

Minutes for ASUS Assembly on Thursday, March 14th, 2013

Starting Time: 7:05

Speaker Kasraee: Any concerns regarding the agenda?

Speaker Kasraee will henceforth be referred to as Speaker

Commissioner Anwar: I moved around motions for ease of omnibussing, and so that people who are only here for a few motions can speak to them earlier to be more fair

Rector Francis: Motion to amend motion 6 so that it says "Furthermore, that ASUS assembly choose a new member for The Agnes Benedict Tricolour Award Selection Committee"
Seconded by Representative Zahid

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Lang: I'd like to omnibus motions previously known as 3 through 35

Representative Prescott: Point of information: Can you put the motions up on the screen?

Member Lang: I'd like to omnibus motions now addressed as 7-39, the motions brought forth by Jesse Waslowski

Representative Prescott: The member who said "motions 3-5"?

Member Lang: Point of information: I corrected myself. That was due to an issue with the motions being moved around

Representative Lively: Point of order: We need to wait for the speaker to recognize us before we speak, so I ask that everyone do that please

Commissioner Anwar: Point of information, I don't believe that a motion-er has to approve their motion to be omnibussed, I believe any member can motion to omnibus

Member Mason: You are correct

Representative Prescott: Point of personal privilege: We are arguing what is in procedure, and it is up to the Internal Affairs Commissioner to decide that.

Member Mason: Point of order: There's no debate, that's just how it is Member Prescott

Speaker: It is a procedural motion, so we will just vote on it

Member Lang: Is there anywhere in constitution or policy where I cannot elaborate on my motion?

Commissioner Anwar: Because it is procedural, there is no discussion. This information can be found in Section 18.00

Representative Prescott: Point of information: You have mentioned that any member is allowed to amend the omnibus motion?

Speaker: You can only add an amendment

Representative Prescott: Can I add the amendment that we do not omnibus motions 4-35

Commissioner Anwar:

- Omnibus is a way of considering a bunch of motions all at once to move things forward
- We're at the society annual meeting. Any Arts and Science student has a vote today
- Quorum is 50 people, we have more than 50, so everything is dandy
- All votes today will be at the discretion of the chair. This is due to the nature of having so many people in the room.
- People can attempt to amend things to add to the omnibus, but if not considered friendly, then the amendment will not be added
- There is a method of de-omnibussing, but it will be done after the omnibus has been approved
- Once an omnibus has been approved, the first one in the list, we will address all of them as one

Member Conway: In the event that they are omnibussed, what happens if the motion fails?

Commissioner Anwar: If that motion were to fail, then every one of those motions would have failed.

Representative Prescott: Point of information: For any voters who came in today, did they have to prove their registration in the Arts and Science society?

Speaker: No

Representative Prescott: Point of order: How can we be sure that non-members won't sway their votes in whichever way they want

Member Schruder: I motion to adjourn

Commissioner Anwar: I'd like the member to withdraw their motion, have a recess, have everybody sign in, and continue assembly. Motion for a 10 minute recess

Representative Prescott: Point of order: before we motion to recess, there is a motion on the floor

Representative Lively: As I mentioned last time, the first motion that needs to be approved is the agenda itself. We cannot motion for a recess or adjournment until we approve the agenda and any amendments made to it

Member at large: Before we vote on the agenda, we have to decide if this is constitutional, which is what this recess would try to do

Member Mason: Point of order: This is an attempt to disenfranchise members of the Arts and Science community

Representative Prescott: Who is he to say that we are trying to disenfranchise members here?

Member Mason: It will take too long to sign out all these individuals. Are we in the faculty of Arts and Science in here?

Assembly: Yes

Member Sugar: We have to ensure the purity of the audience as Undergraduate Arts and Science members

Member Imrie: As much as I respect the purity of this vote, but we shouldn't be taking the time out of students

Representative Prescott: Point of personal privilege: We are trying to sidestep the procedure, and the constitution for expediency's sake, and I find it disconcerting to the fundamental fabric of this society that we can't determine the purity of the vote.

Representative Rotman: Point of information: At AMS AGM, members who want voting rights have to sign in. Is this not the historical precedent in ASUS?

Speaker: Speaker's ruling for a 15-minute recess so that everyone can sign in. You can challenge this Speaker's rule

Representative Rotman: How are you going to validate the members of the Arts and Science community?

Speaker: Student cards

Member Schruder: Point of personal privilege: I just want to say to Member Mason that we did not intend to disenfranchise students in any way

15 minute recess

Representative Rotman: Point of information: Can we have the Speaker or Commissioner of Internal Affairs verify the purity of the ballots? There were multiple stations.

Speaker: Yes I can verify that, and we have two people at the door now to verify future attendants. We're going to vote on the motion brought forth

Member Lang: Point of information: 24.2.2 in Policy - unless said otherwise, all motions are debatable

Representative Prescott: Point of order: Last I checked, it was the motion to adjourn before the motion to omnibus

Member Schruder: If it so pleases you speaker, I'd like to bring up that motion again

Commissioner Anwar: We use BRUNO - All procedural motions are non-debatable. We do make a ruling that we follow those, and in order to expedite things, I believe that's why the Speaker has made that ruling

Member Lang: Challenge that motion.
Seconded by Member at large

Member Schruder: Do we need a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass?

Speaker: Yes

Deputy Equity Officer Gelette: If we vote yes, is there then a debate on the omnibus?

Speaker: Yes

Vote:

Motion fails

Speaker: Not a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, my ruling stands. We will now vote on a motion to omnibus the motions

Member at large: Point of personal privilege: There is somebody in here with products containing gluten. Can we get a motion to remove the muffins due to the ventilation?

Representative Prescott: Point of personal privilege: I would like to make it known that considering the laughter of some people to those with invisible disabilities, it is creating an unsafe space

Speaker: Your point is noted

Vote for Omnibussing motions 3-37
Motion passes

Motion 1: “That ASUS Assembly approve the agenda for the March 14th, 2013 Assembly”

Moved by: Zaeem Anwar
Seconded By: John Whittaker
Motion passes

Representative Rotman: It is with the heaviest heart and the utmost shame that I have to bring this up again. My name is Rotman, not Rottman.

Representative Lively: Page 56-57 about me putting forward a motion to remove certain members of the assembly. We never passed that motion, the speaker just ruled that it happened

Speaker: I do recall asking for a vote

Representative Prescott: I'd like to bring forth some concerns I have on the minutes on the second last page, where I'd mention a point of personal privilege with my comments regarding Member Basilio. I mentioned later on, though it was not recorded, that “Again, I confirm I am not a victim-blamer and I am not a rape condoner”

Motion 2: “That ASUS Assembly approve the minutes for the March 5th, 2013 Assembly”

Moved by: Zaeem Anwar
Seconded By: John Whittaker
Motion passes

President Whittaker: We have a strange thing where the President is the speaker for the general meetings. I will relinquish my rights to Speaker Kasraee for the rest of the meeting after, though I will speak now

- Welcome to the annual general meeting for ASUS Assembly
- The SAM (Societal Annual Meeting) is always exciting
- Grants/Funds distributed
- New council ratified
- Fantastic guest speaker
- A lively gallery, as well as a Tyler Lively
- The last assembly for this current group of representatives
- I also believe that it has the potential to be a contentious evening
- There are lots of motions, though many fewer now
- The motion that will have significant impact on the functions of this society and our ability to represent this students

- My intention is to remind all of us why we're here: This is a democratic forum where we should exercise our right to discuss in a cordial and respectful environment
- For those of you here with a specific interest (one motion, or the rest of the motions): I appreciate your coming here
- Discussion might take a very long time due to substance, but it is important to consider the motions thoroughly, what is said before you vote.
- The worst disservice you could do is to not listen to what everyone else says, because everybody's opinion matters
- We will be very judicious in our rule-following

Representative Prescott: Point of information: I'd like it to be brought to the attention of all members that regarding what you're saying about people coming in here with an open mind: There are people who came to the special assembly with a closed mind

President Whittaker: It would be unfortunate if that was the case, but I hope that it is not. Your point is noted

- Thank you for those who brought up the point that potentially not all members should have the ability to vote
- It was an oversight, thank you for bearing with us while we figured it out
- This is the annual meeting for Arts and Science students
- Decorum is very important
- Very packed agenda, though everyone has the right to say as much to you want
- Please respect speaking rights
- Be respectful, listen to people, we will progress as possible

Representative Lively: Point of order: In order for President Whittaker to give his speaking rights to Speaker Kasraee - *cut off*

President Whittaker: It is my Speaker's ruling, though you can challenge it

Speaker:

- I've had a wonderful time chairing the assembly since the beginning
- I can't say I ever saw myself where I was last Tuesday
- I hope tonight goes more smoothly and thank you all for coming out and showing your interest in the society

Melissa Gossier:

- Honoured to be here, thank you all for inviting me
- 6 years since I've sat here on this panel
- In June 2003, my journey at Queen's began
- Getting into the Queen's spirit early, I purchased a tricolour rugby shirt
- You're thinking "How does a rugby shirt connect to my future?"
- Every time I wear it, I think about all the lessons I've learned at Queen's

- In Fall 2003, I drove into the Queen's Campus, moved into residence, and started my first year as an Arts student
 - My plan: Work hard, move out of my comfort zone, and stay on the path to becoming a lawyer
 - Don't over-plan! It doesn't really help you
 - It is important to have a plan; however, things change quickly
 - Make sure your plans are adaptable
 - I went from majoring in History to Sociology
 - Went from taking an LSAT preparative course to a course about public relations
 - I switched from TV PR to Government, to Consumer PR
 - If you plan too hard, you are not adaptable to change, be it sudden or gradual
 - Outside this campus, it's all about adapting
- In Fall 2004, I moved into a 7-person house as a Sociology major
 - Started as a Gael, where my two co-gaels were good friends of mine
 - I went from being the quiet one to being one that was more confident and had more leadership
 - I was able to take that confidence and it let me apply for Chair positions for the Exposure Arts Festival
 - As hard as it can be, confidence is the key ingredient to success in anything in your life
 - It's still a hard concept for me
 - If you remain confident, you cannot believe how much success can come out of those situations
 - At Queen's, I built the confidence to do all these things
 - All I can say is that confidence is key
 - If you don't have confidence, you can fake it until you make it - create a professional persona and don't be afraid to have your voice heard
- In Fall 2005, I became the ultimate juggler - I was busy
 - I took a double-major in Sociology/Religious Studies after having a fascination in Buddhism
 - Part-time receptionist for AMS, danced 8 times a week with QDC
 - I had a thick LSAT preparative course book
 - With all of these things, I learned to stay organized. I cannot stress how vital organization can be both in University and in your Career
 - I came up with a system - Notebooks with to-do lists, and birthdays, etc
 - I know it's an obvious practice, but an organizational system can really lead to you being more successful
 - It is the way to keep you professional, confident, and on-the-ball
- In Fall 2006, I entered my fourth and final year
 - I was bittersweet. Sad to think that I was graduating, but exciting to think what my life would be beyond graduation
 - Focuses: Classes, Thesis, Social Director of Queen's Dance Club, and what I would do when I grow up

