



AMS Assembly Minutes

January 29, 2021

Minutes are tentative until approved at Assembly.

The meeting was convened at 18:01 EST.

Motion #1 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve the agenda of the meeting of January 29th, 2021.

Speaker DeVenney: Just a reminder about how voting works. Please physically raise your hand when it is your turn to vote, voting members only. All in favour. All opposed. Unfortunately, you can not abstain from this.

Motion passes.

Motion #2 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 3rd, 2020.

Speaker DeVenney: We will bring it to a vote. Same as the last vote, you can not abstain from this. All in favour. Any opposed.

Motion passes.

Speaker's Business

Speaker DeVenney: *Land acknowledgement was stated.* For speaker's business, this is our chance to chat here. I would first like to congratulate our newly confirmed society presidents, may they share with us everything that is important to their societies and furthering the interests of their students. I'm looking forward to speaking with everybody and what everyone has to say.

President's Report

AMS President den Otter: Hello everybody. Joining us today are the prospective AMS Executive candidates, the election will be contested. You can ask them about their campaign that they're going to be running. I'm excited to chat with everybody. Campaign starts on Monday so

keep an eye out for that. I think I'll just end that with good luck to the hopeful candidates for the upcoming elections. Quickly, I also wanted to draw your attention to the sexual violence prevention and response section. If you have the time and the energy and you would like to look at the policy, it is a university policy. You can probably google it and find it there. I'm happy to take any questions on my report or anything in gender right now.

Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Samoyloff: I just wanted to further promote two surveys from two of our surveys, we would love to get as much data and feedback as possible. If you fill both out, double the chance of winning. Very short, quick five minutes. I will be pasting the survey links in the chat. I also wanted to remind people that hiring is coming up. If you're stuck on what jobs and what you want to do in the next year, maybe take a second to check out our AMS postings. That's all from me, happy to take any questions if anyone has any.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: Applications from first generation students are up 19%. I wanted to thank the internal for all the work they've done on that front. We have also been working to represent international students more, we're really excited to present what we've been up to closer to the end of assembly today.

Board of Director's Report

Chairperson Nensi: Nothing to add to my report. Happy to take any questions.

Trustee's Report

Trustee Bennett-Dwara: I'm super happy to be involved in important conversations on campus. I know that this accessibility and open communication was something that the last AMS exec team was really focused on. Someone messaged me last semester from a google form I put out about questions for the trustees. If you have any helpful resources that could help me answer student questions, please feel free to reach out to me I want to have as much research as I can. One last thing, I'm not sure if everyone has had a chance to check out my page or what is going around but the student campus climate survey is going to be coming out soon. If you do have the time, please feel free to fill it out as it is really important. Feel free to ask me any questions.

Student Senate's Report

Speaker DeVenney: Unfortunately Chairperson Flowers was unable to make it today. If anyone has any questions for him based on his report, feel free to email him.

Rector's Report

Rector Hiemstra: I've been very privileged to sit on the Chancellor's Committee to find Queen's fifteenth Chancellor. We've started outlining some of the goals and tasks for this search. We are becoming increasingly selective on what kind of person we want to select as our next Chancellor, someone who will continue our progress in increasing accessibility and indigenization of campus, among other goals. Lastly, I've been having a lot of conversations with Sara Wittier. Sara created this initiative, QueensEvents, we've been having discussions about how we can promote this service and have it work more for us. I think, if you're a club on campus, this is an excellent service to have. It's important to have people who are passionate about events. Other than that, happy to take any questions people may have.

Statements by Students

Commissioner Galvani: I just wanted to reiterate our concern over issues that's affected our undergraduate international students. I would just like to recognize the work put in by my commission and by Spencer, my deputy of international affairs, work and budgeting they've put in to help our undergraduate international students alleviate some financial stress and access advocacy on campus. Thank you.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions or further statements?

HHS President Altow: I had questions concerning budgeting and the coming academic year, with the possibility of an online or in-person year still up in the air. What you're planning in terms of budget to account for the difference, for our own little inside logistics.

AMS President den Otter: You're wondering on how to budget if you're not sure about online or in-person for next year?

HHS President Altow: Yeah, sure.

AMS President den Otter: We can talk about that during our upcoming meeting.

HHS President Altow: Great, thank you.

Question Period

Speaker DeVenney: Now is the time for questions, if anyone has anything they would like to raise.

ASUS President Niddam-Dent: I have a question concerning some of the motions for fee referendum. Some of these clubs are marked as being up for referendum for both an individual opt-out fee as well as a mandatory fee, what does this mean exactly?

