

## Assembly Meeting (#1): Thursday, September 23rd, 2021

*Assembly is called to order at 7:04 pm, EST.*

### **Motion #1 –Approval of Agenda**

#### **Motion to omnibus Motions 16 – 22**

Moved by Kristen Sutherland

Seconded by Alyth Roos

**Officer Kristen Sutherland:** Those motions are strategic plans. So it looks like everyone on council submitted a strategic plan. So it's just the motion for assembly to formally accept and review those strategic plans. So we'll go ahead and do a vote on that amendment. You can go ahead and use the reaction button at the bottom of your zoom screen and use Yes or No, Go Slower for an abstain vote.

Questions: None

*Vote: Motion Carries*

### **Motion #2— Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Kristen Sutherland

Seconded by Alyth Roos

Questions: None

*Vote: Motion Carries*

### **Speaker's Business**

**Officer Sutherland:** Wonderful Motion passes. Okay, so moving on to a speaker's business. So I just want to give a formal Welcome again to everyone. Welcome to Ask us assembly. Thank you so much for coming and joining me this evening. And I hope we can have some really conducive and fruitful discussions here this evening. I would like to formally begin our evening by offering a land acknowledgement. We are currently situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and Haudenesuane peoples. I recognize that this privilege comes only from a history of colonialism in which these lands were stolen from the Indigenous Peoples who first inhabited them. As a settler, it is important to me to acknowledge the privilege that I have to be able to learn, live and meet today on this land here at Queen's. We recognize that ASUS as an institution, in addition to assembly, have been colonial spaces in the past, and we recognize the importance of using our roles to engage in indigenisation and reflection. As you may be aware, September 30th has been declared the National Day for truth and reconciliation, and I urge each of you to take the time on that day to reflect on your positionality on the land you are present on at that time. The four directions indigenous Student Center here at Queen's is a great first resource to explore, and to assist in informing and educating and I encourage you to visit their website office to assist you or support you in your reflection. So the next order of business I would like to address while I'm still speaker here this evening is that it is our ASUS General Manager Sean's birthday today. So very big Happy Birthday to Sean. He's spending his birthday evening with us at assembly. So very, very happy birthday to Sean, and we are very happy to have him

here this evening with us. So the next thing that I would love to do if you would so humor me, is we're going to try something a little bit new at assembly. So just bear with me as we navigate kind of this new addition, but I hope everyone you know, finds it to be helpful and enjoyable. I know for myself personally I'm not necessarily as comfortable speaking in a big room in front of people that I don't necessarily know. I know that for some of you, you might not recognize everybody in this room and might not have even been able to meet them in person before with this kind of new, new world that we're living in. So what we're going to be doing this evening is we're going to spend five minutes. Caitlin, my deputy governance officer here is going to open up some breakout rooms that you'll each be put into. And your task is with the people in your breakout rooms, I need you to find five things in five minutes that you all have in common with each other. But no cheating. It can't be that you are at ASUS assembly, that you are a part of ASUS or student government, that you are human, that you go to Queens or that you're on a computer. So try to be a little bit creative and actually get to know something about the people that you're with. And hopefully we can get a little better oriented with the people in this room. So we can all feel a little bit more comfortable sharing ideas and participate in discussions as they come up later this evening. So I will have Caitlin open the breakout rooms and when you're flag to do so if you can just jump into there that would be wonderful.

### **Breakout Rooms Commence and Conclude**

**Officer Sutherland:** Well, thank you all for humoring me with that activity. I hope that you all enjoyed the activity as well. But we will get back to business with new business again. Moving on to motion three. Being that ASUS Assembly formally ratify Callum Robertson as Assembly Speaker for the 2021-2022 academic year. Moved by myself Kristen Sutherland and seconded by Alyth Roos. Before we move to a vote is there anything that you'd like to say to to assembly Callum? I am kind of putting you on the spot but is there anything you'd like to say, before we move to a vote?

**Callum Robertson:** Are we allowed to ask questions this time? I was hoping for like an ice cream question or like one of the usual ones you know?

**Officer Sutherland:** Careful what you wish for now you're going to get a lot thrown at you. Does anybody have any questions for Callum? I'll open the floor.

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** What is your favourite flavour of ice cream?

**Callum Robertson:** I'm so glad you asked Brandon. I don't know how you thought of that. Um, yeah, I guess like caramel ice cream, like from a tub specifically.

**President Alyth Roos:** My question for Callum is what does he love most about Assembly?

**Callum Robertson:** Um, I would say policy but like, I know, everybody would like, get really mad at me if I said policy. Um, so I don't know. Just like, being in person is really fun. like seeing everybody in the same room is like really awesome. And hopefully this year, we all get to, like, sit in the same room and talk and like, see each other in person. But you know, we'll have to see. So that's my favorite part. But I haven't gotten to experience that very much over the past two years.

**Officer Katie Hunt:** This was a question going around the house today and I'm interested to know your thoughts. So if you had to give Kingston a theme song, what would it be?

**Callum Robertson:** That's actually a tough one. I've never had a tough one, like thrown out before. Um, dang. I'd ask if I can pull up my Spotify right now but I'm assuming that's gonna take too long. I'm going

to say party in the USA. It's always a party in Kingston. So you know what, I'll give it a good Miley Cyrus vibe like everybody's happy. Everybody's chill. It's a party in the Kingston, Ontario.

**Officer Sutherland:** Does anybody else have any questions for Calum? Do you have any other comments that you'd like to make before we boot you out? Okay, perfect. So Callum, you might know the drill but Caitlin's going to go ahead and open up a breakout room, that will send you into and we'll go ahead and do the vote. Okay, so this is a vote to ratify Callum as assembly speaker. So again, if everyone can go ahead and use the yes or no or go slow to abstain.

Questions: None

*Vote: Motion Carries*

**Officer Sutherland:** Congratulations Callum, you are officially this year's Assembly Speaker. So congratulations, and thank you very much everyone for voting. So we've had this discussion together before but Callum is comfortable in assuming the role effective immediately, so you won't have to hear my voice as much. Aside from a presentation that's up on the docket, I will let Callum officially assume the role of Speaker and take us away with the rest of our agenda today.

