

Minutes for ASUS Assembly on March 27th, 2014

Starting Time: 7:09pm

Speaker Davis will henceforth be known as Speaker

Motion 1: "That ASUS Assembly approve the agenda for the March 27th, 2014 Assembly"

Moved by: Jon Wiseman

Seconded by: Adam Grotsky

Commissioner Wiseman:

I'd like to add three guest speakers today:

Scott Mason – about Mark R. Wilson award

Brendan Goodman – to talk about the Tartan

Audrey Guay – Student Award Fund

Vote on motion 1:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 2: "That ASUS Assembly approve the minutes for the Annual General Meeting on March 25th, 2014"

Moved by: Jon Wiseman

Seconded by: Adam Grotsky

Member Mason:

In my report, I had some asteriks asking if people had any issue.

All issues have been brought up, so I'd like those asteriks to be removed from the minutes.

Vote on motion 2:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Speaker's Business

Election of the Speaker of the 2014-2015 ASUS Assembly

Speaker:

Let's do it now!

If nobody wants to be speaker, I'm happy to stay on

Anyone else?

Seeing none, we will re-open this at the end.

Guest Speaker

Scott Mason – Mark R. Wilson Award

Member Mason:

Hello everyone, Scott Mason, campus wash-up.

I'm here to present the Mark R. Wilson award!

It's a huge honour to do this.

This is the highest tribute that the society can pay to an Arts&Science student for non-athletic, extra-curricular award

Arts and Science Undergraduate award, renamed on Feb 4th 1999 to honour Mark R. Wilson, a Geography/Politics student who was tragically killed by a drunk driver in July 1998.

He was a DSC coordinator, ASUS Representative to AMS, went to QMP, member of Queen's Young PCs

Meant to recognize exceptional service in a single area or project, across a wide array of activities.

The winner this year is the founder of Conservation Queen's.

Started with 3 people, moved up to 30 within the first year.

Now has over 90 members!

Coca-cola's shoreline cleanup and Toronto Zoo's adopt-a-pond

They also run an endangered animal awareness magazine every month

They are also on the review board for QSURJ!

It is my pleasure to award this to Shima Shakory

Brendan Goodman – The Tartan**Member Goodman:**

I'm a wash-up as well!

One of the incoming co-editors in chief, along with Scott Ramsay who could not be here tonight

We also have our business manager Lorenzo Colocado here, who is chillin'.

For those of you who don't know, the Tartan is an online newspaper publication. It really hasn't been given the attention that it deserves in the past two years.

Inside of the student politics circles, its become kind of a joke. We're coming in to revamp it and make it relevant to students.

Here are our plans that we've talked to. They are cursory, and we've had a few meetings, but there is still a lot more work to be done.

The first thing is the website. We are planning an overhaul to make it look more aesthetically pleasing, and make it more navigable.

We want it to be feature-driven.

Having Queen's Law students talk about their experience in Law School, exchange diaries from students on exchange.

We have a lot of students that go on exchanges, and we never really find out what they do. We think it's something students would be interested in reading.

When we're talking to students about what they want in a news publication, they want it to be relevant, not something that talks down to them, and things that read quickly.

They think time is the biggest priority

We were thinking having a number of our major articles summarized in ~100 words. If they want to go on to read the full article, then they can do so.

We are also hiring assistant editors right now, who will really help

The applications are up on the website. Please share it around with your friends.

I'm happy to hear any questions you have on The Tartan now or in Question Period, and I'm more than happy to sit down with anyone here tonight.

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

Will you still be accepting submissions from any student, or only from volunteers hired by the Tartan?

Member Goodman:

We will still be accepting submissions from anyone at Queen's, but we want a staff that is writing consistently.

We need good quality content coming out on a regular basis

We'd love to have it only volunteer-driven, but there's no guarantee on that consistent content

Representative DiCapua

Where can you find these applications?

Member Goodman:

ASUS/Get Involved on the webpage

They're due next Friday, the 4th

Audrey Guay – Student Award Fund

This was delayed until Discussion Period

Executive Reports**President Grotsky:**

I wanted to welcome you all to the first assembly?

It means that much more to have Scott and Jon in the crowd

I'd like to reiterate something in my report: remind yourselves that you are all important leaders at this university and at this assembly.

You are to debate motions in a positive environment.

It's okay, and essential to disagree. What's important is that you challenge the idea, not the person. If we do that, we'll have a fantastic year ahead of us.

