



ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY ASSEMBLY  
“DUC MENTEM AD LIBERTATEM”  
JANUARY 28, 2010

## Agenda

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## *Motion Sheet*

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1. MOVED BY: ALEXANDER STEELE

SECONDED BY: JILLIAN EVANS

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 28TH ASSEMBLY”

2. MOVED BY: ALEXANDER STEELE

SECONDED BY: JILLIAN EVANS

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 14TH, 2010 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX A”

3. MOVED BY: JESSICA SONNENBERG

SECONDED BY: ALEX METCALFE

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY FORMALLY OPPOSE THE ENACTMENT OF THE GPA GRADING SYSTEM AS CURRENTLY DEFINED BY QUEEN’S SENATE AND SCAP”

4. MOVED BY: JESSICA SONNENBERG

SECONDED BY: ALEX METCALFE

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RECOMMEND THE ADDITION OF THE PERCENTAGE GRADE AS WELL AS THE GPA ON THE QUASR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT ”



Dear Assembly,

My week has been.... tiring! With Mr. Mono and all 5 commissioners on leave, I've been holding the fort solo at the Core. A few things happening:

### **Equity Officer Policy Reviser**

As I can only imagine you've heard, applications have gone out for our new Policy Reviser position. This person will work with me to go through the old job description and see what worked, what didn't, and narrow the position down. They will be due on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you know anyone interested who would suit the position well, please send them my way!

### **Equity Action Grants**

As you might remember, this was a central part of our platform last year. I've seen the exact same thing in both AMS platforms, so I guess it wasn't a bad idea! I'll be taking it on myself from this point onward for obvious reasons, so if you would like to have a part in this, please let me know!

### **Website**

Website linkages between Robyn's commission sites and the general site will be happening this week... woooo!

Stay classy Assembly,

Jillian Evans  
President

[president@asus.queensu.ca](mailto:president@asus.queensu.ca)

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY



No report submitted due to illness of a very suspicious origin.



# *Academic Affairs Commissioner's Report*

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No report submitted.



# *Internal Affairs Commissioner's Report*

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PRESENTED BY **ALEXANDER STEELE**, INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
COMMISSIONER

Assembly,

This week's focus has been two-fold, making sure the Internal Affairs Commission was kept afloat despite the absence of its fearless leader and essentially every person inhabiting the Core, and supervising the conduct of the Winter Elections. The latter task is going quite smoothly, under the proficient direction of the CEO, and CRO.

Expect further comment at Thursday's assembly.

Thanks!



# *Marketing Commissioner's Report*

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PRESENTED BY **ROBYN LAING**, MARKETING COMMISSIONER

No report submitted.



## *Services Commissioner's Report*

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PRESENTED BY **CALUM MEW**, SERVICES COMMISSIONER.

No report submitted.



## *Society Affairs Commissioner's Report*

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PRESENTED BY **KASEY HEMINGTON/STEPHANIE O'MAHONEY**,  
SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMISSIONERS.

Dear assembly,

Second semester is off to a busy start for Society Affairs Committees. Many chairs are making it a priority this semester to create valuable partnerships between committees with the purpose of holding large scale events and encouraging interaction and camaraderie between members of different committees.

Autism Partnership started off the new year with an Afterschool Program on Mondays and has had incredible response from both students and parents.

This week, Alzheimer's Outreach is having a "Week of Memories" to raise awareness about Alzheimer's, including events at CoGro, Legendz, and a final popular fundraiser, Walk of Memories, on Sunday.

Volunteers in hospital programs are excited to get back to working in the hospitals after a break due to H1N1, and we are hoping to maximize the potential for those volunteer programs this semester. Kids for Kids specifically is thrilled to have volunteers back in KGH after an extended period of time away from the hospital.

Things are falling into place for the upcoming Society Affairs Silent Auction (Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>). Prizes have continued to flow in over the winter break and this year's auction is sure to be one of the most successful ever! It will be held in the Queen's Centre – be sure to check it out!

Future endeavours to look forward to for this semester include the establishment of a "Little Hands" cancer program in elementary schools by Cancer Triad, a blood pressure clinic by Heart and Stroke, and a Music and Memories Coffee House in March.

Looking forward to an incredible 2010!

Take care,

Kasey Hemington and Stephanie O'Mahoney  
Deputy Society Affairs Commissioners  
2009-2010



## *'10 Year Society Report*

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PRESENTED BY **LAUREN PEDDLE – AND – ALEX METCALFE**  
2010 YEAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

Assembly,

We will be meeting with our exec Wednesday to discuss plans for more fundraising initiatives and events to be held this semester. We will also be meeting with a library representative to discuss what the class gift funds will be used towards on Monday. As such, we will deliver our report on Thursday in more detail.

Lauren Peddle



## '11 Year Society Report

PRESENTED BY **MAYS ABDEL AZIZ – AND – SHAYESTA CHATTOO**  
2011 YEAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

No report submitted.



## *'12 Year Society Report*

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PRESENTED BY **CIARA PENDRITH – AND – IAN CURRY** 2012 YEAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

Hello everyone,

There is not too much to report for the 2012 year society as we are continuing planning for our large winter semester event, we have been meeting with our council and are continuing to finalize plans and will keep assembly updated as this process continues.

