



AMS Assembly Minutes

April 6th, 2023

Sutherland Hall, Queen's University, Kingston

Minutes are tentative until approved at Assembly.

The meeting was convened at 7:10 EST.

Speaker Li Wu: Alright, welcome everybody to the last Assembly this year, we're gonna get things started right away with Motion 1.

Motion #1 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani, Seconded by AMS President Sikich.
That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda for the Assembly meeting of April 6th, 2023.

Speaker Li Wu: All in favour? Excellent, the motion has passed.

Motion carries.

Motion #2 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani, Seconded by AMS President Sikich.
That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of March 9th, 2023.

Motion carries.

Motion #3 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani, Seconded by AMS President Sikich.
That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Annual meeting of March 9th, 2023.

Motion carries.

Speaker's Business

Speaker Li Wu: Tonight's PowerPoint theme is a courtesy to our incoming Secretary, Alysha, she has decided to do plants as tonight's theme, most of which I cannot pronounce the names of. I want to congratulate everyone for an amazing year, for all your hard work, and for all that you've accomplished, and I invite you to take a moment and reflect on your personal journey.

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.

Guest Speaker

Marketing Director Niki Boytchuk-Hale: Just a quick note for the incoming team, you should all have your new placards. We printed all the ones that were given to us so if you don't have one, it just means you need to let the current position holder know and they can fill out the form. And if there's a spelling error, just send me an email and we'll fix it and reprint it.

Speaker Li Wu: We'll begin tonight with a guest speaker, Thomas Crawford from Judicial Affairs.

Judicial Affairs Manager Thomas Crawford: Hi everyone, hope you're doing well. I don't know how many of you are aware of what the Judicial Affairs Office is. We have basically two main objectives. One is to investigate Category 1 NAM cases, "Non-Academic Misconduct. There's two categories of non-academic misconduct. Level one is less severe and that's what gets delegated to me. Level two is more severe. The second job in my position is to hold the AMS accountable. We have policies like PIP where we ensure people in the AMS uphold the standards that uphold policy and ensure that everyone is working and abiding by the policy set forward. The history of this office is really rich. We are one of the oldest offices at Queen's. We were founded in 1862, and since then, it's been student-run. So what's the purpose of having a student do non-academic misconduct? What's the purpose of having someone like me investigate cases? Basically, it's just to have peer-to-peer restorative justice. I personally would much rather have a student investigate me if I were to break a rule because a student understands the stresses of going to school, understands the problems that we face, the miles and miles of paperwork and assignments that we do. And when you go through a system like non-academic misconduct, it can be very stressful and having a student that understands that stress and pain is just very beneficial. And the Judicial Affairs Office not only benefits students at large but also benefits students within AMS. Basically, anyone who's interested in going to law in the future usually applies for this position because it gives you a foundation in legal policy and restorative justice. So tonight I'm going to give you a rundown of how the office has been doing this year, things we've done to improve the office and maybe areas for improvement as we look toward the future. First off, shout out to last year's Judicial Affairs Manager Kate, she did a really great job with the office last year. Especially during COVID, She worked really hard building advocacy and showing students at Queen's what we do.

This year, I've been working to bring the office back to its roots of investigating non-academic misconduct. What has happened over the years is the purview of this office has been decreased by the school. We've been limited in the cases we can take on, the Category 1 cases, as well the jurisdiction of the cases we can take have also been very limited. Basically how it works is there are four organizations that can investigate cases: us (AMS Judicial Affairs Office), Residence, Athletics and, in very severe cases, the Student Conduct Office. Over the years a lot of cases have been delegated to Residence and Athletics, leaving the Judicial Affairs office with very minimal cases to investigate. So then I raised the point, 'if we're not investigating cases, what is this office doing?' and to find out we tried to brainstorm ways we can reengage. We've begun setting up a committee which will hopefully get going next year, which will involve multiple people within the AMS as well as the Student Conduct Office to ensure that we find ways to invigorate this office to find ways forward, finding possible ways that we can take on more cases. We've updated a lot of policies this year, we're currently updating our website, and we're creating an anonymous reporting dropbox. The Judicial Affairs manager now starts in July instead of September to avoid an inefficient pile up of work and to let the manager get started on their projects earlier. I'm optimistic, but the future of this office is in a possible crisis because we have been getting a decreasing amount of cases referred to this office. If you look at the stats throughout COVID, and throughout the years before, we've been getting a decreased amount of cases referred to the office. This year we have more cases which is great post-COVID. We