Thanks for coming out and showing your support!

Vice President Butler:

Welcome! This is my first time sitting on this side of the room.

Brendan stole my thunder introducing everyone as the new Tartan team.

I'm glad to see you already out and telling everyone what your plans are!

In the words of my predecessor, I'm going to keep it as real as I can this year.

Speaker:

When you speak, stand up and state your title and your name, speaking rights are given by raising your placard.

Society Reports***Business of the Senate:*****Senator Jamieson:**

We don't really have anything

Senator Schacter:

Thanks for having us! Welcome everyone

Business of the AMS:

Representative Patterson:

No business to report, other than thanks for coming out!

Representative DiCapua:

There was a report included, with basic guidelines we're looking to stick by

If you have any questions, or want to introduce yourself, please do so!

Statements by Members

Commissioner Wiseman:

After a long wait, the internal affairs commission finally has a deputy!

I'd like to welcome Logan Murray as the ASUS Internal Deputy!

A quick note: the back of your placards all have rules of order on them for various points

As Speaker said, please stand when your name is called, use gender neutral language, and I noticed you were clapping.

When voting, clapping is reserved for unanimous votes.

Speaker:

If you need to go to the washroom, look at me and make a motion towards the door, then leave.

2015 Year Society Vice-President Ly:

I have a meal plan and bought cookies, so they're there.

Representative Giordano:

I have a brief statement I wanted to make.

Good evening. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting me, I am Quinn Giordano, not Garcia.

I am a first year Politics and Psychology student, among the many hungry with a still not stamped out faith in government.

"While I'm here, I'll do the work. What's the work? To ease the pain of living. Everything else, drunken dumbshow".

While I'm here, I'll do the work. What's the work? To make Queen's a place where students feel welcome. Where voices are not just heard, but listened to with respect

To these ends I'm proud to serve wherever I may be useful, mindful to the heritage of this great institution.

Question Period

Speaker:

People have to answer the question, unless they are a member-at-large.

Old Business

New Business

Motion 3: "That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2013 ASUS Camps Budget"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Alex Love

Member Tahiri:

This is what happens every year at the end. We have to close the old budgets and open the new one.

I have gone through the numbers with him, they were on the website. If there are any questions, ask me.

ASUS Camps got lucky this year, as we got more sponsorship money than what was envisioned. However, the sponsorship is going down this year.

For now, that's pretty much all I have to say.

ASUS Camps is sitting at an \$11'000 surplus, which is too high, but it is a good contingency.

They came out of a deficit 4 years ago and has remained out of deficit since

Any questions, please see me or e-mail me!

Vote on motion 3:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 4: "That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2014 ASUS Camps Budget"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Laura Ingold

Member Tahiri:

Now we are opening the 2014-2015 ASUS Camps budget. Laura Ingold, the business director will speak more to the numbers.

Biggest difference this year was hiring an additional camps counsellor (salary expenses)

However, it will be offset by the revenues brought in by the additional children who will be in that group.

Member Ingold:

If you have any questions, I'll answer them. It's there

Vote on motion 4:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 5: "That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2013 Orientation Week Budget"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Daniel Gonçalves

Member Tahiri:

This is the budget for 2013-2014.

Member Gonçalves:

Hello my name is Daniel! Do you want me to go through it?

If there are any questions, please contact me!

Ended up with a surplus of \$25'000, which is shocking!

However, that counts for sponsorships, so all first years' money went to the events!

It's been a great year, and that's it!

Vote on motion 5:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 6: "That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2014 Orientation Week Budget"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Heather Salema

Member Tahiri:

So this is now opening the budget for 2014-2015!

Again, this is just procedural.

Head Gael Salema:

A lot of things are staying pretty much the same.

Nothing major is changing for us, which is nice.

Are there any questions?

Commissioner Wiseman:

School spirit is a very important part of orientation week, and we all feel a certain way during orientation week. So I'd like to ask our Head Gael and chair how they feel

Head Gael Salema and Chair:

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

2016 Year Society President Chaudhry:

Question about semi-formal, \$16'500? That's a \$5000 increase from last year.

Head Gael Salema:

Every year, ASUS is given a tent. It used to have its own line in the budget, but since its part of the formal, we decided to put it in the same thing!

