested in joining us for biweekly meetings and discussions and debates on stem cell and volunteer at our events.

With the recent ban of funding towards research regenerative medicine in Ontario by Douglas Ford, CARRM's role in advocating and fundraising for regenerative medicine has only become more critical. This year, CARRM hopes to fulfill this role by expanding to bigger scale events this year such as stem cell conference and charity gala for regenerative medicine.

No debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #13: Moved by: Clubs Director Schrempf, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Greene.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the ratification of 51 clubs seen in Appendix Rad New Clubs.

Clubs Director Schrempf: This is just regarding the process of ratification. All of these clubs submitted applications. We had 63 applicants and with their submitted applications, they also submitted a club constitution. We held 63 interviews over the past 2 weeks and determined that these 51 clubs are unique enough that they should be a ratified AMS club. Seems like most of them have their stuff going for them pretty well. The full list is included in the agenda.

AMS VP-UA Greene: Just for the purposes of context, I was wondering what reasons would you have to choose not to ratify a club since there were 63 applications and 51 ratified clubs?

Clubs Director Schrempf: Typically, the reason for clubs not being ratified is because their mandate is too similar as as other clubs on campus. They might also be holding similar initiatives to other club. Finally, it's a matter of insurance. There are certain clubs that our insurance can't cover such as if they partake in a lot of athletics or high levels of physical activity. Our insurance can't cover their events.

Trustee Macintyre: Just wanted to note that I appreciate the naming of the appendix and would like to see other people in the AMS adopt a similar naming system.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #14: Moved by: AMS President Pierce, seconded by: AMS VP-UA Greene.

Motion for the AMS Assembly, based on student feedback, move to not endorse the current draft of the university alcohol policy.

AMS VP-UA Greene: The purpose of this motion would be more productive more as a discussion or question period before Assembly. For 4 days, we collected 2,200 responses which really gave us breadth on the issue. We wrote our final recommendations which was made up of the responses from the public consultation period. There was a memo made by SOARB speaking to the single orientation event for the NEWTS Orientation where alcohol is involved. This event was mostly reviewed very positively by all stakeholders. The leaders were not drinking, people could choose to drink or choose to not drink, there is dancing and socializing. All in all, this recommendation is in line with the argument that there are measures in place to ensure inclusivity regarding alcohol. It caters to all audiences if they want to choose not to drink or choose to. This isn't the extent that we wanted it to be but this is the extent that we think could be accepted by the Alcohol Working Group. The strongest arguments are ones that we think will be reasonably accepted. For example, regarding the blanket shot ban which bans shots during on peak periods, we wanted to make clear that Orientation Week isn't a peak sales period, especially for Clark Hall Pub. You see Orientation Week in the peak period, and we wanted that excluded. Ideally we'd be able to have no shot restrictions on homecoming but we'll take a better look at better regulations. However, this was the concession we willing to take. If you have any questions on the survey or recommendations, now is your chance.

Trustee Macintyre: Has there been an initial administrative response to your submitted report on the student voice?

AMS VP-UA Greene: The response was that it was submitted properly and received. We're not sure what happens next and will be looking for more information. This goes to the senior leadership team so we'll be following that closely and considering how this consultation will be taken, we want all future ones to take student feedback similarly. One thing I will mention is that when we did put out the survey, the purpose was to gather student feedback. We wanted to understand the feedback and make sure it was in line with what we were recommending. A problem, was that the general population believed that the AMS was making this policy and the AMS Executive received a lot of negative feedback personally, to our AMS website, and organizationally. Our role is to advocate student perspective and we're meant to represent students so if there's any way to communicate that this was not our policy, but just our consultation on the issue to your faculties, that would be great. We're not the ones supporting that policy and we're here to support your faculties and students.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #15: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Greene, seconded by: Commissioner Henriques.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the ORT budget as seen in Appendix ORT.

AMS VP-UA Greene: Commissioner Henriques could not be here tonight so I will pull up her speech. The ORT budget was cut last year due to the Student Choice Initiative. It was recently just reinstated by the Board of Directors. We made several steps in trying to reduce our own expenses so let me know if you have any questions.

COMPSA VP Anand: I had a few questions about the numbers. For the concert fundraising expenses, the budgeted for this year is more than double what was budgeted last year. Why was there such a huge increase there? Also, there's an increase with taxis. The Actual YTD amount was \$93,000 last year but only \$43,000 was budgeted this year. Why is there such a huge gap between what was expected and what happened?

AMS VP-UA Greene: Regarding the concert changes in expenses, if you look at the bottom our budget last year was \$117,000 and it is \$123,000 now so there overall hasn't been a large increase or difference. The allocation had to do with the reporting mechanism last year. The way that expenses were reported last year resulted in things in the wrong line. So for entertainment, it's budgeted at \$35,000 this year, which was a "decrease", however this is just as entertainment and production are two different elements and they were possibly reported together last year as one expense, resulting in the skew in numbers.