Thanks,

The 2012 Year Society



## '13 Year Society Report

PRESENTED BY **RICO PATO GARCIA AND LAUREN GALLOWAY** 2013 YEAR SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.



## *Business of the Senate*

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ASSEMBLY,

MOST OF SENATE WAS AT QMP THIS WEEK AND AS A RESULT, HAS LITTLE TO REPORT. WE ARE GLAD THOUGH, TO RETURN TO QUEEN'S CAMPUS IN THE FULL SWING OF WINTER ELECTIONS.

CHEERS!



Board of Trustees

# Report of the Undergraduate Student Trustee

PRESENTED BY **MORGAN CAMPBELL**, STUDENT TRUSTEE

The Board of Trustees met at the start of the exam period, over the December 4-5 weekend.

Several naming dedications were approved, including the Principal Williams Snodgrass Arboretum, six locations within the Queen's Centre, and two within the future Goodes Expansion Project.

The Finance Committee moved several important motions at the December meeting, including the approval of the most recent Credit Rating Report for Queen's, the Principal's Finance Report (as seen at the November Senate Meeting), and the renewal of our external auditors for the upcoming fiscal year. Additionally, a new debt financing strategy has been adopted, and increases in International Student Fees were approved.

The Board also reviewed and passed a Policy Statement on Environmental Management, essentially outlining Queen's green commitment, and continuing compliance with applicable environmental legislation. The document does not, however, implement any new initiatives.

The Queen's Center Grand Opening on January 15 was well attended by alumni and benefactors. Reactions to the building's facade, occupation level and utility were very positive.

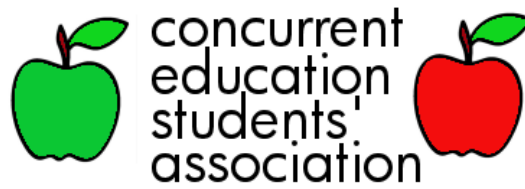
The principal also released his Vision Statement two weeks ago, which was circulated to the Board, faculty, and students. Feedback gathered over the next few weeks will be discussed at the March Board meeting.



## *Business of CESA*

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PRESENTED BY, **CESA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**



NO REPORT SUBMITTED.



Computing Students Association  
report to the  
Arts and Science Undergraduate Society Annual General Meeting

No report submitted.



## *Business of PHEKSA*

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PRESENTED BY, **PHEKSA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**

Website is updated → check it out at [www.pheksa.org](http://www.pheksa.org)

### Semi-Formal

- Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ Portsmouth Olympic Harbour

### \*Camp School Update

- Fundraiser @ The Spot raised approx. \$1,100
- Quota was raised from \$8,000 to \$20,000 → based on a two year budget (the amount of money required to re-hire an adjunct for a two year period)
- Deadline was established – funds have to be available by the end of March
- Website was created by The School of Kinesiology and Health Studies so alumni, students and staff can donate to save an important part of PHE/KIN
- **So far we have raised \$12,000 –from fundraisers and alumni alone; we are well on our way to reaching our goal!**

### School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Open House

- Alumni, students and staff welcomed the opening of The School of Kinesiology and Health Studies on Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Folks spent the morning in the SKHS, then paraded over to the ARC for the opening ceremonies

### PHE/KIN Clothing Sale

- Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> in the SKHS
- Cheques are to be made payable to PHESA

### Frontenac Public School Volunteering

- Criminal Background Check required
- Schedule TBA

### Formal

- Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Currently hiring individuals to sit on the Formal Committee

**\*Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> – annual revision of PHEKSA constitution**



## *BUSINESS OF THE ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES*

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Dear Assembly,

Despite some hiccups regarding the minutes of the last DSC Assembly, we are working on gathering the committees of DSC chairs and we will hopefully have something to announce at the next assembly regarding those meetings. We look forward to the next DSC assembly in the near future.

Rebecca Cynader

Naomi Metcalfe

Amanda Chan



OFFICE OF THE RECTOR  
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AT KINGSTON

January 25, 2010

Dear Assembly,

I hope you all had a pleasant break. I have spent the first few weeks back catching up on things around the office, including meeting with students who are looking to be candidates for the upcoming AMS and Rector elections. I am also participating in the Board of Trustees long-range planning initiative, an ad-hoc committee of Trustees reviewing the Board's composition and structure with the goal of revising and suggesting a new composition. This will be a long-term project, but the current committee, chaired by Trustee Katie Macmillan, is expected to present a preliminary report in March and a final report of recommendations in May. If you have an interest or an opinion on University Governance issues, please speak to me about them!

The AMS Academic Affairs Commission and I are working on a symposium for student leaders to respond to the Principal's vision document regarding the University's upcoming academic planning process. If attending this session interests you, please let me know!

Other than these items, there is not too much to report. Please refer to Morgan's report for details regarding the December Board of Trustees meeting.

I will be absent from Assembly on Thursday as I will be attending the Rector debates in the lower ceiling of the JDUC. Please don't hesitate to send me questions regarding this report or any other issues. Apologies in advance for my absence.