- Canned the law-school plan. I decided to leverage my fourth year into 8 months driving my true passions and how to take that into a life after Queen's
- It was filled with joy, debate, lots of laughter and tears
- Academically, everything was fine. I planned great events, danced, and loved it
- ASUS was another story: A lot of ups and downs for the 2006-2007 council
- Came into it with a lot of heartache
- 2 years before, the society had a major financial loss
- People lost faith in ASUS and their accountability
- We wanted to turn the reputation from negative to positive, showing how great ASUS was
- In my year alone, the ASUS movie theatre still had a 30-40 year old projector, which broke down for 2 months
- Our Jackets supplier was delayed by 3 months to deliver. There were also a lot of errors in jackets when they did get there
- I had to face the Board of Directors for review
- I was very embarrassed, but that experience set me into handling any problem, and defending my own work and the work of the organization
- During those times, instead of making excuses, I acted
- I learned not only how to be proactive but reactive
- Worked tirelessly with VP to reallocate funds
- Picked a better manufacturer for jackets that would be lower cost and more dependable
- I learned to be a self-starter. Some of you might be scared of it, but whether it's starting your own project, or improving a new project to greater heights, you would not believe the success you can find
- Remain the bigger person, both in professional and personal lives
- You guys are young, but it's always better to be wise beyond your years
- Never act out - easier said than done, but people won't react well in the working world
- Let your passions drive you. I've taken my experience with ASUS and turned it into a career
- My skills with marketing, working with people was able to turn into a Public Relations career
- Knock on as many doors as you can, and don't be afraid to move out of your comfort zone
- Since I've graduated, I went to Humber College, got a post-graduate in Public Relations. If you want more, go get more
- Edwin Public Relations, and four-seasons hotel as PR person. Also at CPP
- You wonder how the rugby shirt fits into everything: Whenever I write cover letters, working late, or needed inspiration, I would wear this shirt and be reminded of all the things I learned at Queen's
- Don't over-plan. Find your confidence. Know your self-worth. Become organized. Discover your own voice and let your passions drive you. Don't be afraid to be yourself. If you have one of these things going on, and you can uncover the other ingredients for a successful life. Thank you

Representative Prescott: We talked about being yourself and acting who you are. How is that we overcome situations where being yourself, the society is not willing to accept that?

Melissa Gossier: I would say it's not always the easiest situation. I work in PR where you have to be yourself or people won't trust you. My advice is to combine who you are by giving a little dash of professionalism. I've been in fights with media, and these are people who can influence my career. If you can map out your plan, ask the right questions, think about your end goal, and let that drive you. People will respect you a lot more if you are professional, and stop yourself before you get too abrupt.

President Whittaker:

- Said basically everything in my pre-speech
- Thank you again everybody for coming out tonight
- Huge congratulations to the ASUS formal committee.
- Most financially successful formal in a decade

Vice-President Jacobs:

- Nothing to add to my report
- John stole my part with the formal
- Welcome to everyone here who is being ratified for funds and grants, and to the incoming council
- I have nothing further to add
- There will be an information sheet regarding funds and grants being passed out later

Senator Aulhouse:

- I would like to add that on Monday, we are having a dinner with the current and incoming Senators, where we will elect the new academics caucus chair

Statements by Members

Year Society '13 President Galloway:

- Heidi and I (my vice-president) have been working on donations for the class of 2013 graduates.
- We're raising money for our class gifts which go to charitable funds in queen's
- You can find them on a list
- Chatham's fund - students who need groceries/rent
- Arts and science student initiative fund - helps strengthen students' lives at queen's through things outside of queen's
- Student health services plan
- www.classof2013.ca
- There are people in this room with minority opinions, so please respect people

Representative Rotman:

- Bittersweet comment for me: I was informed coming in that this is my last assembly as an ASUS Rep, and so I wanted to say that it has been an honour to serve with those who I have served with over the past 2 years
- It was also a pleasure to serve the students of Arts and Science
- For those graduating this year, good luck
- For those remaining, good luck

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- Congratulations to the casting crew who are performing.
- Opening night tonight
- All proceeds donated to victims of sexual assault and rape

Vice-President Jacobs:

- Board of Directors applications deadline extended. They are due Monday at 4pm

Representative Prescott:

- My statements echo those of Representative Rotman.
- It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be a representative
- We've brought forth as a caucus adverse opinions, and it's important that we have that tradition continue, and that those who are elected as representatives can represent most of the entire Arts and Science Undergraduate community
- We've made a name for ourselves as a caucus this year, I'd like to see that continue

Rector Francis:

- I'd like to take a second to mention on behalf and thank the individuals:
- Representatives, council members, speaker, we all owe them a debt of gratitude
- Executive members have done a fantastic job

Speaker:

- I would like to echo those comments as well.
- Without Zaeem, I couldn't do this

Member Waslowski:

- I have posed a number of motions tonight
- They are proposed in good faith, in an attempt the functionality of this society, and the achievement of the society
- As a rule, I'd like you to keep in mind: If we are taking resources in terms of money, human capital, or temporal resources, and using them on less than effective pursuits, we are causing more harm than taking money from those people
- If they are only interested in the funding, then we are not only not producing high value, but destroying value by eliminating people who could be providing more value
- Further to that, I'd like to mention that since my motions have been omnibussed, I intend to remove all motions regarding community outreach, services, year societies, academics (except DSC stuff) and ASUS grants. Other than that, I will be proposing

amendments, and removing more, but I can guarantee that I will not be moving forward with those other ones

Member Petersen:

- I'd like to echo Rector Francis with his comments regarding the current executive and council
- They've done a tough job. It's not easy with people breathing down their necks
- I'd also like to echo the former vice-president of ASUS' comments Duncan Petersen that Member Waslowski has shown great disloyalty by posing this

Member Lang:

- Point of personal privilege: I just believe that it's a little harsh that Member Waslowski is disloyal to ASUS. I know he put a lot of effort into these motions, and he did say that they were all made in good faith

Speaker: I agree with you, but since we're tied on time, I'm going to ask if there are any other statements

Representative Prescott: Point of information: Although I echoed sentiments of Member Lang, the unfortunate reality is that these comments were made in the past week shaming Member Waslowski as a disloyal member to the society. I would like to make it known that these comments were made to this good friend of mine, and that we keep the dialogue in the proper sphere

Member Waslowski: Point of personal privilege: I can understand member Petersen's comments, but I believe the motions to be the best put forward. I would like to defend Member Petersen as an excellent fellow

Representative Lively:

- I'd like to echo the comments made by some of my fellow representatives that it's been a privilege to serve in this community
- I don't regret anything I've done
- I'd like to touch on what happened last week at assembly
 - Certain opinions, in order to move forward, have to be considered
 - We need to respect all diversity, including diversity of opinions
 - It is disheartening to see something like that happen to my fellow representatives
 - I think that budget are some of the most contentious things we talk about here, but not many people show up when we do discuss the budget. Hopefully that's something that will change
- Coming to assembly and expressing your opinion makes you better at expressing your opinion
- I'll leave you all with this: Even if you ask the right questions, you aren't necessarily going to get the right answers.
- Be thoughtful about the questions you ask, and persistent in asking them

Representative Zahid:

- It was a pleasure working this year as ASUS Representative to the AMS
- I came in the middle of the year, and everyone came with open arms
- I recommend everyone to join assembly

Member Lucas:

- I believe a few statements have been made regarding the debate, and that hoping we can have a good conversation about proposals that have been made
- Part of my issue with these proposals is that they are difficult to understand
- My suggestion would be that the next time we would like to have an intelligent debate, you can make clear what the changes are going to do to everyone, and make it clear to everyone what we are voting on
- While I would love to learn and understand what these things are, I am scared about these changes

Question Period:**Old Business:****Vice-President Jacobs:**

- First off, we're going to do the Winter 2013 ASUS Grant:
- Inviting up QGEM (Queen's Genetic Engineering Machines)
- Queen's International Affairs team
- Both have been awarded \$500

Kevin from QGEM:

- QGEM is an international competitive team
- We engineer new organisms to solve real world problems
- We are the top team in Canada, compared to 191 teams (Except for Calgary)

Finance from QGEM:

- The ASUS grant is going directly towards the registration system
- Thanks for the additional capitol

Michelle from QIAA:

- QIAA operates on a sustainable funding model, separating each 8 initiatives into revenue-generating initiatives, and non-revenue-generating
- The Queen's team is ranked second in Canada, and we also beat Harvard
- Students who participate are required to submit delegate fees to QIAA, which offset some cost
- ASUS grant is going towards non-revenue generating initiatives
- Entirely funds our initiatives through student fees, fundraising events, etc

- As such, hopefully the ASUS grant will fund out non-revenue generating initiatives, such as reducing delegate fees
- This will provide more accessibility for Queen's students
- This has allowed students to improve their understanding of international relations
- Our work is significant to Queen's and Kingston
- We feel that we have been instrumental to the culture of understanding different global perspectives
- Thank you for the ASUS grant

Representative Lively:

- This question is for QIAA: Who's ranked first in the country?

QIAA from Girl:

- It's not Western. It's McGill. We will be defeating them next year

Motion 3: "That ASUS Assembly Ratify the 2013 Winter ASUS Grant Recipients"

Moved by: Thomas Jacobs

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Lorway

Motion passes

Vice-President Jacobs:

- I'd like to invite up Dan Ken (\$500) and Laura Corusso (\$500) to subsidize a field trip to South Africa

Dan Ken:

- My primary reason for this grant is to offset transportation costs to get to Germany
- My interest for this program is not arbitrary. There are similar programs in France and in China
- My interest for German started back in 2008 when I first visited Berlin and Vienna
- Two years later, I returned to Germany and further invested myself in their culture, so I thought why not, and am going to learn a new language

Laura Corusso:

- The grant is going to go towards subsidizing a 4-week field study program that I'm doing in South Africa this summer
- Program regarding Biodiversity
- Working for 4 weeks on a reserve in South Africa
- Data can be used for better conservation programs
- Subsidizing the program cost, equipment needed for the trip, etc
- Thank you for the grant

Member at large:

- How would you attribute what you learn on your trips to the Arts and Science community

Dan Ken:

- My purpose for learning German is not solely for knowing another language, but to immerse myself in a new culture and how to empathise with other people, to learn how to learn
- By understanding how other cultures work, I would learn how to understand how Queen's work

Laura Corusso:

- I think people are narrow-minded with what can be done with a biology degree, so I'd like to expand the horizons and give better ideas to those in the community

Dan Ken:

- My passion for this program will hopefully attract some students from Germany

Member Patrick:

- Point of information: I'd like a clarification on how these awards are chosen
- For example, there is a 60\$ fee to appeal an academic mark

Vice-President Jacobs:

- We typically get fewer applications for groups
- Something to look forward to for next executive
- Typically we try to get 4, 5, or 6 applications
- We are obligated by constitution to give out these grants
- It was in the budget that was approved in September
- These are two fine applicants, and it will be decided by the committee this year

Motion 4: "That ASUS Assembly Ratify the 2013 Winter Student Initiative Fund Recipients"

Moved by: Thomas Jacobs

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Lorway

Motion passes

Vice-President Jacobs:

- I'd like to invite the Queen's Film Society who would like money for an online board

Megan McKay:

- Creating an online portal where students from the departments of film' drama' and music can post things about the projects that they are working on' and the help that they require
- Hope is to have this website up by September
- Working with COMPSA site services' and Alexander brand our website developer

5: "That ASUS Assembly Ratify the 2013 Winter Special Fund Recipients"

Moved by: Thomas Jacobs
Seconded By: Jo-Anne Lorway
Motion PASSES

Vice-President Jacobs:

- Queen's Women's in Engineering Team, and the Queen's Tamil Students Association, and the Good Times Diner

Don from Queen's Tamil Students Association:

- Queen's Tamil students association
- Hold quite a few cultural events
- Try to invite all ASUS and AMS members to
- This fund will go to our formal that we just had.
- Half of our population is non-Tamil

Kirsten from Good Times Diner:

- Student-Run Soup Kitchen that runs 50 weeks per year, 2 times per week
- Free full-course meals for homeless people in Kingston
- 45-50 people get served every night
- Give them take-home meals so that it is 4 nights of food
- \$500 is ~2 weeks of operating costs, so that is what the grant will be used for

Member at large:

- Point of information: I was informed that if it passes, at the next assembly, that those who are not in attendance can still receive it

Commissioner Anwar:

- We will be amending the motion so that if they show up to the next assembly, that they will get the grant

Representative Lively:

- When is the next ASUS Assembly?