currently have had four resolved cases. In all the cases, they were all found responsible. So you might ask, what sanctions were they given? They're all restorative in nature, so that could either be a warning, or they're all educational. So for example, a letter assignment of 200-500 words, explaining why what they did was wrong, and just trying to get them to think about their actions in hopes that they won't commit the same action again.

This office is really crucial because currently we are the only student voice in the non-academic misconduct system. And if we don't have this student voice, the university can do whatever they want. And if you have student voices advocating for student rights, people who know what students go through on a day to day basis in the system, it's very beneficial, as well as peer to peer restorative justice. Again, everything we do is restorative in nature. We try and build people up, not punish them. And by doing that, we not only understand what they go through, we can understand sanctions, and we can understand how to properly build students. It's hard to foresee a future without a Judicial Affairs office. I'm very optimistic that this office can do great things. I think it's one of the most valuable offices AMS has to offer. At the end of the day, we're looking out for students, this office will continue to look out for students, and we're trying to do this in the best way possible. If you have any questions or concerns. I'm happy to answer now.

ResSoc President Yeung: Maybe some suggestions for next year's team. One of the things we talked about in Residence is there is an appeal board and it's solely student-run. There were a lot of pre-law students, politics students, on that board. I think it was under an honorarium. Currently, students often forget that there's only a 5 day window to appeal and they come back six days later, and maybe that's something for your team to discuss doing some education on. Maybe that will be an opportunity for ResSoc and the AMS to collaborate.

Thomas Crawford: I agree. And that's why we want this committee to have suggestions on ways forward for this office. We'd love the ResSoc to be at the table, we'd love to have sources outside the AMS.

ASUS VP Wijesundara: I just wanted to clarify whether the reason for why you're seeing lower levels of cases. Is it because they're being absorbed by the Student Conduct Office, or is it because overall there's fewer cases overall?

Thomas Crawford: I hear what you're saying, it would be a positive if there was less misconduct overall, but that's not the case, it's that the cases are being delegated elsewhere. It's positive thing, but no there. I can't give you the exact numbers of how many students have committed this talk this year. It will be following a report by some comic office and support we can see the two thing the two main reasons I've tracked down why we haven't received cases is one the amount of level one cases that happen usually happen outside our jurisdiction. The jouster Jewish affairs office jurisdiction is very limited residence takes on all cases that happened within residence, a flex takes on all cases that happens within a sports team. And then the Student Conduct Office takes off any case that's category two that's out of our purview. So what happens is we are limited to Category 1 cases that happen outside of Residence, and the problem is most Category 1 cases happen inside Residence. So we get cases that basically happened on the streets of Queen's campus, and even then it's very limited. And the limiting of the scope is part of the reason why we haven't had cases and again, Category 2 cases that happen outside of

Residence, we don't get it, and they don't even review to see if we could potentially investigate them. Thank you guys for having me come and speak. Have a great rest of your Assembly.

Speaker Li Wu: Alright, we'll move onto Executive Reports now.

