



AMS Assembly Minutes
Thursday, January 16th, 2020
Macdonald Hall 001

Minutes are tentative until approved by Assembly

The meeting was convened at 18:33

Motion #1: Moved by: AMS VP-UA Greene, seconded by: AMS President Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of January 16th, 2020.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #2: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce

Motion for the AMS assembly to open the motion agenda

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #3: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce

Motion to change January 16th to November 7th in the motion agenda

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #4: Moved by Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce

Motion to close the agenda

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #5: Moved by Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce

For the AMS Assembly to approve the assembly minutes of November 25th

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #6: Moved by Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce

For the AMS Assembly to approve the minutes of November 28th

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #7:

Speakers Business

Speaker Maule: *Land recognition statement was read.*

We recognize that we need to pay homage to the people who came before us and how we can individually and collectively correct the wrongs of the oppressive systems of colonialism that affect this country. As we all know last week 170 people died. One of our peers Amir Moradi was on that flight. Amir was in his 3rd year here at Queens. He was coming back to Canada after visiting his family in Iran. Amir was by all accounts a kind, and generous person and our condolences go out to his friends and family who are facing this devastating loss. Let us have a moment of silence to mourn him and the loss faced by his friends and family. That moment will start now.

Moment was observed.

Thank you.

Queens has just launched a memorial fund to honour Amir and the other 176 people involved in the plane crash. It is called the Iranian Student Memorial Scholarship Fund and the university will match donations up to \$250,000 and you can donate at www.givetoqueens.ca.

President's Report

AMS President Pierce: as Speaker Maul mentioned it has been a torturous semester. At Queen's we're a very tight-knit community, and any loss is one which we all feel. I encourage you to reach out to your resources such as Empower Me, and the PSC and to urge the people you work with to know and reach out to these resources too. I hope everyone had a restful break over his winter holiday.

AMS President Pierce presents fall reading break survey report.

Big shout out to Ewan who worked tirelessly and a big thank you to Senator Niddam-Dent.

We used this report to put forward a recommendation that SCAP will be making to senate determining what the future of the reading break will be after the 3 year pilot project is over. As reported, there has been no work put forward by the university to determine how effective this project has been, this report is the only data about it and the student consensus is overwhelmingly in favour of having different dates so the University is required to change that and the vast majority of students will be happy to have it as the Thursday and Friday before Thanksgiving Weekend.

Board chair Sharp: I just wanted to ask, typically academic calendars are determined early in the year, when do you think the change will be implemented into the calendar?

AMS President Pierce: We would like to see a more in depth study. There are a lot of things fall reading break had impacted, and at this time we're working to collaborate with the university to see how the future will look like. My biggest fear right now is that by the time the University sends out the study, which won't begin until next year, there will be one cohort of students who have seen what the old structure was like.

AMS Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Dahanayake: I submitted a written report. Here are the additions that I have:

I did reference the Queens period education campaign directed towards both professors and students. We're working with Res-Soc to make sure they go up all around the residence buildings. People come in from high school and have different exposures to menstruation. What we're asking to eventually happen, is we will have rounds of 1st years who become upper years who have had exposure to menstrual products and menstruation and normalise it and can help propagate that attitude.

AMS VP-OPS Dahanayake showed posters.

The second project is a collaboration with the SLC. We internally raised over 900 menstrual products and they will be stocked in the male, female, and gender-neutral toilets in the JDUC and the ARC.

These are all I can disclose right now as I want to allow the services to be able to market their own events when they are ready to talk about them. There is also the SLC entrepreneurship market directed toward student entrepreneurs who have a service or product that they are passionate about showcasing on campus. As well, TAPS is hosting a brunch at QP this Saturday, there have been some talks on bottomless nachos.

There is also a new service about to be launched by PNCC to make photo printers available as a photobooth service. Individuals will be able to rent PNCC's photo printers to printout pictures from events.

COMPSA President Boateng: For PNCC photobooths, is it clubs or just students who can rent them?

AMS VP-OPS Dahanayake: It can be anyone, they just have to be a student here at Queen's.

AMS-VPOPS gave Event Sanctioning presentation

Speaker Maul: any questions for Jess? Alright so we'll move on to the second Vice President's report.

AMS VP-UA Greene: Hi everyone, I'm just going to turn around and talk to everyone. I just have a couple of updates that are not on my report to give you guys. As you saw on our reports we were engaged in the Sexual Violence Policy discussions about the suspension of Section 8.8: Duty to Disclose, so myself, Commissioner Samuels, our PSC Head Manager as well as Rector Da Silva are all on that committee and we're all set on what we want to represent to the Sexual Violence Task Force and we want to make sure those conversations are happening and that in the coming weeks the university will be putting out communications on that process. They're taking the steps to consult and make sure that the best decisions are made moving forward.

