

**Arts
and
Science
Undergraduate
Society —
Assembly**

Transition Assembly
Meeting 1

Assembly is called to order at 7:07 PM EST

MOTION 1 - Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Incoming Governance Officer Piper Veloso

Seconded by: Incoming President Amaiya Walters

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 2 - Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Incoming Governance Officer Piper Veloso

Seconded by: Incoming President Amaiya Walters

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Speaker Piper Veloso: Speech

Hello everyone! I would like to formally begin with a land acknowledgment. It is important for me to recognize the privilege I have on learning and living on Indigenous land.

I would like to welcome everyone to the assembly today. My name is Piper and I use she/her pronouns. It has been so nice to meet everyone. I would like to let everyone know that we have some snacks from Cogro at the back today.

GOVERNANCE BUSINESS

Speaker Caitlin Sankaran-Wee: Speech

Hello everyone! I have a short presentation for the new members that gives some information about what ASUS is all about. Our primary goal is to carry out the best interests of the Arts and Science students. I would like to thank everyone that has submitted a report today.

There is no pressure to write a long report and you can feel free to use different sections and headers. If any of you need help in writing a report, feel free to contact Piper.

Please note that attendance is mandatory at all ASUS assemblies. If you cannot make it, you must notify Piper at least 24 hours before. You must also have someone take your place.

By September we should have a new speaker hired. In order for today's meeting to run along smoothly I will provide some basics on how the assembly operates. If you are hired you are not given a vote. For those who can vote, just raise your placard to vote yes or no. You may also raise a placard to address a point of information.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Running in Elections as a Slate or an Individual

Speaker: Kiana

Caitlin and I have been looking into policy options recently. We are trying to reform and ensure every scenario is represented in policy. There are currently 3 options that I'm exploring:

1. Maintain the current system we have now
 - Candidates run as a slate
 - Trust in the rookie elected
 - Discourages individuals to run
2. Individuals run independently
 - They can endorse a slate
 - Post on Instagram together
3. Individuals run independently and cannot be part of a slate
 - Put individuals who don't know anyone at an advantage

Speaker: Maeve

I am just wondering what the policy on endorsement would be. Am I able to just endorse one. What option do you think would be the best one?

Speaker: Kiana

Personally, I believe the second option makes the most sense. People may not be able to find a team so allowing people to build a slate is helpful.

Speaker: Sean

What are some of the other factors of this policy, such as the inclusion of the engineering society. Would we model or mirror their current system?

Speaker: Leo

Similar to what Sean said, I believe it would be beneficial if we made the slate smaller and added more council members. Those are my main points.

Speaker: Yara

Going off of Sean's points it would be helpful if we look at what other universities are doing to see if we could adopt any of their models. However, we must take into account what faculty they are coming from.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Amaiya Walters**, Incoming President

Incoming President Amaiya Walters: Speech

Thank you so much for being here today! In terms of what we're doing there have been lots of transitions. All 7 members of the upcoming council have been hired. I would like to personally congratulate Piper, Cole, Helena, and Sarah.

In terms of our direct report, the hiring period has been extended into tomorrow. Summer planning is still underway but we know what next steps to proceed with.

I am really excited to be here and get to know everyone. If you have any questions feel free to email me.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

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

Incoming Vice President of Society Affairs Preston Harrison: Speech

Hello everyone! Thank you for being here today as I deliver my first oral report. I am glad to be working alongside Amaiya and Therese.

I hope I will help as many people as possible throughout my time with ASUS. I know we will go through many ups and downs but with hard work we can excel through all obstacles.

It is important to stay curious with these positions in order to learn more. We must be consistent in encouraging diversity and inclusion wherever possible. Please do not take your responsibility lightly and use it as best as possible.

It has been delightful to meet the upcoming council and I believe all of you will make a great addition to ASUS. We are continuing to hire current directors and co-chairs. I am also looking forward to working alongside Juno.

Lastly, I hope we continue to advocate for equity in the Queen's Community and Kingston as a whole.

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS REPORT

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

Incoming Vice President of Operations Therese de Rivera: Speech

Thank you everyone for being here today! Huge congratulations to our upcoming council. I am looking forward to what we're going to do as a team.

