

**Arts  
and  
Science  
Undergraduate  
Society —  
Assembly**

Transition Assembly Minutes

*Assembly is called to order at 9:01pm EST.*

## **MOTION 1 - Approval of Agenda**

**1. That ASUS Assembly formally approve this agenda and the consent agenda.**

- MOVED BY: INCOMING GOVERNANCE OFFICER MEGAN DIMUZIO
- SECONDED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS

Est Time: 2 mins

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**Amendment:** Omnibus motions 3 to 9

**Vote:** Motion passes

## **MOTION 2 - Approval the Minutes**

**2. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the minutes from the last Assembly held on March 11th, as seen on the ASUS website.**

- MOVED BY: INCOMING GOVERNANCE OFFICER MEGAN DIMUZIO
- SECONDED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS

Est Time: 2 mins

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**How will you ensure that Assembly remains accountable to all Arts and Science students?**

**Incoming VPSA Helena:** As a voting member, having students' interests in mind. Being accountable to all arts and science students, and being willing to have those conversations both at Assembly and with students.

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**Incoming VPOPS Silas:** More marketing to promote Assembly.

**Incoming President Cole:** With regards to strategic plans and policy being approved - They need to be read by voting members in order to see what everyone has a say and to have various sources of feedback.

**Incoming Academics Commissioner Giulia:** Coming to ASUS Assembly understanding policy details can help communicate to the DSCs and communicating back to

**Senator Niki:** Responsible for all arts and science - create a working dialogue with the students

**Incoming President Cole:** Make sure to have all the senator positions, acs clusters, year reps filled to have an accurate representations of all arts and science students.

### How can the Governance Office help you achieve these goals?

**Incoming VPSA Helena:** Once minutes are done - point students to the website , get it on the general instagram.

**Incoming President Cole:** Making marketing more significant, this is what were discussing.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Cole Olidis**, Incoming President

Hello Arts and Science Students,

My name is Cole Olidis (He/Him), and I'm the Incoming President for the 2024-2025 academic year! I have been sitting in assembly since last academic year serving as the Services Commissioner to ASUS. I look forward to taking on my new role as President and am excited to get to work! I look forward to working closely with Helena Shimwell, Incoming Vice President of Society Affairs, Silas Tamlyn, Incoming Vice President of Operations, and Sean Thompson, General Manager.

I am thrilled to share that Helena, Silas, and I have hired our council for the year! We look forward to welcoming;

- Giulia Iacobucci as Academics Commissioner,
- Uyanda Mntambo as Equity Commissioner,
- Franki-Lynne Mauro as Marketing and Communications ONicer,
- Janica Arevalo as Community Outreach Commissioner,
- Megan Di Muzio as Governance Officer,
- Owen Miaskowski as Human Resources Officer, and
- Esha Sharma as Services Commissioner.

All Incoming Council has started their transition with the current Commissioner/Officer, and I look forward to continuing to support the team while they get comfortable in their roles.

ASUS has opened hiring for all of our Deputy, Director, and Chair positions. Positions are set to close April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to work with the current Human Resources ONicer to ensure positions have a competitive applicant pool. I look forward to starting to see all of the council hiring their teams and seeing the work they do next year!

For myself, transition has been taking place with Amaiya Walters, current ASUS President. Silas, Helena, and I have been meeting with multiple Faculty of Arts and Sciences administrators, and we look forward to working with all of them during our term.

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Priorities for next year include building a stronger sense of community for Arts and Science students. Working this year in ASUS, I have noticed an alarming decrease in the attendance at our events and the utilization of our services. ASUS offers an incredibly large range of events and services designed for students, funded by student. I would like to find new ways to engage with students and ensure students are accessing the initiatives we offer. In doing this, I hope to build a stronger relationship where all ArtSci students feel that ASUS is working for them.

Secondly, I would like to rebuild trust in ASUS from students. This has been a challenging year for students being left in the dark in many situations and not feeling like their voice is heard. The spirit of ASUS has students in the forefront of all we do and thus it is critical that we are advocating for the needs of students to the faculty. I hope to get to speak with as many students as possible in various forms to better learn about everyone's experience at Queen's and what ASUS and the faculty can do to help improve it.

Over the summer, Helena, Silas, and I will be working with our council to create the budgets and strategic plans. Doing this, we will be having students in mind on what we plan for the next academic year. At the ASUS Offices, we are planning for some internal and external maintenance to the house including painting, fixing the porch, and deep cleaning the house.

I look forward to getting the opportunity to start working with council and all the incredible volunteers we are going to be welcoming soon! During the year, I am excited to get to meet students and hearing their stories, experiences, and suggestions.

# VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

Presented by **Helena Shimwell**, Incoming Vice President of Society Affairs

Hello, I hope you are all doing well and taking care of yourselves during this busy time of year and feeling prepared for this coming exam season! I am incredibly excited to be writing my first assembly report as the incoming ASUS Vice President of Society Affairs for the 2024-2025 school year. I am very eager to officially start my new role on May 1<sup>st</sup> and get started on all of the initiatives and plans which I proposed during my election campaign. I cannot wait for all that is to come this year alongside the incoming executive team and ASUS Council.

A few updates to begin, Cole, Silas and I have finished hiring our Council and are exceptionally impressed by the talented group of people selected to be in these roles! Additionally, applications for Director, Deputy and Co-Chair positions will be closing this Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> and from there, Council will be able to hire their teams and start the transition process. In terms of policy, we have also introduced a new position for this year to bring increased funding into the society, a Sponsorship Director to aid in attainment of funds as well as how they will be allocated across ASUS. Final updates for incoming council are that we had our first council meeting and hiring fair last week and have implemented an onboarding survey through our Human Resources Department, so that we can work better as a team and community going forward.

In terms of what I would like to accomplish this coming year, much of this has to do with my platform pillars: increasing transparency with students, amplification of student voices, building community at ASUS and improving accessibility. To increase transparency with students I plan to have drop-in office hours, an open-door policy, and a section on the OnQ where students can ask questions with a guarantee of a truthful response from the executive team!

For amplification of student voices, I would like to have monthly open forums with student groups and student leaders to discuss what specific groups and communities need from ASUS and how we can go about supporting them. I would also like to implement feedback boxes on campus where students can write suggestions, comments and concerns about how ASUS is operating and how we can improve.

For building community at ASUS, I would like to use student feedback to create events students actually want to see! Some ideas I have include a movie night at

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the screening room sponsored by ASUS, a pic-nic at the pier during the end of orientation week and a winter hot chocolate giveaway during the first exam period. I think collaboration with sibling societies and consultations with other faculty societies would help to bolster event engagement and turnout, while implementing new and improved strategies. Building community at ASUS and improving accessibility go hand-in-hand, which is why we want to bring in more funding in order to give out more financial aid for large-scale events that may have barriers in place.

If anyone has questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email and I'm happy to discuss my plans and goals in further detail! Once again, I am thrilled to be entering into this new role and I'm super excited to make ASUS bigger and better than ever! A special thank you to Preston for helping to make the transition into my new role smooth and enjoyable.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS**

Presented by **Silas Tamlyn**, Incoming Vice President of Operations

Hello everyone, my name is Silas Tamlyn and it is a pleasure to be sitting here as your incoming Vice President of Operations for ASUS 134. I am very excited to work alongside both Helena and Cole, as well as all of incoming council. This is a great group of people; I have no doubts that next year will be an incredible success. This will be my first year with ASUS, and already I am learning of the amazing community that we have here. Everyone I have met has been so helpful and welcoming as I transition into my new role, and for that I am thankful.

### **Transition**

Since the election, Cole, Helena, and I have been working alongside this year's executive team. Through this process, we have been engaging in weekly transition sessions, where we have been receiving one on one training on our respective roles. I have had the privilege to work alongside Therese De Rivera, the current VPOPS. Therese has been showing me the ropes with programs such as QuickBooks and WuFoo, which I will use to track and manage finances, provide reimbursements, and keep the organization in a strong financial standing. As well, Therese has allowed me to sit in on multiple meetings to further understand the day-to-day operations of both ASUS and the role of VPOPS. I would like to extend gratitude to Therese for her patience and support while I transition into this new role. As well, I would like to thank the ASUS General Manager Sean, who has been amazing with helping me through my transition. I cannot wait to work alongside him in the coming year.

### **Hiring**

One of our first main tasks has been to hire this year's incoming council. The interview process was a great learning experience, and I had the privilege of meeting many qualified, passionate, and driven individuals. I would like to extend a congratulations to Esha Sharma, Owen Miaskowski, Megan Di Muzio, Franki-Lynne Mauro, Janica Arevalo, Giulia Lacobucci, and Uyanda Mntambo. This is a great team filled with exceptional leaders, and I have no doubt that you will all succeed in your roles. I wish you all the best luck in your upcoming roles.

### **Visions For The Year**



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The main platforms of my election campaign were transparency, accountability, and accessibility within ASUS. Transparency is increasingly important within ASUS, as with the recent and upcoming budget cuts, allowing students to know exactly how their money is being spent is more important than ever. The live spending updates of ASUS is currently available for all students to access on the ASUS website, but I will be adding a more personal touch to financial transparency with using my VPOPS Instagram account as an avenue to communicate and share updates directly with students. This account can be found @tamlynv pops. This account will be solely managed by myself, creating an easy and direct avenue between myself and students.