Second item on mine are the job structure changes. There are two things in the works, one of them being a Food Bank manager. As you'll see we're asking for the food bank fee to become mandatory but for the food bank manager we're looking to add hours for them in the summer and we're looking to increase their hours throughout the year. As it stands right now, they're

purely operational, they purely have a very 8 month operational focus. We're trying to give them some more opportunities to engage with various stakeholders to improve the efficiency and the practice of the organisation as well as be there in that summer to set the tone for the year and be able to get familiar with the service and serve patrons thorough the summer and be ready to go as soon as the year starts. Hopefully with the passing of the mandatory fee and changes to the Food Bank, we can start to see just step by step improvements to the Food Bank.

And then the other change is to the Campus Activity Commission. So as we talked about in the past few years, there have been significant changes to this commission, losing multiple conferences and changing significantly. However, it is important that we do have a position in the AMS that is specifically dedicated to the student experience and we have all seen there's been certain declines in certain areas in student engagement so we're trying to make this position flexible, make it advocate for the student experience, make it plan events that involve all the students, as well as engage in the event sanctioning process that Jess just talked about. So they'll have a broader mandate and they'll become the Campus Affairs Commissioner. So those are the two job structure changes.

And then the last thing I wanted to touch on, unfortunately the Director of Clubs is away at QMP right now but he put in his report the global alliance for artificial intelligence and digital transformations was de-ratified by myself pursuant to the policy. This was not due to any sort of controversial mandate or anything of that nature where we would typically bring these things to assembly for a referendum, this was purely because of a violation of our policies and procedures. At the time of applications, when this club was interviewed, they were asked if they paid their AMS and SGPS fees which they are required to do to become a club and they answered in the affirmative. Unfortunately, when we later found out who AMS and SGPS members were, we found that that their members weren't and unfortunately it's by virtue of the fact that they're on the Toronto campus and they don't get assessed the same fees so it's a very unfortunate situation. We've tried to reach out to their faculty to see how they can support them in engaging in a club like process but that's as the justification for the de-ratification. I'm happy to take any questions on any of the above or anything in general that I've been working on.

Speaker Maul: Any questions for Will? Seeing as there are none, we'll move on to the Board of Director's report from Boy Chair Liam Tharp.

Board of Director's Report

Chairperson Tharp: Hi everyone, I apologise for not having submitted my written report to assembly, I'm unfortunately already impinging my thesis in week 1 so I have a verbal report with about six items that I want to go over.

One major project that the board is undertaking this term is we have contracted with a club actually, a commerce club, CREO. They are a club focussed on consulting and are working with the Vice-Chair of the Board as well as the Finance and Risk Committee Chair and they're focussed on recruiting the transitional processes of the board as well as ensuring the continuation of committee projects from year to year and then just overall board efficiency. The board typically has three or four meetings during the summer that can last between four and six hours depending on how long the goal plans are that year so we're looking at what information needs to be in there and what information doesn't because it's a lot of work for Board Members and the

Head Managers putting those reports together. If you have any questions about that, I'd be happy to take them.

I'm personally working on Board Community Director hiring and we've had a vacancy on the board for the last year. Dianne Kelly unfortunately stepped down due to other time commitments and the two Community Directors that are on the boards, both have their terms hiring this upcoming year. If anyone is aware of any professionals in the area, especially in the areas of legal, any general business and/or public relations, please send them my way. I've now interviewed upwards of a dozen candidates. It's been really difficult to find someone who can both make a time commitment and will contribute positively to the board.

The next thing I want to talk about is the FNR committee. What they've been working on is primarily the risk register. They've also been working with the Queen's Journal on their updated probationary terms. During the time of the Student Choice Initiative last year, the Queen's Journal was placed on probation so after the half year progress that we've seen during the probationary terms, there's an update that's required for next year so those terms are being figured out. I believe there's a meeting yesterday or today and that will be presented at the next assembly. They will also be working to re-evaluate QMP which was also placed on probation post Student Choice Initiative last year.

Next on to the Governance committee which is still undergoing the Board policy review that will be presented at one of the later boards and it will be presented for information to assembly if people are interested and it will also be up on the new website.

And the student director hiring is in motion so one of the things I'm going to be coming to present to assembly, I guess in February, is that the board will be hiring new student directors- there's the one year director who gets hired on an annual basis and the two year directors: there's two which get hired each year so we will likely be doing some more faculty outreach as we found that having a diverse board has actually promoted better board activities, this year we have a lot of commerce students because commerce students are typically more interested in it, that there was also more outreach done to the commerce faculty so we'll be attempting to do that more in all faculties across the board.

