



AMS Assembly Minutes

March 25, 2021

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The meeting was convened at 18:03 EST.

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

Motion for Assembly to approve the agenda of the meeting of March 25th, 2021.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: I would like to add a motion to the end of the agenda that the AMS ratify the Queen's Psychedelics Research Association as a club for the 2021-22 academic year.

Speaker Devenny: Alright, we will have that noted. Any other motions at this time?

AMS President den Otter: I would like to put forth the motion to allow Secretary Hart to take on the role of speaker for the duration for the incoming senior management ratification portion of assembly please.

Speaker Devenny: Assembly, please have it noted as a motion. We will take it to a vote, please note you can not abstain on this motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. And all those opposed.

Motion carries.

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

Motion for Assembly to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 25th, 2021.

Motion carries.

Speaker's Business

Speaker Devenny: Welcome to our March assembly. *Land acknowledgement read.* Keep this in mind as we gather today as student leaders. It's hard to think that today is our last assembly together before transition next month. It's a very special assembly, we have a fantastic guest speaker here today as well as some familiar faces of the outgoing and incoming AMS senior management. I would like to extend a hello to everyone here today. I hope you're outside

enjoying the nice weather if you're in Kingston right now. I wanted to thank everyone for being here tonight and I can't remember the last time it was light out while we held assembly.

Guest Speaker

David Walker: Thank you, can everybody hear me? It's a great honour to be addressing you again, I'm not sure it seems like a year since I spoke to you before and a lot has changed in that year. It's also one year since I was a member of AMS council, as you can imagine it was a bit further back in time. Just to begin, I thought I would say a few words. I would like to start by thanking you for your leadership through this unusual year, particularly I got to know Jared and Alexia and the Rector, Sam. I've got to say that I'm proud of the work that you and your colleagues and the student body has done this year. It's been a time of great disruption and tension within Queen's and within our community and the world, and obviously from time to time some significant town tension. It's been the experience of a lifetime, I remember when I was younger my grandparents spoke of the Spanish flu which they lived through, harsher than covid and covid is bad enough. The inverse of covid actually, it killed people your age and not the old people. So this is a lifetime experience and you'll tell your grandchildren about this. So at Queen's we moved to predominantly to online learning with minimal on-campus activities and substantially reduced residence occupation, and quite rapidly early on developed plans according to the requirements we were given to follow. Queen's was really fortunate, we have a really high functioning public health unit in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, with stellar academic programs attached to it where many young Queen's undergraduates are enrolled and engaged in learning to be involved in public health in the future. Queen's had embedded individuals throughout this process, experts who could help us with decision-making. With much sacrifice, this region has done unusually well. What do we know now and what's going to happen, I suspect you're interested to know. What we know now is this truly is a global pandemic, there have been 124 million people in the world who've had COVID and that's an undercount. At the moment, 2.7 million deaths and 21 million active cases in the world. It's strange where in those cases, 99.5% are mild, so one would think that if so many are mild what's the fuss about? The fuss is of course is that 0.5% percent of an enormous denominator is an enormous total. In Canada we've had nearly 938000 cases and 22700 deaths, in the world we rank 59th in 598 deaths per million. 70% of our deaths have been in longterm care and that has been the black mark on Canada in the way which we care for our older population. In the Kingston and region we've had 880 cases with one death, and Queen's associated cases we've had 194, ten this week, sixty last week so we're coming off a surge. As you all know by now, I'm sure you could probably argue that each of us should have a degree in this at this point. This is a truly novel virus to humans, now known due to a link from the animal population, we were totally naive to this from an immune standpoint, perhaps our kids might have some inherent ability to hold off coronavirus due to their exposure to other coronaviruses due to their exposures to other viruses. This virus is very smart, it is a small piece of genetic material it has no independent life but I digress – it is very clever, our surveillance can't see it, so it invades us. Our first immunity guards don't see it come in and then it wakes up and goes into overdrive,