Regarding my transition, I have been meeting with Aloka and she has been very helpful in getting me accustomed to my new role. I am really excited to see that through.

It has been interesting to see how we're going to budget things in the future. More collaborative meetings will be beneficial in streamlining that process. More executive meetings will also be helpful.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Speaker: Payton Rix (VP PHEKSA)

Hello everyone! I am the incoming Vice President of Operations for PHEKSA. Assembly elections and hiring is currently underway. We hope to have a full assembly by next week.

Each week we have a different activity going on. On Wednesday we have free Costco snacks. On Thursday, we do random acts of “Kin”ness. It has proved to be a fun and engaging event so far.

The Kin games happened in Winnipeg last week. It was very fun to get to know everyone and travel with them. I am happy to be in this position and can't wait to see what the future has in store.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Speaker: Leo Yang

Principal Patrick Deane has been assigned for another five years, or till 2029. Furthermore the Dean of Diversity has been reappointed as well.

The Senate and Board retreat recently happened and it was a great success. We primarily discussed the future of research at Queen's University.

In terms of the Senate, last meeting we talked about the influence of ChatGTP in the future. We talked to the Senate Chair of Academic Development about ensuring that academic integrity is maintained. There is likely to be future policy on ChatGTP and any other form of AI.

Lastly, the student senate caucus meetings will take place in two weeks.

QUESTION PERIOD

Speaker: Caitlin

Anyone in the gallery will have the opportunity to ask questions. Each new council member will have the opportunity to answer the question. Lastly, we ask new council members to wait outside while we do the vote.

Question

Speaker: Emma

If you had to make an ice cream sandwich how would you make it?

Answer

Speaker: Sheryen

I think in honour of our cottage weekend I would do graham crackers and marshmallow ice cream.

Speaker: Cole

I'll have to go with a pretzel bun with strawberry ice cream.

Speaker: Therese

Chips as the bread with peanut butter ice cream.

Speaker: Sarah

Everything bagel with plain vanilla ice cream.

Speaker: Piper

Sourdough with chocolate ice cream.

Question

Speaker: Aloka

In which form do you like to eat potatoes?

Answer

Speaker: Sheryen

Mashed potatoes.

Speaker: Cole

Waffle fries.

Speaker: Therese

Waffle fries.

Speaker: Piper

Waffle fries.

Question

Speaker: Kristen

If you had to pick a favourite sport what would it be?

Answer

Speaker: Piper

Probably volleyball because I played it when I was younger.

Speaker: Therese

I'll go with hockey because I played it for 15 years.

Speaker: Cole

I'll go with basketball just because the environment at the games is so fun.

Speaker: Sheryen

Badminton because everyone can play.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS 3 - 9 (OMNIBUSED)

That ASUS Assembly formally ratify:

Sarah Eklove for the position of Academics Commissioner

Binyat Akrem for the position of Community Outreach Commissioner

Nathaniel Dixon for the position of Equity Commissioner

Piper Veloso for the position of Governance Officer

Sheryn Basham for the position of Human Resources Officer

Helena Shimwell for the position of Marketing and Communications Officer

Cole Olidis for the position of Services Commissioner

for the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

Moved by: Incoming President Amaiya Walters

Seconded by: Incoming VPSA Preston Harrison, VPOPS Therese De Rivera

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 10

That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2022 ASUS Orientation budget, as seen in Appendix A: 2022 ASUS Orientation Budget Closing.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded by: Incoming VPOPS Therese De Rivera

Speaker: Aloka

Kate and Brendan built this budget almost a year ago now. We had lower than anticipated revenues for this year, but a higher than anticipated surplus.

OC merchandise revenues are far lower than expected but that is because lots of financial assistance was given to OC's to purchase merchandise. We gave a couple thousand dollars to that.

The Queen's in the Park team did a great job and revenues were higher than anticipated. A further reason as to the low revenues was sponsorship. We had very few sponsors this year.

Orientation round table is a lot lower and our line items are lower because they are reflected in the ORT. Every application we received for the bursaries were given some amount of financial assistance.

Some assistance was given out as e transfers and store discounts which explains the difference seen in the budget.

Lastly, the care team did a fantastic job as the orientation fundraising fee was able to cover all expenses.

