

**Arts
and
Science
Undergraduate
Society —
Assembly**

Meeting #5 Minutes

Assembly is called to order at 7:05 PM EST

MOTION 1 - Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 2 - Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Speaker Luchin: Welcome back to school everyone. This session might be more brief than usual. Let's all have a great semester!

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Yara Hussein**, President

Speaker Hussein:

It is good to see everyone again! There is a relatively small agenda for today's meeting. We will have a new team in the coming weeks with further hiring occurring in February.

We are introducing ArtSci Cup Basketball, which has been inspired by the Commerce vs Eng annual basketball game. We are loving the engagement so far and tickets will be released in a few weeks.

In March, we will be having our Life after ArtSci event. We are looking for more networking and firm tours, with an emphasis on trying to branch out into science more than they used to.

Charlotte has finished her report on food security and financial instability, with her presentation taking place around the end of the semester.

We are also meeting with the Dean to discuss sexual violence and possible new policies being implemented. Further communication with students on this issue is essential, and we will relay that information in an inter faculty meeting.

I am very happy to be here again and I am hopeful that we will have our new ASUS executive team at the next assembly.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

Presented by **Emma Farrell**, Vice President of Society Affairs

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell:

Hello everyone! I am excited to deliver my report today as we have several new initiatives to look forward to. My report will be a little longer than usual as we had many events take place in late December and early January.

We have found several new volunteers for this term. HR policy updates are also currently being worked on. Spring hiring preparation has begun with council positions being open shortly,

Some exciting new projects are also in development. We are creating a hiring video to make ASUS more accessible and easy to understand. These videos will help potential hires learn more about each position.

Summer camp leaders are also being hired. Hopefully we will have filled out our executive positions by the next assembly.

I would also like to personally thank Caitlin for her help and dedication throughout the election process. Transition preparation is underway as we speak.

Lastly, we plan for this semester to have more meetings and collaborations with Good Times Diner. We are aiming to have more large group events throughout the Kingston area.

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Presented by **Aloka Wijesundara**, Vice President of Operations

Vice President of Operations Wijesundara:

The second instalment of my report is coming at the end of this semester. December was a great month for project planning. However, internal instructions for restructuring the council could be streamlined for better running. Some recommendations for final ideas are coming shortly.

The financial literacy page has been updated on our website. More resources and information have been added.

We are currently working on organising the ArtSci Cup, with an emphasis on solving some of the key logistical issues.

Jacket pickup is starting now. A new ordering period will be available in the next few days.

We will host an exchange student banquet for incoming students. More information will be shared soon.

Our IT Director is working to finalise the transition from Google Drive accounts to Microsoft Office.

Financial aid is backlogged with about 50 new applications. Lastly, we are looking to finalise camp budgets shortly.

OTHER REPORTS

EQUITY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Presented by **Layla Haddard**, Equity Commissioner

Equity Commissioner Haddard:

We have given grants to over 40 students, with the cumulative total being \$4500. We ran out of money but have since applied for more. Our application was accepted and the new grant will open in February

We are planning on announcing a new art sale event. It will be a blast and we look forward to sharing the details with you.

Lots of collaborations will take place after equity week. Many new groups will be introduced, including Yellow House. We are excited to work with these new partners!

The Equity caucus is starting again. Conference is likely to take place on March 5th. A larger budget is expected and our theme will be resistance and solidarity.

I am working with Elliot for financial information including a survey to students who are having financial difficulties in order to help people pay for their education.

Our equity group is working hard in order to get Queen's professors in favour of standardising curriculum throughout the University.

Services Commissioner

Presented by **Kana Ogawa**, Services Commissioner

We are continuing with our jacket distribution. There is another chance to buy one if you choose to do so.

Our poster sale is running again. It has proved to be a successful initiative with lots of student interest.

Lastly, the Exchange Buddies banquet will take place in the BioSci Complex next week.

Advisory Board Chair

Presented by **Jacob Johnston**, Advisory Board Chair

The Advisory Board was able to meet recently. Unfortunately, I did not have time to meet most of them.

We are starting the SWOT analysis of departments in the following weeks. Everyone should ensure they know their roles and responsibilities.

The camp hiring process has also begun and is going well. We are working on receiving more equity grants as well.

Vice President (Student Affairs) (COMPSA)

Presented by **Catie Austin**, Vice President

I have started a petition to get Comp Sci more funding for future initiatives/events. The petition will be taken to the Dean shortly.

Our O-Week full committee has been hired. However, hiring for some more Tech related positions is still underway.

Lastly, the materials for future Executive teams have been released.

Vice President (PHEKSA)

Presented by **Natalie Pryor**, Vice President

Our annual Kinesiology Ski Trip will take place this weekend. Furthermore, the date and venue for the Kin Formal has been finalised.

The election campaign period timeline has been set between February 6th to the 8th. Election dates will occur between February 9th and 10th.

Orders for merchandise from the fall term have been successfully distributed. Winter merch will open next week.

Natural and Physical Sciences Academic Representation

Presented by **Colleen Tordoff**, Academic Representative

I am setting up a networking event for Natural and Physical science students. Promoting the many different career paths for students after they graduate from Queen's is the top priority.

Humanities Academic Representative

Presented by **Dillon Chicoski**, Academic Representative

Not much to update on, my work has been going well. I am reaching out to the Humanities DSC in order to plan a colloquium.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Presented by **Leo Yang**

During the last Senate meeting, I was appointed to the Senate position for the next 2 years. I was also appointed to the orientation review committee.

I am hoping to get the confidential information resolved by the next meeting. There will also be a new ORT for next year.

I have appointed two members for the principalship review committee. Lastly, the next senate meeting will take place next week.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

None

QUESTION PERIOD

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 3

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the ASUS Department Student Council Election Timeline as seen in Appendix A: ASUS Governance 2023 Department Student Council Election Timeline.

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Questions: no questions

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

Speaker Luchin:

Let's all have a good start to 2023 and I wish everyone a happy and successful semester!

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MOTION 4: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Vice President of Society Farrell

Seconded by: President Hussein

Vote: *Motion carries (ends at 7:36pm)*