Vote on motion 6:

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 7: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Section C-3.05 and C-3.12 of the ASUS Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix A"

Moved by: James Pang

Seconded by: Jon Wiseman

Member Pang:

This is a really small change.

The international student representative was introduced two years ago, and there are some lines in elections that are now updated.

Basically, it's just included in election policy now. It's not a big change, but if you have any questions, please ask me.

For Appendix B, I had a lot of ideas about creating an award for cultural awareness on campus.

Because I didn't do it last term, I'm going to do it here.

This award recognizes that an individual has contributed a lot to campus, raising awareness of cultural diversity, and there's no money involved with it in the budget.

At the very end, we'd give this individual a plaque, just to show that this person has contributed a lot to the campus.

If you have any questions, I am here to answer them!

Senator Chinniah:

Is this award also going to be available to non Arts and Science international students?

Member Pang:

It'll be for all international students. Students from all faculties are available for the award.

Vote on motion 7:

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion 8: "That ASUS Assembly approve the addition of Section H-8 into the ASUS Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix B"

Moved by: James Pang

Seconded by: Jon Wiseman

Member Pang:

Point of information: I thought we omnibussed?

Speaker:

No, it's just faster not to.

Member Pang:

I've already spoken on the award. That was a mistake on my part, but there you go!

Representative Patterson:

How does the one member of assembly get to be on the committee?

Commissioner Wiseman:

Whenever we strike a committee, we have a motion at assembly to do so.

We'll open nominations to everyone in assembly, you need a seconder, and we'll go from there.

Member Pang:

This won't be me when this happens, it'll be Representative Jamprasert

Senator Chinniah:

Is the incoming international student representative here?

International Representative Jamprasert:

Yes

Vote on motion 8:

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Commissioner Wiseman:

I thought that Grants and Funds were going under Guest Speaker, rather than motions.

Motion 9: "That ASUS Assembly approve the addition of Section A-13 into the ASUS Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix C"

Moved by: Adam Grotsky

Seconded by: Blake Butler

President Grotsky:

This is a cool new initiative that Blake and I had in our platform.

The idea is to create a first-year intern program. Currently, only the executive have interns.

The AMS forms a first-year council with interns from their commissioners!

The goal of these interns is to work on projects that will improve the life of first-year students here at Queen's.

It's a good way to get more students involved, and increase awareness to first-year students.

Vice-President Butler:

An exciting way to get first-years involved!

Senator Chinniah:

I think this is a good initiative, but speaking to what I've experience with AMS interns, there are some AMS directors who haven't met their interns in a very long time, because they haven't had the time to.

At that point, the program is no longer beneficial.

Would you be willing to entertain an amendment that members meet with their interns at least once per month?

President Grotsky:

I will see that as friendly.

We also don't have the same time commitment as AMS council members.

We also want to make sure that members hold office hours at the same time as their interns.

Vote on amendment:

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

Director Ismail-Teja:

I'm concerned that this is a threat.

Deputies and commissioners would be perceived as requiring on the first year council, discouraging people from applying for deputy or commissioner.

Could you address that? Do you see it as an issue?

President Grotsky:

I'd suggest the opposite! I think involving more first years gives more opportunities to get involved.

Creating jobs specifically for first years is a great way to do that.

In terms of lower turnout as a result of this, I don't see that being an issue.

2015 Year Society Vice-President Ly:

Why did you not include an intern for HRO?

President Grotsky:

We don't want to put too much pressure on the HRO this year, and also they aren't technically a part of council

2017 Year Society Vice-President Chaudhry:

If you want to involve first years, why are you not getting the year societies to get them involved?

President Grotsky:

Year societies are more than welcome to get students involved, this is just more opportunities for students, and helps the society as a whole.

Speaker:

We just checked, you do have to vote on a friendly amendment. If it is deemed unfriendly, then it does not go to a vote

Senator Smolej:

I commend you for starting this initiative.

Ensuring continuity for the passion of student government is extremely important.

It's a great job to do as an executive or a member of council to oversee an intern.

Senator Chinniah:

Point of information: Was my amendment recorded as a monthly meeting?

Speaker:

Get it in writing, get it to me, and we'll vote on it

President Grotsky:

Can I propose an amendment to your amendment?

Rather than mandating a monthly meeting, how about we have at least one office hour per week that overlaps?

CESA Vice-President Beard:

Point of order: Would this go in this motion, or would it go in the job policy for the intern?

