

Minutes for ASUS Assembly on September 19th, 2013

Starting Time: 7:03pm

Speaker Davis:

Hello, I'm the speaker! You elected me. Let's get down to business.

Speaker Davis will henceforth be known as Speaker

Commissioner Bourne:

- Striking the first motion to ratify the reps, which was Motion 3: "That ASUS Assembly ratify four of five of Jessica Ruprecht, Jessica Sheridan, Troy Sherman, and Jaya Tanwani as interim ASUS Representatives To The AMS"
- We will ask you to vote for four out of five candidates.
- Secret ballot or show of hands
- A member at large is challenging one of you
- The person with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated

Member-at-large:

Since there's supposed to be one first-year rep, do we defer to the other people?

President Mason:

The first year rep has not been elected yet. Since they just came to Queen's, they haven't had an opportunity to run yet. We have a seat saved.

Commissioner Falk:

Point of information: I'd like to remind all representatives to use gender neutral language. Please do not say Mr. Wiseman, but Representative Wiseman. If you don't know the position, you can just say member-at-large.

Representative Chinniah:

Is this a guideline or is this procedure?

Commissioner Falk:

It is in Policy, so it is mandatory.

Commissioner Bourne:

Any other changes?

Representative Chinniah:

Point of order: Have the minutes from the last meeting been sent to us on the e-mail?

Vice-President Irfan:

If you go to queensasus.com go to resources/assembly, today's assembly package contains the minutes from the last assembly

Senator Stanley:

I move that we omnibus motions 5-10, being the ratifications of deputies

Commissioner Bourne:

We need to pass the agenda first before omnibussing anything

Member Gonçalves:

Is the Head Gael Committee striking on the agenda?

Commissioner Bourne:

Yes it is on the agenda. Motion 14.

Commissioner Bourne:

Briefly: we strike the first motion and introduce a new one that will ratify four of the five representatives.

I'm going to move that we stamp motions 26-33 (Appendices K-R). These are changes to constitution that involve PHEKSA dissolving from us. These motions just strike PHEKSA out whenever they appear in constitution. This is the first reading, and we will do the second reading at the next assembly. We will also remove mentionings in the policy manual.

Motion 1: "That ASUS Assembly approve the agenda for the September 19th Assembly"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 2: "That ASUS Assembly approve the minutes for the March 28th Assembly"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Speaker's Business

Speaker:

- You guys elected me in 2D.
- A quick note on timing: I will give you a one-finger sign when you have one minute left in your time
- At the end of time, I'll bang twice to get you to stop. Please stop.
- I also have to read out a list of people who will be late or absent:

- Isabelle Duschaine and Tuba Chishti
- Assembly is here to do the work of our peers.
- Even if we disagree, I expect a degree of tact.
- There are three criteria that I think are particularly important:
 - Brief, meaningful, and relevant
- I am afforded 40 minutes in Speaker's Business. I do not need these 40 minutes so I will not take them.
- I expect everyone else to act accordingly as well. Midnight is a reasonable time to end
- Good decisions become much sparser after midnight
- I shall strive to be firm and fair with the rules both written and unwritten

Guest Speaker

Executive Reports

President Mason:

- Hello everybody, I don't have much to add to my report.
- Between Irfan and mine's report we have everything from the summer and the year so far.
- I'd like to say thank you to Trevor for the lovely address.
- I echo his statements and I am excited to work with you guys.

Vice President Tahiri:

- I also don't have much to add to my report
- We had 15 people at our budget seminar
- Doing it again Friday at 4pm

Council Reports

Commissioner Grotsky:

Nothing further to add, looking forward to working with you guys

Commissioner Liu:

Nothing further to add, just a reminder that our first community outreach event is 50% off. We receive 1\$ per meal purchased

Comissioner Falk:

- Nothing to add to my report.
- Just the gender-neutral language thing
- It's not a personal attack on those who make slip-ups, it's more just that we are being inclusive

Comissioner Bourne:

- Nothing to add to my report, really.
- I tried to be detached in my report, but please come to assembly

- I'd like you to write down all of your e-mail addresses
- If you have an official position, use that one
- I was able to reach most of you, but some people have preferred e-mails
- Please fill that out. Also if I misspelled your name, let me know and I am sorry.
- In terms of elections, nominations packages open up September 27th 2017 year society, 4 ASUS Representatives to AMS, and a 2-year senator position are available.

Commissioner Colocado:

Nothing much to add to my report, other than that I want to give a shameless plug for everyone to like ASUS on Facebook and follow us on twitter.

www.facebook.com/queensASUS and www.twitter.com/queensASUS

Commissioner Cutajar:

One small thing to add, the ASUS moving day sale was the first year that we've made a profit since it started.

Society Reports

Business of the 2014 Year Society:

2014 Year Society President El-Rahimy:

- We don't have a report, because we're the first year society in awhile
- I'm studying economics and politics. Been here before as a senator and I couldn't get enough.

2014 Year Society Vice-President Smith:

I'm in Geology/Math

Business of the 2015 Year Society:

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

- This is Cat, she's our VP. I'm president.
- I want to highlight that we're looking for a small year society committee, we found it successful last year, so if you want a small commitment with fun running events, you can apply. Applications at ASUS core and online sometime next week.

Business of the 2016 Year Society:

2016 Year Society President

I'm new to this, excited to join ASUS

Business of the Senate:

Senator Stanley:

- Unfortunately our other senator couldn't be here
- I have one thing to add: At senate on Tuesday, our paper on online learning had successfully moved onto the student living experience committee
- It will be discussed there further and hopefully be added to policy

Member Swaley:

- I am the interim senator
- We are attending retreat on October 25th to discuss a new strategic enrolment plan for the next 10 years

Business of the Undergraduate Student Trustee:**Undergraduate Student Trustee Aulthouse:**

- I was a senator last year. Looking forward to observing ASUS assembly this year.
- As the student senators mentioned, the retreat is coming up and I am looking forward to it.

Business of the Rector:***Business of CESA:*****CESA President Ferguson:**

- CON-ED 2017 didn't get the enrolment that they wanted
- They almost had an open invite to all Art/sci students with qualifications
- There are equity issues because of the additional essay required
- Sorting it out with AMS academic affairs
- Started our hiring process for extended council
- Voting is next week
- Con/ed camp is this weekend

Business of COMPSA:**COMPSA Vice-President Bannerman:**

- Orientation week just finished
- Largest enrolment ever at 100+ students
- We've grown a lot and hopefully we will have a successful year
- First-year rep elections soon, as well as other positions.

Business of the AMS**Representative Rubin:**

- We have not submitted a report yet.
- The things that are happening this week: We have a strong presence in the AMS right now. We've passed some important policy so far. Scott/Irfan introduced something to petition queen's services
- Also petition on AMS' new usage of sustainable funds
- Excited to elect new reps

Business of the Board of Directors:**Director Ismail-Tera:**

- The ASUS new service fund has been amended to be called the board discretionary fund. It doesn't need to be spent on a new service, but it will be used by the executive based on approval of new programs or any other services.
- 11'000 has been authorized to be spent on review engagement to maintain financial

accountability

Statements by Members

Senator Stanley:

- Welcoming those who are waiting for ratification and those who are willing to come hang out
- I hope that we all have fun and do what's best for ASUS

Member Galloway:

- I have a bunch of bands from when I was on ASUS
- If you guys are having an event, it was like 60\$ worth of wristbands. If any of you can use it, I'd like to donate it back to ASUS. Let me know who can use them.