COMPSA VP Anand: And fundraising and event expenses was \$50,000 more?

AMS VP-UA Greene: The \$77,000 was the production budget, and the entertainment was the concert expenses. For last year's, it looks like most of the fundraising and event expenses went into the entertainment line. However, this year, we've distinguished that event expenses will go into production line ("Fundraising/Event Expenses") and the Entertainment line will remain for the artist fees. This year, the amounts should reflect that and be fully correct.

COMPSA VP Anand: Also, regarding the Faculties' Orientation, taxi travel ended up being \$93,000 where it was expected to be \$50,000. This year, it was budgeted as \$43,000, which is even less. Why is there such a huge discrepancy?

AMS VP-UA Greene: The actuals for 2018-2019 shouldn't be compared to the budget for 2020. This line is for the faculties and all of the vehicles that they rent for frosh week. Over the last few years, there's been an effort to reduce the number of vehicles to be rented during the actual week and so this is what we'll be able to get.

COMPSA VP: I understand however, the actuals were \$40,000 more than the budgeted. Just wondering why this happened.

Proxy - Chairperson Nensi: I acknowledge that there is a discrepancy. However, what the board and what AMS VP-UA Greene are saying is that there were a lot of issues having to do with reporting last year. The board dealt with it this summer. So for your purposes, you just have to look at the bottom line.

ENGSOE Representative Arpin: What room are you renting costs \$9,000 for training?

AMS VP-UA Greene: It's all the rooms being booked for orientation leader training. This includes Grant Hall, which is \$600. In general for faculties, a lot of these expenses are the responsibility of the faculties and what they're budgeting themselves, if that clarifies anything.

ENGSOB VP Kasim: For clarification, the actuals for last year, the discrepancies exist because of incorrect reporting and the advisory board. The new numbers are correct and reflective of the new budget?

Proxy – Chairperson Nensi: There were issues with reporting the last couple of years. Things don't get booked to the right line, and despite the fact that the budget exists, variance expenses could be reported in any line. It looks like there are drastic increases and decreases however, you should disregard these and just look at bottom expenses line. There is a reduction year-over-year. We're cutting down on expenses given the Student Choice Initiative and that's what we should be focused on.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: 23

AGAINST: None

ABSECTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Point of Information

Secretary Borchenko: Just a note. We're also required to report the Tri-Annual Review of club student opt-out fees. You can read which other clubs will be on the ballot. In addition to the others that were reported on earlier, these tri-annually reviews will also be on the ballot.

Discussion Period

AMS VP-UA Greene: Last week, we had Teri Shearer come in to speak on the sexual violence and prevention policy and the suspension of the clause on the duty to disclose. This has been the concern at Senate and different forms on campus. I'm happy they've taken a pause and listened to our feedback. We asked what channels this will be going through as consultation is going through. Currently, the Bunisha Samuels, the Social Issues Commissioner and Andie Rextdiemeri, the Peer Support Centre Manager, and I all sit on the Policy Task Force. Our hope is that it may come back to that body in that capacity. If you have any questions or concerns, you can send them to myself and those can be represented in that body. Any further consultation can be dealt with that way or through a few open discussion nights that will be held to discuss this policy. Please send it to us and we will communicate it in that way and we truly welcome feedback on duty to disclose.

ENGSOB President Benoit: These open discussion nights opportunities to voice opinion, when are those happening?

AMS VP-UA Greene: I believe it's posted by the Queen's University page somewhere. I will look into that and let you know immediately. I can give you the feedback if not but I'll find out and circulate that information.

Chairperson Niddam-Dent: Another topic was brought up at Senate. The contact will be made to students who disclosed by email and we deemed that this was not a safe way for that contact to be made such as if someone has access to another person's email. I was wondering if that situation was mentioned at all since that concern has been brought up as well.

AMS President Pierce: That was definitely raised as a concern. That's the way the reporting was going to work and this is the part of the policy that was suspended because there was so much of an outcry from students. Teri Shearer said that there would be a button that says do not send this person an email. I echo this sentiment and many people agree. People could have your phone or access to your computer, especially somebody who is the abuser. Something not mentioned is that students will share their student accounts and emails with parents or guardians so they have access to their accounts or to pay tuition. My concern is that for students to get disclosure that way, parents will find out that their son/daughter is a survivor and that is not necessarily the way people want to be informed. There is nothing put yet, however, these concerns we will raise during public consultation.

ASUS President Perkins: The open consultations will be held this Thursday, October 17 from 5-6PM and next Wednesday, October 23 from 10-11AM in Robert Sutherland Hall.

AMS VP-UA Greene: One thing I want to say is that although there are many problems that need to be addressed, I'm happy that the university is focusing on the way they disclose. The details of perpetrators and survivors are not being openly disclosed as we would not want those details going through in an email reporting tool.

Adjournment

Moved by: AMS VP-UA Greene, seconded by: COMPSA VP Anand.

Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSESIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 18:53PM EST.