

**Arts  
and  
Science  
Undergraduate  
Society —  
Assembly**

Meeting #5 Minutes

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*Assembly is called to order at 5:01pm EST.*

**MOTION 1 - Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Piper

Seconded by: Amaiya

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Piper Veloso: Adding ratification for the Camps Director as a motion. Sophia Coens-English, Jana Hickman - French, and Orli Rich - Operations

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

**MOTION 2 - Approval the Minutes**

Moved by: Piper

Seconded by: Amaiya

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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

**SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

Speaker: I just wanted to formally begin with a land acknowledgement. We are currently situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people. I recognize that this is a privilege which comes only from a history of colonialism, in which these lands were stolen from the indigenous peoples who first inhabited them as settlers. It is important to me to acknowledge the privilege that I have to be able to learn, live and meet today on this land here at Queens with respect, gratitude and compassion. So I just want to welcome everybody this evening. Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for

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coming up tonight. I'm Megan. I'm the Assembly speaker for Asus. For those who are new or in case they forgot, I hope everybody's having a very successful week 6 class and are ready for a restful Week reading week. The agenda we have today's short, however, we have Dean Crow joining us today for the discussion period. So we're going to get right into that to kick off today's assembly. I wanna thank everybody in advance for your cooperation and patience. We're just gonna get right into it. So just before we do so, I just wanted to kind of reiterate the etiquette for the question discussion period with Dean Crow. So before we begin, I am just going to go over just some quick things and as I'm sure you all know which I mentioned, Dean Crow is going to be present tonight.

There, she will be able to answer some questions to understand the position of Queen's and the expectations of how the university will set its future path to ensure its sustainability and its commitment to its academic and research missions. This is an opportunity to ask specific questions about its implementation, which Dean Crow will address. We want to remind everybody that this is a tough topic and the goal of the conversation period is to have an informative, productive and respectful conversation and we will ensure that this conversation continues going forward. So if you do have a question that you would like to ask or comment that you would like to make, please raise your hand and you are welcome to do so. Also, please remember just to be respectful and conscious of time just to allow you peers to ask any questions.

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

**The discussion period was recorded via Microsoft Teams. Please find the scribed meeting [here](#).**

Please note that the transcription is not exact (i.e. there are grammar mistakes.)

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

## PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Amaiya Walters**, President

Thank you for what you do here.

There are a few things that I have been going on.

- ASURF
- So please encourage your friends to apply again.
- Encourage both science and arts based research

My collaboration with the Queens Native Student Associations is coming along quite nicely. We have some new tables and chairs in the reflection room. Also looking into signage with QNSA seeking out translation for the reflection room, and I believe it's Mohawk and then having a plaque made for the room. So the space is better identified to students who use it and who walk by it.

Art Sci cup is all set for just about over a month's time from now. Both teams are practicing regularly and a lot of media is being done like photos, Instagram, et cetera, and ticket sales will open in a couple of days as well.

Life After ArtSci is being hosted in Kingston this semester. I'm in March as well. We're having some folks from outside of Kingston come and speak to students as well as within Kingston because I know that Queen is trying to have some sort of retention for graduating students to stay in Kingston postgrad so hopefully that helps with that and just so people know that staying here is an option as I know living in the GTA is getting more and more expensive. Umm, those are all the most pressing updates for now.

Thank you.

# VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

Presented by **Preston Harrison**, Vice President of Society Affairs

Dear ASUS Assembly,

We did it, we made it to the winter reading week! I hope you all are doing well during mid-term season, taking care of your well-being. ASUS Camps Directors have been hired. Congratulations to Orli Rich (Camps Director of Operations), Jana Hickman (Camps Director of French Programming) and Sophia Coens (Camps Director of English Programming). These individuals will have the chance to plan and execute camps activities for kids aged 4-8. The Camps team will have the chance to grow into the mentors and role models they imagine as Queens Students and individuals who want to impact the little campers positively. I have full confidence that they will step into their roles with the ability to inspire while creating lasting memories for everyone involved in the operations of ASUS Camps.

Camps counsellor position application will close at 11:59 on Feb 23, 2024. Applicants have been given time to complete the application during reading week, and interviews will begin once everyone returns to campus.

Taste of Home has been positively received from the QUIC as they will support, as this will be the first of many initiatives that ASUS will hold in association with QUIC. Taste of Home has been positively received from the QUIC, and they will support the initiative. This will be the first of many initiatives that ASUS will be able to work with QUIC. Look forward to our forum that we will be having ties to collaborate to combat food insecurity as well. This will give students the opportunity to learn about different ways to combat food insecurity.

Moreover, ASUS and Sibling Societies plan to hold an event for students to foster better relationships within the student body government. No tangible evidence that demonstrates ASUS and Sibling Societies working relationship besides dealing with funding and assembly. It is important that creating a working relationship and developing something together will benefit the student body as the planning committee represents all the Arts and Science student body.