**Speaker Robertson:** All right, thank you very much, Officer Sutherland. It's so much fun saying officer Sutherland instead of CRO Sutherland. Yeah, hello, everybody. It's nice to see you all again. Honestly, it hasn't been that long since basically I've either worked with you before or hired you or was part of the elections that you guys won. And for those of you who don't know me, I believe there's a couple here, just going through the list. So yeah, I guess I'll just do a quick intro about myself. I'll give myself a speaker's business, like 30 seconds for an intro. My name is Callum Robertson. I use he/ him pronouns, and I am a third year politics major. Last year, I was the governance officer and I have been succeeded by Kristen here who is killing it and is probably doing a better job than I did already, so hopefully that keeps up. I'm really glad to be back and honestly, you know, I really do love assembly. I love getting to hear everybody's thoughts on, you know, the matters of the day, and also what you guys want to do to make ASUS better. And so, you know, hopefully, we'd have some really awesome discussions this year. I think there's a lot of changes that are going to be hopefully made either today or in future assemblies that are really important for ASUS moving forward, especially as we come out of the pandemic. So yeah, thank you so much for letting me come back. It's nice to not just be a washed up governance officer, I get to have another role within ASUS. So, I guess we will move along with our first presentation of the night and I will pass it back off to Officer Sutherland for a presentation on assembly policy and protocol.

### **Presentations - Kristen Sutherland, "How to Assemble"**

**Officer Sutherland:** So you didn't get a break from my voice for very long unfortunately for you all I'm sorry. But I am just going to do like a very brief little presentation that I'm calling how to assemble. And the purpose of this is just to give you a little bit of an idea of how assembly runs, why we're here tonight, who can vote, and hopefully answer any questions that you might still be having about assembly, but I promise I will keep it brief. So the first thing is why are we here? Why are we doing assembly? So ASUS assembly is actually the highest legislative body of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, as this assembly fulfills its mandate by debating reports, recommendations, and motions as submitted by ASUS Council or any other individual ASUS member. ASUS is constitutionally empowered to direct the Executive, Council, or Advisory Board as they carry out their duties consistent with the best interests of arts and science students. So who can vote and how do I do it? So you've had

some practice tonight but some of you might still be hesitant to like hit that yes button. So voting members of ASUS assembly are the ASUS executive, sibling society representatives, and also elected members. So year representatives, academic representatives, ASUS representatives to the AMS, and the international representative. These individuals can also be Deputy Speaker. So we are going to be moving on to electing a Deputy Speaker after my presentation, so if you're thinking about wanting to be Deputy Speaker, please put your name forward. When we get to that point, you just fill in and do exactly what Callum and myself have been doing as Speaker if Callum is not able to be here. And then you've all had your practice, but to vote for a motion, just use the yes, no, we'll go slower functions to abstain on zoom. So then just briefly, some general guidelines and rules of order. So your attendance at ASUS assembly is mandatory. However, we do understand that you all students, and you might find yourself unable to attend a meeting. In that case, you will provide a proxy to attend a new place and notify the governance officer so myself of who the proxy will be 24 hours before the meeting. So they will sit in for you. sometimes this might be a deputy, or an intern for example, that can assume the proxy role for you. And then lastly, just going over some basic rules of order. So these are things that you can say or do to bring attention to something in assembly. So first, point of information. This is used to bring an important or relevant fact to debate to correct mis information, or to ask an immediate question that's vital to the nature of the debate that's happening, you can interrupt Callum or the Deputy Speaker to raise a point of information. Next is point of order, and this is used to raise a strictly procedural matter. So like a departure from the ordinary procedure from assembly, and once again, you can go ahead and interrupt Callum or the Deputy Speaker to raise a point of order. And then lastly, point of personal privilege. So this is used to bring attention that the character of an assembly member has been affronted. So you can interrupt the speaker or the Deputy Speaker to raise a point of personal privilege, but just know that the speaker does reserve the right to overrule the claim should they deem that the member isn't raising a legitimate point. So that's all, I promised that I would keep it brief. But I hope it just answers maybe some of the questions that you had about assembly and makes you feel a little bit more comfortable moving forward with our meetings together.

### **Election of a Deputy Speaker**

**Speaker Robertson:** Alright, thanks for the wonderful presentation. Okay, so next up is the election of the Deputy Speaker. Anybody on this assembly, who is not in another role can be elected Deputy Speaker aside from I believe Council. So Kristen, would you like to do a further explanation? Or do you want to just go right into it?

**Officer Sutherland:** Yeah, I can. As I said in the presentation, you're essentially assuming the role of Callum as Speaker if he's unable to be here. But we're not just throwing you to the wolves, you will meet with me before assembly, and we will go over the agenda together. You're basically just controlling the flow of the agenda, bringing to attention the next motion or next item that's on our agenda. And then just enforcing the Rules of Order as we all just went over. But I will always be there to help if you need support as well. So it's really not scary, and it'll be unlikely that you have to be speaker. If you do it might just be the one time. But if anyone is interested, then please come forward.

**Year-Representative Alicia Parker:** I feel like if no one wants it then yeah, I will do it as long as there is a longer crash course on how to assemble.

**Speaker Robertson:** Yeah, there will definitely be a longer crash course in how to assemble. That's perfect, okay well thank you Alicia. Alright, we can go to a vote. Caitlin, can you set up a breakout room for Alicia?

**Deputy Caitlin Hayes:** Yes, I will do that.

**Speaker Robertson:** Alright, so the motion on the table is for the election of Deputy Speaker for Alicia Parker to take up the mantle of that role as officer Sutherland put out. Yeah, so of course, just vote yes, no or go slower if you choose to abstain. And we can start the voting. I'll give two more seconds. Going once going twice. Perfect. All right. All in favor. Awesome. Thank you, everybody. All right. Well, congratulations, Alicia, you are now the Deputy Speaker of assembly. Congrats.

Questions: None

*Vote: Motion Carries*

### **Point of Information**

**Speaker Robertson:** Now that we have done that, I believe we might have Officer Sutherland with a point of information.

**Officer Sutherland:** I would just like to clarify is the pronunciation Ah-lee-cee-ya for our Deputy Speaker?

**Year-Representative Alicia Parker:** It is Alicia.

### **Point of Order**

**Speaker Robertson:** Matt, would you like to go ahead with your point of order?

**2020-2021 Vice-President Matt D'Alessandro:** Yeah, does that mean I just start talking?

**Speaker Robertson:** Yes, we can. We can move up motion 5, you can go ahead with your closing of your General Operating Budget motion.

### **Motion 5 - Closing the General Operating Budget**

**2020-2021 Vice-President Matt D'Alessandro:** Yeah, for sure. So I'm just gonna share my screen quickly. For those who don't know me, my name is Matt dalesandro. I was the 2020 2021 ASUS Vice President. Feels really weird to say former so I like to use the year instead. But I'm gonna share my screen. I can't share my screen. I don't know if it's disabled. But basically, we're just closing out my budget for the year in preparation for opening Brandon's. So one fiscal year is closing. And the next is opening, which is really exciting. Can you see my screen now okay?