Princeps servusque es,

Leora Jackson  
31<sup>st</sup> Rector of Queen's University  
[rector@queensu.ca](mailto:rector@queensu.ca)



## *Appendix A*

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### **ASUS ASSEMBLY: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Speaker: Welcome back, I hope your break was great. We'll start with the approval of the agenda. Are there any additions to agenda?

Kevin Weiner: I put a motion out by email, has that been added? I'd like to amend the agenda by adding the motion, "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti."

Josh Michelson: I second that motion.

Speaker: All in favour of opening the agenda? All opposed? The agenda is now open.

Moving on to the approval of the minutes. All in favour of approving the minutes? All opposed? Motion passes. Welcome back, I'm excited we're halfway done. Moving into exec reports. Vice-President.

Josh Michelson: It's all in the package, and there's not much to add. I'm getting things up and started again. Jackets are being distributed. Everything is in the report

Speaker: President.

Jill Evans: Everything is in my report except council's decision on the equity officer. We're going to hire a four month policy rewriter who will work with me to fulfill the duties of equity officer. They will perhaps develop a new scope, job description, and policy.

Speaker: Academics.

Michael Ghazal: I haven't done much in the past weeks because of vacation. I'm meeting with groups now to see what they'll do this year

Speaker: Internal Affairs.

Doug Johnson: There's lots of fun stuff. Number one, we have a new JCOMM chair because Gillian Moore went on exchange. Pat Denrosch was promoted. The first order of business is elections. They'll sit down with commissioners & check out policy and reform policy to make sure everything's good. Elections, they're coming up. Did I send a timeline? I will. Anyone thinking of running with Assembly position, you need to take a leave



of absence with the Assembly Package. You can't answer email, and don't come to the Core. Get away from your position. We hired a second house manager and the place looks great.

Speaker: Marketing.

Robyn Laing: I haven't done much this week. I'm starting to schedule meetings, and I received the first cheque for projector from QMT for their Rocky Horror ad. I now have a TAPS ad up. They haven't paid yet but hopefully will soon. I've been working on websites and trying to finish them. There is an elections timeline on the Internal Affairs website. I just have to finish Services. That's pretty much it until I schedule meetings.

Speaker: Services report. Calum isn't here. Society Affairs.

Davina Finn: There's not much happening this year because the committees are just starting. I'm going to meet with them. Unfortunately, Montana went on exchange but Stephanie is going to take over for Montana's position. Good Times Diner got a \$6000 grant. Otherwise, committees are running well & the semester looks good

Speaker: Society reports. 2010 Year Society.

Alex Metcalfe: We're looking into having an athletics event, and another Where's Waldo week. We're looking forward to the semester.

Speaker: 2011 Year Society.

Shayesta Chattoo: We're working on planning our events. The next one is Valentine's Day. A problem that has come up roses is more expensive than we thought they would be. We're working on that.

Speaker: 2012 Year Society.

Ciara Pendrith: We're trying to set up meetings. Not much has happened so far.

Speaker: 2013 Year Society.

Rico Garcia: Right now we have a meeting this week. We'll be meeting every week until Valentine's Day. We booked Grant Hall for a Valentine's Formal on February 14<sup>th</sup>. You're welcome to come. We have yet to hear back from President Woolfe. They said they're still analyzing our proposal & will get back to us in early January but we still haven't heard back. If you have any advice, let us know

Speaker: Business of the Senate.

Bridget Benn: Nothing to report.

Speaker: Board of Trustees.



Morgan Campbell: The grand opening of the Queen's Centre is 10:30-12PM tomorrow. You're all invited. We're providing juice & cake, nothing too fancy. This is also the day that the gym will be open. Brandon was also part of the event planning, so come see that too. We have a new VP of Advancement, Tom Harris. He started January 4<sup>th</sup>. For the last board report, if you have questions ask me during question period. Right at beginning of exams we received the new credit rating and it was more positive than expected. We still have low premiums.

Speaker: Business of CESA.

Mike Thaler: We've got nominations for elections. Our conference is next weekend, so we're gearing up for that.

Speaker: Business of COMPSA.

Julian Marco Pileggi: We have our packages out for elections. We've established the grad class president. COMPSA orientation was also reinstated after our appeal to the dean.

Speaker: Business of PHEKSA

Alyssa Muchmore: We didn't meet, seeing as we couldn't get into our new building. We have Physiology & Health Alumni coming back tomorrow. All of PHEKSA should be there for tours and for the tours of the ARC.

Speaker: Academic Reps.

Rory Johnston: Not much happened over the week. We're meeting with Michael Ghazal to plan out the semester.

Speaker: Business of the AMS.

Blair Ostrom: Nothing to report.

Speaker: Statements by members.

Doug Johnson: I forgot to mention, on the Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> assembly there will be election debates. That has officially been moved to 6'oclock and is no longer at 7.

Jill Evans: How many people looked at the Assembly package this week? How many reports of 18 were in there? Two. That is depressing. Get on it or you will feel the fist of wrath from Doug.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I just wanted to tell Julian that I love his sweater. It's sick.