There will be a strategic committee meeting this Saturday, focussed on the permanent staff of the AMS. The AMS as an organization actually functions much differently than most other student government bodies across North America. Right now the AMS only has seven permanent staff and seventy student staff whereas you find at other student governments, it's usually the other way. You have the, sometimes, seven executive members, and then you have seventy permanent staff who are there every year so we're looking at the differences and what benefits as well as what deficits that system does have. If you're interested in contributing to that, please shoot me an email.

Finally we have the personnel committee which, during January, always does its annual refresh of all of the manager positions which will begin hiring – the senior management positions are opening in the coming days and will be hired in the beginning of February after the executive elections.

Those are all of the updates that I have. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them now.

Speaker Maul: any questions? Okay, we'll move on to the Undergraduate Student Trustee's report from Trustee Tyler MacIntyre.

Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report

Trustee Macintyre: I've submitted a written report that contains most of the relevant factors here. Notably, I'd like to congratulate, through the minutes of course, Mary Wilson Trider, who is a university council trustee who was recently appointed the next chair of the board of trustees. I think she will do an incredible job, she's the chair of the Audit and Risk committee right now. Also, we heard an excellent second presentation from QBAC and I've briefly summarised their request from the board so you can take a look at those and actually see what the board is actually talking about in their environmental discussion they're in the middle of right now- because I think it's important that students be as- I think largely students on campus and students in this room do care about the environmental things going on and how the school interacts with it. Beyond that, on a sort of second point, I'm announcing I will be stepping down as trustee one year in out of a two year term, effective as of May 31st. It's been a great time being Trustee, I think I've done a good job but I suppose that's up to you guys. There will be an election, decided on the timeline of later in this meeting, not sure I'll be there. If anyone has even the remotest interest in it, I really encourage you to reach out to me. I've included my email through the AMS in this report. You could also message me through Facebook. I could put my phone number in if that's how you want to talk to me but that seems impractical. Just find me, anyone, it's a really great opportunity, you get to be a part of decisions and the operations of the university in a way that very few people get to be. And it's a really great privilege and this may sound really silly but honestly it's just a really good time, you get to meet a lot of interesting people, go to fun events, argue with people. I believe that's all I have to say, does anyone have any questions for me?

Chairperson Tharp: I have one comment and question. I guess I'll start with the comment. A lot of people aren't aware of the student undergraduate trustee's role on the committee but the board of trustees is one of the three governing bodies of the university. The two more active bodies are Board and Senate. Board makes primarily all the financial decisions, and the senate is tasked with the academic decisions made at the university. The student undergraduate trustee is debatably one of the most important undergraduate roles as well as the graduate one because they are the only student representatives, besides the rector as well. You get to participate in all the financial decisions and all the strategic decisions driving the university forward. This upcoming year there's a new Principal, Patrick Deane, who has spent this figuring out what the strategic vision will be but next year is going to be the year when he puts it up so if you would like to have. Chance to tangibly impact that or you think any of your constituents would, this is the position that I think is very important to the future of the university.

And the other one is a question for Tyler. There was a news article earlier this week about a tenured McGill Professor who resigned because of McGill's inability to divest even though their senate had taken the stance that it was a good decision to make. Has the board made any tangible action towards divestment or had an actual discussion about that?

Undergraduate Trustee MacIntyre: So, in the realm of what I can speak to right now, to that effect I can say that the board is having active and thoughtful decisions about the climates, and queens and both its role in the carbon economy both in its role in investments and its operations on a day to day level. I truly believe they're trying to have a really good faith effort in trying to

improve the Eco friendliness of the University beyond just the investments and trying to create a holistic strategy. As of right this second, I do not know where things stand but I can candidly say that there are things happening. The wheels, from my understanding, have been properly set in motion at this point and when I can give a more firm update on that, if I can during my term, I intend to fully.

Speaker Maul: Any other questions or comments for Tyler? We'll move on to Student Senator's Report from Chairperson David Niddam-Dent.

Student Senator's Report

Chairperson Niddam-Dent: First of all I want to thank Undergraduate Trustee Tyler MacIntyre for his service this year. Undergraduate Trustee Macintyre was one of the first people who welcomed me into this job and so I just want to thank him for that, and he has been great to work with this year in advocacy of the university. I know you guys are all probably tired of hearing me talk about fall break. I am too. But I just want to quickly go over a few things quickly, just to add on to President Pierce's report there.

First I want to thank President Pierce, Vice President Greene, everyone at President's Caucus last night for a great discussion on this that have really traced out the direction forward really well. I'm really excited for the future of this. Apologies for not submitting a report but given that the SCAP meeting was today, I figured it wouldn't be too relevant.

