



ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY ASSEMBLY
"DUC MENTEM AD LIBERTATEM"
MARCH 4, 2010

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Dearest Assembly,

I hope your reading weeks were all fantastic. I have the pleasure of writing to you from the Olympic city, from which I return to Kingston tonight to jump straight back into ASUS action.

ListServ

How tired are all of you of hearing about this. I spent the last week before break trying to hunt our IT rep down in person... he is a very elusive character, but I WILL find him. My emails and calls have gone unreturned, but I will do my very best to have this thing up again before handing it over. The latest problem has to do with the email accounts being able to access ListServ privileges, but I'll leave it there or you'll have to endure my rant.

ASUS Scholarship

We've received many questions about this – I am trying to get the deadline extended, but must obtain permission from the Awards office first. Stay posted!

Transition

Dougie J will be learning the ropes very soon to succeed me as your new ruler – Look out! New council will be hired this weekend, and Transition weekend has been scheduled for the 20th, unfortunately coinciding with Formal. We will see if we can reschedule...

Stay classy assembly,
Jillian Evans
President

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G'day

So I have received applications for the second round of grants and sadly there were not that many received. I have decided to extend the deadline until Monday at 4 pm so please spread the word. Applications are available at the core and I believe online as well. If you sit on one of the committees that distributes the grants expect an email from me on Tuesday for a time to meet.

I am currently working on this summer's budget for camps with input from the business director and Robyn, incoming VP to ensure that we have another successful year. My plan is to not depend on funding for camps from donors and outside organizations and budget using projected fee revenues. This will minimize our risk, most of the changes being made to staff areas that I noticed were unnecessary or weak. I have shortened the camp by one week (not time where campers are actually there, one of the 6 weeks previous that is used for workshops and outreach) and removed one full time position.

I have received confirmation of our printed cheques and so will have ASUS moved completely online and computer based by the end of this semester.

I need an update just before reading week and we are doing very well financially this year. Everything has gone well, our last hurdles will be QCLC and Formal. So spread the word about both of these events and we'll make it through with a successful financial year!

Other than that it has been business as usual, this is my busiest time of year as it is when all the committees are the most financially active. A big shout out to society affairs committees as they have been doing an amazing job this year. I can barely keep up with all the money they are bring in!



Academic Affairs Commissioner's Report



Internal Affairs Commissioner's Report

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

Hey guys,

Not much is going on in the Internal Affairs Commission for Kids Who Can't Read Good and Wanna Learn to do Other Stuff Good Too. I just finished mopping up from the election so any of you who ran, your cheques and deposits are waiting at the Core for you. As well JComm has been rockin' these days with some awesome amendments to the Internal Affairs portion of The Code (aka Policy and Constitution). Coming up we have an awesome amazing super great sweet volunteer appreciation dinner. The date is yet to be locked down but it will likely be at the beginning of the last week of classes. Remind your volunteers about it because it is going to be a lot of fun including; awards presentations, speeches and a slideshow, and tears- lots and lots of tears.

How's my driving?

Doug



Marketing Commissioner's Report

PRESENTED BY **ROBYN LAING**, MARKETING COMMISSIONER



Services Commissioner's Report

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



Society Affairs Commissioner's Report

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

Hello assembly!

Hope everyone enjoyed their reading week and the Olympics! Go Canada Go!

Although the year is coming to an end Society Affairs (or soon to be Community Outreach) is still in full swing and is gearing up for a busy and successful last half of the semester.

Women's Empowerment had an extremely successful run of the Vagina Monologues, selling out each performance and had excellent reviews! Heart and Stroke raised over \$900 from their February Heart month fundraisers.

Many exciting things are coming up this month including the Cystic Fibrosis semi-formal and 5K run, the Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart and walkathon, Autism Awareness 5K, Disability Awareness Month in conjunction with Accessibility Queen's as well as the Friends for Inclusion Dodgeball Tournament, a carnival at the Boys and Girls Club with After School Buddies, another Veggie Challenge Week from ASUS Committee for the Environment, and much more!! Music and Memories was selected by the AMS's "Best Darn Singer on Campus" event to be their benefiting charity, which is very exciting to all of us in Society Affairs.

We have updated the Society Affairs Website and will continue to work on it now that Robyn has given all of us a tutorial. Prize pick up for Silent Auction is happening slowly but surely, its wonderful to see the money come in and many more faces entering the CORE!

