

**Arts
and
Science
Undergraduate
Society —
Assembly**

Meeting #3 Minutes

Assembly is called to order at 7:06 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

Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee: Good evening, it is great to see everyone again. Please help yourself to the Cogro refreshments on the back table. I would also like to introduce Christian, our newly-hired Assembly Speaker.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Presented by Yara Hussein, President

President Hussein: It's lovely to see everyone again, right before the reading break. To give a quick summary. I have a condensed report. I'll dive right into things. To start off, with orientation we are in the midst of hiring new folks for orientation and some of you have reached out about the hiring panel. The next head gael should be hired in time for Week 6, with the chairs following that in time for week 6 as well. In terms of the head gael transition process we are working with Kristin, the human resources officer, to ensure we are following those processes. You may also notice our policy updates to ensure the process is equitable and practical for the head gael and the incoming orientation team. We are super receptive to feedback about orientation. With that being said on the feedback part we are working with the campus affairs commissioner to help streamline orientation feedback and we are making our best efforts to do so.

We have hired our interns and our intern council will be fully onboarded after the reading break. Lots of really great projects and initiatives have come out of intern council and I am excited for them.

On the note of academic advocacy, we are picking up the Thought Exchange by the end of October with Wendy Craig from the Faculty of Arts and Science and working with Alicia from the faculty commission. We have been working alongside the Faculty of Arts and Science about cyclical program reviews with both students and faculty members, and recommendations are being given for their long term sustainability. We are going to be doing lots of student outreach to faculties and how to input feedback to departments as they receive their reviews.

For National Day of Truth and Reconciliation our equity commission did a really great job from organizing events from literature to screenings and they engaged lots of students to attend and learn what they can be involved in. Congrats to Layla and I encourage you to continue that work beyond National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

A few final updates; professional development is hosting Life After Artsci and we will be working with several firms and networking with several alumni. Tickets

are going on sale before the end of this week and financial assistance is always available as well. With homecoming we are working with our sexual violence response coalition in terms of some programming to promote more consensual and survivor centred messaging. I would highly encourage you to attend or if there is a message you would like to voice during that time period please reach out to Kerry or me..

The Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Fund is live and 60,000 will be given out to students. Please register, apply, and tell your friends. Hopefully we can see some really cool results.

Kingston and city relations; thank you all for those of you who contributed to that discussion. We brought some of those concerns to the AMS and one thing they're promoting is inviting the candidates for city council to campus to allow students an opportunity to see that they have a vote in the upcoming election. This is a continued conversation we will have as well. We are receptive to any feedback you may have.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY AFFAIRS REPORT

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

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: I'm going to keep it short today. Everyone is going home for reading week soon. My report should cover most of my updates.

We are wrapping up hiring and Yara mentioned intern hiring; we are doing a number of other hirings right now and closing some positions and onboarding them to the team right now. We are making a lot of structural changes to streamline processes. We hired a lot of 10 new individuals on the team. This past Saturday we did volunteer training. After that training we are working with the deputy of training and analytics so volunteers receive enough training to reach their goals. In the realm of city engagement, today Elisabeth and I met with the new project lead for ACEP. Hopefully we are passing a piece of policy that will open it up to more people. We are working with the city of Kingston to create projects that will engage more students

Sustainability; we are working on more internal sustainability such as use of materials we already have and to get more recycling bins such as battery recycling bins.

For wellness month we have hired 4 new coordinators. The marketing office has released a look ahead video for the month of October. Keep an eye out for those every month. It will give you a look ahead into the upcoming events.

Thank you all for coming tonight and have a lovely reading week.

VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS REPORT

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

Vice President of Operations Wijesundara: For operations, you can read more details in the report. In terms of a really new exciting update our office has hired some new members. We have hired a team of receptionists which is really exciting. The ASUS BBQ was a really great success, big thanks to Sean. Another item is creating a financial manual for volunteers, to have that information to excel throughout the year.

All reimbursements will be released by mid next week

We issued over 5000 dollars in bursaries for orientation leaders, in addition to the money issued for orientation participants.

Financial assistance and jacket orders close tomorrow, the form is available online to increase accessibility.

Our store manager, accounting director and IT director have been working really hard to fulfil their duties.

For post reading week plans, my focus will be on project planning regarding financial aid and literacy.

OTHER REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Presented by **Yuxuan Zhao**

International Representative Yuxuan Zhao: I'm going to compose a Queens encyclopaedia which is about life and entertainment on campus. I'm currently working on my google doc, if I make any progress I'll let you guys know. Thank you.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Presented by **Femi Abiola and Robert Hughes**

Senator Hughes: We are getting into reports from the committee over the summer including progress over street parties. The only item that has come up is whether or not to author a letter of condolence to King Charles. Other than that, nothing has really happened. Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Academics Commissioner Parker: Applications close tomorrow for remaining DSCs. I just wanted to say it one more time because it's exciting for students to host events and to have connections with faculty, or if they're just interested in working on the Queen's journal.

QUESTION PERIOD

Equity Commissioner Haddad: What is the encyclopaedia for?