I do want to touch on that SCAP meeting because that's something I'm not particularly excited about. I do want to just clarify quickly. This again, was about the 4th year of the break, not the long term future of the break. Overwhelmingly, students chose 2 days attached to Thanksgiving as opposed to their current lace. As well, the data provided by the AMS today was the only data that is available that will reference and inform the SCAP's decision in its recommendation to the senate.

And that's the last thing I want to touch on, is that the process from here on out is that SCAP has heard our pitch and it deliberates and it is going to recommend to senate, the correct next formation of the break for the 4th year and that has no relation to the full assessment that's going to be done next year. So that's why we presented that data to SCAP today. It is possible that SCAP doesn't take our recommendations. But VP Greene was in the room for deliberations, which today, were not particularly extensive and we don't really have a sense of what that recommendation is going to be from SCAP. But what we can say is that regardless of what SCAP ends up recommending to senate that the student senator caucus, myself and the other wonderful senators that we have at senate are going to fight for the student voice. We think students have very clearly expressed themselves in this data and we think that two days attached to thanksgiving, at least for the fourth year, is the right way to go here, especially when it's the only data in place, so in the next month or two, that's going to be where my focus is going to be. We're going to talk to faculty senators, we're going to get our student senators on board and we're going to make sure that the student voice is reflected in the fourth year of the fall term break. That's it from me, any questions I'm happy to take them. Otherwise, thanks a lot.

Senator Maul: questions or comments for David? Okay, we'll move on to the Rector's report from Rector Alex Da Silva

Rector's Report

Rector Da Silva: First I want to go back to, I really appreciated the speaker giving us a moment of silence at the beginning. I just wanted to touch on one more thing which is just to acknowledge that because of the magnitude of the impact of these tragedies, many of you may have had other connections to the lives lost and I extend my deepest condolences. I also really appreciated everybody that showed up to the memorial that happened on campus. I know that I personally didn't realise there were two rooms full of people and left and was like fully taken aback when I realised it wasn't just one room but two. I know the University Chaplain felt the same way and many of the people inside were just really surprised by the turnout- people that were touched both directly and indirectly- so thank you for all of those who were either there physically or thinking of the event.

Next something that I kind of give little updates on every time I speak, is that the central resource website that I've been working on since the end of last year is coming along really well. We've got really exciting updates from the Principal's Office, about their willingness to support the project moving forward and actually health promotion from student wellness services has recently committed funding to hire. SWEP student over the summer. That SWEP student's task will be to form what's called GIS mapping to accompany the directory of resources so that students can see an interactive map that will filter down to the types of resources they're looking for so I'm really grateful to the principal's office, dean of student affairs' office, health promotion and MHAC, the mental health committee that has inspired this concept and has been supporting it all the way through, it's incredible.

As Will indicated, so a little bit more of an update on the Sexual Violence Prevention Response Task Force, one big thing is that Stephanie Simpson was recently appointed to be Co Chair of that group so we have a new voice, new leadership accompanying the leadership that was already guiding us through navigating this very tricky situation. I'm excited to say that the conversation we're having about Section 8.8, which is the section that was suspended, is incredibly thorough. Everybody who contributed to consultations, both in person and online, that content was taken very seriously and the focus moving forward is 100% victim-centric and based on consent of the survivor and the person who is disclosing. So we're exploring a few options right now and like Will said, updates in terms of timeline will come soon, but the conversations happening are fantastic, really really nuanced and trauma-informed which is really great to see.

Something else I'm going to- this is like a heads up that I'm bringing this forward for discussion at the next assembly, this is something I was kind of spit balling in the summer but I wanted to give Principal Deane a little more time to settle into his role- basically the concept was having an administration/student leader power day on the weekend, most likely in the spring, after new teams have been elected, so outgoing teams can go with incoming teams and meet members of administration, be that folks from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, or the Human Rights Office, someone from the Secretariat's office, to bridge the disconnect between faculty societies. Often executive members get to know each other really well but the equity person on asus might not know what the equity person on CESA thinks is working really really well and they might not be connecting with Stephanie Simpson who can talk to more best practices so being able to connect those dots I think is so important. Principal Deane has already expressed he is all for it, he's really excited about the idea. Again, he was in the middle of conversations and getting here and I wanted to give him time to find his footing, so hopefully it is something we will start this spring and will happen every year going forward- allow people to connect names to faces and build those connections which is exciting.

And last couple of things, if anybody is wrapping up a tricolour nomination before the due date on the 20th and have any questions, please let me know. I'd be happy to help guide you through that process.