Speaker: Two weeks from now. Same time, different place

Member Michael:

- How many students participate in the Good Times Diner?

Kirsten from Good Times Diner:

- 9 exec, ~150 volunteers

Motion 6: "That ASUS Assembly Ratify the 2013 Winter Equity and Diversity Fund Recipients"

Moved by: Thomas Jacobs

Seconded By: Jo-Anne Lorway
Motion passes

Motion brought forth by Rector Francis:

Motion: “That ASUS Assembly select a member (can be at-large) to be a representative on the Tricolour Award Selection Committee.”

Rector Francis:

- The Representative that was to be on the Tricolour Award Selection Committee is unable to get to the interview times, which is the most important part
- I'd like ASUS Assembly to elect a new one
- Tricolour Award is the highest award a student can receive for extra-curricular activities that are non-academic and non-athletic
- It is for people who have given a lot back to the community in any way
- I am looking for a student who can sit on the committee tomorrow and next Saturday from 8pm-12am
- I will open it up for questions after my proxy speaks

Member Sauve:

- Sat on the committee last year, doing it again this year
- It's weird to judge people on things you could never accomplish
- You get to hear the stories of some of the coolest people at Queen's, you get to talk about them, and it's a really cool experience to give someone the highest recognition that they can get at Queen's for dedication to the school
- I know it's a long time commitment, but we enjoy every second of it

Nominations:

Member Colton decline
Member Draeger decline
Year Society '15 President Stemp decline
Member Merrithew decline
Member Emrigh decline
Member Bruce accept
Member Wiseman decline
Representative Zahid decline
Member Garcia decline
Representative Lively accept
Member Xu accept

Member Bruce:

- The only qualification I feel is the most appropriate is the ability to spend a large amount of time locked in a room with Nick Francis
- Having done so both through work and pleasure, I feel that I am a good candidate for this

Representative Lively:

- It's no fun to have acclamations. It's good to have a sporting contest

Member Xu:

- I'm very interested in the process
- It would be a wonderful opportunity to get in touch with such excellent people and their work
- I'm interested in spending a large amount of time in there

Member Schruder:

- What clubs have you been involved in, and what conflicts of interest would arise in selecting a winner?

Member Bruce:

- I'm in 4th year, so I've been involved in a number of things
- QMP, The Tartan, volunteer for ASUS and AMS, a part of orientation week
- I don't believe it would qualify as a conflict of interest

Representative Lively:

- Queen's Conservatives, ASUS, and QMP
- I find the best thing to do is to be forthcoming with those conflicts of interest

Member Xu:

- Arts and Science Orientation week, my own department
- I don't think there will be a conflict of interest
- Just because I'm involved doesn't mean I have a conflict of interest

Representative Prescott:

- Point of order: I am requesting a secret ballot for this

Year Society '15 President Stemp:

- Would it be okay if we all just closed our eyes?

Member Schruder: We cannot guarantee that all eyes are closed

President Whittaker: If we do this in the most orderly fashion possible, it will go quickly. Stay in your seat, and write one individual's name, or abstention if you do not want to vote

Member at large: Can we have this put up on the computer screen?

Rector Francis: Point of order:

- I encourage nominators, nominees, and current members to abstain from the process, as I will also be abstaining

Member Donovan:

- Can we do a trade-off with the ballots?

Member Schruder:

- Are we handing over our student ID with the secret ballot?

Member Lively

- Point of information: Do I need to stay out here given that it's a secret vote?

Speaker

- Yes

Motion for a 5 minute recess to count votes

Motion passes

Recess ends

Speaker: Member Xu has been selected as the member to sit on the committee

Member Schruder:

- How close were the margins for the candidates?

Speaker:

- Speaker's ruling to keep the voting secret. I can assure you that the number of people here correlates to the vote numbers

Vote:

Motion Passes

Omnibus Motion:

Member Waslowski:

Motion to de-omnibus the honoraria and executive salary motions

Seconded by Member Schruder

- De-omnibus, as per our new policy, would be to remove motions from the omnibus. There are a number of these that I think we should consider
- We should de-omnibus the honoraria and executives salary

Member Lucas:

- Can we ask you why you want these to be separate?

Senator Slobodin:

- Point of information: Member Lang was not given time to speak to omnibussing

Speaker:

- If we vote in favour of this motion, it will de-omnibus those motions

Member Schruder:

- There is merit in separating these and considering them on their own

Member Lang:

- Point of Order: It's procedural. I was not allowed to speak on my motion

Speaker: You will not be allowed to speak on the motion, Member Waslowski

Member Schruder: I challenge the ruling
Seconded by Year Society '13 President Galloway

Speaker: If you vote yes, you are overruling my ruling and Member Waslowski will be able to speak to the motion

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Waslowski:

- De-omnibussing 10 and 11

Speaker: Voting on the de-omnibussing. Voting in favour will remove them from the omnibus

Member Bannerman:

- Point of information: You mean remove them and vote on them separately

Member at large:

- If the motions are de-omnibussed, it would also mean that we can discuss them separately

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Waslowski:

- I'm going to remove motions 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 which are most of the academic changes
- If you oppose this, then we are going to debate this
- If you are in favour, don't do anything and the motions will not be considered
- This is all the academic motions except for the ones about DSC

Member At Large:

- What is still left in the omnibus motion?

Member Waslowski:

- I've proposed amendments instead of removing the DSCs
- Instead of removing DSCs, they would be elected via the ASUS Winter Elections
- Currently the amendment I'm proposing is that the academics deputy would be staying, undergraduate review, QCLC, peer tutoring, academics deputy would also be staying

Member Schruder:

- I oppose removing those from the omnibus

Member at large:

- It's your motion. If you want to remove it, you can

Member Waslowski:

- I reviewed the policy thoroughly, anyone can oppose it

Representative Rotman:

- I believe the member who just spoke is not a member of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society

Speaker:

- Yes, this is true

Member Michael:

- If they're removed from the omnibus, do they stay as separate motions?

Speaker:

- No, they are removed
- If you vote yes, they will be taken off
- If you vote no, they will stay on the omnibus

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Waslowski:

- I'm going to propose these all at once:
- Year Society I'm going to make an amendment (Motion 20 and 21)
- Motions 20-28:
 - My amendment is to keep these in policy instead of removing them as I originally proposed
 - Those sections of Policy in constitution include both motions relating to year society, both motions relating to grants, the motion relating to ASUS scholarships, all motions relating to services, and that is it for now

Member at Large:

- Point of information: Can we ask why they're being removed?
- Point of information: Why did we motion for them, if we're motioning to remove them?

Member Waslowski:

- I recognize that most of you here are for those specific motions, and because you vastly outnumber me and those of you who agree with me

Member Sarah:

- Point of order: This is wasting time

Member Waslowski:

- Point of information: I was just answering a question

Vote:

Motions will be removed

Member Mason:

Motion to open the Speaker's list

Representative Lively:

- Because of this whole policy kerfuffle, I've found that in Section D, there is a variety of ASUS committees that are meant to be providing detailed reports at these assemblies.
- I don't seem to have gotten a report at all, let alone a detailed report
- Wondering if they're included in the appendix, or if you have them at all

Member at large:

- Irrelevant to the motion at hand

Representative Lively:

- I find it distasteful that a non-member has the right to speak

Member Schruder:

- Not everyone saw that happen

Member Mason:

- Motion to open the speaker's list

Representative Prescott:

- Point of personal privilege: The mover of the motion has yet to introduce the motion. He is introducing amendments to his own motion

Speaker:

- I understand the frustration on both ends

- Could I please ask you to let the mover speak for a couple of minutes for the sake of time

Representative Prescott:

- To finish my point of personal privilege: I find it extremely disconcerting that the incoming president thinks that the society should expedite motions and ignore the democracy
- The movers of the motions should be able to amend the motions as you see fit

Member Mason:

- I'm simply trying to open the debate

Speaker:

- The more points we have, the slower it's going to go
- Speaker's ruling to go straight into his introduction

Commissioner Ghavami:

- Point of information: Did you not mention that you wanted to remove some motions

Representative Lively:

- I am personally offended that somebody who is not a member of this society can tell me that the policy of this society does not matter because they value expediency rather than the policy

Member Lang:

- If she wants to speak, I will waive my speaking rights

Member Schruder:

- Point of order: I am opposing your ruling

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Waslowski:

- There are future amendments to make
- Removing motions regarding community outreach (Motions 7 and 8)

Representative Prescott:

- Point of information: May I suggest for clarity's sake, that when we say remove we mean to withdraw them from the docket

Member Waslowski:

- Yes, I would like to withdraw them from the docket, and retain them in our current policy. That is the amendment

Representative Prescott:

- I find it interesting that we call a special assembly to censure me, but I cannot motion to censure you

Member Lang:

- Point of order: You cannot make a motion within another motion

Speaker: Vote on withdrawing motions 7 and 8 them from the docket

Vote:

Motion Passes

Member Draeger:

- I'm the seconder of the motions and even I am confused

Member Schruder:

- Point of order: Can we have the updated omnibus motion up on screen so that everyone is aware?

Member Draeger:

- Point of personal privilege: It is important to understand what is being discussed

Representative Lively:

- I'd like to ask that members present quiet down
- I'd also like to motion for a 5 minute recess to allow executive and speaker to do this

Seconded by Member Schruder

Vote:

Motion fails

Updated Omnibus Motion List:

- *Motions 12, 18, 19, and 19-39*

Representative Rotman:

- In the event that the omnibus that we're about to deliberate on, all motions must be considered each in their own term. Is this true?

Commissioner Anwar:

- If the omnibus fails, every single motion will fail.

Representative Rotman:

- Point of information: I've been informed that that's not what it says in policy. Can we check that?

