

**Arts
and
Science
Undergraduate
Society —
Assembly**

Annual General Meeting

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Assembly is called to order at 7:02pm EST.

MOTION 1 - Approval of Agenda

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

- MOVED BY: PIPER VELOSO
 - SECONDED BY: AMAIYA WALTERS
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Amendments:

- Piper Veloso: Add motion 12.

12. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Community Outreach Policy Manual Changes.

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION 2 - Approval the Minutes

2. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the minutes from the last Assembly held on February 14th, as seen on the ASUS website.

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

Vote: Motion passes

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Questions: What actions could we take to foster more engagement at Assembly?

- Polls/ice breakers at the start of every meeting
- Have a Vibe check to see where everyone is at
- Consistent time and place to foster a sense of connections
- Encourage the statement by members by letting students know they can use this time to talk in a formal space

Questions: Where do you hope to see ASUS in five years?

- Continue to engage students, serves students, difficult to get feedback meet students where they are, how to sot, want people to come to assembly, engage in the process, how asus is an open door, hopefully keep improving the
- More collaborative work
- Foster a greater sense of community with arts and science students
- With regards to academics
 - Taking on bigger advocacy roles for greater quality of education
 - Position more involved and aligned with academics
 - Represent the greater student body
- Every asus event full, know what asus does, if more students knew what we did, resources
 - Meet students where they want to be met
 - Focus groups, surveys, what do you want from asuys, how can we help, student gov bubble.
 - Meeting with various students group, how to better engage students
 - More events that puts asus
- Trying to encourage first year students
 - Bring them in during orientation
 - Tend to lose them throughout the year so ASUS must meet them where they are at
- Engage with students clubs
 - Students are more likely to engage with students within their interests

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- ASUS must understand where students engage and then they subsequently start to work with asus
- Then start building a broader community
- Reduce financial barriers by making people more aware of financial aid opportunities for events such as Formal

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Amaiya Walters**, President

Dear members of assembly,

I hope you have all been well and had a restful reading break. As the year draws to a close, and I look back on the past months, I am beyond grateful to have been part of ASUS and represent arts and science students. I am excited to gradually welcome in the new executive team and share my updates with you this final time.

Direct Reports

Director Ranaweera's research on international students' experience with housing and food security on and off campus is really coming together. This month, he will be hosting focus groups for students to discuss and share their experiences with one another and to add to the data that Director Ranaweera has already collected. Keep your eye out for his full report at the end of April on the ASUS website.

In the Professional Development portfolio, Director Carrington has been planning an alumni networking session taking place at the Grizzly Grill this Wednesday from 5pm-7pm. I encourage all who are interested in connecting with alumni and other students to attend. Tickets are still on sale on the ASUS website.

The ArtSci Charity Basketball Game is taking place on March 23rd and the players on both the Arts and Science teams having been diligently practicing! Tickets are on sale now until game day and everyone is inviting, including the

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greater Kingston community. The teams are fundraising for Martha's Table this year, a non-profit organization that support the community through food, clothing, and other resources. Come to the ARC this Friday from 1pm to 4pm for our pie-a-player fundraiser!

Portfolio Projects

I have introduced a new booking system for the Reflection Room – one that I am hoping will be a smoother and faster process than before. The link to book the Reflection Room can be found on the ASUS website and requests will be processed within three business days! Please send me an email if you have any questions.

I have been working on a collaborative event with Queen's Law for St. Patrick's Day. There will be an info session in the coming week held via Zoom that will cover fines and fees that students commonly incur during St. Patrick's Day and Homecoming weekends. This session will be moderated by Queen's Law students and the session will be recorded, with the link posted on the ASUS website.

That's all for me, thank you again for a fantastic year. It has been an honor to serve as your president and I cannot wait to see what the next year has in store. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about anything in my report or otherwise.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

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

Dear ASUS Assembly,

I hope everyone is doing well, as we push through midterms and begin to transition to into wrapping up the year. Currently planning honours reception expect the event to happen in April at the University Grad Club more details to come. The last deputy caucus of 2023-24 will be happening March 26 5-6:30pm in the reflection room. This final meeting will be an opportunity for deputies to reflect on their respected positions while sharing challenges and tips to improve the overall position. I have sent an invitation to other sibling societies to meet to share their experiences, challenges and possible solutions within everyone's respective positions. I look forward to holding a food insecurity forum that will provide students the opportunity to share initiatives on campus to help combat hunger. This forum will consist of students promoting their initiatives, sharing their experiences and ways to save on groceries while providing students the chance to share their stories. Transitioning with Helena has been going smoothly, so happy to be passing along this position to Helena. Her pre-existing knowledge about ASUS has made our transition meetings much smoother allowing us to focus on the little details in the VPSA position.