Speaker:

Right in this one

CESA Vice-President Beard:

Are members-at-large welcome at these meetings? How will they be advertised?

President Grotsky:

At assembly?

CESA Vice-President Beard:

At the first-year meetings. Con-Ed is getting interns for executive this year, and I was wondering if they could attend

President Grotsky:

Yeah, we could do some collaboration where the members of both meet?

Speaker:

This is unorthodox. I had intended on speaking about this.

I'm going to step down temporarily.

I'll speak to this, and then return

Speaker will henceforth be known as Member Davis

Commissioner Wiseman will henceforth be known as Speaker

Member Davis:

I want to speak in opposition to this, not because I think it's malicious but because I think it may have adverse effects.

While we are nominally known as "no experience required"

Disproportionate numbers of deputies get picked as commissioners

You will then see deputies disproportionately selected over interns.

By creating another class of entry, you are barring people from the society who only discover it later in their time at Queen's.

Those students who have done it in their first year, will undeniably have an advantage.

It does disadvantage people unduly.

President Grotsky:

I see your logic, but I would challenge the opposite.

By that logic, you're suggesting that you shouldn't be gaining knowledge about the society. Any position we offer will benefit people from the society.

Adding first-year interns will only add more opportunities, not take them away.

Saying that it's taking them away from other people doesn't make much sense to me.

We hired 2 deputies to our commissioners.

The fact that people are gaining experience is valuable, and I don't see a concern with that.

Like I said, the AMS offers a similar program. A lot of first years want to get involved but don't know what they can apply to.

That being said, I'd really like to pass this and give students an opportunity to get involved at the first year level.

Senator Chinniah:

I have a direct response and a quote of contention with what just happened.

Among AMS interns (~30), and only 2 of them were hired full-time positions, and only 4 of them hired on deputy positions.

I don't think the trend shows that being a first year intern advantages you for another position.

I think with respect to Speaker Davis, I think it's inappropriate for you as an arbitrator of this body to be giving opinions

I'd be willing to go as far as moving for a censure, or striking your comments for the minutes.

I don't think that this is impartial.

Member Davis:

I'm not speaker anymore. I'm filling in, ad hoc

My term is over at Speaker's business, which you were not here for.

If you would rather I not, I'm happy to go home early.

We're also re-opening in discussion period for Speaker

Speaker:

If anybody has issues with Member Davis, we can take a strawpoll. It is a non-binding vote.

All in favour of speaker remaining at this assembly

Strawpoll

For: 8

Against: 6

Speaker:

I will remain Speaker for the remainder of assembly

Senator Smolej:

Just to echo some of the comments made by Senator Chinniah.

I think that the first-year interns fulfill an unmet function for lack of a better word.

We're providing them with an opportunity.

I can understand the concerns.

Do high school students who participated in student council have an advantage?

We can talk to the AMS HRO about hiring policy.

There is sort of an insider advantage, which speaks a lot to student politics.

The benefits here hugely outweigh any of the risks.

Member Goodman:

It's going to be toeing a very fine line, in terms of what we've just been speaking about.

What matters is the approach. If it's approached as purely a way to entice the interns to apply for further positions, then it could turn into an internal advancement structure.

However, if it's approached as making opportunities for yourself as a first-year, then it can turn out quite well.

If this does pass, I would encourage the executive and commissioners to make sure the educational experience is rewarding, rather than to just entice them to apply further in the society

President Grotsky:

I think the worrying of the policy speaks to the latter of what Member Goodman just said.

We did not state that the goal was to get these people to apply for Commissioner next year.

It's a way to get them involved a year earlier, and take part in the governance process.

Their role on the first-year council will be to benefit first-year students as a whole

I really do like the discussion that's been going on thus far.

Representative Giordano:

I'd like to say as a first-year student, I don't think there's any problem with introducing new opportunities for first-years to get involved.

I don't think there's anything unique about this position that would give you an unfair advantage for future positions.

Senator Jamieson:

I'd like to echo the sentiments of Representative Giordano.

I remember coming here as a first-year student, thinking that you couldn't get in

Although there is the possibility for more advancement within the society, it's important to give them a glimpse into what student government at Queen's is about.