damaging us as well as the virus. For anyone whose belief in evolution is unsure, this does demonstrate evolution in real time - there have been thousands of mutations of this virus since we first got to know it, it mutates all the time. Mutations that provide some kind of gain have a selective advantage where it can spread more than one, just like how giraffes with longer necks have an advantage. It is dangerous and for some it is fatal. It loves to be where we love to be, it loves crowds and close contact and guess what – a university is where it loves to be because we love those things. So the interventions to stop the spread are supposed to address just that, reduce close contact. While for younger generations this is not lethal, though there are exceptions throughout throughout the age groups, until you get to the age of sixty most people are really resilient. Other than oxygen and a couple of drugs, they will often end up on ICU and on a ventilator. We have a limited capacity for that. ICUs generally are always full for other reasons, there's limited capacity and while one could talk about building new beds or ventilators, it's actually the people that supply those sophisticated services that are in short supply and we can't build those overnight. So how do we tame this? Until now we can tame it only through the public health interventions that keep people apart, and there's a scale of interventions that rise in severity and only get implicated as the need arises. The threshold in Ontario is being when there are more than 300 people in ICU beds in Ontario, when that level is reached suddenly we are impaired in our ability to respond to look after people with heart attacks and cancers and such. And part of the problem with people in ICUs with covid is their stays are far longer than the usual ICU stay. So that's the one way to interfere with covid's success, the public health measures we all hate. I haven't seen some of my grandchildren since Christmas a year ago. The second intervention is the creation of immunity through vaccination and that has been a truly remarkable tale that you've all been engaged in reading about, a variety of different kinds of vaccines have been presented really rapidly, traditional ones and the new messenger rNA one that have been in the pipeline since SARS of 2003 but with some subtle recoding have turned on a dime and boy do they ever work. This is really a truly magnificent effort, you may have read about various debates about efficacy but the fact that these vaccines seem to be stopping people dying with high effectiveness is really remarkable and we now have this control data and now with real world observation data where you can actually see what happened when you gave 25 million people a vaccine. So this has been one of the stories that is truly remarkable. Much of the science will now be retooled again and its impact on cancer treatments and ways we can persuade our immune systems in ways we haven't before. It's really smart. I had a shot the other day and my body now is making antibodies to the spike on the coronavirus, it's really a pleasant feeling. This is the third coronavirus of note in the last twenty years and we have to ask why is that. SARS wasn't really a good spreader, then we had MURS and that didn't really spread much, then we have this coronavirus that kind of hit a sweet spot between transmission and fatality and we could have conversations about this with people who are far more expert than I am. We really need to talk about how it could relate to other issues in the world like climate change and land development, why this is happening, why are these viruses leaping from animal vectors to humans. This virus is an accelerator of change and a magnifier, I've seen this, we've seen change now in all sectors, particularly with vaccine wars, with employment, with healthcare - where over half of medical appointments are now being done virtually and a lot of it will be afterwards too. Travel, education – I'm sure you're all wondering what post-secondary will look

like and should look like in the future and what is it that we can take forward, what is it that we should have ditched before. My children always complained about how little value they felt their education had, listening to a tired TA at the front of the class when they should have actually seen it recorded and have much more engagement in smaller groups. But that's for your generation to push on. This virus has been highly discriminatory, obviously on the basis of age but also remarkably so in terms of racialization and marginalization of those who suffer more. Does this virus make these people sicker for reasons other than social reasons? This virus has had a devastating effect, and this is another question for us to think about – those are less fortunate have become even less fortunate. It has also been intergenerational, there has been large intergenerational inequity - your generation has paid an enormous price for my generation. I'd like to thank you because you're less likely to be sick or dying, you've given up an awful lot and I think that needs to be recognized. So that's the end of what I was going to say about what we know, now to talk about what I think will happen. It's already happening, because of vaccination and other measures, hospitalizations, ICU pressures stays, and deaths are beginning to fall, in some places dramatically. From those days where we would have a hundred deaths a day and long-term care folks were dying in droves, we're now announcing almost none. You can see it all over the place where they've had vaccinations. We have vaccinations coming in Canada, going on as I speak. A number of people are getting vaccinated, mostly the 80+s, the long-term care folks, they're getting along nicely. Assuming there isn't some catastrophic vaccine war, most Canadians should have had a first dose by Canada Day, certainly Labour Day, and that would include your generation. As that happens, we're going to see a difference in the restrictions required, when people are no longer going to hospitals or ICUs in droves then you will not need the restrictions that are in place now and that direct relation you see which means x number of people in an ICU, that relationship becomes severed due to vaccination. I think we are going to have some problems with vaccine deployment, it will be inequitable across the world and it will be for some years. One of the problems with that is developing countries won't get their vaccinations early, but it's also the place where mutations will occur, and that's an interest to us as well, we have a duty to our global partners, but it's also in our self-interest. In populations such as Brazil, without vaccinations we will see mutations and they will come to our country and they will test the efficacy of our vaccines. We will continue to see vaccine reformulation as time goes by, we haven't had to reformulate the available vaccines as of yet due to the variants but it could happen. By September, the fall in cases and hospital stays will result in restrictions being lifted within our provincial jurisdictions and schools by September will be engage in pretty much full operations without social distancing. We've been encouraged to return to full operations, Queen's should be back full gear. With safety plans, obviously, and the ability to adapt as necessary. The only wild cards are catastrophic interruptions to vaccine supply, which judging from Mr. Trudeau's ability to buy vaccines, I think 350 million doses for a population of I think 35 million is really a remarkable overbuy, so there should be some head room there. Or a variant that is so insensitive to current vaccines. I think people will go on wearing masks, they may no longer be mandated but some people will wear them. Testing will become restricted to outbreaks to identify variants. International travel will still be difficult, many countries will not have had significant vaccination or immunity and I think travel is going to require evidence of being tested or having the vaccine passport. My opinion is that while we