And then the last thing, I'm sure you're going to hear a whole storm of this coming your way really soon, but there's been a really strong, coordinated effort to work on Bell Let's Talk! Day, which is happening at the end of this month. So, as there is every year, there's Varsity Home Games where funds raised are going to go to Bell Let's Talk! This year Queen's has been pushing to kind of brand everything that's related to mental health that is happening between Bell Let's Talk day and the end of the semester as Queen's Lets Talk! Part of it is to just kind of unify and keep the conversation going after that one day and then part of it is so that you're not just looking at the corporate attachment to Bell, but also the fact that this is campus specific, what we're doing here is unique and impactful to Queen's specifically. So if you're participating in anything, use that. I'm sure, again, you're going to see it all over the place so you're not going to need that reminder. I'm happy to take questions, if not, please email me!

Speaker Maul: Thanks Alex, any questions for Rector Da Silva? Comments? We'll move on to Statements by Students. Are there any statements by students? Seeing as there are none, we'll move on to Question Period. Does anyone have a question? We'll move on to Business Arising from the Minutes.

Statements by Students

NSS President Troiani: Nothing to add

Question Period

No questions asked.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion #8: AMS Assembly confirms the e-vote which took place on Tuesday, January 7th-Friday, January 9th. Moved by Secretary Borchenko, Seconded by Auston Pierce.

AMS Secretary Borchenko: So this was the e-motion that took place last week relating to changing the amount of signatures required from 2% to 1%. We needed to have that completed before the Friday, which is when nomination packages were opened so that people could start collecting signatures. By this point, they would have all handed in their signatures and it would have been too late to make that change so we did an e-vote and this vote is to confirm that e-vote's decision. There were 16 votes for, 1 abstention, and none against, and that carried the motion as our quorum is down to 15 people now. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask me or any comments.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous - 1

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

New Business

Motion #9: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to approve the addition of Sam Hiemstra as a candidate on the 2020 Rector election ballot.

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Sam is away at QMP. His campaign manager, I believe is here. Is he able to call in?

Campaign Manager: He's on the phone right now

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Okay so, we're going to put him on speakerphone at the front of assembly and he can introduce himself and answer any questions. There's a limit of three questions that can be asked. I'd like to remind people that we are confirming it to be on the ballot and it is ultimately up to students to decide whether or not they should be accepted as the next rector.

Sam Hiemstra: Hey, how's it going?

Campaign Manager: It's going great! I'm just bringing you up to the front of the room right now. There's going to be three questions.

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Hey, you're on speakerphone in front of all of assembly.

Sam Hiemstra: I'm a little nervous

Speaker Maul: So does anyone have a question for Sam?

ASUS President Perkins: Why are you running for the position of Rector?

Sam Hiemstra: I don't have the long explanation you guys are looking for. It's kind of a need that I saw that needed to be filled. It's something I thought I could bring my experience at queens to the position, to help advocate for students. It has been a year of changes across faculties and associations and I think its just time that we stand up to the University if necessary, stand up for students across all platforms and just make sure advocacy is as high as it can be.

Speaker Maul: Second Question?

EngSoc President Benoit: How do you intend to ensure the student voice is heard at all levels within the University?

Sam Hiemstra: Good question. I think that the best thing we can advocate for is being there for students at all times and making sure that even beyond the campaign period I'm talking to as many students as possible. Clearly within the job description, it's not clearly something that the rector is able to do at all times but having an open dialogue with all of the faculty presidents and making sure that what the University is being communicated to those people and vice versa and allowing for an atmosphere within the office and the institution to make people feel welcome when they want to come talk to the person who is in the position of rector and making sure that all ideas and concerns can be addressed.

Speaker Maul: Final question for Sam?

AMS VP-UA Greene: Hope you're having fun at QMP Sam. My question is, it's the end of your term and you look back on your year, what would make you feel proudest or most successful in your role?

Sam Hiemstra: Something that I'm aiming for is to change the dynamic of how the role is, not just for myself, if I'm able to get the position, but for future rectors to come. Things like setting precedents to do the best effort I can like the rectors before me. Change is going to come however it decides to come, whatever the University and students are pushing for should be happening and I'm going to feel accomplished if those changes in idea can be brought forward and also if whatever the students are pushing for can be accomplished.

Speaker Maul: That's it for questions, we'll now move to a vote. I'll read it one more time: that AMS Assembly approve the addition of Sam Hiemstra as a candidate on the 2020 rector election ballot.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #10: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

Motion for the AMS Assembly to ratify the addition of Jared Den Otter, Presidential Candidate, Alexandra Samoyloff, Vice President Operations, Alexia Henriques, Vice President University Affairs, to the 2020 AMS Executive Ballot.