Perfect. So I'm not going to go through all of it because it is five pages long. And that would be a waste of time. But it is linked in the agenda if anyone does want to do a deeper review. Quickly, we start at the top, where we have all of our revenues that the society generates. And then we move in through our extensive section, where we cover things like administration, payroll, executive, all the council positions, gifts and awards, professional development or Financial Assistance Fund. And then we kind of integrate camps orientation and care summaries in at the end, but those operate separately, and are passed at assembly at different times. So at the end, you can see a quick little summary here. So a little bit about our procedure, we kind of were the year that no one knew what was happening last year. So when we

originally engaged in budgeting for the year, we had completely different figures. And then for the winter term, I had our council, redo, not redo but kind of reevaluate what their budgets look like for the winter ones classes were announced online. Again, we kind of took out some larger expenses. And I put forward a new budget, but we just kept the old figures in just for comparison for the future. But as you can see, here, we were kind of down a decent amount, but not too much, I genuinely thought that it was going to be a lot lower. But we were able to operate a lot of our services, a lot of our kind of events and initiatives online, which I was really excited about it and is a huge congratulations to everyone who was involved last year because I think we were really able to still make an impact in everything was online. And I think the budget speaks to that. The only thing that you will see that is a little bit kind of wonky in this budget is the administration section. And I use wonky in the sense that it was a very big transition year last year. So as you know, we have our new General Manager, Sean, who is absolutely wonderful and has been doing ASUS absolute wonders ever since he was brought on. So you're just gonna see that in some of these sessions like professional fees, legal fees, and other administrative costs that those things were a little bit higher than we initially projected because we did not know that we will be hiring Sean at the beginning of the year, but we're excited and happy to have him. So other than that, I am happy to take any questions on the budget if people have but that is it for me.

Questions: None

*Vote: Motion Carries*

## **Discussion Period**

### **Improving the Relationship between Queen's and Kingston Community**

**President Alyth Roos:** Hi, everyone. So just to kinda introduce this topic, I'm sure. As you all know, and seen kind of in the return to campus, it's brought a lot of excitement to campus and being back in the classroom. But along with it has come a lot of a lot of things like street parties and things like that happening in the student district. And it's caused a little bit of tension and strain between Kingston and Queens itself. And so something that has been coming up in our conversations, it was something that we kind of anticipated over the summer. And so we began preliminary discussions and conversations with people at the city, along with community outreach, so So Emily, and Brandon myself, so what we're looking to kind of see is what you'd like to see kind of in terms of our dynamic with the city, what are things that you'd like to see to kind of improve that relationship, and just any overarching thoughts that you might have in terms of the current situation and the tensions that are currently existing between, again, Queens, and Kingston.

**Senator Noah Mawji:** One thing we can consider is maybe getting collaborating more, not necessarily with the town in the sense of like, city council, but in terms of like local charities or different organizations that have opportunities, whether it's to help the homeless, or, you know, like, you know, there's very, I don't know, if they just in Kingston, but in my hometown, they have this is a bit, this is a bit I know, most people probably wouldn't be into it. But you know, like, they'll go around certain parks that are known to attract like a lot of kids who will go late at night to drink and stuff to clean up. So like, you know, those kind of opportunities, helping the town clean up with garbage and stuff like that, or just in general, like I know, not too far from my house. I think it's like a, it's something to do with, I think it's called something supper, but basically, they provide dinner for homeless people and people who are in need a number of times a week. So even just getting access to post more and getting involved with these different organizations to try and attract students to come help the residents of the town will definitely

make them appreciate the Queen student body a lot more, and it'll definitely reflect the school much better.

**Commissioner Emily Armstrong:** Awesome. Um, yeah, thank you for that. I think that definitely kind of being able to interact more with the City of Kingston through things like organizations is really important. And through community outreach, we do kind of partner with around 14 different organizations every year. But I think that there's a lot to be said about identifying the areas that we aren't able to help get on. We aren't able to support and then also looking at how can we make these positions and more recognized and more known because I think some of them get a lot of applications, but some of them just the word isn't out there and people don't know that it exists. And I think there are a lot of people who would want to help with that and would want to know what's going on and be able to work with the City of Kingston and With those organizations. So I guess kind of another question that I would have for anyone, or if anyone has any thoughts on this, as well as ways that we can not only, like improve those interactions, but also ways that we can make what we're already doing more known, because there is there is stuff going on already, but it's hard to get the messaging out sometimes.

**Academic Representative Flynn Eves-Welch:** So I just wanted to mention, I have like, maybe a slightly different perspective, just because like, I'm in Kingston year round. I'm a townie. So like I understand a little bit more from like the Kingston citizen perspective, like what, um, street parties have kind of given people the impression of, and I think like, as much as it is good to go out and help the Kingston community, I think it's like, more important to put more effort into recognizing why street parties are happening. And obviously, a lot of students extracurriculars can't really function right now given restrictions. But I also realized that the university has maybe like a little bit of a hot and cold relationship about how much they're able to step in, when students are violating like public health protocols right now. And I do understand that like the Kingston police, it's really small, to be honest. So they don't necessarily have the manpower or the funding to really handle street parties per se, in a way that's like, approachable to a lot of students. So I'm, I would be curious to see if there's any sort of maybe like student led sort of directive that we could do to kind of like redirect students from having these massive street parties, even if it's just like, you know, putting out more events that are online that students can partake in maybe.

**Alyth Roos:** I really liked the point you raised, especially kind of surrounding the co-curricular element there. And it's something we've discussed with, with Patrick Dean kind of in, in in settings and conversations, mostly surrounding the fact that we're limited to doing any in person co curricular events until after October 31. And yet, we're kind of in that sticky situation, because of the fact that those are those are spheres where students usually are able to socialize, and especially those first and second years that are looking to make connections and then friends and things like that. There's there's this, I guess, this perception that these are the only settings they have to go do. So when we want to kind of be encouraging, like events that are safe and curated by by groups of people who work for them and are able to enforce like base three, like guidelines and things like that. So that's definitely something we're currently pushing for and hoping to see and find a way to get more more co-curriculars and maybe move that up period up. But I'm really glad to hear that and that's definitely something that we can voice letting them know that it came from assembly as well in terms of wanting to see more co-curricular events happening earlier on to thank you.

**General Manager Sean Thompson:** I hope I'm not out of place here. But like Flynn, I'm a townie but both Noah and Flynn actually keyed on some very interesting issues. Noah talked about community service

groups. And Leslie Kimball, who works with Alzheimers Kingston wrote a wonderful article about how passionate Queen's students were from the Alzheimer community group. And it really touched a lot of people. So there is the opportunity to interact through some of the service and community work that is done. But the other aspect that touches on what Flynn mentioned is when you know that it sort of goes back to some of the bullying and violence and anti anti avoidance that were you know all much more aware of it's that bystander personality. And you can't be willing bystanders when you know what is going on in your student community is wrong and students need to be more vocal, sort of standing up against the mass and saying not all this are like that and be examples of other types of behavior. So there's there's my two cents worth, but both know and Flynn had very, very valid issues and just wanted to sort of reinforce it with some examples that that took them both to a different level so great.