Speaker: Any other statements by members? Any other statements by members? I'll make one. The AMS is hiring fulltime staff, and you can pick up info down stairs or talk to Laura Wilson. They're requiring a 5-8 page



proposal. There's no resume needed, just an application. Talk to people who hold the current positions if you're interested. Any more statements by members? Seeing none. Question period.

Kevin Weiner: This is a joint question to Doug and Davina. With new positions for those going on exchange, do we have to ratify again?

Doug Johnson: I didn't even think of that. I'll look it up, it didn't even cross my mind.

Kevin Weiner: We should do it now. Just because ideally we would have them in place before elections

Speaker: All in favour of opening the agenda? All opposed? The agenda is now open. There are two new motions. Motion 12, "THAT ASUS RATIFY PAT DENROSC AS JCOMM CHAIR". Motion 13, "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY STEPHANIE O'MAHONEY AS DEPUTY SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER". All in favour of adding to the agenda? All opposed? Motions added.

Josh Michelson: I want to move motions 7 & 8 to motions 3 & 4.

Speaker: All in favour of moving motions 7 and 8 to 3 and 4? All opposed? Passes. Motion to close agenda?

Rachel Kobric: Motion to close the agenda.

Lara Therrien Boulos: Second.

Speaker: All in favour of closing the agenda? All opposed? Closed.

Bridget Benn: To the 2011 year society, what is your plan for roses? I think it might conflict with something.

Shayesta Chattoo: We plan to sell them leading up to Valentine's Day, Monday to Friday. We're offering a delivery option as well as a pick up option. We'll deliver within 2 housing zones and west campus, or they can pick the roses up at the JDUC.

Bridget Benn: Do OSCIs do that, or am I dating myself?

Rachel Kobric: Not any more.

Speaker: Any other questions? Any other questions? Any other questions?

Lara Therrien Boulos: I have a question for Julian. Where'd you get your sweater?

Julian Marco Pileggi: I'm not sure.

Shayesta Chattoo: I think I can answer that - Tommy Hilfiger.



Speaker: Any other questions? Any other questions? Any other questions? We'll now temporarily move into new business.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I motion to omnibus motions 3, 4, 12, and 13.

Rachel Kobric: Second.

Speaker: All in favour? All opposed? Passes. Motion 3: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY JOHN MAYHEW AS CAMPS BUSINESS DIRECTOR FOR 2010." Motion 4: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY MIKE THALER AS CAMPS PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR 2010." Motion 12 "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY PAT DENROSCH AS JCOMM CHAIR". Motion 13" THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY STEPHANIE O'MAHONEY AS DEPUTY SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER". I'll now open up floor to questions. Any questions?

Josh Michelson: So we've hired the Camps Directors, and have faith they'll do a great job. Both have past experience with Camps. They'll do a great job. John's already been to a conference on behalf of the camp.

Speaker: Since we'll have other movers, Doug? Davina?

Davina Finn: I'm very excited to have Stephanie work with me.

Speaker: Any questions for candidates? Any questions for candidates? Any questions for candidates? Move into voting.

Motion 3: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY JOHN MAYHEW AS CAMPS BUSINESS DIRECTOR FOR 2010."

Motion 4: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY MIKE THALER AS CAMPS PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR 2010."

Motion 12, "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY PAT DENROSCH AS JCOMM CHAIR".

Motion 13, "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY RATIFY STEPHANIE O'MAHONEY AS DEPUTY SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER".

All those in favour? All opposed? Motion passes unanimously. Now we'll jump back into old business.

Rachel Kobric: Motion to omnibus motions 5, 6, 7, 8.

Blair Ostrom: Second.

Speaker: All in favour of omnibussing motions 5, 6, 7, 8?

Motion 5: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 9.01 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX D"

Motion 6: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 4.01.01 AS SEEN IS APPENDIX E."



Motion 7: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 2.03.01 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX B”

Motion 8: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 2.03.02 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX C.”

Doug Johnson: We passed them all last time. If you have anything you want to talk about go for it. Let me know if you have questions.

Speaker: Any debate on the motions? Any debate on the motions? Any debate on the motions? Seeing none, we’ll move into voting.

Motion 5: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 9.01 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX D”

Motion 6: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 4.01.01 AS SEEN IS APPENDIX E.”

Motion 7: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 2.03.01 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX B”

Motion 8: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO SECTION 2.03.02 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX C.”

All those in favour? All opposed? Motion passes. Move into New Business, again. Motion 9: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND POLICY SECTION F TO INCLUDE CHANGES AS SEEN IN APPENDIX F.”

Kevin Weiner: So basically it’s straightforward. The current elections policy, if you put anything online like a wall post on Facebook, you have to hunt them down & remove them on election day. This says anything that is put up before election day starts, you can leave up before elections as long as you don’t change it.

Speaker: Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion?

Doug Johnson: To be honest, I don’t like the idea. I’m not really sure why, it just seems.. it changes the whole election process because the whole online thing is different than posters.