AMS Secretary Borchenko: This team has submitted their signatures, got everything in, but Alexia is not here because she is currently running QMP and it's the gala tonight and any urgent issues, she has to deal with in action, she's the sober contact and the most important person at that conference for organisation purposes so she's not here but the two of them will be answering questions on behalf of all three.

AMS VPOPS: What's a past Queen's experience you've had that you feel like you've learnt the most from and why?

Jared Den Otter: I'm a 4th year PhysEd student here at Queens. I think a past experience that has impacted me the most was probably getting involved in my first year with my faculty society. I'm on PhysEd and Kinesiology Student Association, it really showed me the roots to advocacy and being able to speak for students, although it is PheKin and it is really small I kind of got to start to understand how I could be a voice for others around me that's shared similar interests and passions.

Alexandra Samoyloff: I think my most valuable experience at Queen's was actually being a Gael. I've said this a bunch of times that I don't think I would be as involved if I wasn't a Gael to begin with. I remember being really nervous that I was too quiet. I think believing in myself and actually making myself go to the interview really changed the way I viewed myself here and really impacted my belief in my ability to actually do work.

EngSoc VP Student Affairs Kasim: As AMS Executive, you would be advocating on behalf of all students, but you would also be working very closely with all the faculty societies. What tangible things would you guys do as AMS Executive to work with, and further relationships, with all of the faculty societies?

Jared: Thanks for the question, that's actually a really good question. So, just to rephrase, what we would do to make sure we're communicating fully with faculty societies as well as improving our relationship? I'm in my fourth year of PhysEd and I'm currently the president of the faculty society for PhEKSA and I think that a big point that Auston Pierce has currently made, especially with the Student Choice Initiative, was increasing meetings during the summer and just getting to meet with as many executive roles as possible to start off the year and I really appreciated being in the loop right off the bat. I didn't think I was going to be able to be thrown into advocating right away, so I think that's really important to keep the channels open and increase meeting times when there's things going on and kind of adapt to whatever is happening on campus in that sense when there's things happening on campus, if that answers your question.

Alexandra Samoyloff: I totally agree, I think it's important to start communication channels as early as possible. I think sometimes, things get put off and keep getting put off and that really does affect the relationships between faculties and societies. So, I think starting really early and actually getting everyone involved in the faculties and societies to actually meet is really beneficial.

Speaker Maul: final question?

NSS president Troiani: What inspired you to run for AMS executive this year?

Jared Den Otter: I kind of touched on it already, I've had a lot of different experiences here at Queen's and I've been very lucky to have them. I think that going through PhEKSA, my first three years at PHEKSA were in varying roles and in my fourth year, being the president and being able to kind of immerse myself in more aspects of advocacy on a whole for the AMS, I'd never really been involved with the AMS until this year, and I kind of got a better understanding of the impact that they actually have and the changes that can be made if you have a group of passionate student leaders and you can see that that's been done this year and it's really inspiring and very exciting for the student body and I think that's why I've been pushed towards running for AMS Exec.

Alexandra Samoyloff: I originally was not fully sure of running. Both Jared and Alexia actually asked me, and I was truly very humbled that they had thought to ask me, and through talking to the both of them over the break and the past few weeks, I really learnt of the passion that we all share for our Queen's community, and that's something I think we all share in common. I think Queen's has a lot of work to do, in no ways are we perfect. Part of the reason I do want to run is to be a student advocate to make sure that we are having a very accessible, equitable environment. That's something that really motivates me. So, I think, generally speaking, a passion for student equity is what inspired me to run for AMS Exec.

Speaker Maul: Thank you for the questions, you guys can step outside for the vote. So again, the motion reads that AMS Assembly ratify the addition of Jared Den Otter, Presidential Candidate, Alexandra Samoyloff, Vice President Operations, Alexia Henriques, Vice President University Affairs, to the 2020 AMS Executive Ballot.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous - 1

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #11: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the dates of the March 2020 Undergraduate Student Trustee By-election as seen in appendix.

AMS Secretary Borchenko: This is just our proposed schedule of dates for the election. It kind of works out that everything is based around the March 12th assembly so that we can approve the candidates and have an all-candidates meeting after. If anyone has any questions, or if this doesn't line up with something in your faculty, like there's a huge conflict on one of the days or you think there's a huge error on voting days, I know this is going to be during the end of the semester, and people are writing a lot of papers so I'm unsure of how this election is going to look. This is the first time we've had a by-election at this time of year in a while so if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to ask me.

Speaker Maul: Any questions? Comments? Seeing as there are none, we'll move to a vote.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #12: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the 2020 winter referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.05 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Queen's EngiQueers?"

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Is someone from EngiQueer's here? I'm going to read off their description.