Speaker: Kate

I would just like to say thank you to the team for all their help this year.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 11

That ASUS Assembly formally close the 2022 ASUS Camps budget, as seen in Appendix B: 2022 ASUS Camps Budget Closing.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded by: Incoming VPOPS Therese De Rivera

Speaker: Aloka

The outgoing operations camps director made this vote a year ago. There are a few highlights that I would like to share. We had an extremely successful camp run. When they were initially budgeting they were budgeting for a deficit. All of that was proven wrong.

Over the summer the camps had over a thousand campers in total. Registration was a lot higher than anticipated and we had some unexpected sponsorship. The revenue was fantastic so we had a much higher surplus.

Transportation was not really used this year as a lot of our trips were within walking distance. We spent more than we expected on councilors as we had to hire more due to the large number of campers.

Due to the hard work of the councilors and our large surplus, we were able to provide councilors with a bonus amount of compensation.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 12

That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2023 ASUS Orientation budget, as seen in Appendix C: 2023 ASUS Orientation Budget Opening.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded by: 2023 Head Gael Georgia Dean-Savage

Speaker: Aloka

I will not talk as much this time as Georgia will speak on the budget.

Speaker: Georgia

Aloka and I have been working on the budget for the past few months. OC used to amount to lots of revenue but now we covered that.

In terms of Gael merchandise, we are planning on doing sweaters again this year. The road trip was quite more expensive this year. For next year, we are planning for an overnight trip.

We also had to order all of our coveralls for orientation in September. We over budgeted for that event since we have not run it in a while.

The orientation coordinators will be receiving 225 dollars. We have also created new bursaries for first year students.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 13

That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2023 ASUS Camps budget, as seen in Appendix D: 2023 ASUS Camps Budget Opening.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded by: 2023 Camps Director (Operations) Natalie Viebrock

Speaker: Aloka

While closing the budget ASUS camps made a lot more than anticipated. After registration we have already surpassed over 300 campers. The registration fee is still \$10 dollars.

We hope to provide more Kingston families the ability to attend ASUS camps. We added a phone plan to our budget as well.

We are looking forward to providing campers with more programs. In the future, we hope to have more staff and volunteer appreciation.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 14

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Elections and Referenda Policy Manual as seen in Appendix E: "Elections Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 Governance Officer Caitlin Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: Incoming Governance Officer Piper Veloso

Speaker: Caitlin

If a team does not nominate themselves we can extend the elections period up to two weeks. It gives students more time to find out about the positions. Anyone can go to any different class to promote their campaign as long as the professor allows it.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 15

That ASUS Assembly formally establish the ArtSci Cup Policy Manual as seen in Appendix F: "ArtSci Cup Policy."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 Marcomms Officer Monica Szalajko

Speaker: Yara

I would like to thank everyone for their support with the Art Sci Cup. We are looking to carry that tradition on in the future. We hope to hire the first two co-chairs sometime next week.

We will be proceeding with a new structure for their team. We are recreating what we did this year to continue that relationship with our students.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 16

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the VPOPS Policy Manual as seen in Appendix G: "VPOPS Policy Amendments (1)."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Speaker: Aloka

The biggest change that we're doing is moving the textbooks director position into the responsibility of the store manager who reports to the VP Ops. This was obviously done in consultation with the current store manager.

It is important to have positions that reflect the ongoing needs and demands of ASUS. Their current duties and policies is to raise sponsorships even though we already have built in sponsors.

We are also raising the maximum amount of accounting directors that can be hired. This is to account for the amount of work that accounting directors have to do. This is to meet the demands of ASUS and to ensure that the heavy workload does not rest on a single person.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 17

That ASUS Assembly moves to remove the position of the ASUS Development Director reporting to the Vice President (Operations) as seen in Appendix H: "VPOPS Policy Amendments (2)."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 18

That ASUS Assembly moves to remove the Accounting Officer position reporting to Vice President Operations as seen in Appendix I: "VPOPS Policy Amendments (3)."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 19

That ASUS Assembly removes ASUS Peer Tutoring as a portfolio underneath the Academics Commissioner and move it underneath the Services Commissioner as seen in Appendix J: "Services Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: Incoming Services Commissioner Cole Olidis

Speaker: Aloka

We are taking the textbook director position away. Furthermore, we are moving ASUS peer tutoring into services. It has been in services in the past so we believe it will work well there.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 20

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Gifts and Awards Policy Manual as seen in Appendix K: "Gifts and Awards Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Speaker: Aloka

This is something that has been going on for the last 2 to 3 years. ASUS has actually funded a few bursaries and we are working to continue these bursaries into the future.