President Grotsky:

One last time, this is simply an opportunity for students, please vote in the

Speaker:

Under Section A-13.03

Amendment: "ASUS interns would be mandated to participate in at least one (1) office hour per week with their commissioner present"

Vote on motion :

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion: "That ASUS Assembly open the agenda"

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Laura Stemp

Vote:

For: 17

Against: 0

Motion passes

Motion: "That ASUS Assembly add the "Reward Grants and Funds" motion"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Blake Butler

Vote:

For: 17

Against: 0

Motion passes

Motion: "That ASUS Assembly close the agenda"

Moved by: Irfan Tahiri

Seconded by: Blake Butler

Vote:

For: 17

Against: 0

Motion passes

Member Tahiri:

A committee receives a bunch of applications.

We determine how much we award to each initiative.

This is the Winter 2014 Funds and Grants!

Every semester, ASUS gives out \$4000

The students coming up will address their events individually.

One quick note, we made the change that instead of Equity and Diversity and ASUS Grant as 1000\$ each, we combined them and made it \$2000.

We ended up only giving \$650 to ASUS Grant, and \$1200 to Equity and Diversity, so the added flexibility is great!

The ratification is something we got rid of this year.

We're going to discuss the projects, and we'll do no voting.

Discussion Period

Matt from Queen's Genetically Engineered Machine:

QGEM is a student-led research team that participates in the Genetically Engineered Machine at MIT every year.

This is a fantastic way for students to learn about research!

They will engineer a microorganism to tackle a host of problems.

We've seen increasing success in our initiatives.

In 2012, we successfully engineered Flagella that won us a gold medal.

This way, we behaviourally manipulated Malarial mosquitoes to reduce the spread of disease.

The money ASUS donates to us finances reagents and equipment necessary.

We also receive other sources of funding, and have been receiving increasing support from both Engineering and Arts and Science

Ann from Queen's Creative Writing Club:

I'm the co-president with Tiffany.

This will open the gateway for students at Queen's University.

We are a new club, so there aren't many members and we have been running into difficulty.

However, there are a lot of people at Queen's who are interested in Creative writing!

Tiffany and I will be expanding the club.

Tiffany, being a computer science student, has created a website.

With this grant, we'll be able to have unlimited uploading of written and spoken work on our website

We'd like to hold workshops for creative writers

ESTER is a creative writing festival every September.

Senator Chinniah:

I have a question for QGEM. What are your opinions on genetically modified foods?

QGEM Representative:

In terms of GMO foods, there's been a huge debate within the media and scientific community.

The concern is that they will alter insect and plant populations, especially honey bee and butterfly migratory patterns.

This type of research, assigning causation to GMO foods, is very tricky.

Member Pang:

I have one question for each of you.

For matthew: I'm wondering about your reagent? Is it used in the lab, or in the competition?

Member Matthew:

IGEM regulations state that we can't start work until May 1st, and we will be using them in the lab in Botteral Hall

Member Pang:

You said you'd have an online magazine. I'm wondering, maybe you'd want to ask ASUS about resources they have like Queen's Tartan or QSURJ?

You could use this money for better uses

Senator Smolej:

When posing questions to potential members at large, don't the questions have to be the same for each member?

Speaker:

Yes

Senator Smolej:

How much money are you each receiving?

QGEM Representative:

\$500 from ASUS

QCWC Representative:

\$150 from ASUS

Member Tahiri:

\$650 total

Speaker:

Reminder: this is not a motion, we are not voting on this.

Member Tahiri:

African and Caribbean Students' Association - \$500 – Subsidies for black history month
Queen's I Can See - \$200 Subsidizing costs for an event, to spread awareness about eye treatment access in India

Women in Science and Engineering - \$500 to cover homecoming event!

ACSC Representative:

We raise awareness about spreading our culture.

Our funding goes to main events, like Black History month, culture show.

For Black History month, we've gotten the attention of Principal Woolf and the Mayor of Kingston.

The culture show costs include decorations.

WISE Representative:

We will be using this money for our homecoming event.

We had about a dozen engineering alumni return

We want to hold two events next year. One for engineering alumni, and one for arts and science.

I Can See Representative:

We just started this semester.

There's a charity called "I can't in India".

It pays for people to have cataract surgery and eye care medication for people in India.

Any leftover money goes to other surgeries.

Member-at-large:

The \$200 we are receiving from ASUS, we're looking to split it half and half between sweater production, and bowling night subsidies

Senator Chinniah:

Point of personal privilege: I have an issue that I have to attend to.

