



**AMS Assembly Minutes**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Queen's University, Kingston**

**Minutes are tentative until approved at Assembly.**

The meeting was convened at 6:10 EST.

**Speaker's Business**

**Speaker Liu:** Hello everyone and welcome to Assembly. As you may have noticed, we have new placards! And if you look on the back of the placard you'll see "yes" and "no", just flip the placard horizontally to show your vote and set the placard vertically on the table to abstain. And let's move right onto our first agenda item.

**Motion #1 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.**

*Motion that AMS Assembly approve the Agenda for the Assembly meeting of February 16th , 2023”*

*Motion passes.*

**Motion #2 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani, Seconded by AMS President Sikich.**

*Motion that AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of January 26th, 2023.*

*Motion passes.*

**Speaker Liu:** A reminder from our Scribe to please shout as we do not have a microphone. And a quick point of order from me, if you are a voting member and need to leave Assembly early, please raise your placard and just let us know. I'll do our land acknowledgement:

*Cataraqui or Kingston, as we understand it today, is abundant in history and modern-day traditions of many First Nations and Metis. In particular, the Alma Mater Society would like to acknowledge that it's Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory which Queen's University*

*resides on. These lands surrounding the Great Lakes are immersed in thousands of generations of indigenous history, including language, art, celebrations, and resilience. We recognize that it was within the Crawford purchase of 1783 that these lands were made available for settlements, and the agreements made were upheld by the First Peoples, but not the British crown or later the Canadian government. While we work on these lands as uninvited guests we actively benefit from the oppression of indigenous peoples. Because of our settler positionality, we have an obligation to listen to indigenous voices, and we must act in ways that will condemn past and ongoing violence against indigenous peoples and support positive change.*

*As a branch of the Society that strives to connect student leaders and facilitate positive change and student advocacy on Turtle Island, we strive to maintain the core values and teachings from indigenous peoples. We are incredibly grateful for the ability to do so. As the Secretariat Office facilitates Assembly, elections and Judicial Affairs, it is our duty to ensure the voices of indigenous and marginalized peoples are amplified, as well as provide resources on how we can facilitate and help in advocacy that is important. We encourage all members of the Office as student leaders, to reflect on privileges that they have been afforded on this land, and use it to ensure campus safety, accessibility, and impact for all students. As settlers on this stolen land of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples, we must continue to educate ourselves and strive to decolonize every layer of our governance system and curricula, and to indigenize our learning. The resilience of indigenous peoples and their traditions should be applauded and inspire strength and kindness in us all. The Wampum belt covenant should be used as our compass as we navigate our journey of reconciliation with indigenous people of Canada. The Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people had a mutual understanding of how to share the land and resources peacefully with one another. By living on this land, we must also abide by these values.*

**Speaker Liu:** And now let's move onto Executive Reports.

### **President's Report**

**President Sikich:** Hello everyone, I'm going to be fast tonight because I can see our schedule is packed tonight. The Communications Office has been working on the internal and external January newsletters. The Marketing Office has been working on elections and referendum materials, as well as the AMS-Asks-You series. The Secretariat has been extremely busy with elections season and reforms to the AMS Constitution. The Student Life Centre is open and the new staff have undergone training. The HR Office is focused on preparing for the transition for the incoming team. The AMS will be hosting a hiring and information fair from 6:00-8:00p.m. on January 30th, so please spread the word about that. And finally, I just want to congratulate the Secretariat and express how excited I am that we are going to be having a contested election for the AMS executive this year! The candidates are here tonight and I wish everyone the best of luck.

**Speaker Liu:** Any questions? No, okay, we'll move onto VP-OPS Hu.

### **Vice President's Report**

**VP-OPS Hu:** Hello Assembly. It's great to see everyone. I'll jump right into my updates. I would like to share with Assembly that both the Student Activity Fee for the Food Bank, both student activity fees for the AMS and SGPS have been successfully raised. It has increased to \$4. This will help with our real contribution to food insecurity on campus. The Journal also had their fee successfully re-implemented and it's a win for all students looking for more journalism experience on campus. Third, after unanimous consensus that the student body would benefit from a Take-One-Leave-One project last Assembly I am moving forward and currently reaching out to previous partners from the 2019-2020 campaign. The services are all operating in person. At the Constables, we have new staff undergoing training and shadow shifts. And I would just like to take this time to congratulate our Constables Head Manager Caroline for all her hard work. Caroline joined the AMS several weeks into the fall semester and has been a huge pivotal factor and lifted the Constables out of the critical state that it was in. Under her leadership the numbers have doubled, we're now just shy of 40 staff. The service is frequently and actively serving events on campus, up to six events per week, mitigating the risk introduced by large organized events and alcohol, and coordinating with university security and first aid when necessary. Caroline's leadership has redirected the service out of an unsteady future. ensuring that this crucial service will continue to exist on campus. On a separate note, the Constables have changed their name to StuCons. At Studio Q, yearbook photos for graduating students continue to be in high demand so they are working to find solutions to meet the demand and new timeslots are being released every day. Any questions?