Camps

Orli, Sophia and Jana are currently hiring to form their camp counselor team. While completing interviews they continue to plan themes and activities. The LIT program will be a part of ASUS Camps again as it was a success last year. Leaders in teaching program is offered to high school students grade 9-12 that gives them the opportunity to leadership experience in day camp setting. Great way for students interested in the Arts and Science, education, community work, leadership and working with children.

Direct reports

Sustainability hub Prusha will be collecting Nespresso pods, Brita filters and batteries. The decorations closet will be cleaned and reorganized to make it more accessible for everyone to use while being able to maintain its cleanliness

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Wellness - Is hosting a pot painting event there's a possibility that it may be a collaborative event, and they will be assisting first-year interns in delivering exam giveaway for students around campus

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 or by coming by the ASUS Offices during my office hours.

Sincerely,

Preston Harrison

ASUS VPSA Vpsa@asus.queensu.ca

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

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

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OTHER REPORTS

Senate:

Last senate meeting as last thursday

- Discussion around announcement about provincial and federal policy decisions
- Disbursement to ontario university
 - Tuition freeze to remain in place
 - Came out of the panel
- Limitations of international students
 - Focus of the discussion
- Queens is undergoing quality assurance cyclical review (every 8 years)
 - Committees opening up
 - 2022-23 i-ediiia report available
 - Task force annual report available

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

No reports.

QUESTION PERIOD

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 3

3. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Election and Referenda Policy Manual as seen in Appendix A: *Election and Referenda Policy Changes*

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

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION 4

4. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Marketing and Communications Policy Manual as seen in Appendix B: *Marketing and Communications Policy Manual Changes*

- MOVED BY: HELENA SHIMWELL
- SECONDED BY: PIPER VELOSO

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION - 5

5. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Vice President of Society Affairs Policy Manual as seen in Appendix C: *VPSA Policy Manual Changes*

- MOVED BY: HELENA SHIMWELL (INCOMING VPSA)
- SECONDED BY: COLE OLIDIS (INCOMING PRESIDENT)

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION - 6

6. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the President Policy Manual as seen in Appendix D: *Presidents Policy Manual Changes*

- MOVED BY: COLE OLIDIS (INCOMING PRESIDENT)
- SECONDED BY: HELENA SHIMWELL (INCOMING VPSA)

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION 7-8

7. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Services Policy Manual as seen in Appendix E: *Services Policy Manual Changes Part 1 - AMP*

- MOVED BY: COLE OLIDIS
- SECONDED BY: THERESE DE RIVERA

Est Time: 2 mins

8. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Services Policy Manual as seen in Appendix F: *Services Policy Manual Changes Part 2*

- MOVED BY: COLE OLIDIS
- SECONDED BY: THERESE DE RIVERA

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION 9-10

9. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Constitution as seen in Appendix G: *ASUS Constitution Changes Part 1 - Exec Roles and Responsibilities*

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

Est Time: 2 mins

10. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Constitution as seen in Appendix H: *ASUS Constitution Changes Part 2 - Elections and Referenda*

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

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: None

Vote: Motion passes

MOTION - 11

11. That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Constitution as seen in Appendix I: *ASUS Constitution Changes Part 3 - SECTION 4.01.08*

- MOVED BY: LEO YANG (TWO YEAR SENATOR)
- SECONDED BY: LIAM LACHAPELLE (ASUS SENATOR)

Est Time: 2 mins

Questions: Many concerns from various members about this change.

Vote: Motion does not pass.

SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

So I just wanted to say thank you guys so much for your time. I appreciate your cooperation and participation during this last Assembly. It has been a great year and thank you all. I hope that our paths cross again in the future.

MOTION 19 - ADJOURNMENT