**Year Representative Alicia Parker:** So I feel badly because this isn't adding on to Sean's point, but I totally agree and I I'm glad you brought your perspective too. But I kind of wanted to give the bias second year opinion too, and just say I think a lot of second years, kind of missed their opportunity to get involved in first year. And so I think I know Emily, correct me if I'm wrong, but there is like the second year kind of intern initiative to connect with Kingston community, I just want to say I think that's really awesome initiative. But I think just like when we're marketing positions, the entry level can mean second year too, and really trying to engage second years, because I feel like a large portion of them, maybe kind of those groups that are not yet connected to anything and are looking for less respectable ways to get their social doses. So I just want to say that I think that's really awesome initiative, and things that kind of target specific groups that we think may be left out, I think are really important.

**Speaker Robertson:** Alright, is there any other input? Gong once, going twice, Alyth is there anything that you want to say to close this off?

**President Alyth Roos:** Just kind of close it up briefly but thank you so much for everyone's thoughts I think these are things that you can kind of take to again principal principal Dean but also to the city as well as just kind of also shaped the way that we're kind of going about our work as well. So, um, thank you to everyone and if you ever have any other thoughts, feel free to reach out to me.

### **How the ASUS Constitution Should Relate to ASUS Policy Manuals**

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** Thank you very much. In the interest of time, I think I would just kind of want to introduce this topic as a discussion topic. And I think that for members of assembly this can be an ongoing conversation that we have over the course of the year, but something that I kind of come across in my reading and research on our constitution and our policy manuals is in some cases some overlap between the documents, of course, overlap and policy documents can be useful because it can reinforce some of the different policies but it can also be dangerous. in the event that there's a discrepancy. So one of the things that I've been thinking, and considering and again would love to hear any thoughts now but also the bulk of your thoughts as we go through the year is for some new members feel that there could be a commodified approach to the Constitution whereby any of our policy manuals, would include information pertaining to them specifically, and instead of having that information in the Constitution of ASUS, we could have that removed, and how the constitution serve as the kind of fundamental guiding document for the society that would include our mandate, and some of our kind of guiding principles. So again, this is a much larger conversation obviously not intending to change Constitutional Assembly but would love to hear anyone's thoughts, especially those who have been on assembly for either one or two terms now, or anyone that's had a chance to read through any of



our policy manuals, I would love to open the floor to any thoughts. If anyone else shares these kind of thoughts and potential interest in modifying and constitution and also if anyone has a concern off the top of their head I would love to hear those. So does anybody have any input to start us off?

**DSUS Representative Tim Burgin:** Yeah, I guess I can just jump in on the DSUS perspective so I've been working a lot with writing our constitution and policy manual and one of the things that I found really helpful is doing exactly what you're talking about, making it so the Constitution is kind of the fundamental this is how we're thinking this is going to work. And then the policy manual I've actually made it so that the numbering system follows the Constitution, and it's kind of like it's taking the sections of the Constitution and it's talking about the more in depth. So I definitely think that it's a good way to go and it will probably make it a lot easier to understand.

**Speaker Robertson:** Is there any further discussion? Going once, going twice, we can always revisit this topic as I know Brandon this is something you are passionate about. And so Brandon maybe you want to sort of close off this topic?

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** Hello um yeah so again just kind of want to put it out to members assembly to keep an eye on future discussion periods because I will likely be worth revisiting this with some more kind of concrete thoughts on how we can make those changes. But if you ever have any interest in kind of seeing how we can go about that then feel free to message me or Kristen directly, because that's something that we're going to be working on in collaboration with council, but thank you everyone for entertaining the discussion.

**Speaker Robertson:** Okay, so let's move on to our third topic.

### **Changing the ASUS Mandate in the ASUS Constitution**

**Alyth Roos:** This is more or less just kind of something that's similar to Brandon's point. It's more that we just want to come to raise it preliminary and it's a conversation that will be ongoing. Currently the mission statements a little bit out of date, it says "the art and science undergraduate it is dedicated to enhancing the academic experience of undergraduate or undergraduate students and operating a differentiated learning environment beyond the depth and breadth offered in the classroom course of study." And so it's very academic heavy and doesn't really talk much about inclusivity or fostering community engagement and so we're looking to change our mandate which is kind of exciting. And on that note, we want to kind of get some input and some insight from all of you and here if there's anything that you'd like to see. The goal of it is to be something that kind of guides and leads ASUS and can be all encompassing to a variety of our initiatives as well so would love to get any thoughts on that point.

**Speaker Robertson:** All right. Anybody have any first thoughts?

**Academic Representative Mathie Smith:** I don't really have any constructive or really helpful thoughts any sense, but I just want to say I think it's a good idea, I think changing it to represent what ASUS does, it will be a much better idea because yes academics important that's why we're all in school. There's also so much more to the student life specifically here at so good job.

**PHEKSA Vice-President Operations Stuart Mladen:** So I can't like read the PHEKSA mission statement off my head but I know that we have like three like buzzwords so it's like professional, social, and academic.

So I think like those kind of like encompass, kind of like all like areas that like a student society would have.

**Speaker Robertson:** Does anyone want to add anything? Going once, going twice, Alyth would you like to close this off?

**Alyth Roos:** Thank you so much for all of this insight and again, we'll revisit this later on in the year to kind of start making some changes so thank you.

### **Elected Members and Social Media Pages**

**Officer Sutherland:** Thank you Callum, my voice again. So I know that a lot of people here are here because they won an election maybe with me, or maybe with the society in which they belong. But a lot of the time I've noticed you've used social media pages whether that be Instagram or Facebook, you had a page that you used during campaigning and they usually developed a really great following in a week or two, and then to no fault of anybody's here but those pages usually go dormant because we think we've been elected or that the the elections over, so it's natural to just stop using those pages but I think that we're missing out on a really unique opportunity to connect with the student body. You all bring a lot of insight, really great ideas, and conversations here and it'd be really great if those could be relayed back to the students which elected you to represent them. So with all that being said I would love to get anybody's feedback on on willingness to maybe revamp those those social media pages they used to run in an election, and myself and my deputy could definitely be of some support on what those social media posts might look like but it might just be offering a recap of what you got to assembly or what you yourself talked about at assembly, or just connecting with students before assembly saying is there anything you want me to talk about, or just going live for a moment, connecting with students. Just fostering that connection once again because a lot of people came out to vote for you, and a lot put their faith in you to represent them, and so it might be just a really great way to connect back to them in a in a sphere that the used to because we're all guilty of spending a lot of time on social media, at least I am so again this can be part of an ongoing discussion but I would really love to get this kind of up and running for for this year and in this semester so if anybody has some preliminary thoughts or to other end of that concerns, I'd love to hear them.