Speaker DeVenney: I can answer that. That would be a mistake on my part, some of these clubs did not clarify on their fee applications if they are applying for a mandatory or opt-out fee so

we'll have to reach out to some of these clubs to make sure everything is clear. Are there any other questions at this time? Seeing none, we will move on.

New Business

Motion #3 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to ratify the addition of Isaac Sahota (Presidential Candidate), Tabassum Pasha (Vice-President Operations), and Amelia Cockerham (Vice-President University Affairs) to the 2021 AMS Executive ballot.

Speaker DeVenney: Candidates, please feel free to introduce yourselves.

Member-at-Large Sahota: My name is Isaac Sahota, I am a politics student, and I am a president candidate for this year.

Member-at-Large Pasha: My name is Tabassum Pasha and I am candidate for the VP-OPS position.

Member-at-Large Cockerham: My name is Amelia Cockerham and I am candidate for the Vice President of University Affairs.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for Team TIA? Vice President Samoyloff.

VP-OPS Samoyloff: If you were to be elected, what would success be to you at the end of the year?

Member-at-Large Sahota: If I see the university being accessible to everyone, not just about physical accessibility more about accessibility for everyone such as financial or social accessibility, inclusivity for everyone. There are no financial or physical barriers, that will make me happy.

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions for Team TIA? President den Otter.

AMS President den Otter: As the AMS executive, you would be advocating on behalf of all students but would also be working with all of the faculty societies. How would you work with them as an executive?

Member-at-Large Sahota: That's something I've been thinking about. There's something I'm worried about, it's the participation of students. A lot of first year students are not getting involved, that means we're losing so much potential, because if all of these students get involved in first year think of the service we could be giving. A close relation with Arts and science Undergraduate Society, a very close relationship with ResSoc or ResLife. Using these relationships to further promote opportunities to first years and hopefully gauge interest, spiking involvement. If you see my record, I've been working for the AMS and ResSoc this year, and from my involvement I know this is possible. Thank you for asking that question.

Speaker DeVenney: One last question for Team TIA?

Rector Hiemstra: You mentioned your involvement with ResSoc, to the other candidates on your team, did you have an aha moment where you knew you wanted to run for AMS executive?

Member-at-Large Pasha: I think my aha moment, and it's kind of going back to the theme of financial accessibility, was really a few weeks ago. So Walkhome, we don't have any shifts anymore. Walkhome has kind of been how I manage my other expenses, so not having shifts has made it really difficult. If you have to buy materials for a required classes, you could find yourself no longer able to afford surprise costs and I found myself in that position, and these were integral to the course experience and participating and doing well. That kind of frustration is hard on students. I got involved with the team because that has to change.

Member-at-Large Cockerham: My sort of aha moment was more gradual. I ran into quite a few accessibility concerns. Through working with EQuIP and having safe spaces for queer students for example. I realized I wanted to create more accessible, safe spaces on campus for students who need them.

Speaker DeVenney: As we can only ask three questions, it is now time for a vote. All in favour of ratifying the addition of these three to the ballot please raise your hand now. All abstentions. Anyone who is voting no.

Motion passes.

Motion #4 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to ratify the addition of Zaid Kasim (Presidential Candidate), Tiana Wong (Vice-President Operations), and Ryan Sieg (Vice-President University Affairs) to the 2021 AMS Executive ballot.

Speaker DeVenney: Candidates, please introduce yourselves.

Member-at-Large Kasim: My name is Zaid Kasim and I will be running as our candidate for president. Thank you all for inviting us to council tonight and for all of the questions you are about to ask. I used to sit on assembly, I'm glad to be back.

Member-at-Large Wong: My name is Tiana Wong and I'm running for VP OPS.

Member-at-Large Sieg: I'm Ryan Sieg, my pronouns are he/him, and I'm running as a VP UA candidate.

Speaker DeVenney: In accordance with election policy, we have to ask all candidates the same questions. Vice President Samoyloff, please repeat your question.

AMS VP-OPS Samoyloff: If elected, at the end of your term, what would success look like to you?

Member-at-Large Kasim: The quick answer is we look at our platform and how much of our tasks we were able to accomplish. Mental health accessibility is a huge thing, tuition rates for international students is a huge thing, so accomplishing our goals in those areas would definitely

be a success to me. The people who work under me had a good experience, if I think that, at the end of the year, my team has enjoyed working together and feels proud of what they've done, that would be counted as a success.