**Speaker Liu:** Any questions? No? Okay, we'll move onto VP-UA Robertson.

**AMS VP-UA Robertson:** Hello everyone, nice to see you all here. I'd like to congratulate Commissioner Rolf for attaining a new assistant manager position within her service. My team has been working with our federal partners and having more meetings with UCREW to discuss how to make our advocacy more effective. These discussions will continue for the next year. We're hosting the OUSA General Assembly in two weeks, and looking forward to having all of these students on campus, creating opportunities for our teams to collaborate. On the matter of the ORT budget, we've had some great conversations, please feel free to book a meeting with me so that we can discuss your priorities if we haven't spoken yet. In terms of timeline, at the March Assembly I will bring a potential budget for final feedback before we submit it for board approval in April. This way the budget can be finished ahead of transition for next year's team.

## **Board of Director's Report**

**Board of Directors President Devenny:** Hello Assembly. I want to start by acknowledging and thanking the Black Student Caucus for bringing forward their concerns to the Assembly, and for all the time that you have put in to organize this and deliver recommendations. First, I want to talk about transition. You'll hear me promoting opportunities on the Board, it looks great on a resume to be on the board of a \$20M non-profit. Now for some specific updates. The Secretariat has brought the constitution forward for a review, and the governance committee is doing triennial review of policy. The Finance and Risk Committee is finishing their review of our risk matrix. The Personnel Committee passed new accessible human resource policies to make sure students and staff know their rights. The Corporate Annual General Meeting will be in April, and will feature an end-of-year budget presentation, updates from all committee chairs, and the ratification of 5 new student directors.

## **Student Undergraduate Trustee Report**

Trustee Sharma sends regrets.

## **Student Senator's Report**

**Student Senate Caucus Chair Matiss:** Hello everyone. The Senate approved the suspension of academic activity on Truth and Reconciliation Day in September. I reached out to the legal council today and the university still has no official position on the potential QUFA strike but it seems a tentative deal has been reached. Graduate students continue to lobby for the removal of graduate tuition. However, no Ontario university is currently offering no tuition for grad students. A better approach would be to raise the stipend that grad student TAs and researchers receive. I am looking forward to running the Board and Senate retreat next month, and our theme will be supporting research at all academic levels.

**ResSoc President Yeung:** Is there a bursary for attending research conferences?

**VP-UA Robertson:** Yes, the student experience bursary.

**President Wijesundara:** ASUS also offers grants for professional development and research.

## Rector's Report

Rector Crawford-Lem sends regrets.

## Statements by Students

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** Every person in this room has a responsibility to represent the diversity of students at Queen's. As leaders you must address the consistent anti-black racism in student government. What is more upsetting than this is the lack of response. Why did the AMS not take immediate action at the debate when students first received the photos?

**AMS President Sikich:** Based on the timeline that we presented, we weren't aware the accusation was real and so we had no procedure to address it. We did try to gather more information by requesting on social media and at the debate that if anyone had information, they reach out to the Secretariat.. However, I acknowledge that we failed to protect our students in that moment. We were unsure how to handle the anonymous information, but in hindsight we should have had a process to respond.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** You didn't think the picture was real or the threat was real?

**President Sikich:** We did not get the picture, we got a tip to the debate forum that a picture had been released. We didn't have enough information about what had happened to immediately respond.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** Why did you not immediately consult with black students external to the AMS to figure out how to respond and how to support black students?

**President Sikich:** Again, in the immediate moment, we did not have enough information about what had happened to respond to what had happened.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** I meant after the incident at the debate.

**President Sikich:** My apologies, thank you for clarifying, great question. I think that after the whole situation we looked internally at what was within our power to do. This was an unfamiliar situation and so we needed a moment to regroup and figure out what we could do. We should have consulted external bodies, but at the time it was a very confidential situation so I wasn't sure what info we were able to share. But that tells me that we need to create more tangible ways to provide support.