International Representative Zhao: The reason I am compiling a Queens encyclopaedia is to help international students from other countries get used to their life on campus. For example when I talk to them the most important concerns are about housing and academics. I will include FAQs and I will post my answers to them. A lot of students told me they have a hard time finding information they need on the website or where to find help. Just to avoid confusion, I am trying to write something that will help all students. I will update you guys whenever I have made major progress.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 3

That ASUS Assembly formally ratify Christian Luchin for the position of Assembly Speaker for the 2022 - 2023 academic year.

Moved by: Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Officer Sankaran-Wee: It is tradition for Assembly to ask questions during the ratification process. These can be fun or serious questions.

Questions:

President Hussein: What is your favourite person who has done a documentary before?

Speaker Luchin: That's a very specific question. I don't know. For documentaries, I think one of my favourites recently is Last dance. Whether you are a fan of sports or not, it was a really cool perspective. I liked the bill gates documentary on Netflix a while back. I can't think of anymore of the top of my head.

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

Speaker Luchin: A golden retriever. That lifestyle, just chill. It's a pretty chill life

Equity Commissioner Haddad: What is the weirdest, quirkiest fact about you?

Speaker Luchin: I don't know. I actively wanted to get involved at the adult table at dinner parties when I was a kid.

CESA Representative Slowikowska: If you were to go to Starbucks right now, what would you get?

Speaker Luchin: I'm really in a coffee mood right now.

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: If you could make an ice cream sandwich, but you had to do bread as the ends, what type of bread and what type of ice cream would you use?

Speaker Luchin: Not brown bread or rye. Maybe five grain. For ice cream, cotton candy. I just feel like it would work well together.

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 4

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

Moved by: Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Vice President of Society Affairs Emma Farrell: The only added words were to make it more specific and to align it with the intent of the policy itself as it was quite vague. Orientation coordinators head gael and chairs cannot sit on the selection panel, but after they have been removed they are allowed to sit on the panel and do not have conflict of interest anymore.

Questions:

Equity Commissioner Haddad: How do you decide who gets to sit on the panel?

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: It consists of presidents, vice presidents, and two members of the ASUS assembly. As for chairs, the newly hired head gael would sit on it.

Equity Commissioner Haddad: Is it only voting and elected members?

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: Yes.

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 5

That ASUS Assembly formally ratify the 2022 - 2023 Standing Committees, as seen in Appendix B: "Assembly Standing Committees."

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee: To all Assembly elected and voting members, you have been placed into committees based on your preferences and policy eligibility requirements. Are there questions regarding this?

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTIONS 6 - 13 (OMNIBUSED)

That ASUS Assembly formally end consideration of the 2022 - 2023 Executive Office and Council Strategic Plans as seen in the linked [OneDrive here](#).

Moved by: President Hussein

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 14

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

Moved by: Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: President Hussein

Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee: Next year onwards, there may be more seats from ASUS on AMS Assembly to fully represent the ArtSci student body as the largest faculty.

President Hussein: It is in compliance with what the AMS assembly policy has. It requires more Arts and Science students in the ASUS body. If no one is represented by the ASUS assembly there would be another seat in the AMS assembly. This policy is because of the AMS' most recently updated policy.

Questions:

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: I wanted to clarify about the 20 students? And what it means by inclusive of sibling societies?

President Hussein: We have 8. Again it is the 8 reps who are from Arts and Science, and then sibling societies representatives. This is what was recommended by AMS policy and what we're adhering to at the time. Historically, we have not had 20 people representing ASUS. It is likely that it may be changed by the end of the school year or for future years.

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 15

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Community Outreach Commission Policy Manual as seen in Appendix D: "Community Outreach Commission Policy Manual Changes."

Moved by: Community Outreach Commissioner McHarg

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Community Outreach Commissioner McHarg: This is a new program I would like to start. I would like to hire 10 volunteers to give them opportunities to explore different paths and hopefully increase engagement in years to come.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 16

That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the ASUS Community Outreach Commission Policy Manual as seen in Appendix E: "Community Outreach Commission Policy Manual Changes."

Moved by: Community Outreach Commissioner McHarg

Seconded by: Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell

Vice President of Society Affairs Farrell: We are hoping to expand the program to 16 volunteers this year, which means each council member will be paired up with two ACEP volunteers. The second change is to open up the program to second years and above. Before it was only open to second years. We are trying to open it up to all students especially to those who may not have had experiences maybe meant for first years. The third change is to change the meetings from biweekly to monthly to maximise the amount of work to put in for each meeting.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

MOTION 17

Moved by: Academics Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: President Hussein

Academics Commissioner Parker: This is a change to what we have called the divisions. Formally we had 4 divisions. This is a move to standardise the faculty. It is important to note that a couple of the DSCs are not updated in the list. The last change is that one academic representative will be a member at large and not putting a restriction on where they have to come from. I hope to increase engagement between DSCs. I am really looking forward to seeing this change.

Questions: None

Vote: *Motion carries*

SPEAKER'S LAST WORD

Governance Officer Sankaran-Wee: Thank you for coming out this evening. On your way out, please feel free to take home some cookies and muffins.

MOTION 18: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: President Hussein

Seconded by: PHEKSA Representative Pryor

Vote: *Motion carries*