President's Report

AMS President Sikich: I want to say it's been a pleasure working with you all through this past year. It's our last Assembly and I wish all the best for the last few weeks. The past year it has been very exciting to work with you all and I'm looking forward to seeing what you accomplish in the future. Both the offices and the commissions office have been working on transition over the past month and were continuously working on collecting information for our final newsletter which actually just recently went out, alongside the annual report which will be released at the start of next year's term. The Marketing Officer has been working tirelessly to finalize logos and projects related to the rebranding which we have done this year for the AMS. Additionally, in collaboration with the University we've worked on campaigns for St. Patrick's Day with a heavy focus on harm reduction messaging. Furthermore, the Budget Office has been collaborating on the Housing Review. Over the past year we have seen growth in our social media presence largely because of the work put into the Marketing Office and I would like to say congratulations on that front. At the Secretary's office we've been continuously working on policy in the past month as well as running elections. The Student Life Center has been continuing with normal operations and we have a final event which will be hosted during the exam period, it will be the return of a big breakfast which has officially been an event hosted by the SLC every year which provides food to students one day during the exam season. During the morning, a post will be going up about this on the SLC social media page. In Human Resources, we've been continuously working on hiring, the incoming executives have been working on this quite a bit. We're focused on transition and volunteer appreciation and finalizing some of the projects we've been working on throughout the year. These include our Health and Dental Plan accessibility, moving the Masters of Business Administration Program to the SGPS instead of AMS and we're going to review issues arising from elections. The past month has also been very busy with Senate committee meetings, ceremonies and events after hours, transition and finishing collaboration on projects with the Offices. And on a truly final note, I want to once again say thank you to everyone here. It is a unique experience to work with student government representatives and to be able to attend Assembly with you all over the past year has been an incredible experience. The passion for advocacy and engagement and governance in this room have been inspiring. I applaud you all for the work that you do. It has been very interesting to see what we've been able to bring forward this year, and I appreciate the feedback, the discussions we've had, and the things that we've been able to pass. On behalf of the whole executive, thank you!

Vice President's Report

AMS VP-OPS Hu: Hello Assembly, it's great to see everyone again. If you weren't here for the CGM, unfortunately I'm recovering from a mild concussion and I've been forced to reduce screen time to alleviate symptoms. I'm really happy that I'm well enough to be able to join you tonight. So I've been working with the administration's VP Finance on expanding the menstrual products accessibility initiative, working with a third party company to have three new dispensers installed, and we're continuing to work on securing product. On another note, I want to say thank you to my team of ten who made running the services look easy and made the work always interesting. Though they're not here this evening, I want to celebrate their accomplishments; we've facilitated the StudioQ-P&CC merger, revived the Tricolour Express, run a massive three-cohort graduation at the Leon's Centre, created the AMS newsletter, smashed records in sales at CoGro, brought life back to StuCons through a complete rebrand and doubling the staff, opened the new Support Centre in Mitchell Hall, and expanded Walkhome to West campus. This year has been full of planning, problem-solving, and accomplishments, and I really want to applaud my team for their hard work. Thank you for listening to my report and I appreciate your time and dedication to Assembly. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to send me an email. I wish you all the best after Assembly and potentially after Queen's for graduating members, and looking forward to passing the torch to our incoming Assembly members.

VP-UA Robertson sends regrets.

Board of Director's Report

Chairperson Devenny: For those of you who are here for your very first Assembly, welcome and good luck! I counted in my head, and this is my 32nd Assembly. In my third year I was elected to be the Speaker of the Assembly and I was Chief Electoral Officer. In my fourth year, I was Secretary of Internal Affairs, and this year I took a little more of a step back as Chair of the Board. I don't have much left to report on the Board, since you kind of heard all about it. I just wanted to share how thankful I am for the experience that I've had the last three years. I've never really found myself in academics. I find it really hard to fit into clubs. And then one year, I was working in elections and someone awesome kind of took me under their wing. And from then on, I was supported by a lot of fantastic people. I just decided to keep going and going and here I am today. The opportunity to be able to understand all these processes of corporate governance and