Jill Evans: The precedent has always been this. We had a Facebook group last year, and didn’t have to take it down but were not allowed to make changes so new members couldn’t join or change information.

Ciara Pendrith: Is JCOMM going to have to monitor groups?

Kevin Weiner: Now, everything you put online, you have to invite the CRO and CEO so they can look at it. In the past, they’d have it as an event and schedule it to end before election starts. They generally show a date and time, or it’s easy to see if there’s a major change. Because of online voting, we don’t know whether that will increase or decrease turnout. I would suggest putting links to the elections website.



Andrew Lockhart: My issue with this... my understanding is there isn't supposed to be biased material at the voting location. Now laptops are the biased location. I feel like material should be down.

Rachel Kobric: The problem is when it says "vote for me" on someone's wall and they don't take it down, people can see that.

Morgan Campbell: It doesn't seem like a huge change. When candidates are running, they already have posters up. I haven't seen a candidate do a blanket message. To be honest, I know people post these things in the past and when they close groups they don't hunt down wall posts. Even when we had polling stations, every student is so plugged into wireless and they're going to be seeing it either way.

Jill Evans: If you look on people's Facebook pages, groups from three years back are still there. The Precedent has generally been to close the group, and I haven't seen a huge impact. I still think it's a good idea to take down your website, but it's hard to shut down groups. On election days, people who are candidates say vote team this, this, and this, and post locations of voting booths which hasn't been deemed a problem. The rules have been pretty lax.

Blair Ostrom: I don't see that this should any different than rules about posters. It's a pain running around ripping down posters the night before. If it has to be down, it has to be down. Just leave groups if they're there. They're not allowed to have material up on election day.

Robyn Laing: I was wondering why there is reasoning for having posters removed but not websites? The posters have to be removed to eliminate bias, so voters can't be influenced on way to polls. If you leave your website up, it's the same thing

Daniel Altman: I was about to say the same thing as Robyn. Why should online be different than paper?

Kevin Weiner: I think the important difference with posters is that you're walking around campus. There's no way to avoid campus. Online, if you're not putting new material it's not going up on news feeds and the only way to see it is through campaign websites and groups. On election day, people can look up info if they don't know much about groups and be informed

Doug Johnson: One problem I have in terms of materials approved to put online, I was just thinking that this doesn't address Facebook advertising. In terms of that being material approved and put online, what's to stop me from running advertisements that pop up on Facebook pages? When it's easier and online, you click a link and it sends you directly to the online voting station, the issue is that it doesn't address that advertisement. How do we get around that? You're still campaigning during election period.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I agree with everyone against this. The argument of paper versus the internet being different stands, I would give the argument that Facebook will show up everywhere anyway because it's quickly becoming the same sort of thing as a poster. Regardless of popping up in news feed, it's still very easy to find.



Rachel Kobric: I feel like now, with Blackberries and iPhones it's as easy as looking to a poster.

Daniel Altman: I like the idea of a platform being around when voting, I think that's good as an informative tool. Maybe a 300 word blurb adjoining... oh that was AMS. We should do that for ASUS. That's something we could address for online elections. More regulation, make sure it's non-partisan. As for the idea of being bombarded by posters and online you seek it out, if you've used facebook it's everywhere and they're there. I don't think you're less bombarded online.

Bridget Benn: I think we're going in a circle.

Robyn Laing: I'm all for informed vote, but I think there should be a more equal way of doing it. It should be more regulated, and voters should have more information. If there's a way to do that, it would be great but this isn't the way.

Kevin Weiner: I guess the analogy's been put up between posters and online, you'll have to make your own decision. Personally, I think there should be a place to seek materials out. As long as we ensure materials online are as they were beforehand, A) the policy is there because no one knows policy and B) people can make informed decision based on more than poster.

Speaker: Move into voting. Motion 9: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND POLICY SECTION F TO INCLUDE CHANGES AS SEEN IN APPENDIX F." All those in favour? 10. All opposed? 16. Motion fails.

Move into Motion 10: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND POLICY SECTION I TO INCLUDE CHANGES AS SEEN IN APPENDIX G."

Kevin Weiner: This is an election related amendment. I brought forward amendments last year, one for exec elections to have a preferential ballot system like AMS. At the time, because ballots were counted by hand, making scrutineers count and recount ballots was hard. Now we're moving into online voting, we can move into a preferential ballot system. Now it's if there's more than two candidates, you choose your highest preference, next highest, and so on. You need 50% or more to win. The AMS and political parties use this system, which ensures political candidate have the support of the majority.

Speaker: Is there any debate on the motion?

Doug Johnson: The one problem I have with ranked voting is that it's not a perfect world and most people do vote for their friends. Not everyone is an informed voter, and can screw up the second place team. Second and third votes might not go to right places.

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – you wouldn't have to rank every person, you could just pick your favourite.

Blair Ostrom: Can we do that with an online voting system?



Rachel Kobric: I've gone to meetings about online voting, and I'm not sure if they're doing preferential voting. I'm not sure how it works, but I can ask all questions then.

Jill Evans: They're mandated to do a preferential system, so if they've accepted online voting then it works.