**VP-UA Robertson:** The election was on Monday and Tuesday, so what Assembly should be asking is, “when this happens so close to an election how do we respond correctly?”. Do we expand timelines, do we push off the election so that we can adequately respond? I’d like to open that question to Assembly.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** How do you plan on changing the persistent anti-black racism prevalent within student government?

**President Sikich:** I think there are a multitude of things that need to be addressed, including hiring policies and making sure we are following proper procedures in situations like these. As I mentioned, I think we could have done a better job at consulting externally. Assembly has the power to change our policies, which is why we are bringing our policies forward for review so that we can find where the barriers are.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** I feel like the question wasn’t really answered, could you elaborate?

**VP-UA Robertson:** I think consulting with black clubs and organisations like yourself is a critical step. As President Sikich mentioned, we are navigating new territory here and so we are still figuring out how to proceed. We don’t have all of the answers, but we are committed to having the conversations necessary to get to those answers, and making sure we have a lot of external perspectives in those conversations.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** How will the AMS address it so that it goes beyond the black community, but engaging the whole student body in conversation?

**VP-UA Robertson:** We want to start by addressing the issue in a more public forum. We aren’t looking to ask black students to do unpaid emotional labour and solve this for us. We want to work with you.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** If you plan on consulting with black clubs, are you willing to provide compensation so that this is not unpaid labour? A lot of the exhaustion for black students here is that the expectation is always on us to speak up and identify these issues. It should not be our job to fix your negligence.

**VP-UA Robertson:** Yes, as an AMS executive we need to discuss this with our finance team, but yes we are planning on that.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** Have any acts of support been implemented since the incident?

**President Sikich:** We haven’t implemented anything new, but we’ve looked at what resources we can currently offer and asked the university to do the same. This is an ongoing conversation.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** You said that you’ve tried your best to deal with the situation. I disagree. You’ve said that you’ve put in place resources that Queen’s already has in

place. What resources? You said that this is a non-profit worth \$20M. That's a lot of money. I don't know how you spend that, but why isn't any of it being used to support black students? We've had to found a club to help ourselves deal with this issue and issues like this. If this is what you call your best, it is very upsetting and it needs to be a lot better. I appreciate that you are trying to answer our questions here and I mean no disrespect, but we need better.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** The reason that the AMS has few black employees and volunteers is due to a colonial culture at large that fosters white supremacy. How do you plan on fostering more inclusive spaces?

**President Sikich:** I think that part of the process begins with consulting black clubs and organizations on campus. We don't know exactly what black students want and how to best support them, and that is a failing on our part. The AMS has the ability to create resources, so we need to listen and improve our awareness of what resources can be of use, whether financial or otherwise.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** How do you plan on changing election policy to ensure that candidates who directly harm racialized students cannot run, be on ballot, or be elected?

**President Sikich:** That's the key question that we are reanalyzing our policy based on, which is why we are bringing our elections policy forward for a comprehensive consultation and review process with students and faculty members.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** How do you plan on responding to the calls to action sent to Assembly?

**President Sikich:** I won't speak for everyone, but on behalf of the executive, I haven't had a chance to read all of the recommendations from the document sent earlier this evening. So all I can speak to is what we've discussed tonight. I know I have not given the fullest answers, because I do not have them right now. I recognize that I have some learning to do and I look forward to the consultation process.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** How long are we going to have to wait until something gets done?

**President Sikich:** I acknowledge that things have not moved as quickly as ideal, and our executive is committed to making real change before our terms end in a few weeks.

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** The black student organizations have spent hours coming together, having discussions, coming up with concrete recommendations. You've had a month. Have you done anything?

**President Sikich:** We have been reviewing our policy internally, trying to mobilize and promote existing student support services to support black students and also coordinating with the university to help them implement supports, and we have also been arranging the campus-wide consultations that I mentioned earlier.

**HSS President:** In response to the calls to action, I don't want to go into the pains of unpaid labour, but I am committed on the Faculty level to creating opportunities for consultations. Are there any other immediate things that Assembly can do beyond consultations?

**Black Clubs Caucus Representative:** First thing, what mental health resources do you have at the AMS that could be used for black students right now? With your hiring system, are you making sure that the AMS reflects the student body? Why not put more marketing forward to make the AMS more accessible to students? Until this issue happened, I wasn't aware of all the things that you are responsible for at Queen's. You can't represent people that don't know you exist. Put a committee together of people from equity clubs and have them vet all of the processes and policies that you go through. You are here discussing policies that affect students that students don't know exist. Communicate better externally.

