



ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY ASSEMBLY
"DUC MENTEM AD LIBERTATEM"
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

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Motion Sheet

1. MOVED BY: DOUG JOHNSON

SECONDED BY: JILLIAN EVANS

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 11TH ASSEMBLY”

2. MOVED BY: DOUG JOHNSON

SECONDED BY: JOSH MICHELSON

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 28TH, 2009 AS SEEN IN APPENDIX A”

3. MOVED BY: DOUG JOHNSON

SECONDED BY: JILLIAN EVANS

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY CHOOSE A STUDENT TO SIT ON THE TRI-COLOUR AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE”

4. MOVED BY: JOSH MICHELSON

SECONDED BY: JILLIAN EVANS

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5. 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”

6. MOVED BY: LAUREN PEDDLE

SECONDED BY: ALEX METCALFE

“THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO POLICY SECTION A) 2, REGARDING FREE AND DISCOUNTED FORMAL TICKETS AS SEEN IN APPENDIX DUNCAN”



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT
ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY



Dearest Assembly,

It breaks my heart that I won't see you this week. I'm at my first performance of ASUS' Vagina Monologues, put on by the Women's Empowerment Committee. Tickets are still available for Saturday shows – come on out and support Society Affairs!

Welcome to our new Executive!

Last Thursday, Doug Johnson and Robyn Laing were elected as our new ASUS Executive for 2010-2011. They have a wealth of experience and I'm sure they will do a fantastic job. Commissioner hiring will take place over the weekend of March 6-7 and applications will be available soon!

ASUS ListServ

It pains me that this drags on into FEBRUARY. Apparently IT will not send it out now because president@asus.queensu.ca actually shows up as asus_president@ams.queensu.ca. I'm freaking out. More news on this soon.

ASUS Formal 2010

Get excited, this is going down on March 20 at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. Our Formal Committee has been hard at work since September, and this year's event promises to be great. Stay tuned for specific ticket information and check out the posters around campus! Questions? Email Maddie or Gaby at formal@asus.queensu.ca.

Much Love,

Jillian Evans
President



Hello All,

I would just like to echo the congratulations given by Jill to Doug and Robyn, and say I am looking forward to the transition period. I have complete confidence in them.

The last two weeks have been super busy, Jill and I along with Jo and Leanne holding down the fort. Committees have been doing well, lots of deposits coming in and many DSC events happening, as well as Society Affairs.

I'm in the midst of implementing a printed cheque system for reasons of simplicity and organization. I will be setting up a new filing system in the downstairs of the core that will contain the financial documents for the past 7 years.

Currently Jill and I are going through our strategic plan and putting into work the items that have yet to be accomplished. These include the analysis of paid positions, mostly those within the Services Commission, renaming and branding of Society Affairs, and also Jill and I are looking at the ways in which to improve the physical condition of the Red Room to make it a more usable space.

Also, I plan on having Robyn have my working budget placed on our website and updated every 2 weeks, so that ASUS can be more financially transparent.

We have only received one email pertaining to the donation to Haiti, which will be discussed at the end of Assembly.

All the Best,
Joshua Michelson



Academic Affairs Commissioner's Report

Assembly,

Queen's Canadian Leadership Conference – QCLC is better than ever before! Most of our speakers are finalized and we are excited to announce them! Speakers include: Ben Barry, creator of Ben Barry Talent Agency, who created the Dove's Natural Beauty campaign. Mark Hatfield, retired professional football player who decided to stop kicking ass in football and to start kicking ass-motivational style! George Roter, owner and founder of Engineers Without Borders. Norm Kelly, current city councillor, former Member of Parliament, and former Chairmen of the History Department for Upper Canada College (as well as current awesome guy). Last, but certainly not least, we have Sabrina Jalees, world renowned comedian, who was a regular appearance on Music on Trail. More are in the planning, so just watch out!

The Undergraduate Review – The Undergraduate Review and I have met several times to discuss the possibility of getting an online version of the UR and it looks like we are a definite go. Once a PDF file is ready (shortly before the official launch date in the winter), we can launch an official online version for the first time ever! This is an extremely good option for the UR, which will help it to be more accessible and financially responsible compared to previous years.

MindFind Tutoring Service – Mindfind is running smoothly throughout the beginning of the semester. We are getting an increased amount of submissions, which I would hope is because of our marketing campaign and not the fact that students are getting scared of “March Madness!” Thanks to Katarina and Elyse, our mindfind directors, we are exploring the possibility of working with KCVI to allow for high school teachers / staff members to advertise our tutoring service to students in need of extra help with their classes.

Departmental Student Councils – DSC Assembly is February 16th, Faculty Board, which every single DSC attended (a first this school year) went a bit less smoothly than anticipated. There are many concerns about the soon-to-be implemented GPA system that will affect Queen's students across all faculties. During Faculty Board, all DSC's and most Academic Representatives will be discussing this issue, and we will present a formal response in the near future to both ASUS Faculty Board and ASUS Assembly.

W. J Barnes Teaching Award – Looking on continuing the success of last semester, we will be revving up our campaign this semester. We are in the process of setting a submission date, but we want to set ourselves apart from the AMS teaching awards (is in the final stages of submissions at the moment) and make sure that there is enough interest in the W. J Barnes Teaching Award to allow for a large pool of candidates.

Cheers!



Internal Affairs Commissioner's Report

PRESENTED BY **DOUG JOHNSON**, INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER

Assembly,

A special thank you to the elections team for steering the faculty through its first online elections.

Expect an oral report on the state of Internal Affairs Thursday evening.

Cheers!



Marketing Commissioner's Report

PRESENTED BY **ROBYN LAING**, MARKETING COMMISSIONER

Why hello there Assembly!

I feel like it's been so long since we've had Assembly, but I think that's just because it's been so long since I've been allowed to discuss anything regarding the Marketing Commission! I'm excited to be back!

I've basically just been madly catching up on everything I've missed during my leave of absence, so this involves a lot of emailing and meeting scheduling. I've been working on the **QCLC website**, which should be finished by Assembly, so I'll give you the web address for that since I encourage you all to sign up and register online!

I'm also legitimately ordering **ASUS clothing** as soon as ASUS Council decides to place their orders and give me money! Jill, Josh, Doug, Davina, Cal and Michael I'm looking at you! Do it online if it's too much of an effort to fill it out by hand and remember to give me money – www.queensasus.tk – please and thank you!

ASUS Camps has asked me to help out with their marketing, so I'm in the process of contacting them to get that all sorted out, as well as **Friends for Inclusion**, which is planning a **Dodgeball Tournament** in March, yay!

Exciting news about the **projector** – even the Faculty thinks it's pretty spiffy! I received a phone call during my leave about the projector from the Faculty of Arts and Science and how they could go about displaying an ad, so once I return their phone call I'll let you know more about that.

Websites in general should soon be linked to the main website, and we're having our final **Council tutorial** on how to update them this week, so be ready to bookmark those websites and check back often because each Commissioner will be constantly updating them!

That's all I can think of for now, thanks for reading my update!

Excited to be back,

Robyn Laing
Marketing Commissioner



Services Commissioner's Report

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

SERVICES REPORT

Hi Assembly,

Like most of my fellow commissioners, I was on a leave of absence to help out with election campaigning.