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** Kristen I think that this is a fantastic idea, and I'll speak on Alyth's and I's thoughts on this as I know it's something that we'll be very excited to kind of get up and going again. I remember it was a very exciting process obviously running through the election period and being able to hear feedback from so many students. So I think that we could use our page and all elected representatives can use their page to kind of solicit feedback on an ongoing basis, specifically from the people that ideally you know their votes came from. So I think this is a very exciting initiative and I'd love to work with the governance office to make sure we can make the most of those pages.

**Academic Representative Mathie Smith:** Kind of just to echo Brandon said also like based off what my experience has been for contexts I'm an academic rep for the natural physical sciences cluster so I come from the DSC side of things, and I think in terms of just the elections or things that I've been a part of one of the reasons why those social media pages are no longer active, is because we've kind of taken over the account that's been passed on to us or it's been passed down to us from past presidents so it's not necessarily that we've like ghosted out followers ideally if they were following our elections page they were already following in my case the DSC's page. So I think it's really like interesting like good way to like stay connected but I wonder if there's kind of a way to like siphon your page that you did use or

your election to kind of more directly into your DSC page because it also connected to longevity, not just for like your term but then also it's like connected somehow to like the actual DSC page so you can like, go back and look at past presidents what they've done and then you can kind of like, base your interactions with the page like off of that.

**Senator Sahiba Gulati:** I think this is a great idea because a big thing that I think locks with Council is that it's not very transparent of like what goes on like, although it's like active on the website. Many people don't go out of their way to actually look at the website. So I think it will help and like people actually knowing what goes on and council, and it also is a really good way to like connect with students. So like, I'm wondering, that if, so I know like everyone who was like elected did like individual pages but I'm wondering if we had like a specific like ASUS governance sort of Instagram actually like ties in like what happened in counseling what happened in assembly or whatnot. I know the AMS just released a page like that. Very recently I think this month or something so maybe if we hopped on that or something or did something similar, I think that would also help.

**Year-Representative Alicia Parker:** I also agree like echoing everyone I think it's a great idea. I feel a little guilty because ours has definitely been dormant for a few months, but one kind of concern that I wanted to bring up because like I'm open to hear other people's thoughts. So again I have actually kind of talked a little about how we want to communicate and get people's ideas. And one of the concerns that we kind of have around social media is when we were running like obviously our following started with our friends and then kind of people that we maybe worked with, or people in our department and so on, and so I guess my concern with social media is that I maybe feel like we're reaching the same group of people and kind of within our own circle and amplifying voices that are maybe already amplified and we're missing some of those people that didn't already have a voice in ASUS. So if anyone has any, like, ideas or how they diversify their own social media followings because I think it's important to not just be hitting our own followers on our personal accounts. But on that note, I think Sahiba made a great point like kind of collaborating, because I think that would diversify the pool and governance actually launched a social media page but I think that'd be really fun if we could contribute to that in any way.

**President Alyth Roos:** I just wanted to kind of echo what Alicia was mentioning on the collaboration front because I think there's a lot of areas for us even to kind of collaborate with different clubs on campus different organizations that do have a different region, a different demographic. Even internally like I know that there's groups on campus like Muse and Vogue both kind of like reach a very different sphere than ASUS. But even finding ways to collaborate with them and see if we can mutually plug each other's resources would be wonderful. And then I also just want to give a little a little shout out to the governance page which is very cool because we're, I guess, bringing it up for the first time in assembly which is very exciting, but I know Kristen has put together a lovely governance page so a great opportunity for us to kind of plug it too.

**Officer Katie Hunt:** I think I'm just gonna echo, like all these points I think it'll be more fun as a collaboration tool rather than a strictly like its own using their own pages because I think kind of like Alyth said the reach might be not as high, unless we collaborate with other teams and groups. So, just from a marketing perspective I like the idea of a collab, and would love to help out in any way I can.

**CRO Kaiya Jarvis:** Hi everyone. Thanks for letting me be here. My name is Kaiya and I just wanted to plug our instagram page I know Alyth mentioned it already. But as the chief returning officer this year I just wanted to plug that actually on Monday we're also hosting a workshop called so you want to run in an

election. I know I've been in contact with some of you who've given me some wonderful advice that we're planning on sharing. But for those of you who have previously run into the election we would highly encourage you to either attend this workshop we could ask you some questions, or you can contact me at cro@asus.queensu.ca email and let me know if you guys have any advice that you'd like us to include in this workshop, I believe I sent all of you who are here tonight, who ran in the fall election last year an email. So, if you could let me know I'd be happy to pass along any of your advice. But that's one of the ways that we're trying to build an initiative with students as we want them to have advice from you guys because you were all successful in your candidacy. And we want to continue building that amongst our students so, yes. If you have any questions or anything let me know, and I highly recommend all of you come out and attend and show some support will be doing another one, before the winter elections as well next semester. And I love the idea of putting you guys on our ASUS governance page that is definitely something that will unpack in our next meeting for sure with Kristen so, thanks.

**Officer Sutherland:** I'll keep it super brief so we can get onto motions, but I really appreciate all the feedback on that I hadn't considered so much the collaboration piece but I can really see the value in that and I love that and I'd be. I'm really happy to hear that you'd all be interested in that, and to echo everyone, we actually do have an access governance Instagram page, we launched it this summer. So I will be in touch with maybe some collaboration opportunities and we'll be happy to share anything that you'd like to put out to students. So thank you everybody for participating in that.