Speaker DeVenney: President den Otter.

AMS President den Otter: How would you work with faculty societies as an executive?

Member-at-Large Wong: We would really focus on maintaining good relationships with the FacSocs. We would involve the outgoing and incoming executives of all faculty societies. They are all really different from each other, where EngSoc would have different needs compared to maybe ComSoc or PHEKSA. We would involve each management team in general in conversations that are going to directly impact them. To think of excluding them from meetings that are essentially deciding their fates and they hear about it later on without having a say is ridiculous.

Member-at-Large Kasim: We come from the faculty society background. We've been in that position. We've been subject to that gap in communication and it was a pretty negative experience. We've learned that there's a lot more to the AMS than we initially thought and we are really hopeful that we can mend that gap.

Speaker DeVenney: Rector Hiemstra, your question.

Rector Hiemstra: What were your aha moments that led to you wanting to run for AMS Exec?

Member-at-Large Sieg: Hearing Zaid and Tiana speak passionately about trying to improve communications and the student experience. I'm not sure how much I can get into our pillars, but just hearing the passion with which they've brought forth these ideas and the passion I have had for changes that can be made, it just seemed like a great idea to run with them.

Speaker DeVenney: Thank you, candidates. It is now time to bring this to a vote. Would all voting members please vote yes, not actually. All those in favour, vote now. Please let me know if there are any abstentions at this time. And anyone who will vote no.

Motion passes.

Motion #5 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to ratify the addition of Jaya Sharma to the Undergraduate Trustee Ballot.

Speaker DeVenney: Would the candidate introduce herself?

Member-at-Large Sharma: My name is Jaya Sharma, I am a first year student, and I'm really excited to be running for student trustee. I've really enjoyed getting involved on campus and I want to find more opportunities to have a positive impact as a student.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for the candidate for trustee? Trustee Bennett-Dwara.

Trustee Bennett-Dwara: The position of undergraduate trustee is pretty open in terms of policy and so has a lot of potential to pursue what you're passionate about. What is something you would be passionate about changing as undergraduate trustee?

Member-at-Large Sharma: I would be passionate about addressing and changing mental health services, for sure. Addressing mental health services means cleaning up the booking services and shortening wait times, making it more accessible for distance students, and better equipping these services to address the needs of marginalized students. That's what I would do if I could change something.

Speaker DeVenney: Anymore questions for the candidate? Seeing none, we will move on to a vote. If you vote yes, please raise your hand now. If anyone would like to abstain. And anyone voting no.

Motion passes.

Motion #6 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to ratify the addition of Seyon Shelvachandren to the 2021 Undergraduate Trustee Ballot.

Speaker DeVenney: Would the candidate like to introduce himself?

Member-at-Large Shelvachandren: My name is Seyon and I am a first year nursing student. In high school, I was a part of student council. That's my origin story in a sense. I was a stranger at my high school, I didn't have any friends from elementary there, but I decided to run for my school's who cares what they think of me. I decided to shot my shot and ended up winning my spot on the student council. Throughout my years in high school, I was able to make a lot of differences not only in my high school but in York Region. Same kind of story for me now, I started off my undergrad at a different university, things didn't go as smoothly as I wanted and that was a low point in my life. I was in no place to transfer to Queen's and it was really difficult to transfer, they only take ten transfers a year. I believe I can make a lot of difference with this position.

Speaker DeVenney: Trustee Bennett-Dwara, if you would repeat your question.

Trustee Bennett-Dwara: There is limited policy on what you can and can't do, it's really open to what you're passionate about. What is something you're passionate about changing if elected as trustee?

Member-at-Large Shelvachandren: The self-reported absence is something I would be advocating for, the board of trustees will likely have no problem. The idea is that once per term, you're allowed to say you'll be absent for the day. This could really help mitigate student stress.

Speaker DeVenney: Thank you, we will now bring it to a vote. Those in favour of adding the candidate to the ballot, please vote now. Those opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Speaker DeVenney: Secretary Hart.

Secretary Hart: Can I please motion to open the agenda to add an amendment.

Speaker DeVenney: Sure, what would you like to amend?

Secretary Hart: I would like to add a motion to approve of the establishment of a \$0.50 opt-out fee to support the Queen's Asian Students' Association. It is seconded by President den Otter.

Speaker DeVenney: Amendment noted.

Motion #7 - Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter referendum 2021:
"Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.69 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Queen's music production club, QWAVE?"*

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Ben David: We are a club that focuses on music production. We're looking to establish a fee to help support our costs.