The **ASUS Movie Theatre** is going to have a double feature on Valentine's day. Both "Bright Star" and "Paranormal Activity" will be playing one after another at 8PM and 10PM respectively. The latter has been added as a "late night Valentine's special". Make sure to bring that special someone to Dunning Hall for an evening of love and... fear?

Winter jacket orders must be into the bookstore by February 12th if you want to get an **ArtSci jacket** this school year!

The **ASUS Exchange Buddy program** lost a co-chair due to over-commitment, but we are bouncing back as quickly as possible with an event this Friday, February 12th at Fanatics to celebrate the Olympic opening ceremonies.

We are in talks with Imaginus about how to proceed with **Poster Sales** on campus. Typically, these take place in the JDUC. However, the last sale was the same weekend as the opening of the Queen's Centre. We are hoping to continue on with hosting the sales in the JDUC, as traffic in the JDUC will be renewed by the opening of Quiznos in the spring.

Like myself, my **Red Room Director** had to take a leave of absence from ASUS while helping out with campaigning. I will update on you developments at the next assembly.

That's all for now!

Cheers,

Calum Mew
Services Commissioner



Society Affairs Commissioner's Report

PRESENTED BY **DAVINA FINN**, SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER.

Dear Assembly,

It's great to be back! Society Affairs committees have been hard at work and bringing in lots of money for many incredible charities.

Alzheimer's Outreach had a successful "Week of Memories" raising \$1245, Autism Partnership had a great Trevstock event on Saturday night, Heart and Stroke raised awareness about heart and stroke disease with their healthy bake sale and blood pressure clinic to kick off heart month, and Women's Empowerment has their Vagina Monologues performance this week with tickets selling out fast! Good Times Diner successfully passed the referendum to get an opt-outable student fee, which we are all extremely excited about. These are just a few of the highlights from the past couple of weeks.

The commission-wide silent auction is happening on Wednesday, February 10th, so I will have an update as to how that went at assembly. Make sure to come out and bid on some great prizes.

That's all for now! Everything is going wonderfully and I never cease to be amazed by the dedication and hard work of all the Society Affairs Committee chairs.

Take care,

Davina Finn
Society Affairs Commissioner
2009-2010



'10 Year Society Report

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

The 2010 Year Society will be meeting tonight and the results of which will be presented on Thursday.



'11 Year Society Report

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

Hello everyone!

Sorry for our absence from last assembly, we both had to attend a conference in Montreal. As for our year society activities, our first event will be this Friday Feb 12th. The event will be in the spirit of Valentine's day, where we will be selling candy grams all day in Mc-Corry. So come out for a candy gram and "share the love"! And our other event, "Bowling with Profs" is on its way to you.

Cheers and see you all soon,

Mays Abdel Aziz and Shayesta Chattoo
ASUS 2011 Year Society President and Vice President.



'12 Year Society Report

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

No report submitted.



'13 Year Society Report

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

Hello Assembly!!!

First of all we would like to congratulate those who ran very successful campaigns this past week regardless of whether you were elected for your position or not. It's good to hear that the standards for those running for positions within our faculty are being set higher every year.

During the last couple of weeks, the 2013 Year Society has been working in the Valentine's Day formal that will be held this Sunday (a.k.a Valentine's Day) at Grant Hall. You are all welcomed to join. At the moment this report is being written, we've sold about 200 tickets and we plan to do a couple of more days of selling. This is our biggest event of the year given that we never heard back from the principal's office about the ice skating rink.

This is all for now. We hope you have an amazing Valentine's Day and Family Day this weekend. If you wanna be loved come to Grant Hall on Sunday night... we'll be there. And we'll let you know how everything went next assembly!...

Make Love not War...

Rico Garcia and Lauren Galloway
ASUS 2013 Year Society President and Vice-President



Business of the Senate

No report submitted.



Board of Trustees

Report of the Undergraduate Student Trustee

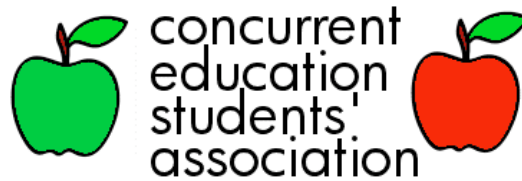
PRESENTED BY **MORGAN CAMPBELL**, STUDENT TRUSTEE

No report submitted.



Business of CESA

PRESENTED BY, **CESA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**



Hey Assembly!

It has been a busy month in the world of CESA, that is for sure! From sports, conferences, elections, and retirements, I hope I remember it all!

BEWIC Sports Days

Con-Ed entered two teams in the sports tournament once again this year, and we had an amazing showing. Always fans of having fun, we took 2nd in the spirit category of the competition. This alone wasn't enough to take the overall title, and so the battle went to the pool. Both the innertube waterpolo and water volleyball teams walk over the competition all the way to the finals, only to fall short in two intense battles. This strong showing however was enough to ensure that Con-Ed took the overall title for the second year in a row!!! Watch out Phys. Ed., looks like we're beating you at your own games!!

Queens Conference on Education

The Queen's Conference on Education, hosted annually by CESA, was held January 22-24 in the Bio-Sci complex. Almost 300 delegates from more than five different universities around Ontario took part in one of the most successful conferences ever.

Retirement of the Dean of Education

Rosa Bruno Jofre, the Dean of Education at Queen's, is retiring from the faculty after ten dedicated years of service. She came into the faculty at a time when money was short and programs were struggling. In the last ten years she has transformed it in to one of the most successful faculties at Queen's, and has had a lasting and profound impact on all the staff and students who have passed through the doors of West Campus. CESA wishes her a happy retirement, and thanks her for her amazing work.

Election

Lastly, huge congratulations to all the successful candidates of all the campus elections, but most of all to the new CESA council that was elected for next year, who will be led by our new executive, Anna Pfeiffer, Laura Sullivan, and Théa Pel!

Cheers!



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

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.



Business of PHEKSA

PRESENTED BY, **PHEKSA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**

PHEKSA Minutes: Monday January 25th, 2010 & Monday February 1st, 2010

WAG

- On January 30th, 2010 students from Physical and Health Education and Kinesiology, along with Rehab. students, hosted a tournament in the P.E.C. for youth and teens with physical and mental disabilities

“The Inside Ride”

- Friday March 19th, 2009 → 1PM start
- Teams of six cyclists pledge to raise money for families living with and beyond cancer; each team member bikes a maximum of ten minutes

Coffee With Profs Initiative

- A new event that is hopefully going to take place in the new SKHS
- Every Friday afternoon students can join a ‘featured faculty member’ for coffee and participate in subject specific discussions

PHEKSA Constitution

- We are currently in the process of revising the PHEKSA constitution; motions have been put forth and voting will occur at our meeting on Monday February 8th

Spring Preview for Alumni

- There will be an open house at the new SKHS during the last week of May when physical education alumni return to Queen’s

Save Campschool Initiative

- Last fundraiser was at Ale this past Saturday - February 6th, 2010
- Over \$12,000.00 has been raised and it looks like Campschool will continue for the next two years if students can raise \$3,000.00 before the March deadline; this does not include potential contributions from alumni



BUSINESS OF THE ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Assembly,

Meetings will be held this week with our respective DSCs to discuss the Principal's Statement, budget cut issues, and student responses to the incoming GPA system. We'll have reports on those at assembly.