Speaker:

Reminder: all questions have to be applicable to all people

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

Is that the case for discussion period? I thought it was looser.

Speaker:

There's actually nothing in there!

My ruling is to say that you should only ask questions

2015 Year Society Vice-President Ly:

Can I oppose that?

Speaker:

Yes

Motion: "That ASUS Assembly overturn the speaker's ruling"

Moved by: Member Bannerman

Seconded by: Member Pang

Vote:

For: 14

Against: 2

Abstain:

Motion passes

Senator Smolej:

So regardless of questions, we cannot overturn any awarding of funding?

Member Tahiri:

Given the ratifications we eliminated, yes

2015 Year Society President Stemp:

For the I Can See clothing, are you creating clothing for awareness, or going to sell it?

Member-at-large:

We hope to spread awareness as a student group, through events we'll be running.

It won't have information on it about ocular surgeries, but it'll have our logo and hopefully that'll bring an image.

Member Tahiri:

ASUS Student Initiative Fund was started by the Dean. Gives out \$1000 per semester.

Audrey has been given \$500

Sajita is also receiving \$500 to assist with the cost of visiting Nunavut, through QPID

Member Audrey:

I'm going to Bangladesh for 6 weeks this summer with the Queen's Christian Fellowship.

We've been invited by our partner fellowship to help out with work in the community.

I don't know my placement, but it might be in medical clinic, orphanage, women's empowerment areas.

There are 16 students all over Ontario going, to learn about social justice and poverty.

I am a health studies student, and I get to work in a context that's very directly related to what I study here at Queen's, as well as my belief in God.

Member Sajita:

Traveling with another intern to Nunavut for 2 months

We're going to organize a cost-free summer daycare in a community with a disproportionate number of youths.

We hire councilors, run orientation for them, run interactive workshops in English and Inuktitut.

We also do physical education workshops, swimming lessons, healthy eating options

One of the reason I wanted to work with QPID and Nunavut, is because we want to work with the community. We aren't going in to tell them what's wrong and change it.

The money I'm receiving from ASUS will go towards accommodating the Nunavut project and its expenses, such as flights

Senator Smolej:

As we are all aware, we can ask individual questions.

You may not be aware, but last academic year, there was quite a contentious time with the student initiative fund, specifically with ethical issues regarding voluntourism.

Where do you see ethics in a hospital that may not have the same regulations as back here?

What do you hope to provide to them that they may not have access to?

Member Audrey:

The work we'll be doing is mostly for the purpose of relationship building in Daka.

We're not going in with the intention of changing things. It's really for the purpose of learning what their situation and life is like, what justice means, and what it means for me to be who I am, coming from where I am.

I won't be doing anything super significant or influential to a medical clinic. It will be much closer to a shadowing.

Does that answer your question?

Senator Smolej:

Yes. You mentioned a religious organization. Are there any evangelical intentions?

Member Audrey:

Yes. We work with students to figure out who Jesus is, and what the bible says about our university life.

The other aspect of the project is learning about ethnic and gender diversity.

The aim isn't to evangelize the population, which is largely Muslim.

It's about what it means to develop a relationship with the people there.

Member Tahiri:

Final one is the ASUS Special Project Fund.

As you know, we made a change.

The only committees or clubs that can apply are ASUS ones.

The decision is also not chosen by a committee, but by council

ASUS Camps is receiving \$500 to subsidize the cost of having 5-6 children for a week

ASUS Peer Tutoring is receiving \$500 for the new APT website.

We have four weeks left, so we can start the project now!

Member Ingold:

We're not-for-profit. We do try to get as many kids as possible.

We currently take 77 kids that don't require one-on-one, but we also accept children who need extra one-on-one support

We provide full and partial bursaries, and look for other funding as well.

President Grotsky:

APT has grown significantly this year.

The director cannot manage the workload of matching.

We have some of the best directors I've ever seen.

The goal is to create a website that will automatically manage the tutors and tutees together.

This helps because you'll be matched instantly, instead of a 3 day wait.

This also makes it easier to apply to be a tutor or find a tutor

Scribe:

With whom are you building the website?

President Grotsky:

We consulted with several companies, and the one we chose is the cheapest

The average company suggested it would cost \$8000-\$12'000.

This company has given us a quote of \$4500

Senator Smolej:

This is the special projects fund, and is intended to be a one-time use. How do you see that fitting into the position of the Director of ASUS Camps. Do you not see this need in subsequent year?