Assembly policy - it's tough, but it's amazing learning and I hope that it's something that you could find yourselves doing for the rest of your lives and making differences in your community, whether small or large. It took me up until this point to realize that you really didn't have to make the mountains move or make big world ending changes to have been successful in a role. You don't have to change the world, all you needed to do was be there, show up, be consistent, go to your Assemblies, lead your faculty councils, make changes in your community, put on events, and be there. And my favorite part - and I have repeated this over and over again - is from all my years in elections, with the voting software we use, I was able to follow all of your journeys. I followed everyone very closely, from the point when you started running in an election, all of your posts, your campaigns, your debates, and then I saw your name come across on my ballots, saw you get elected, and my favorite part was always sending the results off to your Chief Electoral Officer, because each time that meant there was a new leader, someone who was willing to dedicate their time to make change in the Queen's community. And then, over the next few years, I was able to see all of you grow and make these incredible changes. I've seen people come and go through these Assemblies, and I want to take a moment to give a shoutout to my good friend Samara, who has been with me through this whole journey. Also thank you to Eric and Tina, the fastest friends I've ever made. And to all the incoming members, if you're all as fantastic as the KMV team that selected you, I can't wait to see the great things that you do. And just to end off my speech: there's always going to be another mountain, I'm always going to want to make it move, there's always gonna be an uphill battle, sometimes I'm gonna have to lose. It's not about how fast I get there, not about what's waiting on the other side. It's the climb. A round of applause to all of the outgoing leaders for their hard work this year. Thank you to everybody for a fantastic three years.

Undergraduate Trustee's Report

Incoming Trustee Al-Rawi: Wow Laura, that's a tough act to follow! I don't have much to say tonight because I'm only beginning my transition into the trustee role, but I just want to say I'm really excited to meet all of you and collaborate however we can. I'll be reaching out over email soon, and I look forward to working with you.

Student Senator's Report

Student Senate Caucus Chair Matiss sends regrets.

Rector's Report

Rector Crawford-Lem sends regrets

New Business

Motion #4 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly approve the changes to Elections Policy as seen in appendix (Darlingtonia californica).

Motion carries.

Secretary Golrokhian-Sani: So elections policy was updated recently by the Judicial Committee, but an issue from Referendum Policy that went before them now requires a few clarifications to Elections Policy. We're just clarifying the sliding scale 55% policy for majority. We're also clarifying that if an individual is terminated from an executive position, they can't run again the next year.

Motion #5 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly approve the changes to Referenda Policy as seen in appendix (Cephalotus follicularis).

Motion carries.

Incoming Secretary: This change is for the Policy Infringement Protocol, which was three years old and so really needed to be brought up to date. We added a stipulation saying Judicial Affairs has the right to investigate policy infringement, because currently they can't do this unless a written complaint is filed. We changed the length of terms for some of the roles within Judicial Affairs (ten month terms beginning in July). Added a land acknowledgement, added some definitions, and a few other housekeeping points.

Motion #6 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Infringement Protocol as seen in linked appendix (Drosera broomensis).

Secretary Golrokhian-Sani: I'm very excited about this change. We have realized that quorum at 50% is very difficult to meet, so after consultation with the Senate Secretary, we've changed to the Senate rules of quorum at 33% + 1. This should make sure Assemblies can always run, because frankly rescheduling these when we fall below quorum is a nightmare.

Motion #7 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Julian Mollot-Hill as the Commissioner of Campus Affairs.

Julian: Hello everyone, I'm an engineering student, I'm new to the AMS, and I'm really excited to do my best work and work with this team to make an impact.

ASUS President Hussein: The Commissioner of External Affairs does a lot of academic advocacy, what's a point of advocacy you look forward to?

Julian: The cost of rental property, and how this is impacting students, and also the quality of rental property. The University of Windsor has a licensing program that I think we can look at implementing. I also want to work on student engagement.

Incoming ASUS President: What do you have planned in terms of equity advocacy within the AMS?

Julian: Equity is important to me. In terms of concrete policy, I can't speak on that yet as I'm just beginning my transition but it will be a priority.

VP-OPS Hu: In the summer, the commissioners put together their goal plans. What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students informed and engaged?

Julian: I plan on building up the newsletter that was started this year, possibly also creating a commission blog to circulate info.

Motion carries.