The date of the next DSC Assembly has been set – it will be on Tuesday, February 16th. At this meeting we will continue the discussions from the separate meetings with Academics Reps, bringing the opinions of the humanities, social sciences, sciences and arts/languages DSC chairs together, to hopefully form a unified stance on the major issues currently facing students.

The DSC Assembly will also hear reports from the various committees struck at the first DSC Assembly in October. The All-DSC Events Committee will be meeting this week to discuss a possible trivia event in March.

Rebecca Cynader
Naomi Metcalfe
Amanda Chan
Rory Johnston

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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AT KINGSTON

No report submitted.



Appendix A

ASUS Assembly: January 28th

Speaker: Welcome everyone. I'm glad you could make it out tonight. This is a unique Assembly tonight with lots of debates. We don't have corum tonight so we're skipping the Assembly portion and not passing motions. Instead, we'll start with ASUS exec debates, then statements by senators and ASUS reps. At 8:30, the two AMS teams will come to present their platforms.

The rules of the debate - to begin, the elections committee will be asking 2 questions that have been previously prepared. All questions must address both teams. All questions from the gallery, you can ask yourselves. Raise your hand. I'm sorry if I don't know your name. If you don't feel comfortable raising your hand, send up piece of paper with your question. In terms of questions, I'll be quite strict about the types of questions. They must pertain to ASUS or the state of the university. No personal attacks will be tolerated. If I believe you're making an attack I'll ask you to withdraw your question. In the event you don't, I'll ask you to sit down. If you don't think I'm being fair, you can overturn my ruling. Two thirds need to vote to overturn the ruling. If that happens, I'll leave the room. I'll now call the two exec teams to the front please.

So how this works, each team is allowed 3 minutes to open. We'll then move into the two pre-prepared questions. They will debate for one hour. At conclusion, both teams have 1 min 30 seconds to close. We'll then move on to ASUS senators & reps. Is there any preference as to who goes first?

Kevin & Rory go first.

Kevin Weiner: Thank you for coming out and being a part of ASUS. I've done a lot of class talks, and when we go & ask people if they've had involvement with ASUS many say they haven't. Thanks for taking the time and getting involved. Many people don't feel connected to society. I think this is because of society's mandate, what we've been doing. We think we have a good platform. My name is Kevin Weiner, running for President. I was an ASUS Senator before my leave of absence, and before that I was a rep to the AMS.

Rory Johnston: I'm Rory Johnston, running for Vice-President. I was an Academic Rep before my leave of absence.

Kevin Weiner: We want positive change. Our platform is Transparency, Advocacy, and Service.

Rory Johnston: Many people in the classes we talked to seem disconnected from society. Our Transparency pillar means we want a much more transparent society, with monthly reports through list serve about what we're doing with ASUS. We also want to fix the website to make it into one coherent website.

Kevin Weiner: Our second pillar is Advocacy. One of our core missions is to advocate for students and academic issues. Every student had department student reps. We want lobbying training for DSCs and to hold an Academic Caucus meetings before faculty board.



Rory Johnston: With Equity issues, we want to strengthen the position for Equity Officer and mandate equity training.

Kevin Weiner: Our Service pillar. We can send out an ASUS course guide, with things like USAT scores, marks breakdowns, test types, whether you're allowed to have a laptop or not. Thanks, we look forward to questions

Doug Johnson: Hi, thanks for coming out. My name's Doug Johnson, running for President. I was Internal Affairs Commissioner before my leave of absence. Beside me is Robyn Laing running for VP. Before her leave of absence, she was Marketing Commissioner for ASUS.

Robyn Laing: We believe this society has enormous unseen potential.

Doug Johnson: Our platform wants to tap that potential – "REACH" as in REACH new potential. Ultimately we want to get back with the student body.

Robyn Laing: We're focusing on the future of ASUS and what we can do to make it better. We want to show everyone that bigger really is better.

Doug Johnson: R is for Reform Internal Structure. We want to scan through policy & constitution, update it, and take out terms like floppy disc that are still in there.

Robyn Laing: E is for Expand Marketing Strategy, which is the second pillar. We want to come out of frosh week with a bang.

Doug Johnson: A is for Advance the Equity Portfolio. We want to strengthen the voice of the equity officer by giving them a seat on Assembly, a new office outside of the core, and ultimately strengthen the equity voice.

Robyn Laing: C is for Create New Services. We don't want to just look at the Red Room, we want the option for things like an internet café in the Core or an online photo database. We want to ask the student body what they want from ASUS.

Doug Johnson: H is to Help Propagate New Endeavours. We want to make the Core more effective.

Robyn Laing: All in all we see a bright future. Ghandi said be the change you want to see in the world, and we want to be the change we want to see in ASUS.

Doug Johnson: Thank you.

Speaker: Move into the elections team portion. I have two questions I'll ask both teams, and each has a minute thirty to respond. They are addressed team-wide. We'll start with Johnson-Laing.

How will you as exec make the Core more approachable to ASUS students?



Robyn Laing: We want to put the Equity Officer on Assembly, and possibly their own office outside of the Core. Many people are uncomfortable with the Core, and they don't feel it's a positive space. We want somewhere they do feel comfortable that isn't the Core.

Doug Johnson: As well, we want open lines of communication between exec and students. Most students don't know they're allowed in. During frosh week, I saw frosh groups who weren't sure they were allowed in. Ultimately we want to create a new service to let people in and create foot traffic.

Kevin Weiner: We first deal with accessibility, especially with people feeling marginalized. There have been problems with this in the past, and we want to make it better in the future. Our ideas are more internally focused. We disagree with having the Equity Officer outside of the Core because it implies it's not a welcoming place. We need to have the Equity Office focus on how we can improve every part of ASUS. We believe the Equity Officer has to work with exec at the beginning of the year to deal with problems, and we need to update assembly on what we're doing. If we're willing to take the steps and make progress, we won't have to worry about going out of the Core for the Equity Office.

Speaker: What do you as a team believe is the greatest challenge facing students, and what would you do to address this?

Rory Johnston: We believe the biggest challenge is budget cuts, and we've proposed lobbying training for DSCs. It's a great thing to have DSC, as they vote on faculty board which decides what gets cut and how to spend dwindling supplies. We think it is very important students know about this, and have a vote.

Kevin Weiner: Also, part of this is lobbying. This year I'm taking Canadian Studies, next year it's gone. In budget cuts, the Board of Trustees cuts budgets, which moves to admin, who passes cuts to the departments. The departmental level decides where budget goes, which is why student voice is so important because we can help decide.

Doug Johnson: Equity is one of the major issues. If you don't feel safe in the Core, maybe people are not feeling safe in other places, like during ASUS events

Robyn Laing: Budget cuts, we feel, are a huge thing facing students. Departmental councils are huge resource. Many of my committee members on DSC don't even know they're part of ASUS. We want to increase relations, make good use of DSC reps, and come together and discuss concerns. Each department knows what is most important to them, and we really have to let faculty know what we want to keep, what we think is most important and value most.