Representative Pang:

- Thank you for ASUS for giving me the opportunity to be here
- I'm pretty much the first person to do this so let me know if I'm not clear or too slowly
- Thank you to the members for coming out for democracy

Member Erlikhman:

- You guys should congratulate the year society, because it hasn't happened in awhile.
- 2014 has been year-exec-less for awhile now

Representative Chinniah:

- I'd like to take an opportunity to thank the work of the orientation committee and the executive for making sure that orientation week was run excellently
- To all the people who made this happen from head gael to the individual gael, I think we should recognize them.

Question Period

Member Erlikhman:

Why did PHEKSA leave?

President Mason:

- Last year PHEKSA held a referendum regarding their membership on ASUS.
- These organizations are sister-councils to ASUS
- Even though they are art/sci students, they have a very specific program
- They voted no, they wanted to opt out of the 24\$ fee

Member Kasraee:

To the speaker, how have you stayed so good looking while you direct the ASUS assembly?

Speaker:

Genetics, mostly.

COMPSA Vice-President Bannerman:

Clarification on the PHEKSA thing: Does this mean they're entirely separate from ASUS at this point?

President Mason:

They are under arts and science, but at the student government level, they operate independently from ASUS.

Member Erlikhman:

How much money are we losing?

President Mason:

Not too much because they are small. It did not affect the budget much this year.

Senator Stanley:

In the process of developing and negotiating for the ASUS app was this a closed “we'll go with this person only”?

President Mason:

- I will defer to Irfan at the end of this in case he has something to add
- Over the summer I talked ASUS-like societies to arts undergraduate society at mcgill
- In the third phone call, he mentioned an exec member was producing an app
- There was no open tender, but there was also no app like this.
- We thought it would be a worthwhile investment as the person was a 3rd year art/sci students

Vice-President Tahiri:

- He approached us, actually. One of the biggest reasons Scott/I came in was for visibility
- It's our biggest asset and weakness

Senator Stanley:

- I did read the report
- Was there just no request for proposal? I think we really ought to know whether or not we're getting the best app we candidates

Vice-President Tahiri:

The exec is allocated a budget for special projects, and that's where this money came from. Tom Zhang was asking 3000\$<, we negotiated down to 2000\$. Each of the 4500\$ payments were done relative to his progress on the project. We are very proud of this initiative

Representative Chinniah:

- This 2000\$ that was given to them, does that include ongoing maintenance in case there are any technical difficulties, or include any backup support and if so for how long
- Just to make it absolutely clear, this is the only person you talked to about this?

President Mason:

- We only spoke to the one individual. It is under market value at \$2000 and it is on a 1 year contract.
- Our marketing commissioner has been in contact whenever we've had technical difficulties

Senator Stanley:

How do you feel, Head Gael?

Member Gonçalves:

I feel so good, oh I feel so good. Oh!

Old Business

New Business

Motion 3: "That ASUS Assembly ratify four of five of Jessica Ruprecht, Jessica Sheridan, Troy Sherman, Jaya Tanwani, and/or Leo Erlikhman as interim ASUS Representatives To The AMS"

President Mason:

- Opening up debate on this motion.
- Policy stuff: We have four vacancies leftover. We only elected 4 last year, we're supposed to have 8. When a vacancy occurs, the exec is allowed to nominate a group of people to fill any vacancies as long as we clear it with the sitting ASUS reps.
- Instead of nominating individuals, we opened it up for students to put their name in a lottery
- We would pull four names out
- A bunch of people applied, we shook a box and took four out.
- The motion has been amended to allow an additional member to nominate themselves to be an ASUS representative
- The whole idea behind this lottery process was to remove the subjectivity of the executive.
- We are nominating Member Erlikhman to recognize his right to come and speak at assembly tonight
- We'll invite the five reps up to the front, people are allowed to ask questions
- The same question must be asked to each individual
- The five will leave, and we will vote for each rep individually. The one with the least votes will not be a representative
- We only clap during a unanimous vote
- It would be disrespectful to the one not elected

Commissioner Grotsky:

Can you only vote once?

Commissioner Bourne:

- Depending on how we do it, either by show of hands or secret ballot, it's up to you
- What you do is select 4 candidates, and Trevor/I will tally, and whomever has the least amount

of votes will not become an ASUS rep to the AMS

Speaker:

Setting about 20 minutes for speeches and questions.

Member Erlikhman:

- Great to see a lot of you. I am formally an ASUS Representative to the AMS
- I feel like I'd be great for it because I've already done it
- I've been on assembly, both ASUS and AMS, sat on various committees on those councils, and I am very well versed in policy.
- I am a 4th year Sociology/History student.
- I would be happy if you guys would have me
- I make sure that I contact as many people within ASUS and affiliated faculties about particular issues that students want
- Students need engaged knowledge about the AMS and ASUS, so I hopefully will be able to promote ASUS and in October win a position in the same spot.

Member Sherman:

- I am in 4th year politics
- I have been known to dabble in student politics in a variety of different positions, mainly in the AMS
- This would be my first ASUS position
- Interim, AMS municipal affairs commissioner, I know how the society works in terms of the AMS and policy.
- Working with ASUS over the summer in a variety of initiatives
- As you looked over goal plans last week at AMS assembly, I have designed my own budget
- I have been working with Head Gael for awhile
- Some things I'd like to do is look critically at the AMS and how it helps our society and that we are a coherent voice on AMS, as well as working with different stakeholders on a variety of different initiatives

Member Tanwani:

- First year science
- I can't boast about a long range of experience, but I am a responsible and honest candidate.
- I am interested in doing this job. Fortunately I got selected.
- I would like to say that what makes me different is that I am an investment for four years. You choose me today and you will have a devoted ASUS rep for the next four years

Member Ruprecht:

- I'm in second year Biology
- I think I can bring a fresh perspective to ASUS and for ASUS to the AMS
- I've never sat on ASUS or AMS but I have no doubts about my ability to jump in
- I'm the vice-chair of the biology DSC and also a co-chair for a community outreach committee
- In talking to those different students, I can advocate for a lot of the population

- I was also a gael this year which was super fun

Member Sheridan:

- Fifth year Global Development studies
- No official political positions
- Attended assemblies in the past from general interest
- Worked as ASUS camps programs director over the summer
- I also have a good handle on the first-year perspective.
- This is my second year as a don, so I get a lot of opportunity to interact with first year students
- I've also worked extensively with international students
- I went to the castle in my first year, which is an underrepresented position on ASUS assembly.
- I was also a NEWT and a GECKO.
- I was a stu-con, I believe in advocating for student safety
- I also worked in the student experience office under Arigh last year and was responsible for the Queen's Reads initiatives

Member Erlikhman:

Point of information: position can only last 2 years
Is there a cap on questions?