Motion #8 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Dreyden George as the Commissioner of Clubs.

Dreyden George: Hello everyone, I'm the current Social Issues Commissioner and a 2nd year economics student. I'm hoping I can take what i've learned in my EDII work and use this to help the Clubs Commission. My focus will be on increasing outreach to all clubs and engagement with the commission.

Incoming ASUS President: What do you have planned in terms of equity advocacy within the AMS?

Dreyden: I'll be working on providing equitable spaces for our clubs events, and looking at how we can better support equity-related clubs.

VP-OPS Hu: In the summer, the commissioners put together their goal plans. What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students informed and engaged?

Dreyden: I plan on taking advantage of AMS communication channels to promote awareness. As for my goals, I'm focused on enhancing EDII work within the commission and improving productivity.

Commissioner Hughes: We're halfway through your transition, what challenges do you foresee?

Dreyden: I'm really stressing the importance of outreach because I think this is important with the sheer amount of clubs that we have.

Motion carries.

Motion #9 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Khadija Farooq as the Social Issues Commissioner.

Khadija: Hi everyone, I'm in my 3rd year of Health Sciences. I really love equity work and that's why I gravitated toward this position.

Incoming ASUS President: What do you have planned in terms of equity advocacy within the AMS?

Khadija: My interest in equity work sparks from my own lived experiences. In my time at Queen's I've taken a lot of courses around equity to continue my learning, I am a LIT Peer Facilitator and I run anti-oppression trainings. I have a passion for making people feel welcomed and supported.

VP-OPS Hu: In the summer, the commissioners put together their goal plans. What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students informed and engaged?

Khadija: I believe that a lot of social issues are very interconnected, and I think that we can better address these issues when we take a holistic perspective.

ASUS President Hussein: What is a point of advocacy that you are looking forward to?

Khadija: I feel like every day I think of a new project I want to take on. I'm really hoping to have a lot of synergistic initiatives.

Motion carries.

Motion #10 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Ruth Osunde as the Social Issues Commissioner (Internal).

Ruth: I am a 2nd year student in psychology. I think the AMS has a lot to do internally with how equity is addressed and I'm hoping that I can do this without having to stifle my voice.

Commissioner Onuah: What are you most excited about in this role?

Ruth: I'm looking forward to building in more transparency and anti-oppression training, and extending this training beyond the executive to the lower level volunteers.

Incoming ASUS President: Are there any concrete changes that you want to see in terms of policy?

Ruth: One change I want to see is executives better representing their student body, and dismantling the cycle of abuse. I'm also looking forward to implementing policies about how the

AMS interacts with students on equity issues. I want to consult with the student body and implement more transparency.

Incoming ASUS President: How do you plan on creating transparency?

Ruth: More collaboration between my role and marketing will be important. Also, I believe that constructive criticism is positive, and I will welcome this from students so that I can address their concerns.

VP-OPS Hu: In the summer, the commissioners put together their goal plans. What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students informed and engaged?

Ruth: The most important thing for me is understanding what happens in terms of equity work within the AMS, and making sure I understand why certain clubs receive more grants and funding from the AMS than others. If we give more people the opportunity of this funding, we'll see more the potential of our students.

Motion carries.

Motion #11 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Callum Fraser as the Commissioner of Campus Affairs.

Callum: I am a 4th year Life Sciences student. I got interested in leadership roles back in highschool and that's carried on through my time in Queen's and led me to this position.

Commissioner Onuah: Events is the biggest part of this commission. How will you improve access to running events?

Callum: I look back on my experience in clubs and the biggest issue in running events is that there are so many events planned and not enough manpower to make them happen. I want to see more education going out about the event approval process so that people are more aware of how to do this. I also plan on working with the media team to communicate that information and publish some resources.

Incoming ASUS President: Are there any concrete changes that you want to see in terms of policy?

Callum: I'm not entirely sure about the ins and outs of policy, but I plan to spend this summer familiarizing myself. I'm also going to spend time networking with people in this room to look at

opportunities for collaboration, and consulting with students to learn about what events and initiatives they want to see from the AMS.