Speaker DeVenney: Does anyone have any questions for QWAVE? Chairperson Nensi.

Chairperson Nensi: Of all numbers, why the 69 cents?

Member-at-Large Ben David: It was basically just mathematics.

Chairperson Nensi: Could you not of used one more cent?

Member-at-Large Ben David: We worked it out to the cent what we needed, we figured why take more than we needed from the student body?

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions for QWAVE? Seeing none, we will bring it to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #8 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum:
"Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.15 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Queen's Protecting Animal Welfare Society (QPAWS)."*

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Blaho-Melo: Hi, I am a member of the QPAWS exec. We are a new campus group and we are looking to establish a fee to support our operations.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for QPAWS? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #9 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.75 fee (mandatory / subject to individual opt out) to support Women in International Security Queen’s?”

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Porter: We are here representing Women in International Security Queen’s. We are seeking the establishment of a fee to support our club.

Member-at-Large Ali: The fee would be subject to individual opt-out.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for the members? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #10 - Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum: “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.15 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Queen’s CODE?”

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Pang: I am here representing Queen’s CODE. We used to be Queen’s WE but have shifted our support to the CODE charity. We are seeking an opt-out fee to help support our club and its operations.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for Queen’s CODE? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #11 - Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum:

“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.15 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen’s Applied Biotechnology Club?”

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now. Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #12 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum: :
“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.10 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the initiative of QU Crafts?”*

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Le: I’m here representing QU Crafts. We are looking to establish an opt-out fee to help pay for stuff we need, like server costs. Our current project is making all of Queen’s main campus in a Minecraft world. We’re currently missing a lot of engineering buildings so if you’re an engineer, please get on it. We’re hoping this could be a long-term project, so future students can continue experiencing the Minecraft Queen’s campus and find a safe way to experience their home away from home.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for the member?

Rector Hiemstra: As someone currently missing their office, are there any JDUC offices that we’re able to explore or build at this time?

Member-at-Large Le: Actually, yes. The shell of the JDUC has been built but the insides still need some details, you could build your office.

Rector Hiemstra: Thank you, that’s great.

Speaker DeVenney: Any further questions concerning QU Crafts? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #13 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum:
“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen’s American Sign Language Club?”*

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Corbeil: Hi, we're here representing the Queen's American Sign Language Club. Part of what we do is organize classes in ASL for our members. This fee, if established, would go towards paying our instructors and other operations.

Member-at-Large Smethurst: This fee would be subject to individual opt-out.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions?

HHS President Altow: Would the ASL lessons be available to any student under the AMS?

Member-at-Large Corbeil: Yes, American Sign Language classes through our club are available to any student who would like to sign up.

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions for the members?

Member-at-Large Ben David: Are there any classes running this term?

Member-at-Large Corbeil: Yes. Unfortunately, our classes are at capacity this year.

Member-at-Large Ben David: There's a capacity?

Member-at-Large Corbeil: Yes, with all of our classes there's only so much space. Due to COVID, our maximum capacity also went down this year.

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions for the Queen's ASL Club? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #14 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum: "Do you agree to the establishment to a \$0.05 fee (mandatory / subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Squirrel Watching Club?"

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now. I would recommend that during your introduction that you clarify if it is a mandatory or opt-out fee that you are asking for.

Member-at-Large Hadad: Hey I'm Phil.

Member-at-Large Ustad: I'm Diego.

Member-at-Large Hadad: We are here representing the Queen's Squirrel Watching Club. It would be an individual opt-out fee. Our operations are not only fun but support sustainability at Queen's.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for the squirrel watching club?

Rector Hiemstra: I was just wondering if there was any progress being made about the squirrel census about the number of squirrels in our community.

Member-at-Large Hadad: We actually have made some progress. There are lots of, believe it or not, rodentologists who we have recruited to help us on this census project. There are lots of rodents we could watch but we try to focus on squirrels. We actually have been making some headway on the census and have a good idea about the campus squirrel population.

Speaker DeVenney: Any more questions for the squirrel watchers? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #15 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum: :
“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.75 fee (Subject to individual opt-out) to support Queen’s television?”*

Speaker DeVenney: If any representatives of the club are present and would like to speak, please feel free to now.