Comissioner Bourne:

If it gets silly

President Mason:

A controversial vote is coming to AMS assembly. Asus exec stresses that everyone should vote together, but you have reservations about their position. How do you communicate at caucus and how do you vote?

Member Sheridan:

- This happened at the last AMS assembly. We had a caucus meeting beforehand
- In a controversial vote, I will use my best judgement, weighing what the exec caucus and the people whom I represent will say.
- I will never vote in favour of ASUS just because they ask me too

Member Ruprecht:

- I would first talk to the executive and ask what their perspectives are
- It can be hard when you only have one perspective
- Changing opinions if you haven't considered other perspectives

Member Tanwani:

- I think that these kind of issues will be prevalent a lot, because everyone comes from their own background.
- I like to keep an open mind, and do my best to keep informed, so I'd do my best to talk to my fellow ASUS reps, president, vice-president, etc
- Educate myself as much as possible, referring back to policy

- If the matter is still not cleared up, I would not vote in favour of something that is not in the best interest of students at Queen's

Member Sherman:

- Anybody who's worked with me before knows that I don't sugar coat things.
- The best part about that is that we are caucus and we will be talking about these issues
- It's about keeping the lines of communication open and having an open mind to these issues
- Best interests of Arts and Science students.
- At the end of the day, I'm responsible for my constituents

Member Erlikhman:

- When Khimia said ASUS is the largest faculty, would you represent us more?
- You have to make sure you weigh in PHEKSA, COMPSA, EngSoc, ComSoc
- Look towards your constituents. I would ask people
- Hopefully we can come up with a decision at caucus
- The decision we come to at caucus is the one I would follow.
- You have all the facts and issues in front of you
- You lost the strength of your caucus if you are not voting together
- You have to come prepared.

Representative Rubin:

Why did you not run last year?

Vice-President Tahiri:

You cannot ask questions that are not applicable to all candidates

2014 Year Society President El-Rahimy:

What quality do you have that will be the most useful for you in this position?

Member Erlikhman:

- Well-versed in ASUS and AMS policy, and I know a lot of people
- My knowledge of the people there gives me an upper hand on policy decisions.
- I know the people from before
- I would be able to help students more by being able to cite things
- I'm a tour-guide on campus, I've toured 11.5 thousand people.
- Very willing to go and talk to people about the issues
- Excited to talk about issues within ASUS

Member Sherman:

- Absolutely my experience.
- I've been a commissioner, designed a goal plan and budget from scratch
- Oversaw a service with over 500 volunteers with AMS that has now gone corporate
- I provide a very unique perspective. I've seen the ideals you have when you design your goal plan

- For the interim, when we are looking at goal plans and budgets, that's where I will be able to advocate the best for students because I've done that for myself.

Member Tanwani:

- My knowledge isn't of ASUS or AMS or policy
- My knowledge is of the people.
- Those whose interests we are trying to preserve
- I come into contact with hundreds of people every day
- Being a first year, I can give a fresh perspective on first year student life

Member Ruprecht:

- My enthusiasm. I am concerned about issues for ASUS
- I am able to get other students passionate about issues
- I really enjoy talking to any other student and asking their views.
- That enthusiasm will help me with this and promote ASUS in the AMS assemblies around campus and to get us out there

Member Sheridan:

Dedication, and the will and need to be informed about issues before I speak to them.
 I will dedicate all the time required for this position
 I will take into an unbiased account many opinions before I form my own
 That dedication to read everything that assembly provides us is important

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

What is one non-academic feature of Queen's that you think separates us from other universities

Member Sheridan:

- Student leadership and the will to get involved
- Everything from student government to clubs
- There are so many opportunities to put yourself in a leadership or teamwork position
- We have more students being involved than just in the classroom

Member Ruprecht:

- The community. I can walk down University Ave with a smile on my face
- We are all Queen's students, and a big community.
- There are so many ways of getting involved, and that brings a sense of community to this university
- Many other unis don't have this sense of community

Member Tanwani:

- The opportunity to be involved is what makes Queen's very unique from other post-secondary
- Where this all starts is orientation week. I had the most brilliant week
- I changed from a normal "Queen's student" to actually being a Gael.

- I am so much more passionate about university now, and it all starts in orientation week
- The fact that our orientation week changes us into gael and makes us passionate about the issues and makes us want to be involved

Member Sherman:

- Absolutely our spirit. If you go to any football game, intramural sports, extra-curricular club events, there is a unique queen's spirit that cannot be found anywhere else in the country
- We are all about spirit here, and that fosters the sense of community and wanting to get involved in a variety of different aspects in student life.
- That is our competitive advantage

Member Erlikhman:

- Last year at the Ontario university fair
- Students from Nipissing came to me and told me the student involvement and engagement here is great. The students all have such influence. Their representatives are 8. 3 of them graduates
- We have 40 people here. 44 in the AMS
- We have so many assemblies
- Our students have so much say in our school
- How great queen's students can be, not just on the uni level, but on the extracurricular level

Motion: To do a secret ballot and to not reveal the total votes:

Motion passes

Member-at-large:

A member had earlier said that people who are not yet ratified could not vote. Is this still the case?

President Mason:

At the speaker's discretion. In policy, no. But a lot of these people will be ratified within the next few hours

Vice-President Tahiri:

They were all just deputies.

Not JUST deputies, but they are not elected members on assembly

Representative Rubin:

Point of information: How will we know who won?

Speaker:

I'm a trustworthy guy

Representative Chinniah:

I don't think it's supposed to be speaker's jurisdiction

Commissioner Bourne:

Point of information to Senator Smolej, points of personal privilege are if you were personally affronted. What you just said was a point of information.

Senator Stanley:

Since the representation to ASUS is only part of a senator's job, is it really appropriate to be questioning whether or not he can vote. Seeing as how he has been hired by senate and the AMS and that has been approved.

Speaker:

This is not the time for debating policy issues

President Mason:

Again, I do welcome the opinion, but I think this is a speaker's ruling on whether or not the unratified senator should be allowed to vote

Representative Pang:

Can I vote?

Commissioner Bourne:

Yes you are a voting member.

Speaker:

An unratified member cannot vote. That is my ruling. Hopefully the vote is not so close that I regret my decision.

The winners are Sheridan, Sherman, Tanwani, and Ruprecht

Motion 3 Vote:

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

Point of information: can we tell people quietly so that the person not elected don't have to stand in front of everyone?

Speaker:

- The four people are: Sheridan, Sherman, Tanwani, and Ruprecht
- This was decided on a tie-break. Congratulations to all candidates
- Speaker breaks ties.

Motion 4: "That ASUS assembly ratify Peter Smolej as interim senator"

President Mason:

Motion to omnibus motions 5 through 11
Seconded by Vice-President Tahiri

Senator Stanley:

Can we omnibus motions 5-8 because they are all ratifications, because the other ones deserve more debate than that

Comissioner Bourne:

- There's been some confusion in the package.
- The ones that Senator Stanley is proposing to omnibus:
 - If you go to the website right now, the updated version of assembly package has motions 6-11 which deals with all of the deputy commissioners.