Kevin Weiner: They'd need an online system that supports preferential voting.

Robyn Laing: Personally, when I was voting before I only knew one person to vote for and got confused with the preferential system and so I'd pick randomly. I also don't know if it's a good idea to do this eighteen days before the election. It might be a good idea, but I'm not sure if we should do it now.

Rachel Kobric: I don't see a problem as long as the election team doesn't see a problem. You can also choose to abstain from voting.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I have a question in terms of the program. Given that the AMS has this system, is there anything on the website that explains you can abstain? Does it say that? So if we pass this, would people understand the voting system?

Rachel Kobric: It's usually a check box so you can abstain and go on without a pop up.

Morgan Campbell: Point of Information - it gives directions like paper ballots.

Rory Johnston: Raising the idea that people don't know about certain teams, you're denying people a way to vote because they don't know about certain teams.

Josh Michelson: I'm hoping to clarify where it says, if they don't do the ranking system it will be spoiled for rounds of counting?

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – you wouldn't have to rank every candidate, it's that the ballot will be counted as long as the candidate you ranked is still in the running. If your candidate is eliminated, your vote would be spoiled because you don't have a vote for other candidates.

Josh Michelson: Clarification. Say there's 3 teams. I choose 1 team as number one. If their team is still in the running, is it still counted toward that team?

Kevin Weiner: It would be the equivalent of voting classic style election. Vote for Team C, C has highest number of votes. Your vote is valid as long as C is still in the running. As long as you marked a team and they aren't eliminated, your vote's counted.

Andrew Lockhart: For Rory, I don't feel like having a non-ranked system denies people from choosing who they want best. You're there to pick who you think will do the best job, not the second best job.

Elamin Abdelmehmoud, Member at Large: Has the current system failed us, per se?



Kevin Weiner: I don't know how often it would come into effect. There have been two three-way races in ASUS history. I guess the idea behind it is if there were a multi-team race and you liked one team a lot and were worried they weren't going to win, you wouldn't vote strategically to deny the team you least liked the chance of winning.

Robyn Laing: It has only occurred twice in ASUS history, and is added confusion for no reason. It's hard enough to get people to vote and have confidence they'll have an informed vote. That's my personal opinion. If we pass it, we'll have to always have this option of doing. We would have to change online if a third team enters the race.

Jill Evans: If there's a tie at some point, would certain ballots get eliminated?

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – No. A team is only eliminated if after a round of counting, no team has a majority of the votes.

Morgan Campbell: No ballot is ever considered spoiled if people don't rank it all to the bottom. If someone places a vote and that team gets the least amount of votes, they're eliminated and then second team is given first place vote. The ballot is not eliminated, and the votes are still counted.

Jill Evans: Is this done by... does team 1 get 3 points, team 2 get 2 points, team 3 get 1 point? I think we'll be making it way easier if we do points, so whomever has highest number of points at the end wins. I'd like to think future Internal Affairs officers will be brainiacs, but I'm not sure how that'll turn out.

Kevin Weiner: First choice gets one vote. As for future Internal Affairs not understanding it, it's the same voting system as the AMS. Just say "Hey AMS, can we use your voting system for our candidates?" They've done this for 6-7 years, and I'm relatively confident they can do the same thing for ASUS. Now it's one style of voting instead of two.

Jill Evans: Follow up. Because it's online, I don't think they'll be stressed out about easier elections for ASUS. As a constituent, I'd hope people elect me because people think I'm the best for the job, not "okay" for the job. There's nothing wrong with first past the post.

Daniel Altman: I wanted to speak in favour of this amendment. When you have three candidates running, this is kind of the fairest way to do it statistically. If you have only where you mark your number one, you can run into situations where two parties have similar views and they'll split the vote. The third, maybe weaker party who's different can collect on that. Preferential voting is a smarter way to do 3 party elections.

Josh Michelson: I know it is in essence the fairest way, but it isn't something I agree with. I see it as, majority rules. You get the most votes, you're in. It might not be over 50%... but if I did 1, 2, 3 and the system worked so 2 got in but if it wasn't that way and my number 1 would have gotten in then I'd be upset

Daniel Altman: Point of Information - that wouldn't happen. If you have 3 people and you can only mark one, there will never be situation where someone...



Josh Michelson: That's not what I said. What I mean is, my second team got in due to...

Jill Evans: I'll describe it. He's saying if Team B won the election when he voted 2<sup>nd</sup> for their win, he feels like he contributed to their win.

Kevin Weiner: The only way your vote could go to Team B is if the first team came in last.

Josh Michelson: Great. I still think this isn't a good system.

Rachel Kobric: Motion to cap speaker's list.

Daniel Salvatore: Second.

Speaker: Motion to cap speakers list. All in favour? All opposed?

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Member at Large: Motion to extend debate by 10 minutes.

Rachel Kobric: Second.

Speaker: All in favour? All opposed? Passes.

Doug Johnson: I'm not against this, but there could be unforeseen problems in future. I like the system we have now.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I have two points. One is a general sentiment that this is pretty complicated. With the number of people asking questions here from people who know so much, maybe it's easier to leave it. It's ideal for three or more parties running, but we have only had 2 in the history of ASUS. I don't think it's worth it.