Commissioner Anwar:

- Section 18 will detail that exactly

Member Waslowski:

- In terms of the honoraria, to describe before I explain what these changes are:
- These changes reduce all honoraria for people in this society
- Reduces Executive honorarium from \$8000 to \$5000
- Reduces Commissioner honorarium from \$5000 to \$2500
- Reduces Director honorarium for both the movie theater director and the jackets director from \$1500 to Nothing
- It also eliminates all deputy honoraria
- Currently the directors get \$1500, and the deputies get \$250 each
- Currently the ASUS Movie Theater raises ~50\$ per year, and the person who runs it gets \$1500 which is very different

Member Mason:

- ASUS Assembly voted to remove the AMT Honoraria a very long time ago

Member Wasloski:

- I'll move onto the jackets.
- To give an additional honoraria is not congruent with our reasons for giving honoraria
- In policy in section 2.05, you will see the reasons for why we provide honoraria to members
- "These honoraria are to maintain the accessibility of students in all positions and should not be considered salaries"
- Accessible to me means that any costs you incur during your position do not make it impossible for you to take these positions
- I took 5 courses and did not drop any
- Many Commissioner do feel obligated to remove one of their courses for a lighter course-load
- That is a cost that needs to be accounted for by Commissioner
- How much does a course cost to take in the future to finish a degree? \$5000 is a full course load
- I think that the reduction to \$2500 is quite generous, given that a full course-load for one semester is much less
- This should also cover any other costs incurred, for example in community outreach
- Regardless, I don't think that they're contributing \$1000 more
- I think the same is true for all other positions

Member Lang:

- Point of order: Since the omnibus passed, this is only one motion and you only get 10 minutes to speak

Member Waslowski:

- I see this as looking at multiple motions as one motion. I would like to challenge that

- It would be a disservice to not allow enough time for discussion
- To know what you are voting on, you need justification

Member Schruder:

- I think it's only fair that we give Member Waslowski enough time to explain everything

Deputy for Commissioner Ghavami:

- We did decide that 10 minutes was the maximum

Member Lang:

- Jesse can add himself to the Speaker's list at the end, but I do think that we should stick to the 10 minute per one motion

Speaker:

- As a ruling, I will only give you 10 minutes

Member Waslowski

- I will challenge that motion
- Seconded by Member Schruder

Representative Prescott:

- I would like to pose a secret ballot

Speaker:

- As a procedural motion, you cannot have a secret ballot

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Waslowski:

- I have gone on about honoraria enough. I don't think \$5000 properly represents the costs incurred by the Commissioner
- If anybody is saying that the volunteers receive more money, then that is more in line with a salary than an honoraria
- Another motion is to reduce the summer executive pay from \$8000 to \$6000
- The ORT Coordinators get paid \$6000 over the summer
- Furthermore, I'm changing the wage from an hourly wage to a salary, so that they get paid by the month
- Therefore, a salary rather than an hourly wage is more appropriate, and \$6000 instead of \$8000 is more appropriate
- There is an extremely relevant motion that should receive 10 minutes, and that's to make ASUS a voluntary society
 - ASUS currently has a 24.61\$ fee that is forcibly applied to all students

- I think that this society by nature of the politics involved can be quite damaging to certain individuals
- To make this more accommodating, they should be allowed to opt out of associating with us
- This is entirely financially feasible
- Yearbook Design Services: Opt-Out rate of 25%-26%
- If you cut everything, you could increase the fee by $\frac{1}{3}$, say from 24 to 35 (or so) and you would probably have more money
- If you had a 50% opt-out rate, which is unusually high, it would only have to be ~\$48

Member Pedijar:

- Point of information: The YDS is a charge for all students at Queen's, and ASUS is only for Arts and Science, so it is not a fair comparison

Member Waslowski:

- I was only referring to the opt-out rates in that comparison
- I think it's impossible to represent all members of our society
- We have ~9'500 and we can't please everyone all the time
- To say that we are representing them, forcibly so, is dishonest
- I know personally many of them who probably could not disagree more with our existence, and I believe it to be inappropriate that they have to associate with us
- It's a feeling of personal attack, and is frankly wrong when we speak to the administration and say that we represent them
- The changes I've posed should more than cover the opt-out rate predictions based on other numbers I've given
- Financially, we can increase the fee and most people would not notice, but it would matter to those who do not associate with us in that way
- There's also a policy that makes the budget required to be examined by the Board of Directors
- Changes for the DSCs which I will amend during the debate
- Otherwise, there is the Equitable Service policy, which is dishonest if we are saying we represent everyone

Speaker:

- Member Draeger you also receive 10 minutes to speak on this motion

Member Lang:

- Point of order: It's 5 minutes

Member Draeger:

- I will pass them to Jesse Waslowski

Member Lucas:

- Point of information: Can you speak to the DSCs?

Member Waslowski:

- Sure. I'll explain that now
- I'm removing it all
- When I originally went forward with that, it was simply for the ineffectiveness that I've seen throughout my 4 years at Queen's.
- In first year I was trying to get involved with it and it was completely inaccessible
- In second year, I heard that there was a lot of potential
- In third year it was quite similar
- Frankly now, nothing has changed
- When we have something that consumes the time of our volunteers, in addition to other resources, it should not be around

Member Schruder:

- Point of information: Could you save the amendments you want to make to the motions until we actually get to debate on the motion?

Member Waslowski:

- Sure. I will be proposing an amendment that will essentially make it something we vote on again through our elections, with the online voting system which is the only way you can claim to be a democratic body in the 21st century
- I'm also including some removal of marking policy

Member at large:

- I'd like to mention that as per the academic Commissioner request, we are pushing us towards an open election already, and all the other DSC chairs can attest to that
- What you're saying is moot because what you're proposing is already happening

Member Waslowski:

- My proposed amendments which you haven't seen yet are three-fold:
 - First: An optional fee, which is the new way I'm proposing to fund the DSCs. It would be a 2\$ optional fee, with an expected opt-out rate of 30%-40% would match the current level of funding
 - Second: Instead of applying to the academics Commissioner for funding that you want to spend, I've come up with a funding formula that is based on membership
 - In general, DSC is not absolutely proportional. There are diminishing returns
 - The larger your department gets from the smallest to a larger one, the lower the multiplier

Member Schruder:

- Point of personal privilege: A tweet from Scott Mason: "More tactics from students to encourage people to leave"

Member Mason:

- I tweeted that 3 hours ago

Representative Prescott:

- Point of personal privilege: I would like it to be written in the record that I find it absolutely despicable that the incoming president of the ASUS would rather silence the members of his own society

Member Patrick:

- Point of order: as the speaker, you have absolute discretion as to who you recognize

Member Schruder:

- Point of personal privilege: I do believe that points of personal privilege should be recognized

Member Waslowski:

- I think the DSC is still unclear.
- I recognize that the DSCs apply to the academic Commissioner
- One: Do not rely on general society fee
- Two: That they have access to this money so long as they are elected and not removed
- Three: That they actually are elected via the online voting system

Representative Prescott:

- Point of personal privilege: Considering in light of recent events and words that have been used on social media, I move to censure incoming ASUS President Mason

Speaker:

- I will entertain your motion after this motion

Representative Rotman:

- I'd really like to speak and debate this motion, so can we please stop delaying

Member Waslowski:

- Point of information: I am open to amendments

Member at large:

- In the interest of disabled students, may I ask that all speakers use the microphone?

Member Lang:

- For sake of keeping everything organized, the Speaker's list should be a line-up

Member Schruder:

- Point of order: How would we waive speaking rights if that is the case?

Speaker:

- You will do just that

Member Jeffery:

- What about those who are unable to walk down to the front? Can we consider them?

Member Young:

- Speaking to the motions in reference to the student fee increase for ASUS
- I feel an increase of $\frac{1}{3}$ to ~35\$ would make it less accessible for students to be a part of our society, and while I do see that we are making it more accessible by allowing them to opt out, we are reducing the accessibility of those who are not as financially able

Representative Lively:

- Point of information: I'd like to note: Is there a provision within these motions to increase the fee by a $\frac{1}{3}$, or is that a prescription for formula should that motion go through?

Member Waslowski:

- That is not part of this motion. The suggested increase is if we cannot find savings otherwise
- The reduced honoraria and summer executive pay would lend to this

Member Stephanie:

- I was a Commissioner of ASUS in second year
- Dealt with a lot of honoraria increases and decreases
- Our SAM moved to increase the honorarium from \$5000 to \$8000, and \$3500 to \$8000 for Executive and Commissioner respectively
- It is at least a 30 hour work week for executive
- The biggest cost is the cost you have to give up
- Particularly if executives need summer jobs

Member Schruder:

- Point of personal privilege: There is another thing on Twitter: "Sean Robinson: Waslowski admits that the motions put forth are due to a vendetta"
- Please refrain from Twitter, or be as unbiased as possible

Speaker:

- If everyone can please refrain from using Twitter

Member Stephanie:

- Students have a lot of things to cover, and these honoraria will cover the cost of not being able to have a job
- Additionally, I think that rationalizing ASUS becoming an opt-outable fee seems unfair to students, and it's a guess that a fee would be approved by ASUS students anyways

- I'd hate to see all the hard work from those at ASUS not awarded

Representative Rotman:

- I'm a little surprised because the student body isn't a big fan of Harper, so it's surprising that the omnibus tactics he uses are being deployed tonight
- I don't even know where I fall in this debate anymore, which is frustrating as a student representative
- I don't even know what we're debating
- We aren't even debating the motions put forward on the proper terms
- Obviously there's a lot in here that many people disagree with
- While some motions are radical, there are a lot that have a lot of merit, and they deserve the proper debate
- We are a democracy
- Democracy isn't easy, nor is it expedient
- I find it awful that people would forsake an honest debate for the sake of time
- I hope this isn't representational of students and their opinions
- I know we're all very busy, and we've all taken time out of our lives to be here tonight
- I've given up countless hours on Thursday evenings to debate with this assembly on the behalf of students
- I think that omnibussing shut down a significant portion of debate, and I don't think it's healthy
- I don't think we could conclude that AGMs are indicative of the democratic process
- They are the antithesis of the representatives we have at the school
- This is not a judgment of one specific viewpoint, but of all ones
- We see people coming out to push very specific agendas through
- Whether right or wrong, I think it's wrong regardless
- Moving forwards, we should really consider the role AGMs play in a representative democracy

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- I'm going to talk about the honorariums and the arguments regarding reducing them
- Member Waslowski, you said that you understand financial accessibility to be referring to the costs incurred from the position
- Financial accessibility means giving people the opportunity to do these positions when their time would otherwise be spent working for rent, food, etc
- As a Commissioner, I think my points are still valid, so take it as you will
- These are understood as volunteer positions, and we cannot base whether or not people deserve these honorariums based on how much they work
- The honorarium are received dependent on a review committee

Member Waslowski:

- Point of information: The review committee checks to see if you've done your job and if you have, they give you the amount. They do not make judgments on how much you should get

Representative Lively:

- Has anybody ever been denied their full honorarium?