**VP-OPS Hu:** First, thank you and I truly mean that, for the time you have taken to join us today, for the questions you have asked us. I apologize for the time we have taken from you, and I appreciate the advice you have given. I want to give you an answer about the current mental health supports. We have BIPOC Talk, a peer support mental health service funded through the AMS. We also have Console, provided through our health insurance, which virtually connects you with trained support. But I acknowledge that these supports may not be specific enough or sufficient.

**Speaker Liu:** Thank you everyone, I really hate to end the discussion here but Assembly policy limits the amount of time per issue on each student statement. So unfortunately we do have to move on to the next agenda item. Thank you everyone for taking the time to be here and for all that you have contributed to the conversation.

### **New Business**

**Motion #3 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS VP-UA Robertson.**

*“That AMS Assembly strike the Teaching Awards Committee.”*

**VP-UA Robertson:** The AMS offers three teaching awards, each of which can be awarded to two professors, and today we need to strike the committee that decides on the winners of these awards. Nominations open next Monday and will be open for two weeks. So we need to ask people now to stand for those committees. There is no real policy on the makeup of the committee, so I'll hand this over to Amir.



**Secretary Golrokhian-Sani:** Point of information, can we just call for five people to volunteer?

**ENGSOB VP Bekheet:** Can you clarify the time commitment?

**VP-UA Robertson:** The issue is that we don't know how many nominations we will get, but we estimate about 2-4 hours of time commitment. The committee would work this around their own availability. We try to have the nomination packages prepped to minimize the work for committee members.

**Secretary Golrokhian-Sani:** Okay, for volunteers I see President Chen, VP Farrell, the ENGSOB 1st year rep, Commissioner Gulati, and VP Robertson.

*Motion carries.*

**Motion #4 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS VP-UA Robertson.**

*“That AMS Assembly ratify Mariah Keeling, Kenzie Dent, Massimo Recupero, Nathaniel Dixon, Maria Wassef, & Mikayla Crawford to the ORT.”*

**VP-UA Robertson:** This is just something that we do every year, we have Assembly vote to ratify the people that we have selected for ORT.

**Mariah:** I am the ORT Coordinator this year, I've worked in orientation for 3 years now, and we work closely with all of the faculties to run Canada's largest student-run orientation. Please reach out to me if you have questions about Orientation, i have really valued the bilateral communication this year.

**ResSoc President Yeung:** I don't think this motion makes sense because you hired this team in December and they have been training for two months. What if this motion fails? You would have to redo the hiring and this would mean that all the prep for Orientation would be delayed. This motion should, in future years, be brought forward in December.

**VP-UA Robertson:** I fully agree, and this is a timeline that we plan to change alongside the timeline for voting on the ORT budget.

Motion carries.

## **Discussion Period**

### **a. Evaluating the StuCon Service**

**ENGSOC President Rivard:** Hi everyone, we just wanted to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of this service in reference to our own Faculty's experience with them this year and the fees that students are paying to fund the service.

**ENGSOC VP-OPS:** I oversee the majority of our interactions with StuCons. We've been limited in what we can do as a society in terms of running events because of the lack of availability of the StuCons. They are having an annual surplus between \$23,000-\$92,000 dollars, and yet the service is not improving year upon year.

**AMS VP-OPS Hu:** Thank you for bringing this up. I think as a group you've heard me speak about the very difficult position for this service coming out of Covid, during which the service lost a lot of staff. This was the first year that we returned to normal operations. We've since recovered slightly but not to full capacity. This is not the constable service that students are ideally paying into and I recognize that. The constables receive a \$12.80 fee, and last year a portion of that fee was rebated to students because the whole budget wasn't used, and the same will be done this year because we still have significantly less staff than we should. We have put significant investment into the rebranding to try and engage more students, and with the social media stats we're seeing, we are engaging more students. We are working to right the ship, but it is a process.

**ENGSOC VP-OPS:** I know it's hard to speak on the actions of your predecessor, but as far as I can see even after that rebate last year, the StuCons still had about a \$75,000 surplus. How will you make sure the rebate to students is the maximum amount appropriate?