may argue internally in Canada about the rights and wrongs of vaccine passports, I view them as being significantly discriminatory, I think they will become ubiquitous in the short term. I also believe that vaccination will become mandatory, some vaccines are already mandatory in some settings, some vaccinations are required to get into schools but there are some loopholes. I believe society will support mandatory vaccinations in settings like long-term care. I also believe many members of our society will continue to be anxious and exhibit post-traumatic stress, I know some faculty members are terrified and it'll take awhile for them to be reassured and this coronavirus will not go away, it will be with us forever with variants emerging and vaccines adapting to those variants and it'll all be part of life with covid like how we have life with influenza. Thousands of Canadians die every year of influenza but we manage it and we will manage covid in somewhat the same way. I think we're going to see a very different setting between now and September, the proviso is that whilst May is going to be better than April, etc., September's going to be really good, we are now at a very critical juncture many of our population are still not vaccinated and are getting sick and many still going to hospitals, so much so that Kingston right now is taking overflow from hospitals in Ottawa and Toronto and these variants spread so much more easily than the original strain. It is so important to continue to follow the rules until our vaccinations penetration has been reached, this third wave is pretty nasty. I would urge you in your leadership roles to continue to preach that message and keep up that good work. We now see how this will unravel but this next little while is going to be really tense where we see vaccinations shooting up but case numbers also shooting up until vaccination numbers are really up there and after that we can start getting back to normal life. I will stop there, I'm happy to take any questions or I can shuffle off.

Speaker Devenny: If anyone has any questions for Dr. Walker feel free to use the raise hand function or just go ahead.

AMS President den Otter: Not quite a – actually, bit of a question. I wanted to thank Dr. David for coming to speak to us today and I know that it's been a difficult year and we really do appreciate you coming in tonight and providing this update. I know that students are curious how we can safely engage with others, outside preferably. I'm just wondering if you've seen anything around campus that might not be safe or if you've seen great examples of students doing activities that are safe for us to keep our community safe and I was wondering if you would like to share that with us if there are. I know students are trying to find ways to get outside and enjoy the weather while also trying to be safe.

David Walker: Clearly, getting outside is critical. I think go back to the principles I enunciated earlier. You will catch this if you're in your apartment or in residence and someone with covid, particularly the variant, joins you, these germs will float around indoors and you're going to catch it. The majority of people who've had covid in your age group have had very minimal symptoms or none at all, so you won't know you've got it and your friends won't know they've got it three days later. When you're outside, transmission outside is unusual, again if you're playing basketball around a hoop and you're spitting on each other then you'll probably give it to each other but if you're playing ultimate it's less likely. You can walk in small, y'know follow the rules, buddy or two in a cluster you can go for a walk outside, you can run, get on your bike.