Queen's EngiQueers runs meaningful, informative, charitable, and/or career enhancing initiatives to cultivate a positive, accepting, inclusive, accessible environment for queer identified students and their allies in engineering. As queer people are often marginalised and under-represented in professional engineering, our main aim is to empower those students, and give them the tools they need to succeed. Queen's EngiQueers is also part of the national, not-for-profit organisation EngiQueers Canada which allows us to expand our network and provide them with access to more resources.

Speaker Maul: Any questions or comments? Okay we'll move to a vote. Again, it's \$0.05 for Queen's EngiQueers.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous - 1

AGAINST: None

ABSENTIONS: 1

Motion carries.

Motion #13: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the AMS 2020 winter referendum "Do you agree to an increase in the Queen's Correctional Service Volunteers fee, subject to individual opt-out, from \$0.10 to \$0.20, an increase of \$0.10?"

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Is someone from Queen's Correctional Service Volunteers here? If you'd like to come forward and introduce your club and explain why you'd like an increase.

Member at large Mora: Hello everyone, my name is Alicia Mora and I'm the president of Queen's Correctional Service Volunteers, also known as QCSV. Basically, what we do is, we work with federal offenders in four different jails in Kingston, that includes Millhaven Maximum, Joyceville Medium, Collins Bay Medium, and Henry Trail Halfway House. We create programming focussed on reintegration and rehabilitation. We've gained a lot of traction in the past few years nationally. We were actually recognised by Commissioner Anne Kelly from Corrections Canada and so we tripled our numbers in the club as well as just tripled the programming that we've done over the past year so for that reason we've come forward with the increase. If you guys have any questions, I would love to answer them.

Speaker Maul: Any questions for Alicia? Comments? Seeing as there are none, we'll move to a vote. So again, it's for Queen's Correctional Service Volunteers, it's an increase of \$0.10 from \$0.10 to \$0.20.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #14: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question to the 2020 Winter Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support Queen’s Students for Special Olympics.”

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Is someone from Queen’s Students for Special Olympics here?

Member-at-large Perreault: Hi everyone, I’m the Director of Fundraising for Students for Special Olympics. The presidents couldn’t be here tonight because they have class but basically what our club does is we work in partnership with Special Olympics Ontario and Special Olympics Kingston to offer weekly right now, soccer, programmes, free for kids of a wide range of diverse abilities where they can come to Queen’s and be coached by student leaders, Queen’s volunteers, every weekend. Just learning soccer drills, playing soccer games, just learning about sport. We offer these programmes free to all the families and we cover the costs of the gym rental space on West Campus and all of the equipment and all of the pinnies. We cover that out of our pocket from fundraising. We also lost our basketball program. Previously we used to run a basketball program as well at KCVI but that was cut short due to finding so we’re really hoping to get that started back up and expand our programmes and try to reach further out to the Kingston community to maybe even get another school that farther away from Queen’s to pull a bigger draw of kids in and keep giving them an opportunity to participate in sports free of charge. If you have any questions, I’m happy to take them.

Speaker Maul: questions/comments

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion #15: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question for the Winter 2020 Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.10 fee, subject to individual opt-outs, to support Queen’s Lyme Disease Coalition, Maddox Chapters?”

AMS Secretary Borchenko: Is anyone here from Queen’s Lyme Disease Coalition?

Member-at-large Gill: Hi everyone, I’m the Community Outreach Exec of Queen’s Lyme Disease Coalition, Maddox chapter. Our club essentially tries to promote research within Lyme disease, promote preventative measures, and reduce the stigma towards this disease. So, what we’re hoping to use the fee for is for a speaker series where we get professionals and faculty members who work with Lyme disease to educate people on the implications of the disease, possible research opportunities to hopefully find a cure one day as well as preventative measures.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion Carries.

Motion #16: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question for the Winter 2020 Referendum “Do you agree to changing the AMS food bank fee of \$2.00 to mandatory collection from individual opt-out for the next three years?”. This fee was originally established in 2012 and last went through referendum in 2019.

AMS VPUA Greene: I spoke on this briefly and unfortunately QMP has taken Max, our food bank manager away so he won't be here to speak to this, but Commissioner Samuels oversees the food bank so she can answer any questions relating to the operations or really any questions you have regarding the food bank. In the last few years we've seen an increasing reliability on the food bank as the central provider of nutritious food for free here on campus to support SGPS and AMS students. With an optional fee, we never really have a strong idea going into the year in terms of what our funding will be in order to provide this essential service for students so the purpose of making this fee mandatory is so we can properly plan and have consistent reliable service year over year and that goes along side with the changes to the food bank manger in order to grow and expand and see how they can improve the service overall. But we're happy to take any questions.