President Mason:

Move to omnibus motions 6-11
Seconded by Member-at-large

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Motion passes

President Mason:

Simple vote, we conducted interviews. We opened up applications for the interim senator who will sit for one meeting. We picked Mr. Smolej and are in favour of his ratification

Representative Sherman:

What purview if any do you think that we have in financial matter due to maintenance and how do you hope to address those issues

Member Smolej:

- I had the privilege of attending a senate session yesterday
- I attended 3 or 4 last year out of interest
- In terms of the financial voice that senate has, I think that we have input on the decisions that are made and I think the financial inspection from the board of trustees.
- Actions have occurred in the previous senate session
- We launched a question on the provost and how he's going to be addressing it

Senator Stanley:

Of the arts and science senate caucus, who is your favourite member?

Member Smolej:

I think it's fair to not favour anyone. We are a team representing the students. It's not a contest of favouritism. We all add special elements to the team.

Comissioner Grotsky:

What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing arts and science students today?

Member Smolej:

- One of them has to do with innovation in the classroom.
- We talk about the value of a queen's degree and how it's dropped.
- We face our own unique issues and we can't always look retrospectively
- The buzz-word constantly being used is "innovation". In my experience as a science student, I see a lack of that.
- Online learning is coming into play.
- Blended learning can improve, but ultimately I'd like to see better outreach to all of our students

2014 Year Society President El-Rahimy:

- As an ex-senator, my biggest difficulty was communicating issues
- What initiatives have you taken or plan on taking to keep communication lines open with the student body

Member Smolej:

I had similar sentiments to this issue from last year
Most people are not aware of the role or impact of senate
Greater use of twitter, blog posts on specific issues and their relevance to students
I will expire in October, but students should be aware of the role of Senate

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 5: That ASUS Assembly elect a deputy speaker for the 2013-2014 academic year"

Commissioner Bourne:

- As per policy, ASUS is required to select a deputy speaker in case something terrible should happen to Trevor.
- We are designated to select someone to fill in for Trevor during any incapacitation
- If you want to nominate, they have have to be members of assembly, not members at large.

Nominations:

Troy Sherman – Respectfully Decline

Representative Chinniah – Accept
2015 Year Society President Stemp – Accept
Senator Stanley – Accept

Speaker:

You will all have a period of 1 minute to speak, followed by 5 minutes for questions

Senator Stanley:

- Fourth-year politics students, one-year arts/sci senator
- I'm a big nerd for all things parliamentary
- I worked this summer at the Ontario legislature
- I am familiar with the rules of procedure inside and out, robert's rules, bernot's rules, and many other types

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

- This is my second year in my position in ASUS so I ran again
- I'm a third year global developmental studies
- Student trustee for school board in Ottawa during grade 12
- I'm the president of queen's bands
- I've worked on assembly before
- Several other committees (Commission of environment and sustainability)
- I'm also the deputy communications officer for AMS

Representative Chinniah:

- Four-year econ/math students
- I can transition between arts and science, I'd like to think
- My experience has been very upper-year leaning
- I became involved in AMS/ASUS in my third year
- Before that, I transferred in. I was a NEWT.
- I went to a different university for my first year
- Very involved in the students debating union

Member-at-large:

If you were a flavour of ice cream, what?

Representative Chinniah:

Fruit-flavoured. I am sweet and colourful

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

I like "If I had a million flavours". It brings together music and ice cream and has a million different flavours (not actually)

But it has lots of things and it's yummy. A little bit of everything in one tub of magic

senator stanley:

I'd be pistachio because it's just out there. It is what it is.

You take it or you leave it.
Many people pass it up. Some people really like pistachio

Member-at-large:

Am I correct in that the deputy speaker would be the chief electoral officer as well?

Speaker:

They would assume all of my duties

Member-at-large:

How would you run the ASUS elections if that were to happen?

Senator Stanley:

One of the things I study closely is elections, most particularly free and fair elections for all
I am committed to having transparent elections with ASUS.
I would lean heavily on those who have done this before.
Run them to the best of my ability with minimal hiccups.
You need to be able to think on your feet
Hammer out all of the things I could in advance

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

A lot to think about in terms of elections
I can work on communication, publicizing elections
A lot of students don't know that they can put their name forward
My personal expertise would be getting the word out about opportunities that exist
We unfortunately have a low percentage of voting

Representative Chinniah:

- Politicians are not my favourite, as they are very annoying
- When we do have an election, last year with ASUS rep elections, 4 people were running for 6 positions. That's a democratic deficit
- As the CEO, we can encourage people to run for positions.
- Letting people know the job description, available positions
- As much as I like Laura Stemp here, contested elections are always good.

Representative Pang:

What would you actually do to attract more candidates?
Last year, I was the only one that ran for this position.

Representative Chinniah:

- I think the biggest issue with people not getting involved is that they don't know how.
- Chih-Hong used to be a scribe, so that's how he knew the position was available
- If people know that these positions are available, then people will run for it
- Making sure that a month before the election, someone is there to say "this is why you should run for it, these are the positions available"

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

Beyond just the campaign period itself, it's important that this year's assembly is very public

If we represent students to the best of our ability, other students will be interested

I hadn't heard much about year societies until I decided to run

We won't need to pull students in for elections, they'll just be drawn in because of how well everyone on assembly works

Stanley:

In order to attract people to this kind of thing, you need aggressive marketing

I'd say that even before the period is considered, you need to be going full throttle on this, getting in contact with Marketing/Communications, you need to go to QTV, other means of creating media, and go completely viral. Get the best creative people working on this and helping build buzz around ASUS and ASUS elections. If we can attract those who we need to, we'll be able to get them to run, have full contested elections, which is important.

Vote:

Chinniah: 5

Stemp: 10

Stanley: 4

Motions 6-11 Omnibussed:**Motion 6: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Emily Graham as one of the Deputy Academics Commissioners"**

Moved by: Adam Grotsky

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

Motion 7: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Daniela Keren and Sean Robins as Deputy Community Outreach Commissioners"

Moved by: Lisa Liu

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

Motion 8: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Brenna Owen as Deputy Equity & Diversity Commissioner"

Moved by: Carson Falk

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

Motion 9: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Astrid Hobill as Deputy Internal Affairs Commissioner"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

Motion 10: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Jennifer Hong as Deputy Marketing Commissioner"

Moved by: Lorenzo Colocado

Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

Motion 11: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Charlotte Roy as Deputy Services Commissioner"

Moved by: Krysten Cutajar
Seconded by: Irfan Tahiri

President Mason:

There is no competition as everyone has been selected by their respective commissioners
They will introduce themselves to assembly, and I highly recommend you ratify them

Vice-President Tahiri:

These deputies are fantastic and I have the utmost confidence. Please ratify themselves

Member Graham:

I'm third year politics major and I don't have a lot to say.
I love academics, and I'm really excited to work with everyone.
I'm running for deputy academics commissioner chair.