## **Executive Reports**

### **President Report**

**President Alyth Roos:** I just kind of want to do a quick quick introduction and a chance for Brandon and I to formally greet everyone so again thank you so much everyone for coming out and engaging with us today. It's exciting just to kick off our first assembly of the 2021 2020 school year. I'll keep it really brief because I know we have a lengthy lengthy document and a lot work has been going into it but I think that is a good representation of all the work that went on over the summer and strategic planning and budgeting. And so that's been a very exciting time. And as now we're kind of in the full swing of hiring it's really exciting as we've watched our teams to kind of carry out a lot of these projects and plans. On our plate, a lot of it has been filled with advocacy on the return to campus so as mentioned that city piece. This last week we did do a brief radio, radio interview with CBC. We've had the chance to meet with city councilors and and chat with them along with the community outreach. In addition to kind of instituting our second year engagement program which is a program strictly for a second years to kind of engage with city commissioners on projects ranging from subjects on social issues as well as food and security and kind of tackle those issues from a city perspective alongside council as well. So very exciting opportunities underway. In addition to that we're kind of excited to be back on campus, it's been really nice and the energy's been high on campus which is great to see, but with that also comes a lot of cool opportunities to engage and recognize those things are still happening virtually but throughout there DSC events to AMP running a variety of services, and they're really inspiring to watch all of our council members and officers and commissioners put together such wonderful programming. And with that, we have a lot of really interesting events coming up so and the upcoming week you can keep stay posted for a lot of panels under equity would you have the who do you serve event being co hosted with Yara Hussein our equity Commissioner alongside the social issues commission. In addition to that, we do have

the do on how to run an election which is happening on Monday from our lovely governance office. And then we also have a COVID 19 Health and Safety event, running on Tuesday, where we're bringing a Dr to discuss kind of health and safety on campus, and on Wednesday we have a housing town hall to discuss kind of the intricacies of moving into housing on your own, whether it's your rights as a tenant, or what how to look for a house. Our goal is to make an event that successful for all years. In addition to advocacy, our Academics Commissioner Tiffany Yung has been working incredibly hard and advocating for students along to the DSC is finding ways to make sure that the academic experience is being made as accessible as possible, and that you're enjoying your academic experience. So again, I think the biggest thing with that is we want to make ourselves as accessible as possible. And so in the instance that you do have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to us, on behalf of any course, or any overarching or urgent concerns in general. So that's kind of the central aspects of the things that we've been working on. I do want to put in a little plug for orientation because they worked incredibly hard this month and if any of you were involved in it congratulations, it is very exciting as we kind of close off the 2021 year of orientation and start looking towards hiring our head gael which will be happening at the end of the month, so keep your eyes peeled for that as well. But overarchingly it's lovely to see all of you, and it's great to officially kind of kick off the year. And again, if you ever have anything that you want to bring up chat about or just want to say hi we're trying to make yourselves as accessible as possible this year. Within this virtual hybrid on campus here that we're going through, and we'd love to chat with any of you at any point, and I'll throw it over to Brandon for his side of the updates.

*Questions: None*

### **Vice President Report**

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** In the interest of time, I will keep this extremely brief, ladies and gentlemen. I encourage you to read the report that I submitted that's trying to kind of encompass everything that I've been working on over the summer, I was very thorough with that report so I'm not going to repeat anything. But what I will say is thank you to all members of assembly for being here. I am very much looking forward to the conversation with all of you and nice to meet the new faces. The only other thing I will say is thank you very much to our council for all of the work that they've done over the summer, I truly cannot express my gratitude enough. With that being said again I've included all the updates from the summer in my report, please let me know if you have any questions and happy to chat about any of those by all means, but I will leave the rest of the time tonight for motions so thank you very much to everybody.

*Questions: none*

### **Society Reports:**

*Verbal additions: none*

### **Other Reports:**

*Verbal additions: none*

**Statements by Members [None]**

**Question Period [None]**

**Old Business [None]**

## **New Business**

**Motion 4- That ASUS Assembly formally accept the resignation of Jayden Daniels as two-year ASUS Senator as seen in Appendix A: Senator Jayden Daniels Resignation Letter**

Moved by Kristen Sutherland

Seconded by Alyth Roos

**Officer Sutherland:** Jayden is going on an exchange which is really, really exciting for him, but as such because he will not be on campus he has chosen to resign from his position as two year senator. His resignation letter is in the agenda that you are welcome to read. Will miss him very much, but I totally get where he's coming from. With all that being said he did have a year left as Senator for this academic year, so his position will be going up for election in the fall by election to fulfill the one year senator position that he is leaving so hopefully that eases anyone's concerns.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 6- That ASUS Assembly formally strike the W.J. Barnes Teaching Excellence Award and Teaching Awards Committee**

Moved by Tiffany Yung

Seconded by Yara Hussein

**Commissioner Tiffany Yung:** Yeah so unfortunately this is a bit of more procedural matter. We do have Teaching Award committee that needs to be struck through assembly, please let me host it to recognize some amazing and phenomenal, professors, as well as teaching assistants, Alicia and I would heavily appreciate that.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 7 - That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Academics Policy Manual as seen in Appendix C: "Academics Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by Tiffany Yung

Seconded by Yara Hussein

**Commissioner Tiffany Yung:** So this is the establishment of QJERS, the Queen's journal on ethnic and racial studies. This was birthed out of the Queen's Journal of Indigenous Studies which for the past couple of years has truly lacked sort of the application, as well as it's been just disheartening for the

editors and chief to go through that. So we've kind of revamped it and brought a broader perception, there has been a lengthy consultation period as well as revamping. So we're hopefully going to run an even more revitalized journal this year.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 8- That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Community Outreach Policy Manual as seen in Appendix D: "Community Outreach Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by Emily Armstrong

Seconded by Brandon Aldwoth

**Commissioner Emily Armstrong:** Yeah, so you guys can kind of take a look at it, let me know if there is anything kind of concerning in there but it is just very much updates, for the most part just reflecting what, like the positions are actually doing just as a lot of it is a few years outdated and just hasn't reflected what Community Outreach has been in the past. And so yeah you can see those changes in there, and some of my more notable changes is just under the commissioner position we added a duty to attend to the community garden, which was just started at the ASUS House this year. So just to make sure that that upkeep is carried out throughout the years. And then under the separate series committee I also added a chair position. And this position will just kind of be one position will work alongside the deputy for sponsorship and fundraising to run the separate series committee, and we'll just kind of allow that deputy to be able to focus a little bit more on things like finding sponsorships and communicating with our organization of the year, and just take a little bit of the pressure off of Super Series off of them. But yeah, that's kind of the gist of it if anyone has any questions or concerns please let me know.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 9 - That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Vice-President Society Affairs Policy Manual as seen in Appendix E: "Vice-President Society Affairs Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by Brandon Aldworth

Seconded by Alyth Roos

**Vice-President Brandon Aldworth:** Some of these are just changes to the ASUS policy manual for the vice-president student affairs, the policy changes consistent with additions for sustainability orders. We are hoping to hire two auditors this hiring season. In this policy change their duties are outlined as well as the reporting structure, but it's very very similar to the sustainability coordinators that currently exist, they will just be a more specific branch of the sustainability team that would be involved in auditing events and processes. I'm happy to take any questions.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 10 - That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Services Policy Manual as seen in Appendix F: "Services Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by Tina Hu