President Grotsky:

These are two separate projects.

Member Ingold:

The new director position has nothing to do with this fund

Senator Smolej:

Is there a reason none of these were included in the package?

Member Tahiri:

I did send it

Speaker:

I did not get it

Member Tahiri:

I'll make a PDF and put it under the assembly package

2015 Year Society Vice-President Ly:

Point of personal privilege: Can I go?

Speaker:

Yes

During that first discussion topic, things are a little rusty.

Before we continue on to the next discussion topics, I'll go over policy so you are aware of it. This is Policy Manual Part 1, Section I-1-13

13.0.1 The Speaker shall invite members at large to indicate topics they wish discussed.

The Speaker

will compile a list of such topics. Each member may only suggest one topic at a time. The topics shall be discussed in the order in which they are raised.

1 **3.0.2** The Speaker shall then invite the member proposing the topic to make a preliminary statement not exceeding five (5) minutes.

13.0.3 The Speaker shall keep a Speaker's list. Individuals may only speak once until all those wishing to speak have had a chance, then the list will begin again.

13.0.4 When no further members attempt to be recognized to speak, the Speaker shall call three (3) times for further comments upon the topic currently under discussion.

13.0.5 Seeing none, the next topic shall be addressed in a manner identical to the above.

13.0.6 At the completion of all topics, the Speaker shall call three (3) times for further topics. If any arise, they shall be addressed in the above manner. Seeing none, discussion period is terminated.

13.0.7 All member must obtain the recognition of the Speaker before making their remarks.

13.0.8 Discussion Period has a time limit of thirty (30) minutes notwithstanding a seconded, non-debatable motion of extension approved by a majority.

13.0.9 Members are allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaking turn during Discussion Period.

Senator Smolej:

Why are we voting on discussion period before it has started?

Vice-President Butler:

Point of information, what we were doing within the grants was part of discussion period

Motion : "That ASUS Assembly extend discussion period"

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Emily Baird

Vote:

For: 14

Against: 0

Motion passes

Code of Conduct Consultation and Planning (Presented by Carson Falk):

Member Falk:

Two weeks ago, I brought forth a code of conduct.

We had a very fruitful discussion about the topic, with the biggest issue being that there

was not adequate consultation.

Fair enough, I agree with you!

I'm here today to ask for consultation.

Over the summer months, myself, Ruhee, and incoming commissioner Mackrell will be working on this.

The premise of the code of conduct is that it outlines some relatively uncontroversial equity terms, and then goes into a procedure of dealing with contradictions to these terms.

ASUS has had an unceremonious past of being involved with issues of equity.

The point is to set parameters to maintain a safe space and how to deal with conflict.

It is complaint-driven, so people are encouraged to contact myself if something happened.

JCOMM and the Equity Commissioner would take these into account, there would be calls for letters from both parties. There is a deliberation process by JCOMM, and they would read the ruling at a closed session of assembly.

Closed assembly is just members of assembly. Debate would revolve around the motion itself. Not what was said or what wasn't said.

The motion is restricted to being a censureship or a noncensureship

A censureship is an official distancing of the opinions expressed by the member.

It's not an impeachment, there's no way the individual could be impeached, just whether or not ASUS wants to align itself with what the individual said.

If members want to heighten the sanction, or not have one at all, it's within their right to do so.

This is Lucy's plan over the summertime, to increase consultation and hopefully bring something in early September that is passable.

The first step, go to the Human Rights Office and Equity Office, give them our current document, and ask them to clarify more in terms of the definitions we've laid out, as well as the procedure we have for dealing with this.

The next step is to take it to the Social Issues Commissioner, reviewing the terms in the document.

In early September, taking it to Equity Caucus, and discussing it there.

Go over some other documents, like the CESA code of conduct.

I want your opinion. Do you like the plan? Is there anything else we should do?

Representative Giordano:

Point of information: at what point, if there is a complaint made about a member of assembly, are they actually made aware of the issue? Currently and under this code of conduct

Member Falk:

Currently there are no rules governing these kinds of issues.

If somebody causes an uproar, it falls on executive and council to navigate those murky waters.

Under the Code of Conduct procedures, notice would be given once the committee is struck.

Once notice for letters has gone out, that is the official notice.

Representative Giordano:

I think it's very serious if it was something innocuous that became very offensive, it's a serious issue if someone's name is brought up in a Human Rights question.