Member Keren:

I'm one of the two deputies for community outreach and am excited to work with everyone
Also I'm in life-sci

Member Robins:

I've been involved in ASUS for the past year
Looking forward to working hard with you guys
Worked with Lisa and Danielle for the past few months

Member Owen:

4th year politics major
I'm the deputy commissioner for equity and diversity, and I'm excited for the new things
The first year where we are a commission and not just an office

Member Hobill:

3rd year politics
Mostly focused on art history
Deputy internal affairs commissioner

Member Hong:

I was involved with ASUS last year in the jacket design committee, and I was also a gael
this year
I'm in second year English

Member Roy:

- I'm a 3rd year life-sci student
- I've been with ASUS since first year
- I am onto services and having a blast.
- Looking forward to working with the rest of the deputies

Senator Stanley:

If you could be one dinosaur, which one and why?

Speaker:

Can we only ask meaningful, relevant, and brief questions?

Representative Sherman:

What's one goal you'd like to accomplish in this role, and what are your measurements of success?

Member Roy:

I have a bit of a background in ASUS, but nothing in services

I want to keep working, so this has been a goal from my first application

I'd like to keep improving and keep working at it

Member Hong:

Some of my goals are to get acquainted with communities under the marketing commission, and working with everyone involved to create new ideas within ASUS and to have a good time by the end of it

Member Hobill:

For internal affairs, the goal is to flesh out the job a little more. It has a limited mandate. Last year it was on the table for whether or not it needed to be continued.

Working more with the elections teams so that next year there is a broader goal for internal deputy

Member Owen:

How other universities promote equity and diversity on campus

First term – research

Second term – changes

Member Robins:

As outreach deputy, I want to work closely with Lorenzo in the marketing commission

I hope to bring more exposure to our committees

Improve the amount of structured assistance that our communities have

Member Keren:

I'm in community outreach because I care about the community

There are so many volunteers, members, chairs, etc

I'm hoping to work to create a more connected commission

Member Graham:

My main goal is increasing advocacy of the resources that the academics commission has

People need to take advantage of peer tutoring and DSCs

Work with mental health awareness committee as it is a huge issue

A DSC example: A streamlined newsletter that would go out to all departments

Representative Chinniah:

Could each of the deputies name the best thing their commission does that no other organization in the school does?

Member Graham:

Our ASUS peer tutoring initiative that we have
Supporting students from all different departments is important
I was an ASUS peer tutor last year, and have also had a tutor. It's a great thing that everyone can take advantage of

Member Keren:

I think that the community outreach commission is unique in that we reach out to queen's students through volunteering and benefit the students through fundraising initiatives
We also reach out to the Kingston community with our initiatives

Member Robins:

I would like to second that comment. Community outreach's range is its best asset. We offer positions for a number of different interests
You can volunteer with the committee as a chair in a leadership role, or in a hospital, or at a school with a number of different activities you can contribute

Member Owen:

Media literacy in schools
I don't think anyone else does high school outreach
It's using social media in a respectful way of others.

Member Hobill:

Best thing is seeing Ben sitting there all the time
The judicial committee is really important.
Updating constitution and policy and running everything smoothly is done in the background by internal affairs, and that's pretty important.

Member Hong:

Within marketing, we get to interact with both the Kingston and the queen's community at all different levels
It's one of those commissions that can dip their toes into every single part of Kingston life
Students can have outreach with them through social media
Holding events within the Kingston community
We also work with all of the other commissions to help them with marketing

Member Roy:

I think it's great that our committee works to serve, and that's our most unique service
We're serving ASUS by raising funds, which helps us run great things
In return, that is our service to students. Moving in day sale.
Two-way service to students and to ASUS

Member Kasraee:

This is a traditional question, so please do not say it is not serious. Please answer it quickly in the interest of time. If you could combine two animals, what would they be and why?

Member Roy:

Sabertooth because it's fierce, even though it doesn't exist
Giraffe because I wish I was taller

Member Hong:

Sea Cucumber and a dog because dogs are my favourite and sea cucumbers look like plants but they're actually animals

Member Hobill

Dog and this animal that everyone in Cuba thought was extinct, but it's not!

Member Owen:

I would combine dogs with a sloth or koala which makes them so much more cuddly

Member Robins:

Puppy and a kitten to make the cutest animal in the world
Neither are better, both are great. Let's combine!

Member Keren:

A teacup pig and a gorilla. Teacup pigs are the cutest animals and gorillas are the smartest animals

Member Graham:

A honey badger and a koala. Honey badgers are fierce, and koalas are cute, cuddly, and they're my favourite animal.

Omnibus Motion Vote:

Vote:

For:	22
Against:	0
Abstain:	0

Motion passes

Motion 11: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS Policy Manual Section A-3.03 seen in Appendix A"

President Mason:

- This is a relatively small change, though still important
- Dan approached me asking about changing the composition of the head gael committee
- Instead of it reading "the president", it will read "a member of the executive"
- We are also proposing this change for orientation exec as well

- Having the president sitting on both head gael and chair selection is nothing short of awkward
- Having the other executive members sitting on the head gael or chair selection allows for a less awkward selection
- We think this is fair, and it keeps the avenue open for Irfan and I to consult
- It ensures at the end of the day that everyone has a fair chance to apply

Member Gonçalves:

- We don't want one person sitting on both panels
- It's not fair for one person to have to sit on both.
- We want to make sure that there is no bias, and that they are safe

Senator Stanley:

- I move that we omnibus motions 12 and 13 in the interest of brevity

Senator Chishti:

In appendix B it says “for the selection of orientation chairs, the people on the hiring committee cannot have been a chair before”, why does it only apply to people who have been on the committee before

Member Gonçalves:

Everyone who worked before with each other know everyone really well

This gives the option of having someone with experience with orientation week, though it is open

Senator Chishti:

There is already room for Ocs/chairs, so the 4th person should be someone different

Vote to amend the motion from “That the selection committee shall select 4 chairs” to “New head gael, two new chairs, two former chairs, and one person who's never been an OC or a chair”

Member Gonçalves:

If you put someone on that panel who has had experience, it will only help

Senator Chishti:

I withdraw my amendment

Vote regarding omnibussing motions 12-13

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 12: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS Policy Manuel Section A-3.06 seen in Appendix B"

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Daniel Gonçalves

Motion 13: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS policy manual section A-3.06 seen in Appendix B"

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Daniel Gonçalves

President Mason:

We are now voting on both changes, the first of which is a member of the executive sit on the head gael committee, and a member of exec sit on the chair selection committee

This is to create a fair panel that is free from bias.