Speaker: Thanks, I'll now open the floor to Assembly and the gallery to pose questions to both teams. If you have a question, raise your hand.

Andrew Lockhart: You've both touched on issues of clubhouse aspect of ASUS. I was wondering how you wanted to reach out to students in encouraging them to run for ASUS positions?

Kevin Weiner: I came in first year, and I was the only person to run for AMS rep. Part of what we're about is to make the opportunities available. For example, having an easy to use website.



Rory Johnston: The second part, like we said in our opening, is the newsletter we're sending out to inform people of volunteer opportunities in ASUS. For the average student, they won't pore through constitution. We need to advertise what's being hired for.

Kevin Weiner: Also, it's a general issue of relevance. Many people don't run because they don't feel ASUS is relevant. When we have things relevant to students, it's more of a presence and we'll see more interest.

Robyn Laing: The important thing is to raise awareness through marketing. Things like the window in ASUS core and advertising. We want Journal ads, monthly newsletters, and are thinking of an event calendar online for ASUS groups, clubs, and organizations. It would be a one stop shop for all ASUS events. Students would go to it to figure out events, and it would also link to ways they can be involved in the planning/running of events. Externally, marketing is very important. Also, having more input in the society as a volunteer is very important. For example, publishing a newsletter where you can decide your level of involvement. We want to encourage participation, starting early and in increments.

Speaker: Any more questions?

Sasha Gibenson, Member at Large: I feel many students see ASUS as merely being an Assembly. Everyone here just sees what's going on within the group and don't see the Society Affairs portion. What are your plans with the Society Commission, plans for the future, and involvement changes for next year?

Robyn Laing: We want an all-around marketing image. A new logo which is simple that shows they are all unified committees and groups. Also tying groups in Society Affairs with the Services Commission. For example, linking AMT with ASUS groups on campus. People see this, and can choose to get involved. Linking everything we have in ASUS, showing they're all linked and under the umbrella of ASUS is important.

Doug Johnson: How many people knew there was an Alzheimer's Outreach event at Legendz tonight? I was quoted in the Journal saying we want everyone in ASUS to have the ASUS website as their homepage. We want people to know about events, and count down the days until the events.

Kevin Weiner: Society Affairs in general, we want a fundraising pool for Society Affairs. There are two types of committees: those requiring volunteer work that require constant funding, and those raising funds and require funds to begin. We want to create a steady pool where they can take out money, use it to raise more money, and put back the initial seed money. We have many fantastic committees that people want to get involved in. For example, Lost Paws is appealing to everyone. As well, with a Course Guide, these opportunities will be given out to every student.

Rory Johnston: The newsletter is an important way to get through to students every month.

Josh Michelson: This question is targeted to the VP candidates. Explain to me, pretending I'm a regular member at large, the financial structure of ASUS, including budgets and financial fees.

Rory Johnston: The revenue structure – revenue is generated from Jackets, Formal, and the main way is student fees. These fees, we have a total of \$450,000 before opt-outable fees which goes to funding a variety of things in the society. You need a base amount of money to buy Jackets before you do it, for example. The basic



financial structure involves a large pool of discretionary fund for new services.

money going towards new services, and a

Robyn Laing: We have student fees bringing in revenue. There is a mandatory fee going into the general budget. We also have an opt-outable fee only approved by Board of Directors. This is gathered for a new service. Also, ASUS has 3 budgets – orientation budget which the VP approves, general budget with commission and admin fees, and the Jackets budget because it is a huge source of revenue for society. We don't budget for zero in the Jackets budget. We also have different accounts. One is the orientation account, Josh is starting to look it over. We also have a Jackets and General account.

Stephanie Fusco, Member at Large: Since you all hold current ASUS positions, tell me something you didn't do as well as you could have this year and how you could improve.

Robyn Laing: One thing I planned on doing this year was a newsletter. I wanted to get it out at the beginning of the year, but we got it out in December for hardcopy. I really wanted more people to give in submissions, which I didn't get to do as well as I hoped. I'm starting to get it done now.

Doug Johnson: The Judicial Committee. I didn't give it attention it deserved. However, my chair moved to France, and appointed a great new Chair. This is one of the things I'm going to look at, because I think it's very important. Something we plan to do throughout summer months is look over policy with JCOMM.

Rory Johnston: I was an Academic Rep. One big thing was that the Academic Commissioner resigned at beginning of year. Michael Ghazal was appointed, and he's done a great job. As an Academics Commissioner, he's in charge of DSC. I didn't give it as much attention as the position deserved. Halfway through the year I was struck with swine flue. The position needs more communication.

Kevin Weiner: My role within Senate, where last semester they decided to change the marking scheme without very much discussion. I was new to the position and wasn't able to rally support or bring people's awareness to the issue.

Becka Ronaghan: You touched on mandatory equity training, what would that entail?

Kevin Weiner: Essentially what we want to do is ensure people are able to think about things from different perspectives. We want to do this with Social Issues Commission in the AMS. I think working with Equity Caucus is very important. Also, Rory and I have decided to participate in Positive Space program.

Rory Johnston: The issue with the Positive Space program is it can't be forced, you can't force a place to be positive. It's a similar issue with equity, you can't force someone to do something. We want to commit to Positive Space policy for ASUS.

Robyn Laing: We didn't focus on mandatory training because it's already in the job description for Equity Officer. We want to increase accountability. Equity workshops are given through Queen's. I've taken two three hour training workshops and they tell you about diversity, how to ensure you're hiring the right people, and how to go about being equitable for everyone working for you. It needs to start from top down, and it's important to let commissioners know you take equity issues seriously.



Doug Johnson: Also, appreciation is taken very seriously. A report from the past equity officer will be looked at.

Michael Ghazal: I wanted to know how the course guide program would work?

Speaker: The question needs to be addressed to both parties. I'll have to ask you to withdraw.

Jill Evans: Do you feel it's more important for elected reps or students at large to sit on the Board of Studies, or do you feel students should not sit on it?

Doug Johnson: I don't know about the Board of Studies. I don't have a problem admitting that. We're taking transition very seriously this year so people will know more about the society and their positions.

Kevin Weiner: When there's an Academic Appeal, the first thing is to appeal to the Associate Dean of Studies. Also, it is an accusation of a lack of academic integrity it goes to the Dean of Studies. The question of elected reps sitting on it is interesting. I think there are benefits and detriments. I don't think there's a problem with having an elected student sit on the board. Senators on Senate are drawn as part of USAP, generally elected and serve to make sure fair decisions are made. If they're committed to sit on there to give fair opinions, it may often mean against students.

Member at Large: Please elaborate on your academic portions of your platforms.

Kevin Weiner: There are worries about our ASUS Course Guide conflicting with "what's what," run by the AMS. Essentially the idea is that we won't bring in new info, but will make it available in one place. The AMS often makes promises during election period that are sometimes not kept. I'm willing to take leadership here. Why should we refer to AMS? We have the DSC to collect information. If you're a student looking through things, going through the syllabus bank can be very time consuming. All important information is distilled to short form, easily legible, and widely available. It will be branded with ASUS, and students can say here's something ASUS has done for me.