Seconded by Brandon Aldworth

**Commissioner Tina Hu:** Hello everyone, so I just made some changes to the services policy manual as Emily was saying, the services policy manual hasn't been updated in a little bit, so it was important to me that it reflected what my commission was actually doing. And some of the bigger changes include moving the alumni jackets portfolio under the jackets team from the deputy adding the correct number exact numbers to each committee and the most exciting, I think, is adding a section for the textbook service, which is a new service that I'm hoping to launch this year.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 11 - That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the President Policy Manual as seen in Appendix G: "President Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by: Alyth Roos

Seconded by Brandon Aldworth

**President Alyth Roos:** This was actually something that we had in our platform when we ran back in February about the reflection room and changing the mandate to ensure that it kind of again was about holding yourself accountable to being a space for indigenisation and reflection. And so, for the most part, a lot of the policy changes in there is just surrounding kind of creating a space and making sure that the physical space is also kind of, again, about taking part in that process towards indigenisation. In addition to kind of the policies and procedures in place on the aims kind of ensure that the procedures in place also prioritize Indigenous students using the space as well, to kind of provide them priority for any mandates or projects that are guided by indigenisation and reflection so that's kind of the project and idea there, and we're looking forward to institute it. If you have any questions feel free to ask away.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 12- That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the President Policy Manual as seen in Appendix H: "President Policy Manual Changes Part 2"**

Moved by Alyth Roos

Seconded by Emily Armstrong

**President Alyth Roos:** Yeah, so this is actually just the intitution of the new project which we've been working on with the Community Outreach Commission as well as Emily, to kind of Institute and it was again a pilot program run with second year students and the aim is to kind of, again,integrate students in



terms of the the Queen's community as well as the Kingston community and with ASUS. So it's basically an accelerated engagement program. The goal is just to kind of make students feel empowered to kind of create change within Kingston as well as being more aware of kind of the issues that exists and kind of work and creatively to tackle them. So it's kind of modeled after our intern program that we already run with first years, it has a similar model but this time we're working alongside city councillors on everything from food security to wellness to city policies so there's a lot of different topics covered there, and more or less we're piloting it this year with the second year of class so the class of 2024. And the goal is to watch it grow throughout years so if there's any questions on the program itself or on the policy just let me know.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 13- That ASUS Assembly formally approve the changes to the Equity Policy Manual as seen in Appendix I: "Equity Policy Manual Changes"**

Moved by Yara Hussein

Seconded by Tiffany Yung

**Commissioner Yara Hussein:** So just a few updates in the policy manual, at the end of like last year, the previous equity Commissioner had just restructured the few things in the equity commission and so I was just building on a few more additional things. And so if you scroll down and you look through that, those changes, one of which include changing the name of the deputy of inqsive to deputy of special projects, similar to the Special Projects deputies under the other commissioners and officers and this will just make the title and role more decentralized to the role of the deputy. And there's also the addition of two new committees the students of color collective and the disability and our diversity alliance, which will both work to advocate and create safe spaces and comfortable spaces for students of color and for students with, visible and invisible disabilities as well, respectively. And there is also, it probably took like five pages, but it's the removal of the surface online magazine from policy. And that's just because it has been kind of not alive for a couple years. And so, you know, we will be storing it for institutional memory, but it will just be removed from policy as there also different forms of educational equity topics within the commission as well, that will replace the purposes of the surface online magazine. Thank you.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 14 - That ASUS Assembly formally approve the ASUS Fall By-Election Timeline as seen in Appendix J: ASUS Fall By-Election Timeline**

Moved by Kristen Sutherland

Seconded by Alyth Roos

**Officer Sutherland:** Thank you. Um, so you'll see the full timeline in appendix j there for you to view. I actually spoke with Laura, who's in the call today she's the AMS the secretary of Internal affairs so thanks

for being here but I did chat with her on what the AMS elections timeline looks like. So we follow relatively closely to that so it'll be a really fun time on campus, watching everyone's different posts go up for campaigning which is really fun. But not part of the timeline, we have a workshop that our CRO Kaiya plugged earlier this so it's called so you want to run in an election which is just going to be hopefully assisting students with taking out some of the concerns that they might have about what an election looks like so then we will open up nomination period three days later, on September 30, so hopefully they'll feel a little bit more comfortable putting their names in to run in the election after the workshop. So that'll run until October the 10th, and we will host the all candidates meeting in that period as well, with the campaign period opening, October 13th to the 20th. So some of you might be flagging that this is actually going to be over the fall reading break. However, because we aren't able to encourage any physical campaigning this year, only virtual, I don't perceive this to be an issue. And we did host a completely virtual campaign last year and did not see a decrease in numbers, so I don't see this being an issue because students will be able to, to campaign all the same on their social media pages whether their in Kingston or at home or elsewhere. And then October 21 and 22nd will be a voting days and the same as usual you'll get that email to your queens email with the ballot to vote so if anyone has any concerns please, definitely feel free to bring them forward. But that's all that this motions about is just approving my timeline.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

### **Motion 15 - That ASUS Assembly formally open the 2021-2022 General Operating Budget as seen in Appendix K: 2020-2021 General Operating Budget Opening**

Moved by Brandon Aldworth

Seconded by Alyth Roos

**Vice President Brandon Aldworth:** So you will have to bear with me as I do have a presentation to accompany the opening of the budget. One thing that I really really would love to have is some conversations about our budget, and our expenditures for the year. What I'm sending you into the chat now is a link to the document that was included in the agenda. If you are all over that you can kind of follow along the presentation and then you'll notice that that folder has many different documents inside of it but the main one is the 2021 2022 general operating budget analysis. Again, if you'd like to open that and follow along that would be wonderful. Alternatively, you're definitely welcome to pay attention to the presentation and look at the budget at a later date. But again, I would really really love everyone's feedback. Any comments at all would be greatly appreciated. Even after today's assembly, even, even after the budget hopefully passes I would still love any feedback if you're willing, but with all that being said, I will dive right into the presentation. Can I just get the thumbs up from someone that this is working properly before I start. Thank you so much. Once again this is just going to be opening the general operating budget, and I will try to get through this quickly. Again for your information all of the documents for the budget are available in the folder that's been shared, and you're able to see that there are different breakdowns of each sub budget, and that's new this year, typically that information will not be published with the budget but we're really hoping to increase transparency so again you're able to see all of the council's line by line budgeting. And again, welcome to take any questions or