Member-at-Large Fernandez: I’m here representing Queen’s Television. If the opt-out fee would be established, it would support our club operations and help us out a lot.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for Queen’s TV? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #16 - Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

*Motion for Assembly to approve adding the following question to the Winter 2021 referendum:
“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support the Queen’s Asian Students’ Association?”*

Speaker DeVenney: I am going to sneak in the question Secretary Hart added as an amendment to the agenda. I am pasting it in the chat now. It is moved by Secretary Hart and seconded by President den Otter. If anyone from the Queen’s Asian Students’ Association is here and would like to speak, please feel free to speak now.

Member-at-Large Ng: Hello, my name is Cailey and I’m here representing the Queen’s Asian Students’ Association. Our club’s mission is to provide a safe and welcoming community while here at Queen’s. We have been connecting with our peers this year through our social media and one example of what we’ve done this year is our virtual cooking night with QUIP and we were actually able to reimburse students for their ingredients. This month we also hosted a speaker panel. We’re happy to answer any questions.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for Cailey? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #17 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion that Assembly approve the renewal of the AMS' full membership with the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

Speaker DeVenney: I believe Commissioner Mellon is going to speak on this motion.

Commissioner Mellon: Thank you Speaker DeVenney. I made this PowerPoint as a reminder of what OUSA does. OUSA is the provincial advocacy group which AMS is a part of. OUSA prepares policy papers and does research to inform the advocacy that we do. Beyond that, OUSA does a lot of direct engagement with the provincial government. As part of our responsibility to advocate for our students, we are a member of OUSA in order to fulfill that mandate. As part of our arrangement with OUSA, we review our membership every three years. The last review of the AMS's membership was in 2018 and for this year's consideration of membership we decided to move forward with investigating our membership cost-benefit analysis in-depth. It's just a review of every aspect of the AMS's membership with OUSA. We are asking if it is worth the dollars we put into it, that's the point of this review. This is a great way of keeping us accountable to the money spent. This committee was struck since September. We have worked to determine what our opinions are, what our stances are, what we want to be getting out of our membership. The largest benefit of membership is the sheer numbers behind OUSA, having 150,000 students behind it. OUSA also has really strong influence in provincial politics, so we are more likely to be heard through them. It is also a collaboration and a team effort through OUSA, which connects us with other Ontario universities.

Finally, the negative aspects of OUSA membership. We found that this policy could be weak at some points and that the AMS could not always sway the group to our students's needs which has led to some mediocre policy being put through. While we consider the time commitment my position puts into this as well as other commissioners on our team, the time commitment that these other positions are putting in is way too much. It does take out about a week, a whole week, twice a year, so we were a little concerned about that. There are positive and negative aspects to this but we decided that it would really pose a challenge if we were to leave so we recommend that Assembly votes to renew our membership with OUSA going forward. I would like to open the floor to any questions on that.

Speaker DeVenney: Any questions for Commissioner Mellon about OUSA? Tiana Wong.

Member-at-Large Wong: I think both you and Alexia sit on the steering committee, so we have two representatives while other universities only have one?

Commissioner Mellon: Just some background for everyone here, every university sends one representative to sit at OUSA but the AMS technically has two. The AMS is structured in a very different way than any other student government so how our seat is allotted is different, we don't necessarily get two voices at the table. Alexia and I are two halves of one whole at the OUSA

table. Two members doesn't amount to having more of a voice, I wouldn't say that's an advantage of being a member.

Member-at-Large Wong: Makes sense, thank you.

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions concerning OUSA membership?

Commissioner Sahi: Why are you suggesting renewing membership given that it seems like Queen's-specific needs are not being met or represented?

Commissioner Mellon: We were, as a committee, disappointed with OUSA's external policy but I kind of want to pivot back to the lack of alternatives. Yes, sometimes we aren't the happiest with the policy that is put forward but it is worth noting that OUSA has 150,000 students behind it while the AMS has 18,000 students behind it. If we were to strike out on our own advocating to the provincial government, it is unlikely to be as successful.

Speaker DeVenney: Any other questions for Commissioner Mellon? Seeing none, we will move on to a vote. We do need two thirds of assembly to vote yes for this, that would be about twenty-two members. All those in favour. All opposed. And if there are any abstentions at this time.

Motion passes.

Motion #18 – Moved by Caroline Hart, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion that Assembly approve the new AMS Principals and Positions Policy.

Secretary Hart: This is just the second reading of the policy at Assembly. We took feedback from people internally, revised our document and made edits where necessary. This is sort of a second reading so hopefully after this we can pass it as policy. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to say something.

Speaker DeVenney: Seeing none, we will move on to a vote. All in favour. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Adjournment

Moved by Alexia Henriques, Seconded by Alexandra Samoyloff

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 19:46 EST.