ASUS President Hussein: What is a point of advocacy you hope to accomplish?

Callum: I know that in the past, a lot of event organizers and clubs complain that while everyone is treated equally, not everyone is treated equitably. Certain clubs are not getting the resources and information they need to run effectively, so I want to streamline communication.

Motion carries.

Motion #12 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Ryan Kuhar as the Commissioner of Environmental Affairs.

Ryan: I am a 4th year student and an Environmental Toxicology major. I've worked closely with Commissioner Rolph over the past year and she is the one who inspired me to apply for this role.

Commissioner Rolph: There are a lot of opportunities to address sustainability at Queen's, what is one that you're passionate about?

Ryan: Waste management and organic waste disposal, and proper communication around the processes for this. I'm also big on centralizing environmental issues across different contexts, and really bringing a sustainability lens to every issue that the AMS makes policy on.

VP-OPS Hu: In the summer, the commissioners put together their goal plans. What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students informed and engaged?

Ryan: One big project for me will be upscaling the marketing for Collective Closet, possibly relocating it somewhere more central and accessible. Emily's done a fantastic job getting this project off the ground and I want to continue building on her hard work. Also building up the garden, looking at sending some of that produce to the AMS Food Bank. Also, I'm looking to build communication ties with the other commissions to see how we can work together.

ASUS President Hussein: The Commissioner does a garden in the summer. Any plans for expansion, or what you'll plant?

Ryan: Emily already has some plans which I look forward to building on. In particular, there is a company in Sudbury that harvests local flora, regrow seeds, and make a prescribed seed blend

for any environment, a blend that will be the most effective for our climate and soil conditions. This will help ensure short-term harvests and increase supply. I also want to work on pickling and preserving things so that we can offer people nutritious produce in the winter when we're not able to fresh grow.

Motion carries.

Motion #13 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Alysha Ahmad as the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Alysha: Hi everyone, I'm super excited to take on this role. I think my experience working as a research and policy analyst will help me in this role.

Hu: What are your main goals in this role?

Alysha: My focus will be on promoting transparency and communication, that way people feel comfortable approaching me with concerns. I deeply value the lived experience and I think that the AMS needs to collaborate with clubs on campus to develop a tangible equity policy. I would also like to increase the accessibility of the policies in general, because they're very long and complex, not very reader-friendly.

Chairperson Devenny: You're on a boat to Wolfe Island. What are your top 3 policies that you're taking with you and why?

Alysha: The Constitution, equity policy, and election policy.

Amir: Imagine, if you will, that LaSalle is burning down. If you could save one thing, what would you grab?

Alysha: I plan on having plants in my office, so I'd save the plant.

Motion #14 – Moved by Secretary Golrokhian-Sani , Seconded by AMS President Sikich.

Motion that AMS Assembly ratify Calder Bryson as the Chief Elections Officer.

Calder: Hi everyone, I'm a 3rd year Health Sciences major. Last year I was a logistics deputy on elections, and I'm excited to step into a bigger role.

VP-OPS Hu: What are you hoping to accomplish, and how will you keep students engaged and informed?

Calder: I want to focus on voter turnout, which we improved this year compared to previous years, and I want to identify what we did right this year to make that happen. I also want to continue building our social media presence.

Commissioner Onuah: What excites you about elections?

Calder: I think there's a lot of room for change this year, and I want to make the voting experience exciting to people.

Chairperson Devenny: You're stepping into a tough position. Through the year you'll be dealing with groups and clubs seeking fees so that they can keep serving students. What's something you can do to make the referendum process more accessible?

Calder: I think that depending on my team and using their resources will be very important. As for making things more accessible, I think that having the information out there and having an open door policy is key.

Motion carries.

Discussion Period

A) StuCons

ENGSOB President Rivard: So I thought that with all the outgoing and incoming executives here, it would be a good opportunity for us to discuss the StuCon issue. I know that ENGSOB has a lot to say about this and I'm sure the other faculty societies do too.