Robyn Laing: ASUS used to have a course guide, but it was discontinued because there was no manpower. We plan to work with the AMS where things are in one place for entire school. We can use 8000 students to help give us information. We want an ASUS forum on the student website, where you can interact one on one with students who have taken courses before and hear what they have to say.

Doug Johnson: I think it's important not to have something completely society controlled. It gives students freedom to say what they want to say, and get the absolute truth from students.

Josh Michelson: This is open to either candidate. You have a substantial amount of lobbying power, in light of the school-wide deficit. One option is to cut entire programs, and the second is to cut programs across the board and sacrifice quality. What do you choose?



Robyn Laing: I would cut certain programs, and start with inter-departmental programs. I definitely think it's better to have programs done really well rather than to have a variety not done as well. But it's important to also have options to take things you might enjoy.

Doug Johnson: I think by cutting whole programs, you're making it exclusive. I think it's important to remain inclusive and allow the Queen's degree to be open to everyone.

Rory Johnston: I agree with Robyn. There is a certain pride in choosing Queen's. I think overall it has a great academic reputation. I think it's dangerous to whittle down portions of departments. I would be more valuable to cut programs.

Kevin Weiner: I agree with Rory and Robyn. In an ideal world, Queen's would have every single program. The idea at Queen's is that having a Queen's degree should be synonymous with quality. If we aren't willing to maintain programs to a high quality, it questions the Queen's reputation.

Morgan Campbell: One thing that's come up is strengthening the DSC in terms of grassroots lobbying. I want to hear specific measures of changing the set up to increase the capacity of lobbying.

Kevin Weiner: This is two-pronged. Get people to take DSCs seriously. In classes, often they won't have elections. The professor just picks two people. According to bylaws, every class needs a democratic election to pick their DSC. Democratic legitimacy is important. Lobbying – the Senate Caucus had some lobbying training at the beginning of the year with the AMS Academics Commissioner. This is very helpful. As DSC rep, you want to phrase what you're saying correctly and be a united voice.

Rory Johnston: Expanding academic caucus to release student voice and swing power. We need to force chairs to attend faculty board.

Doug Johnson: I received an email from a DSC rep saying they're building a committee. I didn't know this happened. Social clubs are important because they get to know each other, discuss common interests and needs. Unifying different departments together is important. When people need support for academics or are looking at budget cuts, they come together stronger.

Robyn Laing: Many DSCs don't know ASUS is an umbrella they fall under and we can support them at faculty board. We need to show them that ASUS is there and linked together. We can be there to help facilitate discussion.

Speaker: 15 more minutes of scheduled debate.

Jill Evans: I had to fight to keep my seat on ASUS Orientation Committee. Do you think it's important for the president to have a seat, and why or why not?

Doug Johnson: Yes, it's definitely important. We want to speak to every student and know what they want. In terms of orientation, you should know exactly what students want in terms of academics. Knowing academics and how it works in ASUS is important, and that's something that needs to come from president



Kevin Weiner: I absolutely agree, the president has to remain on AOC. There is power in AOC, as seen in the suspension of orientation for COMPSA. One thing we're proud of is having a student-run orientation. There has been some oversight through AOC, but the actual running is done by students. A big factor is the academic portion, orienting you from high school to university. This requires a push from the highest level. We want people more involved in lobbying and academic issues.

Mike Thaler: One of first steps of transitioning students to Queen's is the SOAR program. Recently it was cut. Do you have any suggestions for dealing with the transition without the program?

Kevin Weiner: I think the SOAR program is extremely helpful in that you can talk to people about courses and how to use QCARD. SOAR is important for QCARD. We'd like to work to get it extended. I believe with the Student Affairs side, we can work to extend it. We think Academic counseling is important, even for upper years thinking of switching majors.

Rory Johnston: I'm from Kingston, but even coming downtown was terrifying. When they showed me how to pick courses, it was very helpful.

Robyn Laing: SOAR is something very important for ASUS. It links students to the university. It's a great way to meet people and talk to upper year students and get their opinion. They can offer first year experience. It's unfortunate it's not being offered this year, but I don't think we can have upper years supported through past program because it's first years who need the resources. We need to make sure first years have somewhere to go for information. An online resource to discuss courses is very important. As well, things like the Facebook group for ASUS 2013. Many people were asking all sorts of questions answered by people at Queen's.

Fraser McPherson, Member at Large: Could each candidate speak to their understanding of their personal privilege and how that affects the role of president or vice-president?

Doug Johnson: There are people out there that think if you come from a certain family it means you don't understand problems other people have. If you come into this role, you need to be as indifferent and impartial as you can be. We need to bring in the Equity Officer, and need to have that voice.

Robyn Laing: I know through my equity workshop I recognized things I never thought of in the past. You need to be able to understand where other people are coming from. Other people's feelings are legitimate, and you need to be able to understand them.

Rory Johnston: In terms of privilege, it's fairly new to me to deal with. Recently with talks with certain people, like Sarah and Elamin, I've been starting to understand the concept of White Privilege. This is hard to grapple with because you are born into it and have no control over it. I'm still dealing with it.

Kevin Weiner: Everyone in this room is privileged. We go to a university providing us with a degree that many people don't have chance to get. I'm privileged in being a white heterosexual male. I'm also Jewish, which sometimes works against me. The Muslim Association issues last year, break ins. This the sort of thing we can't allow at Queen's.



Josh Michelson: Inform us of a quality in your running mate that complements your own skills. How do you know you two will have good working relationship?

Rory Johnston: I'm a very outgoing and friendly person, but I don't have as much knowledge about policy and constitution. Kevin's love for policy and the nitty gritty is an important thing he brings to the table.

Kevin Weiner: I'm wearing a solid shirt with striped tie. It's important because I have no fashion sense and Rory has good fashion sense. I also take these things very seriously, sometimes too seriously, and Rory can help make sure things are kept in perspective.

Robyn Laing: Working together in the past is very important. Having worked with Doug already, I think that's a hugely important thing. Doug is great at talking to people, making them laugh and feel at ease and comfortable. I hope I'm not bad at that. I'm very detail oriented and can take things very seriously. Doug's there for encouragement.

Doug Johnson: Robyn is the greatest marketing person in the entire world. Her creative skills, anything you could think of that has to deal with creativity, Robyn is all over it. This definitely complements me, because I can't do that stuff.

Lara Therrien Boulos: Last year, just a bit past this when I was elected, I was up where you are now deciding on who will be a part of Formal Convening committee. We were asked a question which I'd like to extend it to you. If you could be any colour of crayon, what would you be and why?

Robyn Laing: I would probably be black because I really like sketching and I feel like that would be the easiest one to sketch with. Using the black one, I feel like people will understand what I drew with it.

Doug Johnson: I would be the most delicious colour, and not only because I used to eat crayons. I would be yellow – the colour of popcorn and sunshine. Who doesn't love sunshine?

Rory Johnston: Sparkly periwinkle. I do have a periwinkle shirt, and the name makes me smile.

Kevin Weiner: I would be a white crayon. You can't see it unless you hold it up to the light, and you can write secret messages, with lemon and such.

Speake: Both teams have a minute thirty to close. Johnson-Weiner team is allowed to do their close.