A lot of work is being done with Friends for Inclusion in restructuring their program to be focused more in the school board focusing on inclusive and adaptive sport and recreation. (Details to come). We are still working out details of the new Crohn's and Colitis group, trying to gain momentum with this new committee.

I am hoping to plan a final cheque presentation banquet for all Society Affairs Committees and representatives from their charities, and I would love all assembly members to come to see what ASUS is doing to make a positive impact on our community! I will have details on that by the end of the week.

Take care,
Davina Finn



'10 Year Society Report

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

Hello Assembly,

The 2010 Year Society has been hard at work planning for our upcoming events. We will be holding our post-Alfies hotdog sale at the CORE next Wednesday (10th) and depending on its success, every Wednesday after that for the rest of term. We will also be holding Where's Waldo Week 2.0, culminating in a smoker. More details to follow at assembly as we will be meeting with our exec on Wednesday night. We have almost reached our goal of \$4000 for the class gift and encourage people to continue to donate (even a dollar helps!).

ThankQ will be holding Rock the Gift next week- a rock band competition that was very well received last year. More details about that to follow on Thursday.

We are also currently working with ThankQ to reform how the committee will work next year with regards to faculty societies.

Reminder and plug....QCLC is this weekend! Please support the Academics Commission and all the people that have worked very hard to organize this amazing conference. See Alex, Rebecca or Lauren for tickets.

Thanks!

Lauren and Alex
2010 Year Society Exec

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'11 Year Society Report

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

Report will be delivered orally.



'12 Year Society Report

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

2012 is supposed to be having our event at the Spot this Friday with free cover for those with our group. Yayyy



'13 Year Society Report

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

Hey!!!

First of all we would like to congratulate Canada for winning the gold and breaking the Winter Olympics Record for the most gold medals by any country!!!!!!...

We would also like to thank everyone from ASUS who helped us out with organizing our Valentine's Day Formal which took place on Sunday February 14 from 8:30-12:30. It was a great success, we had numerous people at the event making it a total of about 450 people when the constables advised us to stop selling tickets at the door. Everyone had lots of fun and the love was spread around... xD

We made a profit from the Dance and are just getting the final numbers from Josh in order to plan a volunteer appreciation event for our hardworking team of good looking people. But most importantly, to make a charitable donation to Haiti. We would appreciate any suggestions as to where we could make this donation.

Lastly, we would like to ask assembly to never ever never never ever under any circumstances no matter what at point or time or any occasion ever say to Rico or Lauren the word "coat-check"... from now on we will refer to this word as 'it which should not be named'...

Thanks a lot. Have a good week!!!!



Business of the Senate



Board of Trustees

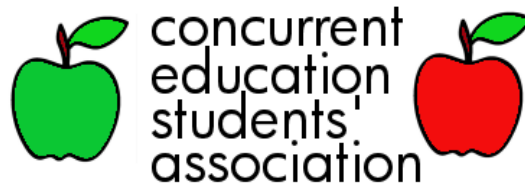
Report of the Undergraduate Student Trustee

PRESENTED BY **MORGAN CAMPBELL**, STUDENT TRUSTEE



Business of CESA

PRESENTED BY, **CESA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**





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

COMPSA Report

COMPSA is holding elections for Fourth Year representative now. It is currently the campaign period, with one candidate running. We are also hiring commissioners, applications can be found at <http://compsa.queensu.ca>. Program wear is being ordered in time for the end of term. We are going to the Leafs vs Sense game, tickets are 65\$ for game and the bus there and back, open to other students not in Computer Science (email tamara.redwood@queensu.ca if you are interested)

Julian M Pileggi
COMPSA



Business of PHEKSA

PRESENTED BY, **PHEKSA REPRESENTATIVE TO ASUS**

Hey Assembly!

This is what has been happening during the past two weeks at PHEKSA, excluding reading week.

Camp School Initiative

- Camp School is a go!!!
- PHE/KIN raised \$20,000 from various fundraisers during the 2009/2010 school year, along with some generous contributions from alumni
- \$20,000 is enough to sustain Camp School for a two year period (an adjunct is signed for a two year contract)
- As a faculty we are trying to develop a sustainable fundraising model, which is necessary to sustain the Camp School course
- In the meantime, a committee of upper year PHE students are trying to develop an alternative "activity" course for 2012, in case Camp School does not continue

Elections

- Nomination forms for the Executive are in the UG Lounge in KHS → due March 5th by 4pm
- Nominations for all other PHEKSA positions are in the UG Lounge in KHS → due March 12th by 4pm
- ***AGM (transition meeting) is Monday March 22nd at 9:30pm**

Awards Selection Committee

- All regular award nominations are due March 5th
- Nomination forms for the PHEKSA development award are in the UG Lounge in KHS → due March 12th by 4pm
- Random request forms are also due March 12th by 4pm
- **The committee will meet Monday March 15th at 5:30pm to determine award distribution**

March Break Open House

- Thursday March 18th and Friday March 19th in the KHS building → for prospective students and families

See you Thursday!