Speaker: Yes

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- The honorarium are in place so that people are held accountable for their actions
- It is important to have this accountability in place

Member Patrick:

- The Commissioner stole my words, so I won't repeat it
- I would like to challenge the criteria for the first motion regarding honoraria
- While an honorarium cannot be a salary or wage, we do need to understand that over half of students at Queen's access some form of financial aid, and many would not have the opportunity to work for a student government if they were not compensated. Otherwise they would be working
- A high honorarium attracted qualified candidates
- There are a lot of serious issues at this university, and if we are concerned that we are not receiving a good product from these people, we should have them be good people
- Regarding the opt-outable fee, whether or not they pay the fee to ASUS, they receive a benefit from ASUS
- We need to recognize that someone cannot just opt out of ASUS and stop benefiting from ASUS

Jo-Anne Lorway:

- For the past 16 years, I have been the only one to come to the AGM and ask to have the honorarium increase, because I was the only one where it wasn't a conflict of interest, and to see the Commissioner positions grow and expand, and how hard people work every year
- Last time I came, it was three years ago when it was increased from \$5000 to \$8000.
- If you look at the work that each Commissioner does, the volunteers do, the chairs do, there's no amount of money we can pay them for their work
- I see every day, every month, the growth of ASUS
- It's an amazing place
- The one thing I have trouble with is saying that we could reduce the honorariums
- At the beginning of February, we had a race for the executive for 2013-2014
- When people ran in that election, they knew what to expect. They knew what the job was, what the honorarium was
- One team was successful
- What do we do now, we say "This is not going to be your honorarium?"
- We hired six amazing Commissioner, and they knew their job description and honorarium.
- We're supposed to turn around and say "You aren't getting the amount you deserve"?

- There's one issue with changing the honorarium
- There's another with the people we've hired because they aren't getting what we told them that they were getting
- This is what they came for, so I think this is a really important thing to consider
- Should the honorariums be increased? Absolutely
- I was going to come to this meeting to ask for an increase, but I will be back and I will be asking for an increase

Member Lang:

- I was the one who voted to omnibus all of these
- It's important to determine if such substantial structural changes are needed in general
- I believe you should shut down these motions because they were not something have been discussed with everyone, and they create huge structural changes to ASUS
- In reality, they are all connected
- They should only be coming to assembly after substantial discussion
- We can come to a more cohesive decision if we have a discussion period on it
- I believe we should cap the Speaker's list. This is not to shut down student's voices, but to have more students present for the vote

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Devon:

- I'd like to speak on behalf of the DSCs
- We've achieved things that we did not even dream of this year
- Sitting on a curriculum review board to determine what we learn as students
- We have the full support of the Classics department, and their trust not only in this academic year, but the rest of the DSCs
- The DSCs are not a useless organization that appears to be the black hole of money

Member Waslowski:

- Point of personal privilege: I never said that the DSCs were useless

Member Devon:

- We strive to improve student experience and those of future students
- There are many students who came to be in this environment
- These motions deprive us of the experience we came to University for
- We came to learn, not to get lost in the endless mire of student politics
- I urge you to vote against these motions

Member Emrie:

- "Hi friends. I was president of ASUS a long time ago. I understand there are motions on the table that would do a great deal of damage to the identity of this society. ASUS is the kindest place at Queen's. I want you to consider carefully what ASUS would be with all

of those changes on the table. Many have talked about how these changes would affect the University. Please keep that in mind. - Elena ASUS President 2007-2008”

- The services ASUS provides really are to all students

Member Hampton:

- A few notes on DSCs:
- DSCs are where ASUS meets the student body, because it is the primary structure where people meet
- As more departments become aware of this, this aspect is likely to continue in important
- Community building is also important, considering Arts and Science is such a large community
- The DSCs hold a key role in developing this community
- I've seen over the last 3 years more community development in my faculty, and I believe the DSC has had a large part in that
- We are moving towards open elections, which has been a major focus for the past few months
- If we go ahead with the elections that are described here, it doesn't allow for differences for different departments
- In terms of the funding structure, I don't think it should be tied to the amount of people that are in the department
- I don't want to speak on behalf, but I know that Drama DSC has fewer students but plays a large part in this role

Member Waslowksi:

- The policy still reads that I've proposed to remove the DSCs. The amendment is that we would have the DSCs elected through the ASUS online voting process, have an additional 2\$ opt-outable fee, and that this fee is divided on a per-head basis, to not remove money from the largest faculties

Motion to amend

Seconded by Member Schruder

Member at large:

- Point of information: How would the campaigning work?

Representative Palia:

- Some of us have our outgoing executive vote in the new chairs
- As it stands currently, we've given proposals for different campaigning processes to Commissioner Ghavami
- The outgoing co-chairs will run the election
- The running teams, which run in teams of co-chairs are responsible for their own funding, which is capped at \$25
- There will be an online ballot, which is accessible to everyone
- This is happening

Member Waslowski:

- This is taking an existing election structure that elects our president of the entire society, they elect the year society, the senators, the ASUS reps
- I do know as having been internal affairs Commissioner that your major, medial, and minor are listed in the information provided to the IAC in order for the elections to work
- This would streamline the process
- Anything short of this e-mailed ballot in your inbox is a less than ideal democratic process
- I've been a class representative for DSC
- I've never received an e-mail about an election process
- Perhaps this is my flawed perspective from being a French/History student, but this is my opinion
- This is freeing the departments from the control of the Academics person, since they would be elected people and should not be responsible for people who were hired for another society
- This creates a conflict of interest
- Removed the requirement that DSCs go forward with social events
- It would still be possible, but not required
- Removed the USAT evaluations, which is largely handled by the coordinator
- I don't think it's necessary to have your academic functions through the council you sit on
- There is a different section on elections and their handling, so that's why that section is removed
- Smallest departments 8 would get 2.8% of the overall pool
- Second smallest 7 receive 3.1%
- Second largest 8 receive 3.5%
- Largest 7 receive 3.9%
- C3 is our election policy: Students should define the voting members
- First-year students can choose two departments of the courses that they're in, since they don't have a major/minor/medial
- The election happens in Winter, and you would get to choose your representatives earlier
- Currently they are picked in the Fall, which is very late
- You could follow through and know what's going on more effectively this way
- Removing the control that you are put under from the Academics Commissioner here
- Section 8.02, the only thing it adds is that your constitutions be put on the ASUS website, which is the right place for it
- This is how you can be removed
 - If you don't go to 3 or more faculty board or DSC assemblies, that is grounds for removal.
 - If you steal
 - It has to be moved by the academics Commissioner

Representative Palia:

- Point of information: Could you clarify what your policy says about academic representatives, and the election of removed co-chairs?

Member Waslowski:

- Four people you elect from DSC assembly to ASUS assembly
- In the year previously to when DSC sits, you will choose your four academic representatives
- The difference between this is that it's currently earlier in the year
- By moving this to January, it gives you the time to choose the representatives now instead of later
- This way, the DSC reps to ASUS are ready to go
- They are subject to removal on the following grounds:
 - Considerably late without explanation

Representative Palia: How to elect new chairs?

Member Waslowski:

- The co-chairs would give notice regarding this
- The process can only be put into place under these rules

Representative Prescott:

- Point of order: Since the motion is now different, ie there are things that have been withdrawn, can we open up the Speaker's list because the motion is different?

Speaker:

- Once the amendment has passed, we have agreed that it is the same motion with some things passed

Representative Lively:

- I believe any amendment made by Member Waslowski can amend his motion whenever

Representative Prescott:

- Point of information: The speaker's list will remain capped?

Member Schruder:

- May I split my speaking rights?

Speaker:

- Yes, but only to one other

Member Crawford:

- I have been a member of the music DSC for 4 years

- I was elected by an 80% voter turnout, so I contest your idea that the election process is unfair
- I agree that some amendments are reasonable, but I have some problems
- Us speaking to the Academics Commissioner is very important. We need someone to give us guidance; someone we are responsible to
- The funding model that is being presented, I don't think is fair to allocate funds based on the size of the departments
- Some of the smallest departments, such as Drama and Music, have the most involvement
- I would also like to speak to the removal of USATs, as I had several professors e-mail me just recently

Representative Prescott:

- Point of information: Has all this DSC policy deemed removed from the omnibus motion

Member Waslowski:

- No

Member Schruder:

- If that's the case, does that not change the nature of some of the motions and would require us to open up the Speaker's list

Speaker: I'll make a ruling to keep it closed

Representative Prescott contests ruling

Seconded by Member Schruder

Vote:

Motion passes

Representative Lively:

- Many members here have expressed that this is a democratic institution
- To even say that you can democratically remove the speaking rights, fundamentally removes the democracy
- There are certain rights that are inalienable
- To say that I cannot represent my views as the last time as a representative to the AMS completely undermines my reasoning for being in this position

Member at large:

- While I find debates on why democracy is interesting, I'd like to continue with democracy

Representative Prescott:

- As a followup, I find it completely disingenuous that we are going to shut off debate because there are views that people do not want to hear

- That is fundamentally what freedom of speech is about
- I would like to add that it is completely disheartening and disheartening that students believe that people do not have the right to express their opinion

Member Schruder:

- That comment is just plain wrong. It's disingenuous and disheartening that people will stifle speakers for the sake of expediency
- I think this is wrong. People have died for their rights

Speaker:

- I will rule to allow the remaining speakers in the line to speak

Representative Palia Challenge

Member at large second

Vote:

Motion passes

Year Society '13 President Galloway:

- I feel as though I cannot represent what I am speaking to or voting towards
- Even if by the end of this if we vote yes or no, I don't know what all the motions are, because Jesse was not given the time to speak for them
- I feel oppressed as a member

Speaker: We have voted on this twice

Member Schruder:

- What is defined as Quorum?

Speaker:

- 50 people

Representative Prescott:

- Does anybody have duct tape? I'd like to put it on my mouth

Member Waslowski:

- If you have amendments you'd like to propose, please propose them. I will likely consider them friendly

Member Crawford:

- I would like to re-add the coordinating the administration of the USAT evaluation which is 8.01.02

Member at large:

- By having it removed, would we still be allowed to run them? The way it's worded is ambiguous

Member Waslowski:

- There's nothing stopping you from doing things not listed on Policy, it is just that it would not be required of you

Member Crawford:

- I'd like to amend reinstating the academics Commissioner part, the part about USAT evaluation, and the part about social gatherings

Representative Palia:

- I feel like a lot of people don't know what DSC is or does
- I'm the outgoing co-chair, I was elected last year
- I jokingly say to my executive council that our slogan should be "DSC is more than USAT"
- We're the only people who can do what we do. ASUS can't do it, AMS can't do it
- No-one can participate on the co-chairs behalf of curriculum changes
- I am the current Academic Representative to ASUS Assembly regarding Film, Religion, History, Classics, etc
- I was not approached or consulted regarding the process
- I've never heard from Member Waslowski

Representative Prescott:

- Point of information: If the question is about why we haven't heard from him, why have we capped the Speaker's List?

Member Schruder:

- Point of information: Better yet, why omnibus all these motions?

Representative Palia:

- Kathy Dickinson was the first person to move for these changes to curriculum

Representative Prescott:

- Point of order: Will the member answer my question?