But I would urge you, get out there. There's a differential risk. The closer you are, the more closed the space, more crowded you are, particularly with ventilation, there's no magic here. Jared knows this, our by-law was quite concerned because people were calling in that there were four high school students playing basketball and there were people playing football or frisbee, I don't want to get myself in trouble but we have to be reasonable about this. I know one of the problems is our community friends, the people of Kingston, will see you out and about, I think we have to recognize that Kingston is an older town and there are people terrified of getting sick and dying and they will see and target a community of young people out and about and they get very upset, that's a dynamic that won't go away for a while. Some are behaving less responsibly and the public are going to get agitated, but we can all do only what we can do. Common sense prevails. I go for walks with friends, just keep in mind what helps you give or catch this virus and the sneaky part is you can give it to someone else without knowing you've got it.

AMS President den Otter: Thank you.

Speaker Devenny: Does anyone else have any questions for Dr. Walker at this time?

ASUS President Niddam-Dent: Question is just, you mentioned that you think that by September you think that things will start to return to regular operations, things like lectures and orientation, things of that nature – what do you think that will look like in terms of indoors, outdoors, and online?

David Walker: I think you're going to get a lot of guidance on things like orientation soon. On the academic front, our medical officer felt that there should be no restrictions so big classes should be possible. There's two things to that – some faculty might find this quite a disjunction to be in the middle of a grave concern at the moment and then be thinking about that in September, it's a bit of a leap. There is a collective agreement, which I'm not a part of because I'm in medicine, which does allow faculties and faculty members to teach remotely when you're not entirely remote as a university. You're going to see things more like they were in 2019 than in 2020 and when it comes to orientation I think there will be the ability to do a lot that will be guided by the university, I think it will have to be reflective of some extent that our community will still just be getting up to speed with the idea this is safe so we will have to respect that. I think, y'know, if there's a gathering of a thousand frosh that's going to get people quite agitated. I think we're going to have to be delicate about it and you'll get some very clear instructions about what will and won't be allowed. I realize there are some dates pretty tough to avoid in terms of planning, hiring people, organizing people, but the degree of which you're able to be flexible and pivot between them would be I think wise. When we're talking about summer camps that'll be tricky, it's a transitional period that will be quite challenging. We've got other things being planned like convocations in the fall, I think it'll become apparent in the next 6-8 weeks how things are going to morph out. The plans here and in BC, full operations in September. That's the academic plan and the on-campus activities and athletics, recreations, clubs, and other stuff should fall into place probably with some restrictions but see more forward. You'll be able to judge how this is going by how the general state of society is and how we're doing with vaccinations. If suddenly we don't get any vaccinations, if we have more than we need maybe it'll speed things up. Is there going to be another variant that's really nasty, that'll slow things

down. You've got to be flexible but I'm sure there'll be some orientation possible. The other question is do you really want to be in a class of five hundred people but that's just me speaking pedagogically in my devilish way. If I could, I would argue that your generation has put up with a lot in the last year and a bit, I think you're entitled to ask for a pretty good deal on your educational dollar come the fall. Don't tell anyone I said that.

Speaker Devenny: We won't keep you any longer, Dr. Walker. Thank you so much for coming out and talking to us a bit. It's very comforting to hear region-specific information because a lot of what's out there is not pertinent to what we're looking for and not relevant to our lives. Thank you so much for coming out today.

David Walker: I'd be happy to come back again this time next year to see where we're at. Once a year. Thanks for having me, I appreciate it.

President's Report

AMS President den Otter: I won't take up too much time. I didn't really have anything else to add to my report, just that transition has been going really well with the team and we are very grateful to have David in today, I hope you folks found some value in his insight into the pandemic. It's really exciting that we have some of the incoming folks for the AMS team here tonight. I'm happy to take any questions folks might have.

Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Samoyloff: I will keep it pretty short. I hope you're able to go out in the sun this week and while you're out and about make sure to visit CoGro, I hope you're all happy to know that cake happy hour will continue every Friday until the end of the term. All other AMS services remain open and we'll be able to take a look at how this year has gone at the corporate general meeting in April so stay tuned for that. Happy to take any questions.