Alyssa Muchmore
ASUS Representative (via. PHEKSA) 2009/2010



BUSINESS OF THE ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES

Hello Assembly,

The DSC assembly convened before the break and discussed a variety of topics including the new GPA decision by the senate as well as the need that they must hire/elect the incoming DSC chairs before the next DSC assembly. This is so that they can then elect our replacements for the upcoming school year. Other than that, we hope that many of you will be attending QCLC to hear some of the amazing speakers the QCLC chairs have organized for this year!

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Appendix A

ASUS Assembly: February 11, 2010

Speaker: We do have quorum. We'll start with approval of agenda. Any amendments to the agenda? Any amendments to the agenda? Any amendments to the agenda? Seeing none, all in favour? All opposed? Motion passes. Motion two, approval of the minutes. Do we have any amendments to the minutes? Any amendments to the minutes? Any amendments to the minutes? Seeing none, all in favour of the minutes? All opposed? Motion passes. I just want to congratulate all candidates that ran for a great campaign. I look forward to next year. Seeing as we don't have guest speaker, we'll move into reports

Vice-President's report.

Josh Michelson: I apologize on behalf of Jill, she's in The Vagina Monologues. Nothing to add, I first want to congratulate Doug & Robyn for being elected. Definitely looking forward to transition period. Otherwise nothing much to add, we've been really busy because no one's been in the office. We've been holding down the fort.

Speaker: Commissioner reports. Academics.

Michael Ghazal: All right, so the big thing is QCLC. We're selling tickets for the leadership conference, March 5 and 6th. We put up balloons around campus, which has brought us a lot of notoriety. Also, thanks to Robyn we have a great website. Qclc.tk Tickets are sold online as well. The Undergraduate Review is almost done with submissions. We're hoping to send it out sooner than last year, not during exams. Also DSC assembly is on Tuesday where we'll talk about the GPA system and the principal's academic plan.

Speaker: Internal Affairs.

Doug Johnson: Election went well, thanks Brandon, Rachel, and Alex Steele for running an awesome election. Not much to report, JCOMM is starting to sit down and revise their roles. They're meeting with commissioners one by one. As well, one member of assembly, Bridget Benn did resign. The two year senator wanted to clear that he would start now instead of next year. Everyone's cool with that.

Speaker: Marketing.

Robyn Laing: I'm talking with the head Gael to get registration for frosh week online, which will make it easier. With the projector, the English dept contacted me about it and wanted to advertise on it. I'm giving council tutorials about the websites, and in terms of clothing I will order as soon as council puts in their forms. And yeah, everything's going well. Two people used the design form request form online, and it works well. That's basically it.

Speaker: Services.



Calum Mew: Everything's in my report. ASUS Movie Theatre showed Paranormal Activity on Sunday. It was Superbowl Sunday, so only 5 people came. We're showing Bright Star on Valentine's Day at 8PM and reshowing Paranormal Activity at 10PM as a late night Valentine's Day flick. Come out to Fanatics on Friday, the ASUS Exchange Buddy program has an Olympic ceremonies opening party where students wear the flag from their country supporting their nationality.

Speaker: Society Affairs.

Davina Finn: We've had an awesome few weeks. We had our annual silent auction, raised over \$2500. Thanks for everyone who came buy and made bids. Also, Vagina Monologues is going on and sold out within days. Alzheimer's Outreach had Week of Memories. GTD got their referendum optoutable fee pass. It's going well.

Speaker: Society reports, 2010 year society.

Alex Metcalfe: Thanks for having confidence in electing us last week. A few things going on: Waldo Week 2.0. We're looking to have that March 8-12. We're planning a smoker at The Spot, it has really cheap drinks. We're also looking to BBQ in front of The Core, Wednesday nights after Alfie's gets out. We're painting the crest in March or April. And please donate to class gift www.classof2010.ca

Speaker: 2011 Year Society

Mays Abdel-Aziz: Tomorrow's our first event, Valentine's Day sale. We bought \$111 of stuff from Dollarama. Candies, teddy bears, toys. We'll be in Mac-Corry from 8:30-4:30PM, dressed in red.