Speaker:

- I ruled that she was not allowed to

Representative Palia:

- I'd like to address the foundation of where these concerns came from
- We try really hard to reach all of the students

- I've been to meetings where the profs come and we talk about exclusionary credits, including other credits for history, changing the curriculum, and we e-mail the students and don't receive feedback
- I'd like to point out that while students are trying to reach out to us, we are trying to reach out to them
- I apologize on their behalf if they are unable to reach us

Member Tahiri:

- I understand what you are saying, but this is not the time for it

Member at large:

- Can I split my time with 2 members?

Speaker:

- No

Member Smith:

- I'm outgoing DSC co-chair for biomedical
- I'd like to touch on specifically the allocation of funds:
 - I don't know 100%, but I would make a reasonable guess that my department falls into the category of smallest 8, given that the graduating class has ~40 students
 - The way that DSCs are allocated funding: The co-chairs submit two major documents to the academics Commissioner chair
 - One is a strategic plan regarding all events we are planning to hold
 - The other important document is our budget, which outlines the costs incurred, the revenue, and the money that we would like to request from ASUS to help subsidize any difference in cost vs revenue
- I feel this is a far more democratic way of distributing money to faculties, rather than fees, regardless of their ability to be opted out of
- I don't think that a faculty should receive more money just for having more students
- I'm not accusing any of the larger departments, but it is unfair to say that because we have fewer students, that we should not have a chance to request a larger amount of the ASUS funds, because we also have ideas for what we would like to do for our department and how we would like to host events that would bring everyone together
- Based on this section of the amendment, regarding allocation of funds, I would recommend that you vote against it
- I think it's a much better system to give the money out the way it is done now

Member Waslowski:

- Would you like to amend the motion?
- If the Speaker would like to revert the money distribution, then I will consider that friendly
- Say "I move to return the motion to the previous way of funding", it will be a friendly amendment

Member Smith:

- I will not be doing so

Member Lewis:

- I am going to step out of line now

Member Patterson:

- I'm the deputy Academics Commissioner, stepping in for Khimia:
 - "Dear members at large, and assembly members. Thank you for coming. These statements were written in a response to the motions in the packet given to me on Monday. Regarding the opt-outable fee, I strongly believe that the ASUS fee, already the lowest society fee, allows us to have >1000 volunteers, 300 other positions. It is hard to describe how vital this 24\$ fee is to the society. I don't believe we should be given a choice to opt out based on logistics and relevance. It does not make sense for students to opt out of these services. The logistics of keeping a list of who has and who has not paid and sharing this with every ASUS event coordinator would cripple the society. The reality is that the students would click that option of saving 24\$ without knowing what it means for them. There are many students who do not know what ASUS is, or how it benefits them. The challenge of representing 70% of the body is not easy. The initiatives we are putting forth are phenomenal. APT was previously known as MindFind, and was only servicing a small population of students. With some re-branding, we were able to relaunch as APT and it has seen tremendous success. This has given 300 students the opportunity to make 15\$/hour. There are also 500 students being tutored. This is now 800 students who would be affected if the service was removed. The point is that this fee does provide a role. We also have a help desk at Stauffer Library that offers help for free twice a week, which is funded by those 24\$. If this motion was presented last year and it passed, and ASUS revenue had been cut, we would not have seen the success of APT. These funds are important to impose these services and so that every student can receive the benefits." And with that, I put the motion into question

Seconded by Member at large

President Jacobs:

- Academics Deputy Patterson has motioned to make a motion to vote on the motion.
- What it means is that we will first debate whether or not it is time to end the debate, and vote on the entirety of the motion

Member Schruder:

- Point of personal privilege: I have something to say regarding how these fees affect me as a student.

Representative Prescott:

- Point of information: Doesn't calling a motion into question cap the Speaker's list?

Speaker:

- Since it is a procedural motion, there will be no debate.
- We are voting on closing the Speaker's list and moving on straight to voting. This is not the vote itself

Representative Lively:

- When our rules of order do not encompass what is happening, we go to BRUNO's rules of order. Failing that, we go to the House of Commons rules of order, which say that if 5 members are standing after a motion is voted on, you are required to count the votes in order to rule the motion

Vote:

For: 96

Against: 55

Motion passes

Member Schruder:

- I am calling a secret ballot on the omnibus vote

Seconded by Member at Large

Representative Prescott:

- Will the cards be exchanged as a ballot, so that we receive another ballot?

Speaker:

- Yes

Member Waslowksi:

- To begin I'd like to thank everyone that came up, we appreciate your feedback in responding
- I'd like to thank everyone who had a chance to voice their opinion for voicing their opinion
- I'm glad we kept this to a reasonable level of debate
- I'd like to address some of the points that were brought up:
- In relation to the fees:
 - It was mentioned that ASUS would not be able to have 1000 volunteers if our fee was optional.
 - That is factually untrue
 - Engineers, who are not ASUS members, are allowed to participate in any volunteer position we have, the only exception being the Commissioner, head gael, and elected positions, and DSCs as well I think that's it.

- Otherwise, if they wanted to do anything in community outreach, or academics, with the exceptions of Commissioner or DSCs, they do not have to be a member of the society
- People have questioned the logistics
- I have suggested multiple ways of overcoming these financial logistics
- Non-tuition fees, you are paying over \$500, and health and dental which are almost mandatory, it is well over \$800
- Given that the opt-out rates are 30%-40%, increasing the costs is something that is very possible
- In terms of people not being able to pay the fee if it is increased, I feel as though that's not true
- There is a policy in place where if you go to ASUS with financial difficulties, they will give you your money back and allow you to remain a member
- We have 9'500 students, and a large number of them are here within us against their will, which I would like to remedy without causing damage to the society
- All other motions that are construed as damaging to the society, I would like to say are in favour of the society
- If ASUS representatives did not speak in favour of Engineering students, nothing would ever get passed
- We are acknowledging that we don't have their support
- We will try our best to do so
- Just because they have chosen to disassociate themselves from us, it does not create a situation where we cannot represent them
- Rather, forcing them to associate puts us in a situation where we cannot represent them
- So again, logistically possible in terms of volunteers and fees
- For those who opt out without thinking: Yes, there are those who do that. But we have to recognize that they are making a statement that their membership in ASUS is not something for which they want to pay the fee
- If we want them to participate in membership of ASUS, we should strive harder to make them want to be a part of ASUS
- This fee is completely logistically possible, more honest, and the best way to represent our members
- I would like to mention that my seconder has given me their 5 minutes
- In terms of honorarium:
 - There are many points in terms of what we said we should be paying for
 - I would like to pay them based on what our current policy says, so that there is not a contradiction between why we give honorarium and what we are giving
 - It has been mentioned that honorarium works to attract people; we need to attract good representatives
 - I want Queen's debating union to have good people, but they don't get any money
 - It's impossible to say that everywhere we want a good representative, that we want to have them be paid

- The principle, to say, that we need to pay them money to get the best there is not a principle that is possible
- To apply that universally, it would be impossible wherever we need strong representatives
- Regarding the thought that the Commissioner positions become less accessible in that you could've taken another job - This is true of any volunteer position
- Choosing to be a volunteer is choosing not to be paid
- It's the same concept as an honorarium, or an event
- As a Commissioner, you reduce your course load. We pay you so that you can reduce your course load and fulfill your responsibilities
- By doing this, we are saying it is a volunteer position but it is actually a salary
- It's also been mentioned that for all the work they do - i'd like to repeat that other volunteers do so
 - If we wanted to have these make more sense, we should have the honorarium reflect the costs incurred by the positions
 - Regarding those who have been elected with the understanding that they would get that honorarium
 - The AGM is the only place where amendments to the honoraria can be made
 - By saying that we cannot change the honoraria because of this elected positions, you are saying that we cannot change it at all
 - If you are saying that the contract this year

Member at large:

- If this motion passes, would you forfeit your \$2500?

Member Waslowski:

- No I would not, as I have planned around that. What I am proposing is that for in future years this would take effect. I would like to amend it to take place only in the future
- It's possible to make it so that people who have entered this verbal contract are paid what they're expecting, considering they expected those circumstances
- To say that we can't change it because those people have already been elected and to say that we can't do it ever is wrong
- Someone mentioned that these motions have not been made through consultation. I would like to contest that.
- This is in the policy for how we change amendments
- It might be true that the departments are already elected, but when people don't know you personally, I don't think that that is fair
- If you are unknown, then people can't vote for you and I would say that it is antidemocratic
- It has also been mentioned that smaller DSCs are more active, but I don't think that that should change the policy for electing representatives

Member at large:

- Point of information: By having a mandatory ASUS fee, do you believe that this makes it inaccessible?

Member Waslowski:

- Yes

President Whittaker:

- We've all learned how to properly do the secret ballot
- If you can all stay in your seats, write down your vote, and then pass it on to the end of the aisle where one of the representatives will come by and grab the cards and give you a new card, that worked out fine last time and will work this time

Member Schruder:

- When we pass on the result, should we stay in the room?

President Whittaker:

- Please stay in your seats until the ballot is done, and then we could entertain a small recess

Officer Lopez:

- Point of information: what does a yes vote or a no vote mean?

Speaker:

- A yes vote would pass every motion in the omnibus, and a no vote would fail every motion in the omnibus

Member Schruder:

- Point of information: can we repeat the motion, please?

Speaker:

- Yes

Member Mason:

- Point of order: It is the speaker who should say the motion

Speaker: **COPY LATER** membership&fee, 2.05_honoraria, a1.05_sumerexecpay, 8_dscconstitution, appendix 5.10_internationalrepresentative

Motion 9: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Constitution Section 3 as seen in Appendix 3_Membership&Fee", Motion 10: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Constitution Section 2.05 as seen in Appendix 2.05_Honoraria", Motion 11: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Section A 1.05 as seen in Appendix A1.05_SummerExecPay", Motion 12: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Constitution Section 8 as seen in Appendix 8_DSCsConstitution", Motion 18: "That ASUS

Assembly approve the changes to Constitution section 5.10 as seen in Appendix 5.10_International Representative”

Member Schruder:

- We have been taking the vote as you read these out

Member at large:

- Some members don't feel the need to have this repeated, and other people who have voted know for what they are voting

Member Schruder:

- If this happens again, I feel that this is a large assumption to make. As Speaker you are allowed to make that decision
- Point of personal privilege: Incoming Vice-President Tahiri made a comment to which I felt personally offended

Member Tahiri:

- I apologize

Representative Prescott:

- I would like to condemn the sarcastic nature that the incoming vice-president has been displaying
- I am ashamed

Member Tahiri:

- Point of personal privilege: For an individual who tries to be professional, you have done yourself the greatest disservice to yourself by acting this way. There are a lot of people here who are willing to listen

Member Waslowski:

- Point of order: Points of personal privilege should be used to defend ones-self instead of attack others

Member Schruder:

- Point of order: Was the camera up there during the last secret ballot?

Speaker:

- The camera only shows me, and not anyone who is seated

President Whittaker:

- I was not notified that QTV would be here, and I hope they were above that

Speaker:

- I will personally see that the footage is up to standard

President Whittaker:

- Motion for a 5 minute recess

Seconded by Member at Large

Vote:

Motion passes

5-Minute Recess

Omnibus Vote:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Motion fails

Member Schruder:

- How would you define a spoiled ballot, and if so how many were there?