VP-OPS Hu: I want to say thank you for opening up this conversation, as well as the conversations that we've had outside of Assembly recently and to all of you for voicing your concerns, as many of you are key stakeholders in StuCons, and we're working really hard to bring this service back to life. This is one of the items that I'll be transitioning over to Michelle, and I'm stressing the importance of promoting an understanding of what service StuCons provide to students, as well as ensuring fluid communication between event organizers, the constables, and the event sanctioning team.

Commissioner Onuah: In terms of what the CAC can do, we work with the StuCons on the event approval process, and so we can help streamline the communication.

Incoming HSS VP: As a new faculty society, we had our first formal, and we had a very positive experience with the StuCons, but we had some concerns with communication leading up to the event. We reached out multiple times before hearing back from StuCons, and there was a discrepancy between what we were quoted and the actual fee per StuCon, which had an effect on ticket prices which impacted our students. So we would like to see more clarity about the fees.

VP-OPS Hu: Could you have your president follow up with me and I will look into that discrepancy?

PHEKSA President Chen: Is there a plan next year for more transparency about where the StuCon funding goes?

VP-OPS Hu: So twice annually my office presents the budget and the fee actuals - tonight was one of those nights. This information is also always publicly available on our website and broken down into how that budget is spent. We're reducing the student activity fee for constables for the next year because of the spending trends we've seen in the past few years. We don't reduce fees lightly, but we want to do this in a way that is conscious of the service's efficacy but also of the amount of funds we're taking from students.

Incoming ENGSOC President: How many StuCons do we have this year, and how many for next year?

VP-OPS Hu: We doubled our staff this year, we're now at 28 and trying to keep increasing this. The application is open all year, which is different from other services under the AMS.

ASUS VP Wijesundara: As staffing is increasing, what supports are in place for the head manager?

VP-OPS Hu: We've had an amazing manager this year, and I've been a support for her as we've been reconstructing this service this year, and in future years as we continue to rebuild this service I think that close relationship between the executives and the management of this service will be important.

President Sikich: There's also financial support for StuCons because they take on extra risk and they also have to get licensed.

ENGSOC President Rivard: I know there are times when StuCons don't show up or they make decisions that cause issues for the faculty societies. Is there anything you can do internally to help faculty societies in this case?

VP-OPS Hu: Caroline and I keep close communication with our event organizers so we can identify issues. In the future, we'll be working with a 3rd party security group to increase our standards.

ENGSOC VP: When we are planning an event and send in the approval form, we have to wait, then once we get approval we have to communicate to the StuCons. And sometimes we don't get

event approval until the day of the event, which doesn't leave us time to get StuCons and so the event has to be cancelled, and then we lose the confidence of our members. So this communication needs to be happening internally, rather than putting this on the faculty societies.

VP-OPS Hu: Absolutely, thank you for raising that concern. Our internal event sanctioning policies are being reviewed right now to help streamline this, and avoid the lack of notice. Constables are now going to be notified as soon as the event request comes in.

Commissioner Callum Fraser: This past semester I've been a StuCon, and my experience with communication has not been great. There's a serious lack of communication between event planning and StuCons. There have been times when we showed up to an event and our supervisor wasn't sure what was going on or what we were meant to be doing. So I think there needs to be designated roles for the StuCons.

VP-UA Mills: On behalf of team KMV, we're looking forward to continuing this conversation, and we're grateful to have Caroline staying on next year. This is a really important service and we want to set it up for success.

Incoming ASUS President: From what I understand, the AMS has a policy against head managers remaining in their role. Why is an exception being made?

VP-OPS Hu: Caroline was onboarded late so she has not served a full term, and also because StuCons have been in such a precarious position, we think maintaining the stability of leadership is important this year.

Adjournment

Moved by President Hussein, Seconded by President Rivard.

Motion carries.

Assembly is adjourned at 9:01 EST.