**AMS VP-OPS Hu:** I am working closely with the accounting team to determine this.

**AMS President Sikich:** I think we're just generally in a difficult situation with this service. We provide the service in an effort to support faculty societies. We don't necessarily mandate that

there needs to be security at events, a lot of that comes from the university, so we need to look at, in cases where we can't provide constables, maybe we can subcontract to private security to make sure we can still service these events.

**PHEKSA President Chen:** Any plans to do consultations with faculty societies? Because I believe many faculty societies have concerns not just about the availability of constables but about their conduct when they are present at events.

**VP-OPS Hu:** Given that I don't know the specific grievances, I can't speak to them, but I am open to having those conversations to make sure that our mandate reflects and our conduct reflects expectations. And to provide a tangible next step, can we start an email conversation and set up meetings?

**President Rivard:** How can we make sure that the communication with constables is better, so that we are establishing they will be present at an event more than an hour in advance?

**VP-OPS Hu:** Our new event sanctioning model is helping with that, we're setting up a triage system for paperwork so that we can prioritize the events that are ready to run vs the events that need more work to be ready.

**ASUS President Hussein:** In conversations with some of my peers, we feel really strongly that we need to avoid situations where one faculty's event has to be canceled because the constables are servicing another faculty's events. It shouldn't be up to the presidents to coordinate this, it would be good if the constables had like a master calendar so that we could work around each other easier.

**VP-OPS Hu:** With the partnership that we have with private security, and with enough notice from faculty societies, it helps us to coordinate this.

**PHEKSA President Chen:** Are there liability policies in cases where constables are unsuccessful in completing their tasks? PHEKSA has incurred a few hundred dollars in damages due to very preventable issues.

**VP-OPS Hu:** There is no policy that puts that liability on constables.

**ENGSOE President Rivard:** We experienced something similar. I understand that this might not be something that happens in other industries, but when we are mandated to use the constables service and they don't show up, I don't think that we should incur the loss when we've spent money to run an event and we're expecting constables and they don't show up.

**VP-OPS Hu:** I don't have an answer for you right now, but I think that we should continue this conversation in a more private setting.

**VP-UA Robertson:** I don't think there is any type of insurance we could get to cover this kind of thing, but we can have a discussion about how we set up financial structures to better protect faculty societies when there are incidents like this.

**HSS President Schreyer:** I think this whole meeting, bilateral communication has been the buzzword, and with that comes bilateral responsibility. If the faculty societies are doing everything in their power to comply with policy, the AMS needs to be doing the same, and maybe we should be taking time to focus on creating this liability policy so that the burden isn't always on faculty societies.

**CESA President Galvani:** Do you keep data on the amount of events that you have to deny because of lack of constables?

**VP-OPS Hu:** We do have that info, I don't know the stats on the top of my head, but I can provide that for you via email.

**Student Senator Matiss:** In any other setting, it is the responsibility of the event organizer to provide security, and if they fail to do so, the responsibility is on them.

**VP-OPS Hu:** Okay, I think the next step is to take this to an email conversation that way I can provide the promised stats and we can go from there.

## **b. Constitution Reading**

**Secretary Golrokhian-Sani:** This is not an official reading, but it allows everyone to see the constitution once and bring forward opinions before we begin the official readings.

**AMS President Sikich:** Point of order, I just want to make people aware that because this is reading zero, it will be brought back up at our next Assembly so you still have time to review the constitution and prepare general feedback. The first reading at the next Assembly is the official start of the process.

### ***\*\*\*New Constitution – Reading 0\*\*\****

**ASUS President Hussein:** It was a pleasure to be part of the constitution review committee. Regarding Section 2.1.3., we might want to tie this to the current action plan of the university so that we don't leave words like "equity" and "transparency" and "anti-racism" and respecting the "Truth and Reconciliation Calls" open to individual interpretation.

**QSAA President:** Super exciting to see equity being added to the constitution. When I was SIC Commissioner there was a separate specific equity policy, does that still exist?

**SIC Commissioner:** I asked about it and it seems to have faded out of existence, so I would like to reimplement this or dig up the prior one if anyone knows where it can be found

**ResSoc President Yeung:** In terms of timeline, what has been done for residence? ResSoc is not under the AMS, we work alongside the AMS, so where is the agreement in terms of our collaboration in this constitution? Because ResSoc's constitution has a clause for this. Also, in section 6.2, the list of who is included in the President's Caucus, ResSoc should be included. And we should also be included in who sits on Assembly. Before the end of your term, please implement these suggestions to clarify ResSoc's role and acknowledge us.