Commissioner Anwar:

- Anything not clearly a yes or no was marked as spoiled, and there was only one and it was blank
- There was approximately 4 or 5 times as many votes “against” than there were “for”

Member Schruder:

- People are stressed, they have said things that they don’t mean
- I have accepted apologies

Member Irfan:

- Point of order: What is the relevance of this?

Member Shcruder:

- I would like to challenge your ruling to keep the ballot secret

Seconded by Member Tahiri

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Waslowski:

- To see that we can’t even see the end count of the vote is the corrupt of democracy. We can’t even hear what is happening

Member Schruder:

- Could you please tell people that if they are going to leave, to leave quietly?

Speaker:

- Noted, thank you
- Please be friendly on Twitter, and note that everyone is reading them
- Various people have approached me, so keep in mind what you're writing down

Member at large:

- What part of constitution says that you need not provide that number

Commissioner Anwar:

- At the SAM, all votes are based on the speaker's ruling, just because the nature of the general assembly.

Member at large:

- Will this information be available in the minutes?

Member graduate:

- Because there is a secret ballot, it's a different process
- A declaration by a chair, will be made on whether or not the motion has carried or not carried
- Because there is a secret ballot, the numbers need not be told

Member Schruder:

- A lot of the people who voted left afterwards, so would you consider calling a second vote?

Speaker:

- No

Representative Prescott:

- I challenge that ruling

Seconded by Member Schruder

Vote:

Motion fails

Motion to extend by one hour

Moved by President Whittaker

Seconded by Member at large

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Schruder:

- Is there a time limit on these assemblies?

Speaker:

- No

Member at large:

- If members leave now, can we know if this will come up to vote again in any way?

Commissioner Anwar:

- Any motion that has been carried is permanent, unless we go below quorum

Member Schruder:

- Is it possible to have the agenda put back on the screen?

Vice-President Jacobs:

- Yes

Representative Lively:

- I was just looking through policy and I mentioned this previously, but we got caught up in a debate about the omnibus motion
- “The following committees are required by policy to have a report for the Alzheimer’s outreach committee, friends for inclusion, aids awareness, ASUS committee for the environment, after-school buddies program, ASUS cancer triad, music and memories, women’s empowerment, etc”

Commissioner Anwar:

- It’s the nature of the AGM that we do not do this now, but it is a violation of policy
- At the same time, with time constraints, I believe Commissioner Tsukahara can speak more to this
- Committees are very busy with this, and you will see a report eventually
- If there reports were ready, I would have asked them to post it on the website, rather than the AGM
- If you can submit a policy change next year so that it has to be posted online, that would be good

Rico Garcia:

- We are running here through the AGM to be the permanent year society
- There was nobody who ran for the class of 2013
- We would love to be the executive for the class of 2013, organizing reunions every 5 years
- We would be the main contact with the alumni for organizing those reunions

Duncan Petersen:

- I’ve been heavily involved with ASSU for a large number of years
- I deal with money a lot, and I think I’m pretty qualified

Rico Garcia:

- I was the president for the class of 2013 in first year, and so I think it would be really cool to be the permanent president
- We've been working and organizing reunions already, so I would love to represent the class of 2013

Member Schruder:

- Can I call a secret ballot for this?

Seconded by Representative Prescott

Member Schruder:

- I feel as though if they knew who voted for them could influence their opinions of people

Member Mason:

- Would it not be equivalent to have them leave the room?

Member Schruder:

- No it would not, as some people in here might tell them after

Representative Lively:

- I'd like to put forward a suggestion that we can all pretend heads up seven up, and everyone put up their hand
- Given that it is up to the chair to determine what a secret ballot is, he could interpret that as a secret ballot as nobody knows who's voting for whom

Speaker:

- Seeing as we're running out of construction paper, and a whole secret ballot would take longer, I will entertain the suggestion from Representative Lively

Motion 40: "That ASUS Assembly elect Rico Garcia and Duncan Peterson as the 2013 Permanent Year Society Executive"

Moved by: Rico Garcia

Seconded By: Duncan Petersen

Motion passes

Member Waslowski:

- Could we please use gender neutral language?

President Whittaker:

- Policy was changed to not use gender pronouns when addressing people. ie President Whittaker instead of Mr. President Whittaker

Representative Prescott:

- I move to open the agenda

Member at large:

- Point of information: What does that mean?

Speaker:

- Any motions can be added to the agenda

Member Schruder:

- Member Prescott and Member Waslowski wanted to open the agenda, is there any way that they can change the vote?

Vote:

Motion fails

Member Mason:

- Motion to omnibus motions 41 through 45

Seconded by Representative Palia

Member Schruder:

- Point of information: Can we see what those are on the screen?

Member at large:

- Can we please consider motion 41 separately?

Member Mason:

- I rescind my motion to omnibus motions 42 through 45 instead

Vote on Omnibussing Motions 42-45:

Motion passes

Officer Lopez:

- This will move the equity office to a Commissioner ion. Every word that is currently stated as an “office”, and “officer” will be changed to “Commissioner ion” and “Commissioner”

Member Schruder:

- Are the minutes still being streamed live?

Officer Lopez:

- To clarify, it's just the title that's being changed

Member Waslowski:

- If we're just changing the name, it would be an inaccurate way to proceed. There is policy for Commissioner specifically.

Speaker:

- They changed that at the last assembly

Representative Prescott:

- I'm guessing this was done, the policy changes, we are voting to give somebody a pay hike

Officer Lopez:

- That is not in this motion
- Jo-anne submitted this motion

Member Mason:

- We are voting on a second reading

Commissioner Anwar:

- I will explain what is happening
- We are changing the office to a Commissioner
- The policy changes were already passed 2 weeks ago. All policy changes regarding that have been changed
- The workload currently for this has been changed to a commission
- The one thing we're doing now is changing the honorarium because it can only be done at the AGM, but I would like to stress that the equity office is already a Commissioner ion

Representative Prescott:

- Is this the second of constitutional changes?

Commissioner Anwar:

- No, you don't need two readings at an AGM

Representative Prescott:

- This is still a very binding decision
- The honoraria will be increased from \$4000 to \$5000
- It's important to note that we still have a say in this, and to speak to what it is
- I think that there are many other things that this society should be doing as a Commissioner ion
- Do we pick winners and losers, or what can and can't become a Commissioner ion, where we already have academics, community outreach, services, which I think are the fundamental parts
- I think it's important to have an office for equity and that members of the ASUS community continue to make this an open and safe space

Member Sauve:

- I think that the society should see this as a Commissioner ion, rather than changing everything

Member at large:

- If the motioner could talk about why it's a Commissioner ion instead of an office?

Officer Lopez

- Two weeks ago we changed policy from equity office to equity Commissioner ion
- This is because the equity office deals with concerns relating to equity regarding its volunteers, Commissioner, executives, and it acts as mediators for these conflicts
- We don't think that this is an appropriate way to mitigate these conflicts
- The students do not have the legal access for this to be viable
- The equity Commissioner ion will fulfill complaints of equity, diversity, etc

Member Conway:

- I support this motion. It's exciting to see this office to move forward
- It's the only office in ASUS
- Incredibly growth in the office over the year
- To build on Nick's point as well, a part of my role is to mitigate conflicts in the AMS, but the general recommendation is to direct issues to the human rights office
- I will also call into question the motion

Seconded by Member at Large

Officer Lopez:

- This will increase accountability

Representative Lively:

- As we go deeper into the night, the coffee stain on my shirt has a decreased chance of getting out

Member Schruder:

- Point of relevance?

Motion 41: "That ASUS Assembly approve the Constitution changes to shift the Equity Office to a Commissioner ion"

Moved by: Nikolas Lopez

Seconded By: John Whittaker

Motion passes

Representative Prescott:

- Point of order: I would like it to be known that the incoming president has interrupted you, Mr. Speaker on many occasions

Member Lang:

- Point of information: Member Prescott has also interrupted you on many occasions

Speaker:

- Noted, thank you

Representative Prescott:

- I apologize for interrupting you, and I would like that to be noted

Member Schruder:

- I would like to apologize as well

Motion: That ASUS Assembly approve the Omnibussed motion containing motions 42-45

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- I had no expectation of omnibussing
- They are changing to reflect the current practices of the Commissioner, and to increase efficiency of the committees
- They are not dramatic changes, but rather changes to reflect what we do

Member Schruder:

- Motion 42 is a part of this omnibus, right?

Speaker:

- Yes

Member Schruder:

- What exactly is Appendix A?
- I have no internet access and did not receive an assembly package

Commissioner Lee:

- We passed policy changes so that there was no director, and rather it had two co-chairs.
- There is no longer a \$1500 honorarium awarded to the director
- AMT stands for ASUS Movie Theatre

Representative Prescott:

- I'd like to speak in favour of this motion, and the omnibus as a whole, especially considering that we heard earlier from Member Waslowski that the movie brought in maybe 50\$ of revenue and we were paying \$1500 for a director to do so, which is not exactly offsetting, so I think it's responsible to make this decision
- I would say that \$1500 is a respectable amount of money for the Jackets Director given the amount of work that they do

Member Donaldson:

- Speaking to the Music and Memories Program: I noted that it's being put underneath the Alzheimer's society
- To do that, you're increasing it from 1 chair to two chairs?
- Was there previously only one chair, without committee members or volunteers?

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- Currently there are chairs and members, it has just not been reflected in policy

Member Schruder:

- I'm not sure exactly, the only reason I am skeptical is what kind of movies AMV plays
- Do these movies respect all students and create a safe space?

Representative Lively:

- How do you define an inclusive and safe movie?

Commissioner Lee:

- You can trust that we make proper judgment calls and we consider the broader needs of students

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- Every member of ASUS undergoes equity training

Representative Prescott:

- Considering we are showcasing videos that create a safe space for everyone, would it be considered a friendly amendment to add into policy that ensures that whatever movie is being played is deemed equitable by any members who attend?

Commissioner Lee:

- Yes this would be friendly, but it would be a change to the policy rather than the constitution, and this motion regards the constitution

Member Schruder:

- You said you considered it friendly, even though you don't think this is the place?

Commissioner Lee:

- I retract my statement

Representative Prescott moves to amend

Seconded by Member Schruder

Member Donaldson:

- Could you explain the difference between constitution and policy?

Commissioner Anwar:

- Constitution is the essence of what we are
- Policy is how we do it, the nitty gritty details and such
- I recommend that this be put forward as a different motion, rather than an amendment

Representative Prescott:

- A follow-up on that, then: If we were to write it in to the constitution for the ASUS Movie Theater that the Equity Commissioner sit in there, would that not be more in the spirit of what the movie theater should be, moving forward with what our goals are
- This would encapsulate the spirit of what the ASUS movie theater should be

Commissioner Lee:

- I would propose that you put forth a new motion, especially because this section of the constitution directly refers to the honorarium

Member Irfan:

- I call into question the motion

Member Schruder:

- If this is being considered unfriendly, if for example Member Prescott and myself moved and seconded the amendment, does the chair have discretion on whether or not we debate the amendment? If somebody calls the motion into question can the Speaker make that ruling?