Andrew Lockhart: I think we've proven why electoral reform is so difficult. I also have problems with the concept.

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Member at Large: Only vote for this if you think the system you have now is undermining democracy of students. I don't know if you think the system is causing serious problems, and if it is then by all means change it to the system.

Davina Finn: I think this system is more fair and more representative of how people use the system. I think it's easier to use same system as AMS, and it doesn't have to be explained twice.

Jill Evans: When Josh was trying to explain his fears, I was told two years ago in the AMS election that the biggest number of votes was not the team that won. In the first past the post system, they would have won.

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Member at Large: It's impossible for the team with the most numbers ones to lose.



Kevin Weiner: I understand you can have a situation where first choice is A, second B, third is C. A gets most votes, C is eliminated, B gets second most votes and wins. That wouldn't have happened the other way. The point of the system is rather than saying you voted for Team C, so between team A and B doesn't matter what you think it gives you a vote. Give your favourite team a one, give your second favourite a two, give your third favourite a three. The system works, it's not hard.

Speaker: Move into voting. "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY AMMEND POLICY SECTION I TO INCLUDE CHANGES AS SEEN IN APPENDIX G." All in favour? 12 All opposed? 14. Motion fails.

Move into Motion 11: "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti."

Kevin Weiner: I hope it's not as controversial as the last motions. There was a 7.0 earthquake in Haiti. It's the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, and had a lot of devastation. Canada has had old ties with Haiti. We have \$10,000 in contingency revenues in the budget. I think it's appropriate to donate some money to disaster relief and encourages people to personally donate to Red Cross. You can easily donate \$5 with a Fido phone by texting HELP.

Josh Michelson: I second that. We're at a good financial state this year, it wouldn't be a problem or impact things negatively.

Andrew Lockhart: I think this is a fantastic initiative and commend Kevin on bringing it forward.

Rachel Kobric: I want to commend Kevin, I think it's an awesome.

Blair Ostrom: I also agree. Where is it going?

Kevin Weiner: To the Haiti Relief fund from the Red Cross

Anita, Member at Large: You might want to think of looking at other organizations, one that doesn't allocate so much money to administrative costs and maybe something more local and not as international.

Lara Therrien Boulos: That was my question slash qualm I retracted. It is easier in the sense that we know Red Cross is a legit organization. On the other hand we could give to a less know organization that is more on the ground and using more of the funds. I don't know if that's semantics, kind of isn't, but it might be nice to entertain options.

Andrew Lockhart: I know CTV has other charity links on their website. Red Cross, Oxfam International, UNICEF. I do feel Red Cross is internationally known, and you know money's going to a good cause

Morgan Campbell: One of our departments, development studies, would have major problems with giving money to a global organization. They emphasize giving to a local agency rather than foreign agency. What I would do to amend the motion would be to say we endorse the motion and then put a stipulation that money



goes to a place that ASUS council deems appropriate. Let students forward recommendations for groups, and Josh can review and decide what looks best.

Kevin Weiner: Speaking to the amendment, while I'm open to giving to another charity the only thing is that time is of the essence, and the faster money gets there the better. Apparently the Canadian government is going to match dollars donated to a registered Canadian charity. Providing matching funds is the equivalent of donating \$1000.

Morgan Campbell: Point of Information - I think we should discuss the idea. I'm retracting the amendment until people think it's a good idea.

Josh Michelson: I think that's the best way to appease everyone and do what Morgan's saying. If the majority don't want something else, it will go to Red Cross

Lara Therrien Boulos: As much as Morgan's points stand, if we donate elsewhere we're donating \$1000 which will be more than \$500 to a Haiti organization. If no one has problem with Red Cross, we can go ahead.

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Member at Large: I would say, stick to the idea that people could email Josh different ideas just so people can look... even make a stipulation that it has to be Canadian. There are many questionable things about Red Cross.

Andrew Lockhart: Time is of the essence, and money getting there is key. A lot of people will hear we donated it to the Red Cross and I can't see a lot of people having problems.

Morgan Campbell: I wrote up an amendment "as decided by ASUS VP by Josh Michelson, following the receipt of suggestions from ASUS members. Additionally, ASUS will advertise its commitment and its commitment and it's desire to receive suggestions.

Josh Michelson: I won't be writing the cheque til Tuesday so give people until Tuesday to write in suggestions.

Lara Therrien Boulos: Now we have a deadline, I think this is fine.

Jill Evans: I agree with Morgan's advertising thing, I think it would be good to put in the Journal and invite donations from other groups.

Daniel Altman: Maybe to throw into that amendment, Tuesday as a deadline?

Morgan Campbell: I don't think that's necessary, it's not enough time. After the earthquake that hit Asia, one of the biggest issues, all money was given in first 2 weeks and after that no money was given in. There were big problems with sickness.

Rachel Kobric: If the deadline was on Tuesday, it wouldn't make it in to the Journal.



Lara Therrien Boulos: I'm seeing if it's still in print.