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Thank you for your time, stay updated to ASUS via Instagram @queensasus. Please continue to promote and share each other's graphics to have a greater reach on campus. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about anything in my report, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [vpsa@asus.queens.ca](mailto:vpsa@asus.queens.ca) or by coming by the ASUS Offices during my office hours.

Sincerely,

Preston Harrison

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## **VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS**

Presented by **Therese de Rivera**, Vice President of Operations

I can't believe how time flies. As things have quickly picked up this term, I am pleased with how far the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society has come this year. I almost feel as though our academic year just started.

### **Executive Team**

With the elections period now wrapped up, ASUS Executive will work closely with incoming executives to transition them into their new roles. I will be working on the operations aspects of this transition– such as setting up new ASUS Executive emails, managing the budget for transition resources, and effectively preparing the incoming VPOPS/CFO with the details of their new role over regular transition meetings alongside the rest of the Executive Team and the incoming VPSA and President.

### **Direct Reports**

I am very content with all the contributions and time my direct reports have dedicated to ASUS. As usual, our accounting directors are working very hard to actively keep our financial planning up to date by processing our reimbursement requests, volunteer compensations, financial assistance, and budget updates daily. A copy of our live spending updates is viewable on the ASUS website. Secondly, our ASUS Store Manager and IT Director have completed their main projects for this term. We've successfully offered varied academic resources to students through our textbook fair (physical and online store) and technology through our lending library (IT). Additionally, the VPOPS intern has been observing the work of my direct reports, specifically in IT, to help with society operations and assist wherever necessary. While we hope to work on providing even more resources and events this year, we are actively strategizing new and exciting things our operations team may offer Art and Science students each year.

### **Grants/FAF**

With all the society grants and financial assistance now paid out from the fall term, I am working directly with our Advisory board, Accounting Team, and

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General Manager to plan financial distributions and deliberations for the winter term. Winter grants are currently open for submissions and will be closed in March. With plenty of funding to distribute, I encourage all students to apply for one (or more!) of our many grants, which will be further discussed over the next ASUS Assembly.

### **Orientation**

The Head Geal, the General Manager, and I have been meeting to review the finances for our upcoming Orientation and wrap up the final details from Orientation this past year. Since completing our donations sent to CARE and discussing the use of orientation student fees, we are excited to continue conversations in planning the 2024 ArtSci Orientation. The new orientation budget will be addressed in an upcoming ASUS Assembly this term.

### **Department Student Councils**

Finally, this past year has also consisted of my unexpected role working closely with the Department Student Councils (DSCs) and the Deputy of Finances under the Academics Commission. I have assisted with the operations of several events such as prof nights, formals, and merchandise orders/sales.

While the tasks of collaboratively operating the DSCs are nonstop, I am thrilled to see this much activity among the DSC Co-Presidents and students. Consequently, the society's financial operations expect plenty of traffic while planning such department formals and other events for the end of this term. Our team is currently preparing for this and updating our store accordingly.

Finally, The ASUS Store Manager and I also hope to include Department Student Councils when we hold our next ASUS fair-- to support each department with their merchandise, textbooks, etc, and the main goal is to offer undergraduate students within each department affordable resources.

### **Closing Statement**

I can't wait to see everything else we have in store for this year, and I cannot be more thrilled with all the hard work and dedication our council and volunteers have executed these past few months. It is always a pleasure to work alongside everyone.

As always, please do not hesitate to come by the office or book office hours



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with me if any questions arise or if you'd just like to chat!

### OTHER REPORTS

**Senate:** Well, yeah, I can touch up on a few important meetings discussing exactly 2 weeks ago during the Senate meeting on February the 1st.

Most pressing issue being the budget deficit.

The thing I just mentioned and but I knew after this is at the Canada Government's post, a cap on the number of international student enrolments in I it's maybe university. So this will this will this will lead to a decrease in number of international students, which will which will not have like any positive effects on our budgeting and also we have been talking about the temporary suspension of a few programs which with very limited number of enrollments.

### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

No reports.

### QUESTION PERIOD

No reports.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

### MOTION 3-5 (omnibus)

**Ratification of:**

Cole Olidis as ASUS 2024-25 President

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Helena Shimwell as ASUS 2024-25 Vice President of Society Affairs  
Silas Tamlyn as ASUS 2024-25 Vice President of Operations

- MOVED BY: PIPER VELOSO
  - SECONDED BY: AMAIYA WATLERS
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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION 6

**That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Academics Policy Manual as seen in Appendix A: Academics Policy Manual Changes**

- MOVED BY: SARAH EKLOVE
  - SECONDED BY: PIPER VELOSO
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Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

## MOTION - Ratification

**Ratification of Camps Director:**

- Sophia Coens- English
- Jana Hickman - French
- Orli Rich - Operations

- MOVED BY: HARRISON PRESTON
  - SECONDED BY: PIPER VELOSO
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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: Amaiya Walter

Seconded by: Preston Harrison

Vote: Motion passes