Vote:

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 14: "That ASUS Assembly strike the Head Gael Selection Committee, consisting of the previous Head Gael, a member of ASUS executive, one student senator, one other member of ASUS Assembly, and one member-at-large"

President Mason:

Despite its wording, it is just a member of the executive

Member Gonçalves:

Time-commitment next weekend on Saturday/Sunday, and maybe friday

About 5-8 first round interviews, ~30 minutes each

Second-round interviews are about an hour each

Possibly interviews on Friday

Nominations:

Senator Stanley – Accept

Commissioner Cutajar – Accept

President Mason – Accept

Member Kasraee – Accept

Moved by: Daniel Gonçalves

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 15 "That ASUS Assembly strike the Jackets Bursary Committee, consisting of the ASUS Vice-

President, the ASUS Services Commissioner and one member of ASUS Assembly"

Commissioner Cutajar:

- We sell jackets every year. We are in the midst of the selling period
- In past years, no bursaries were given out. Students are deserving of bursaries if they need
- The bursary applications will be due September 23rd
- That should still give them time before the 26th to order a jacket

Nominations:

ASUS Representative Sherman – Decline

ASUS Representative Taiwani – Accept

ASUS Representative Chinniah – Decline

Moved by: Krysten Cutajar

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Speaker: Tabling new motion 16 until the Chief Returning Officer gets back

Motion to open agenda

Moved by: President Mason

Seconded by: Vice-President Tahiri

Motion passes

President Mason:

We should move back to motion 16

Motion to close agenda

Moved by: President Mason

Seconded by: Vice-President Tahiri

Motion passes

Motion 16: "That ASUS Assembly ratify Mandeep Wraich as Chief Returning Officer":

President Mason:

- She is very dynamic and enthusiastic
- I think she'll do a great job this year
- If you want to ask her any questions, feel free to do so

Representative Chinniah:

- ASUS elections are typically outsourced to the AMS

- What do you see your role is as the CRO, given that a substantial portion of the legwork will be done by the AMS

Member Wraich:

- There's a huge difference between ASUS and AMS elections
- As CRO, I want to push for ASUS positions and not just AMS positions
- We need to work on how we advertise, and get as many students as possible involved and voting

Senator Stanley:

- When things go wrong during elections, things can snowball quickly
- What would you do as CRO, the person in charge of receiving electronic ballots and ensuring the process goes smoothly, so that something like what happened last year won't happen again

Member Wraich:

- If you have issues, just keep it hush hush.

Moved by: Krysten Cutajar
 Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne
 Vote:

For: 21
 Against: 1
 Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 17: "That ASUS Assembly approve the elections timeline for the fall by-elections"

Chief Returning Officer Wraich:

- It's great, please pass it.
- September 27th is the nomination period.
- Ends October 7th
- Get as many people applying as possible
- Coincides with the AMS election, but follows our policy
- October 8th is the verification
- October 9th campaign begins
- October 20th campaign ends
- Obeys policy for duration of campaigning
- Debate on the 21st
- Online voting 22nd and 23rd

Chief Returning Officer Wraich will henceforth be known as CRO Wraich

Commissioner Bourne:

- Sorry for the oversight for not including this in the assembly package.

- In terms of how we structure this, we extended the nomination period longer than normal
- When the AMS starts, it's harder for us to get the word out on who can run and how they can run
- We'll be doing our winter elections timeline in a bit
- Policy change coming up regarding the length of time we are allowed

Representative Chinniah:

- The election period starts on the 9th and ends on the 20th ?

CRO Wraich:

- In policy there's a day break where no one can campaign, before the voting
- This is different than AMS policy
- Because of this break, we have to end on the 20th when we take the break into consideration
- We could get rid of the break, as it isn't necessary

Vice-President Tahiri:

- In addition to using the ASUS mobile app, how do you plan on effectively marketing for the positions?

CRO Wraich:

- QTV to do a promo video
- Fall elections aren't a "trial run", but it helps everyone to get their footing
- More importantly, I want an ASUS database of all the candidates
- I want you to be able to find out information on the candidates from the election processes, for those students who do not know the person for whom they are voting

Representative Chinniah:

- Is there a spending limit on the elections? If so, what is the limit?

Comissioner Bourne:

- Each position has a spending limit.
- I believe it's \$100 for exec, and \$25 for other positions (senators, asus reps to AMS, etc)
- You can print posters, campaign materials, we will reimburse you up to that capped amount

CRO Wraich:

- As stated before, it's consistent with policy
- If we could get rid of that awkward break so that our dates could coincide better, that would be great.

Moved by: Mandeep Wraich

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 24

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 18: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS Policy Manual Section B seen in Appendix C"

Representative Sherman:

- Other parts of social science within the faculty
- New initiative at queen's.
- Recruitment for the student editorial board
- Working with Vice-President research, departments of history, politics, hopefully gender, environmental studies, and philosophy
- Opportunity for students to be published
- We're also going to be putting on workshops, which is something we don't have normally
- University of Melbourne in Australia
- The focus is on undergraduate studies, with controversial and topical issues
- Women in politics, Canadian democracy and politics
- It's very well rounded journal along with the workshops
- It fits with the mandate of ASUS which should be promoting undergraduate research and scholars
- We have some of the brightest students here on campus, for which we're all proud
- Give an opportunity for people to talk the about important issues of our time
- If you have any questions about anything, including the thought process that led to this

President Mason:

- Not much to add. I encourage you to pass this
- It brings the society to more students, especially those who are not as student-government oriented
- Opens up a whole new avenue of opportunity for students

Commissioner Grotsky:

- I want to echo some of the thought said thus far
- It's a tremendous opportunity for students at this level to be able to say they've been published in an academic journal
- That along with some of the other opportunities such as the serieses are great opportunities for so many students

Representative Wiseman:

What makes the publications different from the undergraduate review?

Commissioner Grotsky:

- That's actually an arts publication, though it used to be all academics
- It is no longer an all academic journal

Senator Stanley:

- Move that we have a 5 minute question and answer period for this?
- Could be better expressed through a direct Q&A

President Mason:

- We have a mechanism called “Committee as a whole”
- The speaker plays less of a role
- More casual

Motion to move to committee as a whole

Motion passes

Representative Sherman:

Any funding from ASUS should be through assembly or the board discretionary fund. These funds would be for workshops. In terms of branching out, we have an interest in international affairs.

Environment student wanting to submit a paper on climate change? Absolutely doable

Engineering student with an article about infrastructure security? Yup

Development studies, political, history, gender, environment, philosophy, etc. It is very broad

Things relating to international issues (Power diffusion)

Women in leadership, both in Canada and abroad

Students as well as experts in the field (who we have at Queen's) will discuss this

These workshops will be useful to all people in arts and science

The reason it's mainly social sciences:

Including undergraduate research, we created an associate vice principal position for social sciences

We are getting some funding from the vice principal's office

In terms of branching out, the lecture series, workshops

There is an interest in political affairs here regardless of department

One of the positions we'd like to hire is a student liaison

The student liaison will help you find an expert in the field for undergraduate students to talk to

Representative Rubin:

How would this work for me as a science student

How do I publish a chemistry paper?

Representative Sherman:

You wouldn't, unless it was related to social sciences

President Mason:

QSURJ is very similar but will have a different editorial staff.

Hitting both arts and science but with different institutions

Vice-President Tahiri:

- In order for an academic journal to be proper, the scope has to be narrow
- You cannot write about mosquitoes in this journal
- In London School of Econ, they have an undergraduate journal and it's very prestigious

- One of the main reasons I believe in the criticism is because QSURJ is in the works. Thank you to Academics Commissioner Grotsky
- So students who are interested in life sciences will have an outlet
- Troy's done a lot of work on policy already. That policy is reusable for other initiatives
- I think this is a fantastic initiative, exactly what student union organization needs
- We have a mandate to increase extracurricular activities and academics of arts and science students
- A lot of students in social sciences want to continue into masters but don't know what it looks like, so this is a good opportunity

Representative Sherman:

- A master's program done through the department of international studies
- SURG (studies undergraduate research guelph)
- The point of a refined focus
- I looked at an article. It talks about political economy, and another one talks about radishes
- This narrow focus allows us to set a direction for the journal
- It gives people an opportunity to say "this is the way we want to direct the journal"

Representative Wiseman:

- We have a lecture series sponsored by ASUS. How is this different?