Rory Johnston: I think we bring a lot to the table. We have a lot of experience. Neither of us have sat on council, but there are many great ideas coming from our areas of strength (Academics). I love ASUS, and I feel it has been misrepresented in past and needs to be changed in the future.

Kevin Weiner: Probably in general, this is one of the strongest elections we've seen in a long time. Doug and Robyn are great candidates. I see a great future for ASUS. What Rory and I bring is fresh ideas and new visions for ASUS. I'm rather fond of the society, and I think there's so much potential and want to help ASUS discover potential. Thanks for coming out! Vote Weiner-Johnston.



Doug Johnson: You've heard our platform, and there's been some great questions. Thanks. We're here because of communication. We had an interview with the Journal, and I finally said out of nowhere that there are 8000 voices and we want to hear them all. It's kind of corny, but it's true. We want to give ASUS back to the students. What can ASUS do for you? The only way we'll figure that out is communicating, and facilitating discussion.

Robyn Laing: We are the passion behind the society, and having a passion for what you're doing is very important. We've seen what ASUS can improve upon because we've experienced it firsthand. While in our current positions, there was so much we wanted to do and we decided to step up, do it ourselves, and lead the way for change.

Speaker: Thanks for coming tonight. At this time I'll invite any Senator candidates who would like to speak to come to the front.

We have 3 candidates who want to present platforms. 3 minutes to open. These are your one year candidates

Andrew Lockhart: I first want to say, who can tell me one thing about the Senate? See, this is major issue. There are 75 members and 5 elected students, I want to be one of those members. The new switch to the GPA system was done completely through the Senate. Also, most importantly, they have a huge influence on the budget. Decisions the Senate makes has an impact on every single one of you. You need a strong voice, advocating for you. I feel being able to stand up and speak for you is very important.

Daniel Altman: I would love to stand and talk about what makes me better than the other candidates. That would be a fun self-plug, but this position requires a level of humility. It is necessary to have a collaboration of students who influence what I say. You need to approach the position with an open mind and open ear. From that, use opinions to form a strong voice. Some pertinent issues to the Senate: financial issues are going to be integral in upcoming years. We need to do our best to preserve the diversity of our programs. Also a realism is needed – we don't have money to sustain programs with academic excellence that we've come to use as indicative to Queen's. We need to try to integrate and collaborate between programs to offer a version of diversity that could be preserved. I'd like to have more collaboration with DSCs. Vote Altman.

Becka Ronhagan: I'm new to ASUS. The reason I chose to run is because I've been frustrated with the way certain things have been run on campus so I've put myself out there to make a change. I didn't know what Senate was last year, or much of last semester. It has a very heavy influence, and I decided to run so here I am. I'm running on the platform that I want student voices and student opinions on the Senate. I want a spot on the ASUS website for the Senate where we update students on what's happening on Senate, what comes up in future Senate, where they can contact us and tell us what they want to see different. I'm a second year gender studies major and have experienced budget cuts. Some classes I've wanted to take have been cut, which is jeopardizing the academic integrity of my degree. I want to advocate for smaller departments. Also, I would be representing historically marginalized oppressed groups from the past.

Speaker: Candidates will entertain one question.

Nicholas Fulford: The principal 2 weeks ago released his "What's Next" visionary plan for the school. What are your thoughts on it?



Daniel Altman: I whole-heartedly agree with many of the proposals. I agree with the general idea that we're facing financial issues and we'll have to do more with less. There are certain areas of excellence within Queen's and we'll have to keep that excellence. He takes an innovative approach with international programs and different field study programs. Things like that speak to what Queen's will be in the future. He's offering new things & a diverse portfolio while preserving integrity.

Becka Ronhagan: I haven't read it yet, so I don't feel I'm fully informed to give a statement.

Andrew Lockhart: Doing less with less. I didn't feel enough students had influence on the document. He wants the school to have international reputation, but students are worried about quality of education and I have an issue with expanding the reputation of the school before school issues are dealt with.

Josh Michelson: Tell me about a motion or view brought to the Senate in the past year, your thoughts and why you agree or disagree?

Becka Ronhagan: International student fees increased, 10% next year and 5% the year after. I disagree with this as it cuts off many students and creates an unequal system. Also, the GPA system.

Andrew Lockhart: Equity and Education policy. Also, the GPA system. One of the Senate ladies came in to the AMS and explained how the system was selected. She explained what went into the decision. They spoke to all universities to make sure marks aren't inflated and it's all equal.

Daniel Altman: I want to speak to the GPA system. While I agree that they did a phenomenal job researching and implementing the system to best benefit Queen's students, there was not much student involvement and it was very much pushed through. They need to consult students at large, as they should have a say in things because it affects them. It's important that students are privy to important issues.

Speaker: Any other questions? Any other questions? Any other questions? Seeing none, I'll give them opportunity to close. 1 min 30 max.

Becka Ronhagan: So basically, my third platform, which I didn't get into, was representing historically marginalized people now and in the past. I'm Queer identified, and socially active on campus. I've had a lot of training, and I feel like I can represent minority groups on campus equally and fairly. I will be an educated voice for students. Please vote for me, Becka Ronagan, running for Senate 1 year Rep.

Daniel Altman: Outside the Senate, I want to put the word out that Queen's has a Senate, this is what we do. I will approach it humbly, and say I'm open to ideas but once ideas are presented I will be speaking strongly for what I believe students feel. Further, I'd like to speak a lot more to people involved in academic endeavours. DSCs, Academic reps. I can't do it all on my own, and I would like a senate well-associated with other members of society in order to put the word out best. Dan Altman, running for Senator. February 2nd, click the box.

Andrew Lockhart: Thanks for coming out, it's nice to see people care about things. It's nice seeing people excited about student government. The Senate is a place of privilege, and I take it to heart. The reason I decided



to run for this instead of year exec is policy. down the line, and it's very important to me.

This is something I can see myself going into

Speaker: We didn't ask them to prepare for debate, so it's nice of them to field questions. I would like to invite ASUS reps candidates to the front to give an opener.

We'll give each candidate 3 minutes to open, and after that we'll take a few questions from the gallery or Assembly and then a minute thirty to close.

Michael Ghazal: I worked in first year as a first year intern to the AMS, and then when I came to ASUS I loved it. I met great people and integrated myself. This might be my favourite Assembly, as there are more than 2 people in the gallery. I would love to be able to integrate myself more into the society. I loved joining sub-committees, I got to work with Lara and Rebecca on the Remembrance Day committee, and I've worked with Josh to give special grants. I want to be a voice of the people, listen to what people are saying and represent them at Assemblies and through my vote.

Rico Garcia: I'm from Mexico, and a first year student at Queen's. I major in Economics. Currently I'm on a leave of absence as 2013 Year Society President. I want to represent the student voice. After getting involved I wanted to take it a step further and represent students to the AMS as well. I want to give that voice as being the biggest faculty on campus, and have a strong voice in AMS. I want to represent student voice, be approachable, and let ASUS voice opinion within the AMS.

Daniel Altman: You both spoke of representing members of ASUS. I was wondering if you have specific plans of how to do so?

Rico Garcia: One thing I've done in the past year is have a Facebook group for people to voice opinions. There's not as much feedback as I'd like to get. Over 1000 members are in the group, but I have only received 2 comments. I have tried to do something about it and guide them in process. I plan to reopen a Facebook page if I win and encourage comments. I want to get people involved with ASUS and AMS.