Speaker Devenny: Thank you very much, we will now move on to VP Henriques.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: Just a few other updates to share building off of my report. First off, OUSA went off really well. I would like to thank Commissioner Mellon and his deputy Tiffany for their leadership, we were able to pass two policy papers, the student health and wellness paper and the addressing racist and religious discrimination paper, it was a very long day but we had a great delegation and we're really happy with the outcome. To highlight a few meetings we've been having, Charlotte and I have been meeting with several admin to discuss international student support and to continue that advocacy into the spring and summer. On that same note, Angela and I have been having other administrative meetings on the equity model. We're really excited to continue those conversations and hopefully have a smooth transition and continue that advocacy work going forward. For all of you folks, the SIC equity grant is open please check that out. An update from student affairs, their student experiences survey has had a really great response rate thus far, it does close tomorrow and thank you to all of you who have

been helping with promotion of it thus far and for any of you who have completed it, I recommend sharing it with your networks, I'm really excited to hear that there's been a great response rate. Our exec team is finalizing our last new project before the end of term, focusing on health and wellness, especially accessibility so look out for some news that should come out in April before the end of our term. That is all on my end, happy to take any questions, and I hope you're all doing well.

Board Report

Chairperson Nensi: We did student director hiring today. Went really well, I'm really excited to present the board candidates to you all next week, other than that we don't have massive updates for today. If you don't already have your invite to the AGM please reach out and ask for an invite, even if you don't want to come, please come, it's so important to have all of you there. thanks so much for putting up with it and have a good weekend.

Trustee's Report

Trustee Bennet-Dwara: I don't really have anything else to add, most of it was just in the agenda. For transition, our transition is a bit different than the AMS transition because my position ends in June 1st so it's a little later. That's kind of it, if you have any questions about my notes from our last board meeting or anything feel free to ask away.

Student Senate's Report

Speaker Devenny: Chairperson Flowers is not present at today's meeting so if you have any questions about his report please contact him directly.

Rector's Report

Speaker Devenny: Rector Hiemstra is also not present today so please contact him directly. Moving on to statements by students.

Statements by Students

Commissioner Sahi: Just a quick note, I'm doing some work on academic accommodation and if your faculty society has done any work on that or has any student surveys that have been done this year or way back when I would love to speak with you. If you have any relevant information I would love to hear it, I can out my email in the chat. Thank you.

New Business

Speaker Devenny: I will now briefly step down from my duties as speaker due to a motion earlier provided by President den Otter and I will relinquish my speaker duties to Secretary Hart for the time being.

Secretary Hart: Hey everyone, Speaker Hart here. Thank you, Speaker Devenny, for allowing me to take over your role for the time being.

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

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Laura Devenny to the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs, Anika Chowdhury to the position of Commissioner of Campus Affairs, Jacob Marinelli to the position of Commissioner of External Affairs, Samara Lijiam to the position of Commissioner of Social Issues, Brian Seo to the position of Commissioner of Clubs, and Jessica Wile to the position of Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability.

Secretary Hart: If anyone has any questions for the incoming commissioners and secretary, we will do a max of three questions and all incoming members will have the opportunity to answer every question.

AMS VP-OPS Samoyloff: My question would be: at the end of your term, how would you define success in your role?

Member-at-Large Marinelli: I am the incoming Commissioner of External Affairs. I think if I were to measure success going forward, the commission of external affairs has been doing some remodeling this year thanks to Matt and I think if my team members feels successful and impassioned about their roles going forward, at the end of the year that is how I would best measure success.

Member-at-Large Wile: I think how I would measure success at the end of my role is getting Queen's students and the student body as a whole involved how we can make our city and student community more sustainable and also just feeling like I've left an impact.

Member-at-Large Seo: I think with clubs where it's so external facing it might mean taking past activities, hybridizing how we've been running things online and how things used to run in person into a better version of clubs and trying to figure out what we're going to do with space as we go on.

Member-at-Large Chowdhury: I'm the incoming Commissioner of Campus Affairs. I know that Char has done a lot of work this year with international students and creating more space for them I'd love to carry on that torch and help realize the projects that have been jumpstarted this year. I think as long as my team are feeling passionate about their roles and feeling as though they were able to make a difference in their roles, that would be a good successful year for me.