**Secretary Golrokhian-Sani:** Just to clarify, a lot of the specifics of Assembly seating link to the other policies. ResSoc is listed in the constitution's policy to affirm your seating, it just isn't in the section you noted.

**HSS President Schreyer:** I just want to reiterate the importance of having the ResSoc voice in the constitution, given how much other faculties rely on them.

**c. Should AMS executives be required to run as a slate?**

**Motion #5 – Moved by President Sikich , Seconded by AMS VP-OPS Hu.**

*“That AMS Assembly create a sub-committee to investigate whether the AMS executive should be elected through a slate or not?”*

**PHEKSA President Chen:** Do you feel your position sets it up so that if you three are unable to collaborate, you would all fail in your roles? In PHEKSA, we run as individuals and people are able to continue their individual tasks even if there is conflict.

**President Sikich:** I really think there is so much overlap between the roles that prolonged conflict would be a hindrance.

**ENGSOC VP Bekheet:** I think if we are going to strike this committee we should open this up to more members of faculty societies who aren't present tonight to be part of this subcommittee. I think it's in everyone's best interest to plan out the structure of the subcommittee rather than throwing it together quickly. Can we move this motion to the next assembly?

**HSS President Schreyer:** I agree, but I think it is important to note that some of those logistical aspects can be figured out once a committee is formed. If you got people to volunteer to be on the subcommittee it would put ownership and accountability on them to figure this out. So I think that the next Assembly is the absolute latest that we should strike the committee.

**President Sikich:** I can take this as a friendly amendment and we can bring this up at the next Assembly.

**ASUS VP Wijesundara:** I just want to point out that since we're close to the end of the year, we need to build in some continuity to this committee because if we create the committee now, half the members might graduate and we can't enforce that next year's assembly do anything.

**VP-OPS Hu:** I would suggest that if we form the subcommittee now, we ask for them to put forward a set of recommendations before the end of the term, and that we make a recommendation to the next exec to continue the conversation.

**ENGSOC VP Bekheet:** Perhaps we create a committee which has to be struck every 5 years to review the elections system, have some members on a two year term and others on a one year the way the Board does, and have them bring recommendations to the September Assembly that year.

**President Sikich:** Elections policy is already reviewed every 3 years.

**ASUS President Hussein:** If we strike this by next Assembly, does that leave enough time? I think we would get better recommendations if the committee is up and running during the OUSA summit so that they can listen in.

**ASUS President Hussein:** I move that we strike the committee tonight but without established members, with the intent to fill the membership before next Assembly.

**ENGSOV VP Bekheet:** Who will chair the committee? What is their mandate?

**President Sikich:** That is usually determined after a committee is struck. They establish all of that at the first meeting.

**VP-UA Robertson:** Motion to amend president Sikich's motion to add that the committee will be struck with the members nominated by the nominating committee.

**President Sikich:** I will take that as a friendly amendment.

*Motion carries.*

**d. What issues in regard to the topic of teaching and assessment are lacking in post-secondary education? What policies can be improved?**

**Commissioner Gulati:** The reason that I have brought this forward is because the OUSA summit is coming up and we have written policy papers on teaching and assessment. We have focus groups on this topic following Reading Week, but I also want to bring it up to all of you and hear your experiences from your respective faculties.

**CESA President Galvani:** I just want to bring something up in relation to the QSETS. It has a really minimal impact, we don't see what the results are or how the department uses this feedback. While I was on exchange, I saw that all the syllabi in the UK have a "you said, we did" section, which is that for every course they take actionable feedback from the previous year and explain how they have implemented that into the new syllabus. It would be great if Queen's could implement something like this to show students that their feedback is actually being heard.

**Commissioner Gulati:** What university did you go to?

**CESA President Galvani:** The University of Aberdeen.

**PHEKSA President Chen:** What is the timeline for giving feedback? This might be something we want to go and consult our teams about.

**Commissioner Gulati:** Unfortunately no because we are taking these recommendations forward in Week 7 to the OUSA General Assembly, i just brought this up in case anyone had something pressing on their mind.

**ASUS President Hussein:** I think you listed off earlier several really important issues that we've been discussing internally. Could I send you an email later this week?

**Commissioner Gulati:** Sure.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved by ASUS President Hussein, Seconded by PHEKSA President Chen.**

*Motion carries.*

Assembly is adjourned at 9:40 EST.