For accountability, a major concern of mine is the potential misuse of student funds internally within ASUS. With this, I will make sure that each and every ASUS member is being financially responsible. This includes ensuring that everyone sticks to their budget, and does not spend money on unnecessary or non-student focused purchases.

For accessibility, I will ensure that ASUS and the resources that we provide are attainable for each and every ArtSci student. This will include further promotion of the services that we provide, as well as increasing funding and support for underprivileged groups within Arts and Science. In order to achieve this, I will work closely with Uyanda Mntambo our new equity commissioner, to ensure that each and every student is, and continues to be, represented.

In addition, although not a part of my campaign, I would like to focus a lot of my attention on increasing engagement within ASUS. My hope is to bring ASUS into the center of the Arts and Science experience. As we represent the largest student body at Queen's, it is important to me that students not only know what we offer, but use the resources and opportunities that we provide. Some new ideas that I have include the introduction of the annual ASUS concert, a live music event that aims to bring ArtSci students together. In addition, I would like to explore the possibility of revamping the ArtSci cup. My hope is to bring the game to Slush Puppie Place, and drastically increase the scope of this amazing event. My thinking is that with larger and more publicized events, we will simultaneously be able to increase engagement, and knowledge of the services that ASUS provides.

To conclude, I am extremely excited for this amazing opportunity to represent students through my new position. Although I still have a lot to learn, I am confident in myself, Cole, and Helena's ability to perform well in our positions, and bring ASUS into the lives of more students. I am incredibly excited to work alongside all of these amazing people, and I cannot wait for the year ahead.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**All members gave a quick introduction of themselves and an update on how their hiring is going. Everyone is hoping to foster a stronger relationship with ASUS.**

**Senate:**

- My name is Nicki and I am a 4th year of history and politics minor. This is my first year with ASUS and first Assembly. I am honoured to be an ASUS senator and I am excited to work with the other Art Sci senators when they are elected. Looking at the Assembly agendas and minutes, the senate never submitted a report so this is something I am looking to implement this coming year. I believe the reports present valuable insight on the work we are doing and it's important for the students to be made aware of this. Moreover, I am looking to bridge the gap between arts and science and increase engagement. I believe its important to increase communication with administration and being on assembly is a great opportunity to report on topics such as the budget cuts, since they are disproportionately impacting Art Sci student.

## **STATEMENT BY MEMBERS**

No reports.

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

No reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## MOTION 3-9 (omnibus)

### Ratification of ASUS Council

- MOVED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS
  - SECONDED BY: INCOMING VPSA HELENA SHIMWELL
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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 10

- **10. That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2023 ASUS Orientation budget, as seen in Appendix A: 2023 ASUS Orientation Budget Closing.**
  - • MOVED BY: 2023 - 2024 VPOPS THERESE DE RIVERA
  - • SECONDED BY: INCOMING VPOPS SILAS TAMLYN
  - Est Time: 2 mins
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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 11

- **11. That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2023 ASUS Camps budget, as seen in Appendix B: 2023 ASUS Camps Budget Closing.**
  - • MOVED BY: 2023 - 2024 VPOPS THERESE DE RIVERA
  - • SECONDED BY: INCOMING VPOPS SILAS TAMLYN
  - Est Time: 2 mins
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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 12

**12. That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2024 ASUS Orientation budget, as seen in Appendix C: 2024 ASUS Orientation Budget opening.**

- MOVED BY: INCOMING VPOPS SILAS TAMLYN
- SECONDED BY: 2024 HEAD GAEL EMMA CAPSTICK

Est Time: 2 mins

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 13

**13. That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2024 ASUS Camps budget, as seen in Appendix D: 2024 ASUS Camps Budget opening.**

- MOVED BY: INCOMING VPOPS SILAS TAMLYN
- SECONDED BY: CAMPS DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) ORLI RICH

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 13

**14. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Orientation Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix E: Orientation Policy Manual Changes.**

- MOVED BY: 2024 HEAD GAEL EMMA CAPSTICK
- SECONDED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS

Est Time: 2 mins

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 14

**15. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the President Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix F: Orientation President Policy Manual Changes Part 1.**

- MOVED BY: OUTGOING PRESIDENT AMAIYA WALTERS
- SECONDED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 15

**16. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the President Policy Manual, as seen in Appendix G: Orientation President Policy Manual Changes Part 2.**

- MOVED BY: OUTGOING PRESIDENT AMAIYA WALTERS
- SECONDED BY: INCOMING PRESIDENT COLE OLIDIS

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

So I just wanted to say thank you guys so much for your time. I appreciate your cooperation with the difference in the way our assembly ran today. Great questions asked. I hope everybody has a safe and restful week reading week.

## MOTION 19 - ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Cole Olidis

Seconded by: Helena Shimwell

Vote: Motion passes