Michael Ghazal: There's only so much a Facebook page can do, but I do agree. I really like Robyn and Doug's idea of having an academic forum. I think that could be expanded to issues that go on here. I believe they should have more input here, and it's important to inform we actually have these meetings. I would have class talks. Students need to be aware we have these meetings every other Thursday.

Lara Therrien Boulos: I often hear from mostly people who are already a part of a student government position on campus that ASUS Reps are faceless and don't really connect with the rest of the community. I think that... what I'm trying to ask is... often there are ASUS Rep candidates who run with similar platforms. When it comes to actually informing students, it's difficult and becomes more of a one-way street. There's often problem with actual structure. Given you want to represent students, how do you believe you can represent them without discussion?

Michael Ghazal: This is a tough question, as I prefer direct feedback. That's not always possible but I would love to personally get in touch with students even if it's a small portion of students. I would love to be able to talk to a diverse group of students before Assembly. It's not possible to get feedback from all students, but



feedback would be great even when meeting with classrooms. For example, if there are environmental issues I might talk to environmental classes and see how they feel about it. I would like to represent what they think right now. Class talks are important. Also, the website is important too.

Rico Garcia: That's a very interesting question. One thing about ASUS rep that makes it different is that the Year Society president represents solely my year and is accountable to them. As ASUS rep it becomes harder addressing every student. Most exec teams said they wanted to improve communication. Something as simple as reports from people in ASUS. Do something like that and send it to all of ASUS. Let them know what your ASUS rep is voting on. It's important for students to feel that ASUS can make a difference.

Rory Johnston: After talking to many people in the AMS, the concern has been raised that ASUS reps are like sheep. Do you view responsibility of reps as being a freethinker or sticking to what someone says?

Rico Garcia: That's a tough question. I don't just say what someone says. I'm going to think about it, and what represents the faculty the best. I'm going to question options, and come up with the decision benefiting most students

Michael Ghazal: I got the opportunity to attend AMS Assemblies, and saw a lot of partisan voting. I don't think this is a good thing. I want people to vote how they feel not how other ASUS reps feel. I'll be able to look at an issue by itself, look at other categories and other students. I want to feel that the issue is most important to me and not other reps.

Morgan Campbell: A peculiar challenge for Arts & Science is the large faculty, and representing both the arts side and the science side. Seeing as you're both from the arts side, and most students around the table usually are, how do you make sure you still represent science students effectively?

Michal Ghazal: As Academics Commissioner, I represent science students. I didn't know the exact issues they're facing and realized they had intense labs, and had a variety of different problems I didn't face. This is something important to them. Class talks and online discussion are great. I would welcome science students to have a discussion with me. Faculty board is an important place for that to happen, and I'm working on that right now to get a solid voice out there.

Rico Garcia: Arts students and Science students have entirely different programs. I'm an individual who likes to get involved with many different things, I like to talk to a variety of people. I want to be approachable and continue making friends and talk to people who get involved with university and who have spirit.

Rachel Kobric: If you could choose any Pokemon which one would you be?

Rico Garcia: One pokemon I really like was Onyx. I like it, being strong like a rock even though it has a weakness with water.

Michael Ghazal: I love this question, I'm an old school pokemon fan. If there was a way to put squirtle and charmander together, I would love to be the result of that pokemon combination

S: Closing statement.



Rico Garcia: I would just like to thank everyone for coming up and putting it in your schedule. I know you've heard a lot, thanks for coming out. I want to be student voice for ASUS and represent our faculty. I'm a proud member of this university and want to make a difference.

Michael Ghazal: There are 9 people running and only 6 spots available. Make sure your vote is an educated vote. If you have any questions definitely ask them so you can have an educated vote. Make sure they know what they're doing, have experience, and will be able to represent ASUS.

Speaker: We're going to have a quick opener from our 2010 Year Society candidates. They just want to let you know who they are. We'll then have a brief recess. I encourage you to grab food and go downstairs.

Alex Metcalfe: We've decided to take on the task of representing our year society. We found the years we've had here have been productive. We want to keep in constant contact with alumni, and bring out a newsletter. Also, we would like to reinstate homecoming.

Lauren Peddle: The final thing is that the position will be up for re-election in 5 years... if you would like to uproot us, mark your calendars. We plan reunions and events. We really enjoyed our time here and want to continue representing you.

Speaker: We'll now take a half hour break.

Welcome back, thanks for sticking around. We are honoured to have the two AMS Exec teams come and speak to us tonight. They'll have a three minute opener, and let us know who they are. After that they'll have 15-20 minutes of questions, and then 1 minute 30 seconds to close.

Safiah Chowdhury: We as Team CHR have an ambitious and realistic mission. Better, faster, stronger.

Ben Hartley: This includes the Kingston summer jobs program, and a one stop Academic shop to give students ideas for future courses. We also want to install debit and swipe cards at the Common Ground.

Chris Rudnicki: We'll push the university to act to install solar panels. One, this will work against budget cuts. Two, this will create student jobs. And three, this will bring us to the forefront as student leaders.

Safiah Chowdhury: We'll protect student rights at homecoming, and plan exclusive events for Queen's students and alumni. We need strong student representation for our degree. Our priorities should be admin priorities. We need to ensure our priorities are maintained and the overall quality of our degree is upheld. We want strong representation from the DSCs that work with ASUS. These are a microchasm of bigger vision, check out our website voteCHR.com for more information. Thanks.

Mitch Piper: Team PNF wants to make it REAL. Representation, Empowerment, Accessibility, Life. We have to deal with issues on the table now, issues concerning budget cuts and academic quality. We have a strong and persistent voice. One, we'll work by collaborating with faculty societies. The relationships formed through DSCs are very important. We see their role as working with government through OUSA. Collaborating and



working together on academic quality is a way to solve problems and have strong voice. This is of utmost importance. We will be your strong, consistent, and persistent voice.

Kasmet Niyongabo: As Team PNF, we'll look internally into Services to make sure the transitioning system is up to par. We'll look into knowledge accumulated and make sure services are run on a green schedule.

Davina Finn: We're committed and dedicated to improving academic experience. We'll be working on facilitating experiences and improving town-gown relations. We're extremely diverse, in background and experiences. We want to make sure we're accessible to everyone. Even though I've lost my voice, I promise never to lose the student voice.

Speaker: Now for the question portion. I will field questions directed at both teams. Both teams are required to answer the same question. I will not accept questions that are personal attacks. As moderator, if I feel it's biased I will ask you to withdraw questions.

Lara Therrien Boulos: So, as ASUS Rep, currently I have Arts & Science interests in mind. You both spoke to DSCs, but what I'm wondering is, what do you see as another strength, other than DSCs, that ASUS has and how do you plan to work with ASUS to make use of that strength and have a partnership that allows it to work well?

Mitch Piper: ASUS is so large, and is something that is really key. You've found a way to amalgamate voices. Working with the President's Caucus and Academics Caucus, having that line of communication is important. We want students to be members not only of ASUS but also of the AMS. We want a model that students can follow, and want to remind students that they are members of both.