Member-at-Large Lijam: I guess for me I would echo other people's statement that I hope these committees and chairs get to have the opportunity to use the resources that the AMS gives

them. I also want to focus on impactful change, there have been great events this year that have been great but kind of one-offs. Also, I think breaking down the barriers in equity and engaging more with campus communities. A lot of people they may have participated in one equity event or they've never taken part in one, so definitely engaging new people to get involved in equity.

Speaker Devenny: To measure success at the end of my term, I want to carry forward everything put forward from Caro and Jared and all of the other commissioners, I'm working with Zaid right now we're going to hopefully reach full policy accessibility by the end of the year. I would love to go over elections policy make sure everything is clear. I want to make everyone a policy person. I would also hope that my team feels really safe and comfortable in all of our spaces as we go forward. So yeah, strong, accessible policy and a really strong team going forward.

Secretary Hart: Those were great answers. Does anyone else have any questions?

Commissioner Mellon: So my question, what does advocacy mean to you?

Member-at-Large Seo: I think the word advocacy for me means, as a representative to be of impact and be a voice to scattered voices on campus especially with a portfolio like mine. About making sure that I am able to get the most-informed opinion and act on the greater good of the organization itself, advocating for more budget to give out grant or spaces on campus, dealing with university admin. That's what advocacy would mean for me.

Member-at-Large Chowdhury: I think considering how much of my portfolio is advocacy-based, it's something I'm really passionate about, whether it's the international students, upper year students, it means amplifying the voices of those around us and those that maybe don't feel as confident about speaking out about their needs and wants and the change they want to see on campus, being an avenue for that, creating a campus that they feel safe and comfortable at.

Member-at-Large Marinelli: It's a lot of what Brian and Anika said, it's finding and being that voice but also things that the students are passionate about as well as my team. Really echoing what they've been saying, building off the experiences of others. I feel extremely passionate about listening to others and finding that niche of what matters most to university students.

Member-at-Large Wile: I think it means being a voice for students and using my voice in terms of policy for sustainability within Queen's and Kingston.

Member-at-Large Lijam: Advocacy is a really important part of the SIC, it really is the goal of the SIC to be advocating for marginalized students and a voice for others, but really to listen from the back and take other people's voices and take them into the tables and rooms maybe they don't want to be in themselves, it's really uplifting and empowering people and really facilitating their voice being heard.

Speaker Devenny: It's very humbling to see all of the lived experiences being brought forward and for our office to use our skills, I would love to take the ideas of commissioners and students and turn that into tangible policy and in terms of advocacy, I would like this next incoming executive and all of the incoming directors that we leave the AMS and Queen's where all

students feel that they are able to express their voices as well as feel comfortable in all spaces Queen's.

Secretary Hart: Absolutely stunning responses from all of you. We have space for one more question if anyone has anything.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: What is your typical CoGro order, if you don't have one what is your breakfast of choice. CoGro would be ideal though.

Member-at-Large Marinelli: I've recently been put onto iced americanos, I've definitely been very that in the Huskee cup of course. I would tie that in with the stack sandwich, but grilled. Definitely a way in to get a little crispiness.

Member-at-Large Wile: I would go for an iced soy latte with a pump of hazelnutt, pretty simple, but if I were getting food, I guess a bagel with some avocado.

Member-at-Large Seo: I'm going to shake the boat a bit and say shout-out to the Tea Room. I would go for an everything bagel with herb and garlic cream cheese and I would get a large white roast with two creams and two sugars.

Member-at-Large Chowdhury: I would get the whole wheat bagel with spinach and feta and sprouts and cucumber, and then an iced latte with a pump of hazelnut.

Member-at-Large Lijam: I usually just get a coffee or the green smoothie and I don't usually get food at CoGro but if I do it's a red velvet cake.

Speaker Devenny: For me, it depends on the day. Sometimes it's a caramel macchiato or an iced coffee with a couple pumps of vanilla. I still haven't had the top secret bagel, if you remember the AMS Christmas party I couldn't draw it and it's sad to say I still don't know what it looks like so it's next on my list.