Representative Sherman:

- They're not on the queen's website
- With ASUS, and with library services, etc
- Each department I've been to said that there is nothing comparable that they are involved in
- We are trying to fill the gap
- The focus will be on undergraduate students

Commissioner Grotsky:

- ASUS doesn't fund them anymore

Representative Wiseman:

- I like the idea, I just see a lot of similarities.
- Perhaps you could extend a question out to the people who have organized this
- A partnership could be beneficial to both parties

Representative Sherman:

- The department heads haven't raised anything with me, but I will absolutely bring that up and work through DSCs

President Mason:

- Motion to end committee as a whole in 5 minutes

Senator Stanley:

- I think we need more time. People evidently have questions.

President Mason:

- Motion to end committee as a whole in 10 minutes

Motion passes

Commissioner Grotsky:

- The faculty of arts and science funds that project, but ASUS does not give them money
- What do you think about collaborating together so that science and social sciences have an opportunity?
- I'm concerned for both groupings

Representative Sherman:

- I'm helping them write the policy
- This is a model upon which other journals could be developed
- Very strong editorial work from students
- It's simple, streamlined, and I'll be working a lot with policy development
- I'll be more than happy to work on that policy with them
- With two academic journals, we could team together
- Social issues commission promotes the full spectrum of publications under one brand

Senator Stanley:

- You should be commended for taking the initiative
- A strong active journal like this is great
- The courage that it takes to bring this up is phenomenal
- You mentioned you were talking to the vice principal of research, what is that funding?

Representative Sherman:

- 2000\$

Senator Stanley:

- 2000\$ is a pretty good sum. I'm not sure of the scope of what you're trying to do. Give us an idea of how much ASUS would be contributing?

Representative Sherman:

- A lot of these costs are capital costs.
- Brand new websites, we need article submission online
- We want something that can be used every year
- The best public lectures offered all have a good room, the audio equipment, and the ability to fill these public lectures
- I think this is a way that ASUS can differentiate itself from the pack

Senator Stanley:

- Are you looking at other sources of funding outside of the Vice-President of research and

ASUS?

Representative Sherman:

- Yes, the finance director will take care of more of that
- There is a fund for public lectures which we can tap into in November, but it is for winter
- The finance director's portfolio includes looking for alternative sources of income

Vice-President Tahiri:

- Nothing has been done that is not undoable.
- If assembly were to say no, we don't want this initiative, we would remove all association with ASUS.
- Remove them from the website, take down the application forms, etc
- The capital costs are posters, the recyclable yearly video, the big posters, etc.
- Hopefully to have a budget under academics for POLITICUS
- When I present the budget to you, that's something we can debate as well
- Assembly will be notified of all costs

Representative Chinniah:

- Politicus went to the board of directors and received \$2000 from them?

Vice-President Tahiri:

- We are passing the policy that ASUS undertake the initiative of Politicus
- There will be costs associated with this.
- Troy has received \$2000 from Vice-President research
- There is an additional ~1500\$ from us. Partially capital costs, which would come from the board discretionary fund
- We can't just dip into the board fund every year, so we will have a budget defined as to how much is required

Representative Chinniah:

- Even if assembly votes this down, the board retains discretion to give funding to politicus

Vice-President Tahiri:

- If this policy does not pass, then we will not be taking it to the board

Representative Chinniah:

- For all of these positions, are there going to be any honoraria? And also, with regards to the website, I'm considering that this is an ASUS initiative, could we not put it under the ASUS domain? Or an independent website? If independent, why?

Representative Sherman:

- One honorarium for the marketing director
- The reason for this is so that we have someone who is qualified
- This money will not be coming from ASUS

- Under the advice of COMPSA, they said the structure, or the features that we would require would be too large for the ASUS website, just because of the back programming.
- We will also have issues of the journal available online
- Should there be funding from ASUS, the ASUS logo will be featured on all marketing materials

Representative Chinniah:

- The designer is a one-time position, then?

Representative Sherman:

- It's a marketing director, so no

Motion to end committee as a whole

Motion passes

Motion to call to question

Motion passes

Motion for a secret ballot

Speaker: I will say we cannot have a secret ballot

Senator Stanley:

- This is not at the discretion of the Speaker

Representative Rubin:

- If we vote, what are we voting on?

President Mason:

- We will be approaching the board of directors in search of funds
- We take Troy in, move him under the academics portfolio, and producing what has been put forth in the policy

2014 Year Society Vice-President Smyth

- Point of personal privilege, I'd like to excuse myself

Commissioner Bourne:

- The only reference in policy or constitution to secret ballots

Speaker:

- You can still vote through secret ballot, even if we are not voting by secret ballot as a whole

Motion to secret ballot

Motion fails

Motion to vote by heads-up, 7-up

For: 11
Against: 5
Abstain: 4

Motion passes

Motion 18 vote:

Moved by: Troy Sherman
Seconded by: Scott Mason
Vote:

For: 16
Against: 3
Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 19: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS Policy manual section C-5 seen in Appendix D"

President Mason:

- This is taking out the responsibilities of the general manager as we do not have one anymore
- Our general manager no longer works the society

Representative Chinniah:

- I'd like to commend the executive. It is a necessary step to take

Representative Sherman:

- This is courageous of the ASUS executive. We will be saving a lot of money in the long run
- We have a great business manager

Senator Stanley:

- Echoing the sentiments of the previous two speakers
- Personnel decisions such as this are very hard.
- It takes a lot of fortitude to do something like this, especially for someone who has been around for as long as they have
- I do not think clapping is in order, but we need to acknowledge that this was a tough decision to make

Motion to call into question

Motion passes

Motion 19 vote

Moved by: Scott Mason
Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne
Vote:

For: 20
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 20: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to Section 16.01.05 of The ASUS Constitution seen in Appendix E"

President Mason:

- In a similar vein as the previous motion. In removing our general manager, we held onto some of her responsibilities and transferred them to the business manager
- The new business manager has primary duties
- In moving to the new structure, we need someone to reconcile our financial records
- We need to ensure that ASUS is financially accountable
- We've lifted from the policy a series of responsibilities and put them into the business manager's job description.
- These are important (liaising with council, sitting on a few committees, bi-weekly meeting with Ben) but small
- We have also increased her pay accordingly

Motion to call into question

Motion passes

Motion 20 vote

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 21: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to ASUS Policy Manual section C-6 seen in Appendix F"

President Mason:

- A lot of these motions were worked on by myself and Irfan, so I will defer to Vice-president

Vice-President Tahiri:

- We have one for receptionists, one for ASUS
- The main duty of the house manager/linebacker is to come in and clean the core and to tell council to maintain a positive attitude
- They're supposed to come in 15 minutes a week to tell people how to improve time efficiency
- We have hired the receptionist and incorporated some of the house manager duties into the receptionist
- Garbage will be the executive's duty from now on

Motion to call into question:

Motion passes

Motion 21 vote

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 22: "That ASUS Assembly Approve the Changes to ASUS Policy Manual Section A-12 Seen in Appendix G"

President Mason:

- I will again defer to Vice-President Tahiri

Vice-President Tahiri:

- Keeping track of supplies, carrying out small maintenance, and reminding council members that they should remain positive are the three things added

Motion to call into question:

Motion passes

Moved by: Scott Mason

Seconded by: Benjamin Bourne

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 23: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to Section 5.01.03 of the ASUS Constitution seen in Appendix H"

Commissioner Bourne:

- Housekeeping more or less
- Traditionally the rector and business manager are members of assembly
- This amendment will formally rectify the situation so that they are official observers of assembly
- I will double-check to ensure that the new general manager description reflects that they will be sitting as an observer

Vice-President Tahiri:

- The business manager requested this specifically

Senator Stanley:

- Point of information: Have we chosen an honorary president for this society?
- Not yet. The language indicates an implicit way
- Depending on the goals it might not always be the most feasible thing to do
- We should be coming forward with that in the coming weeks

Representative Chinniah:

Amendment: The spelling of “honorary” is “honorari”

Commissioner Bourne:

- Point of information: I'd like you to withdraw the amendment, as I can make trivial changes

Motion to call into question:

Motion passes

Motion 23 vote

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Commissioner Bourne:

- Currently we are required to keep physical copies of applications in a locked cabinet for a year
- The reason that this was introduced was so that people who had not been selected could see why they weren't selected
- No candidates will ever come forward asking why they were not hired a year after their application has been submitted
- Within a time-frame of about a week, people would come forward if they are going to
- It doesn't prohibit us from keeping them, but it will no longer be mandated. It takes up a lot of space
- Second strikethrough is in the same spirit due to confidentiality and privacy

Motion to omnibus motions 24-25

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 24: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 17.11 of

the ASUS Constitution seen in Appendix I

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 25: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section C-4.05 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix J"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Commissioner Bourne:

- This is in the same spirit as the one we most recently talked about
- If you have ever been in the core, there is a closet in my office in which we throw transition manuals
- We are changing it so that transition manuals are all electronic

Motion to call into question:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

COMPSA Vice-President Bannerman:

- What about the other motions?

Speaker:

- 26-33 were stamped

Commissioner Bourne:

- I submitted a motion to stamp 26-33, which means upon the approval of the agenda, the motions automatically pass

President Mason:

- Stamping is unique to ASUS. When the minutes come up, you can motion to stamp a motion that is not too important. If anyone has any objections, it cannot be stamped.

Omnibussed Motions 24-25 Vote

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Vote:

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Note: Motions 26 through 33 (inclusive) were all stamped and automatically approved.

Motion 26: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 1.01.01 of the ASUS Constitution seen in Appendix K"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 27: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 3.01.01 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix L"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 28: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 5.01.01 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix M"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 29: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 5.03.06 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix N"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 30: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 5.03.18 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix O"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 31: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 5.04.04 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix P"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 32: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 17.03.02 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix Q"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Motion 33: "That ASUS Assembly commence first reading on the amendment to section 17.04.07 of the ASUS constitution seen in Appendix R"

Moved by: Benjamin Bourne

Seconded by: Scott Mason

Discussion Period

Commissioner Bourne:

- If you need to pee during assembly, please don't ask to go.
- There's no formal thing we need to do

President Mason:

- Pick up your placard, look at the speaker, point at the door

Commissioner Bourne:

- There are no rules in place regarding secret ballots, which I will be putting in my strategic plan for next assembly
- I wanted to clarify the rules of a secret ballot.
- There were instances last year where calls for secret ballot were being used inappropriately

President Mason:

- Was the motion regarding honoraria stamped?

Commissioner Bourne:

- No motions weren't passed
- Discussion period should be reserved for things we plan to discuss in advance

2014 Year Society President El-Rahimy:

- We should make a facebook group. Not everything needs to be brought to assembly

Vice-President Tahiri:

- Last night, you said you had a discussion topic

Representative Pang:

- I found out that the AMS had long neglected the international students. I just find that international students have been paying 4 or 5 times as much as you do for tuition
- Because our input is not that good, we might also have issues interacting with people in Canada , or we're not used to lectures, writing, etc
- I'm proposing that we could have some kind of grant or awards for those who have some contribution to the community or school, or do charities in the local area. Or maybe people who contributed to the diversity of culture, and those with cross-cultural awareness
- Recognize some special days for groups of people from other countries

Commisioner Grotsky:

- I totally agree. International students are an untapped population.
- You guys pay the same fee to ASUS that we do. You should reap the same benefits
- Whether it be budget allocation or a grant given towards you guys, I am definitely in favourite

Senator Stanley:

- I would like to echo Commissioner Grotsky's statements
- International students really are paying 4 or 5 times the amount of tuition as us to receive the same things from ASUS and AMS.
- It is completely in line with our values as a society that we should establish an award or grant to acknowledge the contributions of international students who are getting stabbed for money because of the way univeristies are structured

- We should work with equity commissioner to see what we can achieve from this

Vice-President Tahiri:

- So these are for international students, volunteer-wise contributing to the society or community at large?
- I heard you say award and also financial assistance. What we can do is you should come visit me and Krysten Cutaja and we can discuss how we want to recognize international students

2014 President El-Rahimy:

- I believe the international centre already has something similar to this
- The grant could be for a specific international student who has done something special

Representative Pang:

- I found out that there are no positions for international students, so I'm just here to encourage you guys to introduce something
- For jacket grants, I totally agree on this. It adds a lot of pressure and financial stress on ourselves for jackets.

Commissioner Cutajar:

- Thank you for bringing that up. With the jackets, we do have a reintroduction of bursaries. I encourage international students to apply for the bursary
- In regards to things ASUS does for exchange students, in terms of fostering community and getting students engaged in Kingston, we run a program called exchange buddies
- It pairs an international student with a full-time Queen's student.
- They are having their first event in two weeks. It will be a meet and greet
- Bowling nights, movies, Niagara falls, bonding time

Representative Chinniah:

- We should acknowledge the efforts of international students.
- A few presidents ago, Rico Garcia was an international student
- They definitely have a role to play at Queen's

Representative Pang:

- We all have the same opportunity to participate
- Unfortunately, we don't know much about the culture, and we might be suffering from communications issues
- I know of international students who don't spend any time with domestic students.

Senator Chishti:

- Is it in policy that we have to tally all of the votes?

Commissioner Bourne:

- I'm not positive it's in policy, but some votes require 2/3 majority and so we have a record of these things

President Mason:

- This is Trevor's first assembly. I was in touch with him over the summer
- We elected this guy through a computer screen
- Trevor nailed it tonight and we should recognize that.

Speaker's Last Words**Speaker:**

- I'd like to apologize for any errors or harsh shutdowns I have made
- I realize this sounds nit-picky, but we do have a dress code. Business casual
- We're going to be out of here with an hour and 15 minutes extra. I am super impressed

Motion to adjourn

Vote:

For: 18

Against: 2

Motion passes

Finishing Time: 10:45pm