President Whittaker:

- If someone calls into question, we would go to the vote

Representative Prescott:

- I was never allowed to speak to the amendment

Member Schruder:

- Nor was I

Member Draeger:

- I believe that Member Irfan was calling into question the motion of the omnibus motion

AMT Director Hirer:

- I don't believe that this is the most appropriate place to put this change

Member Schruder:

- Do Member Prescott and myself have the right as movers of the motion to speak to it?

Member Sauve:

- Motion to extend assembly by 1 hour

Seconded by member at large

Vote:

Motion passes

Commissioner Anwar:

- Member Prescott moved to amend the motion right before Member Irfan called into question the omnibus motion

Member Schruder:

- Even an amendment, as a motion, the mover and seconder get 10 and 5 minutes respectively?

Member Duncanson

- May I please have some ibuprofen?

Representative Prescott:

- I understand that it's not necessarily the best place to put it in policy, but since we're here this evening and definitely encapsulates the values of the constitution of our organization, it is important that it becomes the spirit of the ASUS movie night and the ASUS Movie Theatre that everything be a positive and safe space
- It is important that it is written into the AMT Constitution, given that what we stand for as a society
- I was censured a week ago for crossing that boundary on not creating safe spaces for all ASUS members
- As an extension of what has happened in recent events, it is important that we transpose this onto our services as a whole
- It is important that we place this into the constitution, as a whole
- I figure then, that considering this is at the heart of our organization, we should put it at the hearts of our services, and so it should be placed in that section of the governing documents of our society
- Policy is what you would use for the how-to, or the what-happens of any working section of the society, but this goes deeper than that.
- This isn't how to, or what happens, but that the essence of the AMT is to promote equity issues, and to promote positive spaces and to promote dissemination of such information to our members
- To do that most effectively would be to insemminate it into the constitution, rather than the policy
- I would speak to putting it into policy as well, which I believe would continue with the spirit that this amendment would bring
- It's very important that it is in the constitution, but that it is also in policy
- Not only are we encapsulating the why - the heart and the base of what we are doing this for, but the how-to as well
- It would be a simple change of wording to ensure that the equity Commissioner would be present at and have a playing part in the ASUS Movie Theatre

President Whittaker:

- This section deals exclusively with the honorarium and not the operations of the ASUS Movie Theater

Representative Prescott:

- I will retract my amendment.
- I also think that it's important that we get this done

Member Schruder:

- Would we be removing this motion and opening the agenda?

Speaker:

- We will not do that, but just remove the amendment

Representative Prescott:

- I did not say I would withdraw the motion, but that I would withdraw the motion on the condition that we open the agenda
- That is what I want to clarify, and I will retract my amendment given that condition

Speaker:

- We are going to vote on the omnibus motion

Drew Sauve:

- Was it not on the condition that we open up the agenda?

Representative Prescott:

- Yes, it would ensure that the Equity Commissioner be there for the movie screening, and involved in the process

Member Mason:

- Motion to limit speaking time to 30 seconds

Seconded by Officer Lopez

Representative Prescott:

- What are we limiting to 30 seconds?

Member Mason:

- I would like to change my motion to be 20 seconds, and to apply to all speaking rights, and to limit the speaker's list to two people

Vote:

Motion passes

Speaker: Opening debate on the omnibus

Member Irfan:

- Motion to call into question

Seconded by Member Mason

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Schruder:

- I'd like to call a secret ballot

Representative Prescott:

- This is unpresidential behaviour from Member Mason

Speaker:

- This is your fourth warning, please leave the assembly Representative Prescott

Representative Prescott is removed from Assembly due to too many warnings

Member Schruder:

- I'd like to say that what Member Mason has done is snakey

Member Irfan:

- I request you give him a warning for that

Speaker:

- Yes, you have another warning Member Schruder

Member Schruder:

- I want to challenge your definition of a secret ballot
- A secret ballot in its essence protects identity
- It does not ensure democracy, or secrecy

Seconded by member at large

Vote for Challenge:

Motion fails

Vote for Omnibus

Motion passes

Member Schruder:

- I would like to call into question quorum

Member Mason:

- I would like to point out that Member Schruder is disrupting assembly

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- Motion 45 was to remove the Music and Memories committee, which is due to this motion
- This will add a position within the Alzheimer's Outreach committee that finds volunteers to play music at retirement homes
- It is redundant to have two committees that do the same thing

President Whittaker:

- I call into question the motion

Seconded by Member Tahiri

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Schruder:

- Point of order: I would like to call in a secret ballot

Member Bannerman:

- I would like to ask for Member Schruder's reasoning for a secret ballot for every ballot

Member Schruder:

- The reason I want to call a secret ballot is because we want to protect democracy, and protect people from being prejudiced against for voting for or against a certain motion, and I believe that this protects the students

Member Butler:

- Are you able to challenge the call for a secret ballot?

Motion 46: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Section D-6 as seen in Appendix D6 AlazheimersOutreach"

Moved by: Melody Tsukahara

Seconded By: John Whittaker

Motion passes

Commissioner Tsukahara:

- This is a very small change to reflect what's already done by the committee
- The committee runs Vagina Monologues
- It has been changed to a student-run production called Down There (same one as earlier)
- The policy has been updated so that the chairs of the Womens' Empowerment Committee are in charge

Member Ingle:

- I think that's great

Member Schruder:

- I believe that what has been done today has been terrible
- I am speaking on motion 47
- We have to pay close attention to each motion, and 20 seconds is not long enough

Motion 47: "That ASUS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Section D-16 as seen in Appendix D16_WEC"

Moved by: Melody Tsukahara

Seconded By: John Whittaker

Motion passes

Senator Aulthouse:

- This motion has some changes to the Board of Directors Policy
- Increasing number of 1-year directors from 5 to 6
- Also increasing the number of two-year from 2 to 3 to have more memory on board
- We are also instituting a planning committee
- Transition Manual as well

Member Schruder is removed from Assembly due to too many warnings

Year Society '13 President Galloway:

- I would prefer Ms. and it would create a more equitable environment for me

Member Donaldson:

- I'd like to bring up that this was a motion I'd like to speak to, but that we have two quepoints that were "It's good" and "It's great", I would request that members respect democracy

Motion 48: "That ASUS Assembly accept the changes to ASUS Board of Directors Policy and Constitution, as seen in Appendix 15_BOD-Constitution and L_BOD-Policy"

Moved by: Andrew Aulthouse

Seconded By: Thomas Jacobs

Motion approved

Representative Lively:

- If anybody has anything serious to say, I'd ask that they don't stand up and say "This is good", because we have given people 20 seconds and that is not enough time
- It is disgraceful that we are not allowing more serious input

Drew Sauve:

Motion to increase time to 45 seconds

Seconded by member at large

Vote:

Motion passes

Commissioner Anwar

- We passed at last assembly the changes in policy
- These are just the constitutional changes to reflect that

Member Patterson:

- I think this is a great idea

Incoming Academics Affairs Commissioner Adam:

- I hope you all vote in favour of the motion

Motion 49: “That ASUS Assembly accept the changes to ASUS Constitution, as seen in Appenix D”

Moved by: Kimia Ghavami

Seconded By: Zaeem Anwar

Motion approved

Member Mason:

- Motion to omnibus motions 50 through 55

Seconded by Member Tahiri

Vote:

Motion passes

Member Mason:

- Motion to enter committee of the whole

Seconded by Member Donaldson

Member Mason:

- Committee of the whole allows us to speak more candidly, given the nature of the next 5 motions

Vote:

Motion passes

Vice-President Jacobs:

- The ASUS General Meeting is a way for us to introduce the new members of council
- We are excited to pass off the reins to this incoming council
- I will ask them all to come up, including Scott and Irfan
- Each of the Commissioner have something they'd like to say

Each of the incoming positions come up one by one and have a respectful handshake with the exiting positions.

Member Sauve:

- Point of order: are we still limited to two speakers?

Speaker: No

Member Chisney:

- Would each Commissioner bring forth one thing they would like to do this year?

Incoming Internal Commissioner:

- I want to see a lot more coordination between AMS and ASUS
- During orientation week, there is tremendous opportunity for us to pool resources and for students to get involved
- When I was a first year, there was a bit of a scattered message coming from AMS and ASUS

Incoming Community Outreach Commissioner:

- Having community outreach week would focus on marketing and letting everyone on campus know about the clubs
- This will be happening once per semester

Incoming Services Commissioner:

- Moving day sale - Including selling items, looking to get a rental system who can't afford to purchase one at a full price, or don't want to keep their items past first year

Incoming Marketing Commissioner:

- I would like to say that President and Vice-President have done a good job representing ASUS
- Increase visibility, and keeping ASUS accountable
- Increasing graphic design and photography and using it as an outlet to explain what happens in assembly

Incoming Equity AND Diversity Commissioner:

- A new policy passed for a research and policy committee under the equity and diversity Commissioner ion
- What I want to do with that committee is to take a look at ASUS policy and to see what they do on a committee level, and respecting the environment as a society
- I also love movies, so I'd be more than happy to do that

Incoming President:

- One initiative is to change the DSCs. We've made some changes to make them fully democratic

- Next year we'll be changing the funding formula, to ensure that money is much easier to be accessed by the DSCs, and work more with the DSCs by changing the event planning package so it's more accessible to the event volunteers
- We would also like to change the alcohol policy so that they can run beer with pros without any hitches

Incoming Vice-President

- Showing the budget to students
- ASUS has a lot of money, there's a lot of things that people could do with that money
- Seeing how we can channel that talent on campus would be great
- One of the big things, that everyone has sort of touched on is the relevancy
- One of the biggest things right now is having students realize how much ASUS does

Incoming Academics Commissioner:

- Improve transparency of the Commissioner ion
- Start some kind of online blog on the website where you can see all the academic changes that are happening and what is affecting you

Member Ingle:

- For the incoming marketing Commissioner: I know the older marketing Commissioner have a very specific font favourites
- What is your favourite font, and what is the difference between serif and sans serif?

Incoming Marketing Commissioner:

- I like fonts a lot
- Similar to my predecessors, I like sans serif fonts
- Keep it simple and professional
- The way they've presented themselves online, and the graphics have been top-notch over the past couple of years
- My favourite font is "Davis Neue". That's the font
- Sans Serif as in there's no feet, or toes on the letters

Incoming Marketing Commissioner displays the difference between Serif and Sans Serif

Member Petersen:

- Name your favourite previous Commissioner

Incoming Academics Commissioner

- I abstain

Incoming Equity Commissioner

- My favourite officer is Officer Lopez

Incoming Marketing Commissioner:

- I'm trying to decide between Melody Tsukahara and Hannah Lee
- I will choose Officer Lopez

Incoming Services Commissioner

- Judging co-chair last year, I hope I can fill her shoes
- Hannah Lee is my favourite

Incoming Internal Commissioner:

- Definitely my main man Zaeem
- He is rock solid, and pretty cool

Vice-President Jacobs:

- Motion to move back to regular assembly

Seconded by member at large

Vote on remaining Omnibussed motions:

Motion passes

Representative Lively:

- Motion to end assembly

Seconded by Member at large

Vote:

Motion passes

Ending Time: 1:44 am