concerns at any point throughout the year with us. Apologies for the amount of information on one slide here but what we're seeing is an allocation of general operating budgets for the past four years, you'll notice that the upcoming year that's projected is highlighted in red, essentially this is showing a breakdown of all of the different categories, and again I do regret but it's very small text, but some important things to note here are our payroll costs will be significantly less this year, and this is partly due to a slight change in our reporting, but we are no longer including camps, and orientation payroll in our general operating budget. You will also notice in a good way that administration costs are declining, and that's a good thing we're hoping that overall, the amount of money it takes to run the society is going to be decreasing, and you will also notice that again, as a percentage of the entire budget compensation, gifts and awards, as well as financial assistance or ongoing. These are always that we give back to students and we're very excited that these things. And you also may notice that lastly, our spending on commissions and offices is greater. That's something that we are privileged to offer this year to our council and offer them larger budgets than typical, and we're very excited to again fund all of their wonderful ideas and plans in the strat plans that you will see in a few moments. This is just a quick graph but showing projections versus actual is for the society's revenue and expenditures over the past four years, so that you're able to see trends over time. You will notice that revenues are anticipated to be significantly greater than last year and the reason for that is obviously because of the pandemic. Fortunately we had vice president Matt D'Alessandro presenting the closure of last year's budget so he was already able to speak to some of these points but obviously the pandemic and the modification of our operations, definitely hindered our ability to generate revenues. As a result of that though expenditures will also be greater, but as you can see it will be in line with prior years. I'm hoping that this year we will be most in line with Vice President Alisa's 2018-2019 budget, which is in two years ago so that will not see the impact of the pandemic and that's the year that we're hoping to mirror in terms of revenue performance. This graph is essentially just a difference of the other two graphs so this is the society's met contingency projected an actual over the last two or three or four years. You'll notice that there's contingency in 2020. So, Vice President Aryan's year was significantly higher than projected and that was because of the pandemic, and the lack of ability to spend near the end of the year on some of our larger projects and events such as formal, volunteer gala, and number of other services. The contingency this year will not be extremely high but again in line with 2019's year end and I'm comfortable with us because revenues were conservatively budgeted but expenditures were liberally budgeted so this is essentially a worst case scenario, but I can ensure you that safety measures have been established in this budget. What I am now going to do is quickly walk through each of the different categories of expenditures. I'm not actually going to speak to all the notes that are on the slide but I do encourage you to just quickly grab something what you'll notice is that up at the top right that's the allocation of the entire general operating budget. So as a percentage and as \$ amount, and then you can see trends of the projections and actual values for those different budget lines and just a few notes on each one, administration, important things to note, are that we have combined some categories. So previous budgets will have included categories such as house, information technology and covid 19 but those are all amalgamated into one as administrative costs this year. We're discontinuing some major services such as Xerox and those are good money savers for the society, one of our payment processing providers and Xerox was a large photocopier that we had in the house so both of those are increasing our sustainability and also driving down costs. And I think that's pretty much it on administration. On payroll this is a newer account so you'll see that in the projections that is increasing, but that's because we're kind of adding more information to the section to make our reporting overall more accurate. But again, as mentioned at the beginning we have removed orientation and camps. It does remain a very

high percentage of our budget overall because it includes all of council as well as our general manager and executive positions. Compensation is a growing category and the reason for that is because it includes all of the non salary compensation for the society this includes food and professional development credits as well as volunteer honoraria, and this is a good thing to have on the rise as it means we are able to give back to our volunteers and members of the society. The Executive section of the budget essentially represents our direct reports as well as our ideas for the year, this includes many or all of our strategic plan ideas, some of them are listed here, but for a very small portion of our budget we are able to accomplish them here. The academics commission has been very on par with prior years of budgeting it accounts for 4% of the general operating budget and this is expected because of all of the department student councils that fall into this portfolio. Community Outreach is again expected and on par so no major fluctuations there the same is true with equity. The same is true with governance. Fortunately, a slight uptick in governance typically it's a very low cost commission or office my apologies and we're hoping to kind of change that and provide some more funding for more ideas and initiatives. Marketing and Communications is very on par with prior years so again no concerns. Services obviously has a very large percentage of our general operating budget and this is because it is also our greatest revenue generator. So again if you're able to look at the general operating budget allocation costs and revenues are greater than the expenditures and we're comfortable having a 25% of the overall allocation go to the Services Commission and Tina and her team. And then Human Resources again is on par with prior years so no concerns there. And then we move back into kind of the central budget categories so gifts and awards and includes all grants awards scholarships and bursaries that are stipulated by policy as well as ASURF contributions and fortunately we will be able to contribute more to ASURF this year than in prior years, we are very excited for that. But overall, in the grand scheme of things, the allocation is 11%. And so a comfortable variation from prior years, professional development is a very exciting portfolio and something that Alyth and her professional development director Pheobe are working very closely on. We'll including some new events this year, but the overall allocation in comparison to the amount of work that they're able to do is something we're very comfortable with. And finally is financial assistance. This one is something that I'm very excited about we're going to be able to distribute more financial aid this year than in essentially any prior year. So we have lots of discussion here and I am excited to work with Kristen and the advisory board to distribute this, but it's a good thing that this is on the rise and it's a good thing that this is a larger part of our budget because it means that these are ways that we are able to get back to students. So that being said, thank you very much for sitting through that presentation. Again, the goal here in me giving this presentation as well as us providing you with the general operating budget is to just increase transparency overall, you will have access to not only the main general operating budget but also all of the sub budgets. I would love to hear questions, if you would ever love to have a conversation about any of them, I welcome that. Thank you very much for your time and I'm happy to take any questions.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

**Motion 16-22 (Omnibused) - That ASUS Assembly formally begin considering the 2021-2022 [Academics Commission, Community Outreach Commission, Equity Commission, Governance Office,**

**Human Resources Office, Marketing Office, Services Commission] Strategic Plan as seen in the linked [OneDrive here.](#)**

Moved by Alyth Roos

Seconded by Brandon Aldworth

**President Alyth Roos:** I know that each and every one of our commissioners and officers worked incredibly hard on them through the summer, just to kind of give some insight in terms of the process we did a variety of drafts and kind of build them up throughout the summer, kind of, again, based off of the hybrid semester and again with those virtual contingencies. And so, throughout the entire process they worked alongside myself and Brandon, and we had the opportunity to kind of basically plan out their entire year. And so, if you have any questions I'm sure any one of them would be more than happy and knowledgeable to respond to them. But we look forward to kind of hearing any thoughts that you might have and look forward to them being considered, so thank you.

Questions: none

*Vote: motion carries*

### **Speakers Last Word**

**Speaker Robertson:** Thank you everybody for sticking through all this, it's really great to see you all again. You know, hopefully this year I'm really hoping we can get back in person and see each other in Wallace Hall, or wherever we can meet. You know, it's really important that we continue all this hard work for students, and I'm sure we're gonna have an awesome year, advocating for students, and you know, keeping this alive.

### **Motion: To adjourn the meeting**

Moved by Kristen Sutherland

Seconded By Brandon Aldworth

*Vote: Motion carries*