This is the kind of thing that could follow you for a long time into the future.

We should take steps to mediate between members.

Member Falk:

The point of this document is when situations have risen above self-navigation.

I have certainly tried this year, and I'm sure other members of council have been very open with dialogue. I hope that trend will continue.

This is not meant to be a thought-police style thing.

The reason it's complaint-driven is because it does affect a lot of people.

I think that the whole point of limiting the sanction to be a censure or non-censure, really speaks to not policing anything

Vice-President Butler:

I was here two weeks ago as a member of assembly.

There was long and good debate on this, and I'm happy to hear that yourself and Commissioner Mackrell are going to be working on this over the summer

Senator Smolej:

I'm disappointed with the precedence that's been set.

The majority of the people here have not seen the document.

I was wondering if any of the representatives have been sent the document?

There were a number of issues about this document at a very very very contentious assembly two weeks ago.

Step 1 is reading the document as it stands, so I'd like to recommend the new equity commissioner to send out the policy alongside the minutes from two weeks ago, where debates surrounding this document occurred.

What does it mean to be a member of assembly? Jurisdictional issues relating to non-academic discipline.

Commissioner Mackrell:

Thank you for your comments? I will send them as soon as I can.

Representative Patterson:

What is the status of this? Was it passed two weeks ago?

Member Falk:

It was struck from the agenda. It became quite clear that it wouldn't be passing, and there would be obligations if the motion failed. So we listened to discussion, and then struck it.

We're hoping to bring it back next year.

Speaker's Last Words

Speaker:

Outgoing speaker Davis wanted me to ask one more time if there was anyone who wanted to be the Speaker next year.

Nominations:

Troy Sherman

Member Sherman:

Is CEO still a position on council?

Speaker:

As of right now, yes. But we're working on stuff to separate them.

Member Bourne:

95% sure

Speaker:

We're thinking of separating the role of CEO from Speaker, and moving CEO responsibilities to the chair of JCOMM.

We'll see whether or not it passes. It will probably come next year.

The CEO handles the election.

The CEO of AMS is Speaker.

The Speaker would become just the speaker.

Member Sherman is the incoming Life Science director

Senator Schacter:

The head of JCOMM?

Speaker:

They're hired by myself, outgoing JCOMM head, and outgoing internal affairs commissioner.

Strawpoll on separating role of CEO/Speaker and transferring power of CEO to Speaker:

For: 10

Against: 3

Speaker:

You should read over the responsibilities of Speaker and CEO

Senator Smolej:

Did we not have a similar discussion related to this with CEO and Speaker?

Member Bourne:

There was. It was sent to JCOMM, and we got back their findings a couple of days ago.

The policy is ready to go. They recommend responsibilities of CEO get moved to JCOMM chair, they would no longer be able to run in election.

Speaker:

I think we should save the Speaker for another day.

Many of you are new on assembly, and a summer looking over these policies, reading the 167 page policy manual.

Come back in September with a fresh opinion.

Vice-President Butler:

What are Member Sherman's thoughts on the position?

Member Sherman:

I mean...Oh jeez.

I would do it only on the condition I was no longer CEO, and I have other responsibilities.

I can't run ASUS elections with my other responsibilities.

I can rule with an iron fist at assembly, with a smile on my face.

Speaker:

I will have the motion to separate the roles come next assembly.

We'll elect the Speaker during Speaker's Last Word next assembly.

I will take the role of speaker until then.

The outgoing ASUS President Mason has a presentation to give as part of my last word here.

Member Mason:

At the AGM, Irfan presented his executive item to the vice-President. I'm here to present my executive item.

Adam, I have a copy of "Oh the places you'll go" signed by ASUS Presidents dating back to the 90s.

I wrote something in there for you, and it'll be your duty to write something for your successor.

This is more disgusting, but it has to be done.

Every president since around the time this was created has also signed their name on this pillow.

You must take this pillow and sleep on it tonight.

It's kind of gross, but we all did it!

Speaker:

Once again, welcome to ASUS assembly. We've had a blast tonight!

We'll be putting students first and building bridges.

There is someone here with a good specialty in building bridges.

Motion: "That ASUS Assembly adjourn":

Moved by: Brendan Goodman

Seconded by: Everybody

Vote:

For: 16

Against: 0

Motion passes

Finishing Time: 9:04pm