

**Arts
and
Science
Undergraduate
Society —
Assembly**

Meeting 4 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: No business this evening.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by **Yara Hussein**, President

President Hussein:

In terms of Orientation, we have hired our Head Gael who will be ratified shortly. We are excited to have Georgia on our team. The full chair team will also be hired by next week. OCs will then be hired in the next upcoming cycle. The Orientation team will undergo a huge transition process to reform from previous years.

SVPR Director, Kerry Roe, has conducted a university sexual violence policy report. This report also hyperlinks external reviews. Please feel free to share this with your friends and provide input.

At Homecoming, we were able to engage with alumni at the Meet and Greet event organized by the advancement office. We met past ASUS alumni and it was great to see where ASUS can take you in the future.

Last Thursday was Life After ArtSci in Toronto. Congratulations to the Professional Development team. We visited Penguin Random House and listened to a talk by the current CEO who was a past Vice President of Operations at ASUS. This was a wonderful alumni networking experience.

The ASURF fund is closing on November 18th. Please let me know if you have questions regarding this.

November is ASUS' birthday month.

I would like to shout out CO Week happening at the moment and Equity Week happening next week. Check out the ASUS event calendar for more events.

In terms of academic advocacy, I am meeting with our Academics Commissioner, the associate deans as well as positions in higher offices. Since these individuals are more accessible to us, we can bring your concerns directly to them.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

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

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell:

Thank you and congratulations to Council for officially being in your roles for six months as marked on November 1st. We want to hear your concerns and feedback plus continuously improve to make the next six months even better. Please direct your feedback toward YEA or Council, we are more than happy to hear it.

In the Human Resources Office, we are continuing to make revisions to our contract structure. In particular, we are introducing honorarium volunteer agreements. We are also revising internal HR operations to streamline processes. In addition, we are approaching the transition process and are working with our Director of Workforce Development on this.

For ASUS Camps, hiring for our Director will open in December. They will be hired in early January.

All volunteers have been hired for the City Engagement project. All the projects are listed in my report, including those involving heritage services, marketing and revenue development. We have eight eager individuals who are excited to connect with the city.

In terms of Sustainability, we are revising the sustainable operations policy and amending the sustainable action plan made two years ago. We are also collaborating with organizations on campus, such as QBACC and CEA within the AMS on a collective compost project. We have installed a battery recycling bin in the office. Feel free to drop your batteries here and we will bring them to the correct recycling facility.

For Wellness, we are hosting two burnout workshops. Registration forms went out today. Advertising begins next Monday. This event is being planned by our largest Wellness team ever.

We hosted Deputy caucus, the first of its kind. Our 13 deputies got to know each other and connect to streamline communication between offices and commissions.

For volunteer appreciation, we are hosting an end-of-year social on 29th which coincides with ASUS' birthday and the holiday season. It will be in the Reflection Room and I am working with the Volunteer Appreciation Deputy within the HRO on this.

I am also working with Monica for a November 29th ASUS birthday merchandise drop.

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS REPORT

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

Vice President of Operations Wijesundara:

I would shout out Kana and the Jackets team for doing a wonderful job with their successful sales season, surpassing numbers with sales even higher than pre-pandemic levels.

In terms of financial assistance, we have granted over \$25,000 in financial aid for jackets. This was based on a ranking from 25% - 100% coverage. Thank you to the Advisory Board for conducting this confidential review.

Fall applications for individual and group grants have opened. Monica has posted a graphic and I have sent a message on Slack. Applications close on the 18th. Please take a look if your teams may benefit from the grants.

We recently hired an accounting director of compensation. Nate is completing his transition and will begin distributing Fall food credits.

Robel, our store manager, is carrying out a store overhaul. The store is now more accessible and organized. All merchandise is on the website.

We conducted a budget review and an accounting firm has reviewed our financial statements from last year. To maintain financial transparency, this information is available on our website.

OTHER REPORTS

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (PHEKSA) REPORT

Presented by **Natalie Pryor**, Vice President of Operations

PHEKSA Representative Pryor:

We have selected the new Head Coach and have just finished Echo interviews for which we are currently deliberating hiring decisions.

We will be hosting a coffee chat with professors to get to know them a little better. We are also planning a ski trip and semi-formal.

COMPUTING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (COMPSA) REPORT

Presented by **Catie Austin**, Vice President (Student Affairs)

COMPSA Representative Austin:

Applications for High Tech just closed. We are conducting interviews soon. The rest of TC is also being hired and we are hoping to have them all hired and transitioned for November 20th.

A major event for socials is Semi-Formal at the Grizzly Grill on November 19th. We have great engagement from first year students and we have hired an extra year representative for a full level of representation. We have an additional 200 first year students compared to previous years. We are interested in how classes are getting filled up, how larger class sizes impact them and potentially bringing on more professors.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Presented by **Femi Abiola, Robert Hughes and Leo Yang**

Senator Yang: We are making proposals to Senate regarding exam accommodations.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

NONE

QUESTION PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 3

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

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 4

That ASUS Assembly formally ratify Georgia Dean-Savage as the Head Gael for Orientation of 2023.

Moved by: President Hussein

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Head Gael Georgia: All Too Well (10 Minute Version).

Equity Commissioner Haddad: What is a weird quirk about you?

Head Gael Georgia: I can recite 100 digits of pi because of a contest with my friend in eighth grade.

Community Outreach Commissioner McHarg: Can you say your digits of pi?

Head Gael Georgia: 3.14...

Year Representative Mauro: If you could be any animal, what would you be?

Head Gael Georgia: I would be a cat to be able to sleep all day. My cat in my house is very pampered. It's living the life in our student house.

President Hussein: Summarize your year ahead with a song title.

Community Outreach Commissioner McHarg: Fearless.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 5

That ASUS Assembly formally approves of the changes made to 2022-23 General Operation Budget, including revisions in revenue and changes made to the Professional Development Budget as seen in Appendix B: Revised 2022-23 General Operation Budget.

Moved by: Vice President of Operations Wijesundara

Seconded by: President Hussein

Vice President of Operations Wijesundara:

This information is available in the appendix and was formerly approved in September. We double-counted in revenues as each commission had their own revenue.

Now we have changed the formatting to make it clearer and more transparent for myself and the future VPOPS. All revenue line actions are in one format in one tab. We can clearly see the cash flow of over \$3 million clearly. Please also review the Professional Development budget change as we received additional funding from the advancement office.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 6

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Assembly Policy Manual as seen in Appendix C: "ASUS Assembly Policy Manual Changes."

Moved by: President Hussein

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

President Hussein:

This policy has been reworded to make it more transparent. It reflects the AMS' plans of a new policy planned for next year of increasing student representation. Typically there are several vacant positions on Assembly as there has been low student engagement in the past couple of years.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

Speaker Luchin:

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. Please take the time to reflect. Also, let me know if a longer guest speaker session of more than 30 minutes is preferred for the future.

MOTION 7

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Assembly Policy Manual as seen in Appendix C: "ASUS Assembly Policy Manual Changes."

Moved by: President Hussein

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*