No further debate. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion passes.

Motion #17: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question for the Winter 2020 Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.10 fee, subject to individual opt-outs, to support Queen's Undergraduate Women in Law club?”.

Member-at-large Jones: I'm one of the presidents of Queens Undergraduate Women in Law. So basically, what our club hopes to do, we just were sanctioned in October, but provide a space for women interested in the law field to come together and support each other. Right now, that's our main goal but in the future with this funding, what we hope to do is be able to put on conferences to have women specifically from the law field to come in and talk to students because we don't feel that there is a space for that on campus right now for the law field.

Member-at-large Evans: I'm the Design and Marketing Executive of the club and just gong of what Emma said just now, law is such an extensive field and there are so many different opportunities in there and we definitely want to provide and outlet for undergraduate women to come to us and find out about these opportunities so they are as prepared as possible for their futures.

Commissioner Samuels: How do you guys currently fundraise? What types of means do you use to actually support events?

Member-at-large Jones: We had our first event on Wednesday, and we haven't fundraised anything yet but in the next semester we have a couple of things planned like line skips to try and fund ourselves because right now we have \$30.00 to our names. Our event was volunteer based, and we had a prof come in from the law school, but we do plan to fundraise in the upcoming semester by fundraising through line skips and bake sales and a couple of other things we have in the works.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous – 1

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: 1

Motion #18: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question for the Winter 2020 Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.20 fee, subject to individual opt-outs, to support Mental Health Awareness Committee?”.

Member-at-large Youngston: I'm one of the presidents this year of the Mental Health Awareness committee. MHAC was established in 1996, we were the first mental health group on Queen's campus. We were previously under the Social Issues Commission, so we had a fixed budget. After the Student Choice Initiative, we became a ratified club, so this year we haven't really had any funding to work with so it would be great if we could have some funding to run our events. Just briefly, MHAC has 8 subcommittees and we hold events based on student wellness so that's anything from athletics, we've also gone into high schools, we run stuff in residences, all sorts of different things. We're also working with the Rector on, as you've talked about, the resources guide.

No further debate. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion Carries.

Motion #19: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to approve the following question for the Winter 2020 Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.69 fee, subject to individual opt-outs, to support the Queen's VEX U Robotics team?”.

Member-at-large Strauss: Hello, I'm the Vice President of the Queen's VEX U Robotics team. We currently operate on campus to provide stem education to our member through the form of competitive robotics. As by our name we participate in the VEX U Robotics Competition which is an international competition with over 200 teams worldwide from other universities and so we

would like to establish a student fee to help secure funds for our team to operate, electronic components and hardware costs money and we will sue these funds to increase our reach to hopefully be able to teach more students as well as to increase our output of educational resources which we post publicly for the Queen's and greater robotics community.

No further debate. Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #20: Moved by Lucas Borchenko, seconded by Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to open the agenda.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #21: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce.

For the AMS Assembly to add list of clubs that were de-ratified due to not paying their fees to AMS VPOPS's report.

Vice President Dahanayake: *reading Clubs Director's report:* During the summer of 2019, it came to my attention that there are 4 entities listed as AMS Clubs on the AMS student activity fee slate for 2019-2020. All four were AMS clubs when they initially applied for the student fee, however, they were de-ratified due to failure to submit re-ratification documents. Based on Clubs Policy section four, de-ratification sub-section b, should a club become de-ratified, the clubs shall surrender all funds allocated to them under the purview of the AMS, including, but not limited to, student activity fees and club grants. As it was too late to remove these clubs from the fee slate because it had already been passed, the funds are being reallocated to benefit the AMS clubs community in the form of grants and bursaries, as per clubs policy. In total, \$19,924.80 will be transferred to the AMS Clubs Grants and Bursaries account. Here are the names of the clubs:

WarChild at Queen's, last ratified in the year 1890. Their de-ratification was effective May 1st, 2019, and their fee amount was \$3521.75

The Queen's Pride Project. Last ratified 2017-2018. Their de-ratification was effective May 1st, 2018 and their value was \$7709.35.

IHI Queen's Chapter. Last ratified 2018-2019. They were de-ratified on May 1st, 2019. Their value was \$1839.20

DECA Queen's. Last Ratified 2016-2017. They were de-ratified on May 1st, 2017. Their fee amount was \$6854.50.

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Motion #22: Moved by: Lucas Borchenko, seconded by: Auston Pierce

For the AMS Assembly to close the agenda

No further debate, vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Discussion Period

Adjournment

Moved by: William Greene seconded by: Zaid Kasim

Vote proceeds.

FOR: Unanimous - 2

AGAINST: 2

ABSENTIONS: None

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 19:58