All of these awards have set timelines and are up for renewal. We hope to renew them as soon as possible as we could be at risk of losing the funding.

Lastly, we are trying to institute a bursary for equity deserving low income students.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 21

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Financial Policy Manual as seen in Appendix L: "Financial Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Speaker: Aloka

We will have 4 accounting directors instead of 3.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 22

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Vice President Society Affairs Policy Manual as seen in Appendix M: "VPSA Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPSA Emma Farrell

Seconded By: Incoming C/O Commissioner Binyat Akrem

Speaker: Emma

We have made these changes in order to clean up some of the wording. We are also striking out the VPSA policy agenda as it is redundant to have it in both. This is a program we do in conjunction with the City of Kingston so we are housing it under community outreach.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 23

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Orientation Policy Manual as seen in Appendix N: "Orientation Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPSA Emma Farrell

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 VPOPS Aloka Wijesundara

Speaker: Emma

This is a very exciting one as we are implementing an honorarium for orientation coordinators. OC's will receive 125 dollars at the end of their term.

We are also hoping to compensate volunteers as they work very hard to provide first years with a good orientation experience.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 24

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Community Outreach Policy Manual as seen in Appendix O: "Community Outreach Policy Amendments."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 VPSA Emma Farrell

Seconded By: Incoming C/O Commissioner Binyat Akrem

Speaker: Emma

This motion is in regards to cleaning up some policy. We are changing the charity in which we donate to our autism partnership committee.

The charity we currently use is Autism Ontario which is affiliated with Autism Speaks. Lately there have been some controversies with them as they have been found to donate funds to an organization that is trying to cure autism.

We are now affiliated with A for A Ontario. This is a more localized organization that is focused on improving rights and opportunities for autistic people. This is a change that we hope to make for the upcoming year.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 25

That ASUS Assembly formally recognize the Head Gael as a sitting, non-voting member of ASUS Assembly who is to present a report on the status of Orientation at the first ASUS Assembly of the year, then once per semester.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 Governance Officer Caitlin Sankaran-Wee

Speaker: Yara

Georgia will only be able to attend the September assembly, even beyond the orientation period.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 26

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Academics Policy Manual as seen in Appendix P: "Journal Editors in Chief Honoraria adjustment.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 Academics Commissioner Alicia Parker

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 President Yara Hussein

Speaker: Alicia

Essentially this motion addresses how removing compensation for the editor and chief positions reduces access to the journal.

When we introduced compensation we were only able to offer positions to Art Sci students. Therefore, many students found out that they were no longer eligible.

Co-chairs were also not compensated even though they do the same level of work. This scenario was not done correctly and it will be better in the future.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 27

That ASUS Assembly formally recognizes the division of DSC Support Deputy into two roles: DSC Deputy (Events) and DSC Deputy (Finance) as seen in Appendix Q: "Academics Policy Changes."

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 Academics Commissioner Alicia Parker

Seconded By: Incoming Academics Commissioner Sarah Eklove

Speaker: Alicia

This is a very exciting piece of policy. For context, the DSC has the most reports as they have to go through 804 budget lines. There is 1 event per day within the portfolio.

Obviously, this is too much for one person to handle. We will split the duties into two positions. There will be a DSC Deputy for Events and a DSC Deputy of Finance. The goal is to take pressure off of this role.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 28

That ASUS Assembly formally recognizes the removal of ASUS Peer Tutoring from Academics Policy.

Moved by: 2022 - 2023 Academics Commissioner Alicia Parker

Seconded By: 2022 - 2023 Services Commissioner Kana Ogawa

The last policy is the removal of ASUS peer tutoring. It lived in services for a while and it has been fine. There is simply not enough capacity in the commission right now for peer tutoring to remain there.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

Speaker Piper Veloso: Speech

Thank you all for coming out today! I look forward to working with you all next year.

MOTION 25: Adjournment

Moved by: Leo Yang

Seconded by: Amaiya Walters

Vote: *Motion carries*