Chris Rudnicki: Orientation is a big part of ASUS. It is well run and very involved. A few notable discrepancies – some students who feel marginalized by ASUS Orientation. In the last few years it has become much more inclusive and positive. While that's a fantastic thing, there are also alternative orientations that need to be supported and who ASUS should reach out olive branches to.

Josh Michelson: To the presidential candidates – if you could please highlight the other team's greatest strength and weakness in their platform or debates.

Safiah Chowdhury: Diversity grants. They want to give \$5000 to a group committed to diversity. We believe this is very important, especially for underfunded groups. We've incorporated that in as Equity programs. A weakness of their platform is vagueness. Many sections have two or three lines, and it's not very clear or transparent how they'll put it into action.

Mitch Piper: I would agree with Safiah that their greatest strength is their Diversity or Equity Grant. We have different structures but it's still there. A weakness would be their solar panel initiative. They've fused two models. One is implementing them through Queen's and Queen's turning into a solar panelled University. The other option is renting out roof space and taking in funds from that but not really turning Queen's into green university. They've tried to package it somewhere in the middle which is where some discrepancy lies. Although it's a great initiative.



Micheal Ghazal: I got to meet with DSCs a lot. How exactly will you be incorporating DSCs into your platform and Queen's in general?

Mitch Piper: We need to rely on relationships, and ASUS has an indirect relationship with the DSC. I think it's not necessarily the AMS' place to connect directly with DSCs per se, I think it would be good to utilize the Presidents and Academics Caucus. Really collaborating is something we believe in. Bringing more people into the fold is the best and most efficient way to bring our voice to the administration.

Safiah Chowdhury: It's important for DSCs to have effective communication with ASUS and the President, who can communicate it during President's Caucus. We've envisioned DSCs to attend Faculty Board, say what they've deemed as appropriate priorities for their department. They play an extremely important role. We want the current AMS campaign to mobilize students to understand how important restructuring is to programs. We want to build on the momentum and passion students have for their programs

Rebecca Cynader: Point of Information - DSC chairs already attend Faculty Board. They have to attend every meeting of Faculty Board.

Jacob Mantle: In light of new information... it's not in either platform but dear to many students. How do we remember those who sacrifice for us? What is your view of the poppy and your view of honouring those who have sacrificed for us?

Chris Rudnicki: I want to separate personal politics from politics of student government. The administration of CHR would take this very seriously. In terms of the poppy, my father served in Canadian forces for 20 years. I have a profound awareness of sacrifice. I'm also aware of injustice perpetrated on other companies. As AMS Admin, it's our role to represent students. We would thank soldiers for their sacrifices

Mitch Piper: I would agree that personal politics should stay out of the AMS, and that we're here to represent all students. With the poppy, I don't have an intimate connection to the military like Chris. To answer your question, I do choose to wear the poppy and attend ceremonies. It's a personal choice. I respect choices of others who choose to do otherwise.

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

Becka Ronagan: What are your positions on gender neutral bathrooms, and I was wondering your opinions on those? There are some on campus but not enough.

Mitch Piper: I would 100% support the move for gender neutral washrooms. There's one in the lower ceiling of the JDUC. I'm not sure, to be honest, if the plan was designed into the Queen's Centre now. We need to respect it has to be a safe space for everyone. Having the option of gender neutral washroom is something to bring up to admin. It comes back to students, whose identities are very near and dear. That's who we are as a body. I 100% support that. By all means, if you have these suggestions then bring them to our attention. I try to be understanding and forward thinking, but perhaps there are some issues I don't think of because that's not me, but I'm more than happy to champion it.



Safiah Chowdhury: There are two main problems – a lack of gender neutral washrooms and a lack of information. We're working with many groups don't know about the existence of these washrooms and are subjected to fit into gender binaries. It's important for that information to be available to everyone, and put into other maps CHR wants to create. For example, a map highlighting positive spaces, ones that are safe and comfortable for students. A lack of gender neutral washrooms is a testimony to the lack of knowledge about gender. We're committed to anti-oppression, equity, and want to represent every student regardless of identity.

Josh Michelson: There are lots of different opinions on the relationship between ORT and Faculty Societies. Please highlight your views on the relation between the two, and any boundaries or disagreements.

Chris Rudnicki: We envision it as a flat hierarchy. Each faculty society has it's own proud and strong traditions. The AMS is responsible for the well-being of all students. In terms of oppressive ideas, we think it's the duty of the AMS to engage in dialogue about the ideas and the best way to include people in discussion on equity. Alternative orientations deserve to be held away from the AMS. We want to provide support for them, but we don't want to dictate what they can or can't do.

Mitch Piper: Orientation Round Table is important for facilitating communication. It creates a link between the university and the AMS. Dean Laker supports a student run model of orientation, which brings students in. Leaders of each individual faculty... we want to focus on making them inclusive. ORT has come under fire with money issues, etc. I don't think that's systemic, they came up against issues with the K-Rock Centre and external bodies. Learning through this year's issues is important. Faculty autonomy is number one.

Speaker: End of question period. 1 minut 30 seconds to close.

Mitch Piper: I want to say that I've been impressed by the questions tonight, they're questions we've not necessarily heard over past three nights. Showing that engagement has impressed me tonight, and will continue to impress both teams in future. Our experience in the AMS sets us apart. We have the ability to bring people into the fold. Working towards collaboration and future is where we should be going. We're ultimately working towards the same goals. The issues on table now will make next year challenging. We need to deal with the university and deal with them now. We'll stand up for students, and Queen's will come first. Team PNF is REAL.

Safiah Chowdhury: Thank you ASUS for your questions and having us here. We appreciate the communication we've established and hope to work with you. The relationship between Exec and Faculty Societies is important, especially with imminent budget cuts. It's important that students are all represented to present a united voice. We are one people, we are one university, we need to come together to ensure our programs and priorities are maintained and that the things we believe in are incorporated. As team CHR, we are Better, Faster, Stronger.

Speaker: Thanks for taking the time to speak to us. You are all dismissed. Everyone is welcome to come to QP for a drink or two.



Appendix Duncan

Section A – 2 : (3) Free and Discounted Tickets

3. FREE AND DISCOUNTED TICKETS

The following individuals will receive free or discounted tickets as specified below. This ticket policy supersedes any other policy or promises made.

Members of ASUS Council (6): 2 free tickets each
Formal Theme Vote Winner (1): 2 free tickets each
ThankQ Committee Member (8): 1 half-price ticket each
ThankQ Double Shift Volunteer (varies): Half price second (2nd) ticket each
Formal Convenor (1 or 2): 2 free tickets each
Formal Committee Member (varies): 1 free ticket each

BECOMES:

Members of ASUS Council (7): 2 free tickets each
Formal Convernors (2): 2 tickets each
Formal Committee Members: 1 each
Deans and other Special Invitees (10): 2 Free tickets each
Campus Media: Receive Press Passes
Year Society Presidents: 1 free ticket
Year Society Vice-Presidents: 1 free ticket
Presidents of CESA, PHEKSA, COMPSA: 1 free ticket each
Deputy Commissioners (5): 1 half-price ticket each
Orientation Coordinators: 1 half-price ticket each
Discretionary Tickets (5): Available for allocation at the discretion of the Convenors