Secretary Hart: So I'm just going to place all of you in a waiting room. I really hope this works. Bye Laura. I just really hope I can bring them back. Okay! We will move forward with the motion. So, motion that the AMS Assembly ratify Laura Devenny to the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs, Anika Chowdhury to the position of Commissioner of Campus Affairs, Jacob Marinelli to the position of Commissioner of External Affairs, Samara Lijam to the position of Commissioner of Social Issues, Brian Seo to the position of Commissioner of Clubs, and Jessie Wile to the position of Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability. That's a lot of "of's." All those voting yes, please raise your hand. All those opposed raise your hands. You can lower your hands. Okay now I'm going to attempt to bring them back in, not very tech savvy sorry everyone. Welcome back and congratulations to all of the incoming on being ratified this evening, you're all going to do amazing things. Laura I will be passing this back to you, over to Speaker Devenny.

Speaker Devenny: Thank you for that Speaker Hart, I really appreciate you taking over these duties for a short period of time.

Motion passes.

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

Motion that Assembly approve the collaboration with Queen's Hillel to ensure the successful implementation of Holocaust Education Week each year as seen in appendix: Queen's Hillel.

Member-at-Large Sydney: If anyone has any questions based on what they read in the agenda please just let me know and I'll be happy to talk about it.

Speaker Devenny: Seeing none, we will move on to a vote. All those in favour, please raise your hand. All opposed. Any abstentions.

Motion passes.

Motion #5 – Moved by Alexia Henriques, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion that Assembly approve the reallocation of \$4,500 from the Socials Issues Commission's honorarium line to the Grants & Bursaries line as seen in appendix: SIC1.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: I have nothing to add other than what was in the motion.

Commissioner Sahi: I'm also good but happy to answer any questions.

Speaker Devenny: We will move on to a vote. All those in favour. If there are any abstentions. And all those who would like to vote no.

Motion passes.

Motion #6 – Moved by Alexia Henriques, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion that Assembly approve that all faculty societies alongside the AMS must produce an annual Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization action plan to accompany their annual strategic/goal plan as seen in appendix: SIC2.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: I think that the motion speaks for itself. I think Angela has done a great job of outlining and meeting with the president's caucus in order to make tangible change and everything that has been built upon this year. Angela, if you have anything else to add feel free to take the floor.

Commissioner Sahi: Thanks, Lex. Once again, I'll just answer any questions if there are any.

Speaker Devenny: Seeing that there are none, we will take it to a vote. All in favour, please raise your hand. Any abstentions. And anyone who would like to vote no.

Motion passes.

Motion #7 – Moved by Alexia Henriques, Seconded by Jared den Otter

Motion that Assembly ratify the Queen's Psychedelics Research Association for the 2021-22 Academic Year.

AMS VP-UA Henriques: This should have been looped into our last batch of ratifications but they had a bit of a name change and we waited on them to figure out the title for their club and now we're hoping to move forward and ratify this club. That's all from me, thank you.

Speaker Devenny: We will now take this to a vote, all those in favour please raise your hand. Any abstentions. And all those who would like to vote no.

Motion passes.

Discussion Period

Commissioner Urquhart: I'll keep this fairly short. I proposed a procedure manual for environmental sustainability, it's pretty much to replace the environmental policy that was introduced in the 2016 school year, this one is a bit more accessible, a little more easily comprehensible, and a little more tangible to do in terms of how the commissions can participate as well as the governmental side of the AMS and we hope that other faculty societies can take a look through it as well as use it. So it kind of just goes over a brief introduction as well as a resource guide that we hope will help people in their journey to sustainability. Happy to take any questions if anyone has any.

Speaker Devenny: Seeing as there are no questions at this time – President den Otter.

AMS President den Otter: I'm just going to quickly say that Molly has put a lot of work into this and has done a phenomenal job and I would encourage folks to read through it and bring questions to the next assembly when we can hopefully get this procedure doc within the AMS's hands. Great job Molly!

AMS VP-UA Henriques: Just to bounce off what Jared has said, Molly's done a great job to consolidate some of the old procedures and docs within the AMS divided up between the governmental and corporate side, just to elaborate a little more, I think this would be a great guide for the faculty societies to engage in more sustainability work, so hopefully this can encourage more collaborations and the sharing of ideas and concepts. I think that's all from me but thank you Molly and your team.

Speaker Devenny: Are there any other questions at this time, in case I have missed anybody. Thank you very much, commissioner.

Adjournment

Moved by Alexia Henriques, Seconded by Alexandra Samoyloff.

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 19:15 EST.