Blair Ostrom: Can we send out something through list serve or something?

Jill Evans: Yes we can, list serve is back!

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – after looking at websites, it says that matching funds are eligible for donations from individuals and not non-profit organizations.

Josh Michelson: I could personally donate money from my bank account and have ASUS reimburse me?

Bridget Benn: That's sketchy if we're advertising in the Journal.

Morgan Campbell: That also leads to complications with audit.

Andrew Lockhart: I feel like that's the whole deal. If you give someone money and they invest it and lose everything, there's a problem. The thought is there though.

Kevin Weiner: So a donation from funds... if we do fundraising from individuals and donate that, that does count. If we collect donations, they would count from matching funds. \$500 wouldn't qualify, but if people donate to ASUS and we raise more funds the money we raise would be eligible for ASUS funds.

Josh Michelson: When people give ASUS money to donate, would we have to send a bag of money or could I write a cheque?

Jill Evans: How about this? Why don't we make \$500 from ASUS with no matching, and then invite people to donate on top of that and hopefully match our donation and get \$500 from government as well.

Blair Ostrom: Adding money into personal donations could run into trouble. There are other Queen's organizations doing charity work.

Jill Evans: What if we only accept personal cheques?

Blair Ostrom: Or we could encourage people to donate themselves, rather than to us.

Morgan Campbell: Why the Canadian government is matching donations is because it helps employ Canadians. The amount of organizational costs... I'm not eloquent enough to do three years of education in a soundbite. Giving to local organizations pays for people in Haiti to do work. Giving \$500 to local organization is more effective than \$1000 to Canadian organization. I think the donation will be better placed and won't hear criticism from many students who hear this. DEVS students would be pretty happy about this.



Kevin Weiner: If I had to guess why the government was limiting to Canadian charities, all those things might stand. Also, because of strict audit requirements. For me, I'm just hoping we can do something to help sooner rather than later.

Lauren Peddle: We can take suggestions with stipulations to local organization, and then advertise that we'll donate to a local organization or Red Cross so it can be matched.

Andrew Lockhart: With local charities in Haiti my problem is, are they going to have infrastructure to help?

Lara Therrien Boulos: To answer that, I've been bombarded with people saying don't donate to a Canadian organization. There are clearly some active organizations. It's very clear we all want to help, it's going to happen. We can take Morgan's comments about aid being sustained. If we're still giving we're doing a world of good. It'll get done.

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – I didn't mean to suggest you didn't want to help. I'm not dead set on a charity, I just want to help.

Elamin Abdelmehmoud, Member at Large: I want to commend Kevin for his motion, however I think it's a little rushed. There's an urgency that people have, but it's a bandwagon relief. If you give to Red Cross, it will be absorbed in infrastructure and never reach Haiti. We want to help but don't know how we want to help. I would say, relief needs to keep flowing after 2 weeks because that's when bandwagon flows off and they need it the most. Wait and do your research.

Morgan Campbell: I want to say that HaitiInnovation.org says don't send food to Haiti, and gives local grassroots organizations to donate to.

Speaker: Vote on Morgan's amendment. "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti as decided by ASUS VP by Josh Michelson, following the receipt of suggestions from ASUS members. Additionally, ASUS will advertise its commitment and its commitment and it's desire to receive suggestions." All those in favour? All opposed? Amendment passes.

Now we're talking about whole motion.

Daniel Altman: We need a deadline so there's a date to stop collecting money.

Robyn Laing: I can put out ads in no time, if you're concerned.

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – for the matching funds, it's January 12 to February 12.

Daniel Altman: I'd like to propose an amendment for January 28<sup>th</sup>.



Rachel Kobric: Second.

Speaker: "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti as decided by ASUS VP by Josh Michelson, following the receipt of suggestions from ASUS members by January 28th. Additionally, ASUS will advertise its commitment and its commitment and it's desire to receive suggestions." Now entering a debate on Altman's amendment. Any debate on the amendment? Any debate on the amendment? Any debate on the amendment?

Seeing none, motion reads: "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti as decided by ASUS VP by Josh Michelson, following the receipt of suggestions from ASUS members by January 28th. Additionally, ASUS will advertise its commitment and its commitment and it's desire to receive suggestions." All in favour? All opposed? Amendment passes. Back into discussion.

Rachel Kobric: Motion to cap speaker's list.

Lara: Second.

Speaker: All in favour of capping the speaker's list? All opposed? Motion passes.

Kevin Weiner: I'm glad we're doing something. Please make sure, if you can afford, to make a personal contribution

Speaker: Voting on "That ASUS Assembly allocate \$500 from surplus general revenues to be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief in Haiti as decided by ASUS VP by Josh Michelson, following the receipt of suggestions from ASUS members by January 28<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, ASUS will advertise its commitment and its commitment and it's desire to receive suggestions." All in favour? All opposed? Motion passes unanimously.

We've come to the end of New Business. We don't have a Discussion Period. My last word is welcome back, please hang out at QP.

Morgan Murphy: Motion to adjourn.

Daniel Altman: Second.

Speaker: All in favour of adjourning? All opposed? Assembly adjourned.

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