Speaker: 2012 Year Society

Ciara Pendrith: My apologies, we didn't submit a report. We're doing an event at The Spot, first weekend back from reading week. Just need confirmation from our social convenor.

Speaker: 2013 Year Society.

Rico Garcia: Hi everyone. We've been quite busy for our Valentine's Day formal. We sold out the tickets for early bird, 300 tickets. We're hoping to have at least 250 or so more, people will get them at entrance. That's pretty much it.

Speaker: Business of the Senate.

Morgan Murphy: 3 major things: senate was 1 week and a half ago. We had a discussion about the What's Next vision document, and I suggest seriously looking at it. There's great discussion between everyone, talking about positives and what can be improved, where we see it going. The Senate is very open to people's suggestions. The second thing, Faculty Board was this past week. As you know Family Day's Monday, and they're in the process of changing that next year so Reading Week will fall where Family Day is next year. The third thing is about the new switch to a GPA letter grade system. As far as ASUS, this WILL be done. At this point, the Dean of Arts and Science informed profs that if individual profs would like to not give out a GPA and letter grade,



they can submit a percentage which will be automatically changed into a letter grade & GPA. However, the issue is that the software that will do this can't physically put on a percentage next to a GPA next to a letter grade. Right now, they're advocating for GPA and a letter grade. They're willing to reconsider the grading scale (what determines A, A+, etc) as well as descriptors defining what is A, etc. The issue is the degree of compression. The second issue is whether we use 4.0 scale vs a 4.3 scale. Extensive research with other universities has been done, and we're trying to get in line with major Canadian universities and Ivy Leagues. They're leaning towards 4.0, but the concern is grade inflation. If you'd like to contact the committee, SCAP heading this up. I have their email. As well, we thought it might be nice to have the head of SCAP come speak to us at some point. It will be implemented for the grad class of 2012. Something to think about is differences in degrees of compression. Now there is no difference between a 77 and an 80. Again, the major issue is not being able to have a percentage grade appear on your transcript. If you get 76 you're bumped down, if you get 77 you'll be bumped up. The issue is that it becomes so nitpicky with fine grades between 70 and 80. There is more concern about grades in higher ends of scale, for example people with 95-100. There is also concern about differences in general between departments. If you have suggestions or recommendations, please let us know.

Speaker: Business of CESA.

Mike Thaler: We had the Queen's Conference on Education. We also elected a new council for next year, congrats to them. And the Dean of Education retired, and had a wonderful dinner.

Speaker: Business of COMPSA.

Eric Rapos, Proxy: I'm a proxy for Julian. We had the new council election. We're planning our end of the year prof roast. We play a video, profs and students come, and we raise money for the grad class gift. We've also been having discussions about the What's Next document.

Speaker: Business of Academic Reps.

Rory Johnston: This week we met with our respective groups to discuss things for the upcoming DSC assembly. The main things are budget cuts, and the GPA system. We brainstormed great ideas about the budget cuts. We had a discussion on the effects of a GPA system on departments. We're submitting reports.

Speaker: Business of Rector.

Leora Jackson: This is a reminder that Tricolour Nomination packages are available. You can submit them to my mailbox in the AMS office. Also, my replacement is Nick Day, who will hopefully be here at an upcoming Assembly.

Speaker: Business of the AMS.

Fabienne Speiss: Guest speaker from center of something and learning. Supports and enhances student learning through conferences and workshops. Commissions went through year review and their accomplishments throughout year.



Speaker: That brings us to the end of society reports. Statements by members.

Rachel Kobric: I want to remind you to come to Our Town. Come on out and see it.

Andrew Lockhart: I want to congratulate Doug, Robyn, Rory, and Kevin for running an extremely professional election. I thought this was very strong group of teams.

Kevin Weiner: I have a similar sentiment. Huge congrats to Doug and Robyn for getting elected, I'm looking forward to it. They'll do an awesome job.

Speaker: Any other statements by members? Any other statements from members? Question Period.

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, Member at Large: First I feel bad for not saying congrats to Doug and Robyn! My question is to Michael Ghazal. Who are the key notes for QCLC?

Michael Ghazal: One is Ben Barry. Also George Roter from Engineers without Borders. We also have Sabrina Jalees from MuchMusic Video on Trial. We also have other ones, and we're hoping to have the president from Sick Kids hospital. Those are the big three. And Mark Hatfield as well, NFL football player.

Rebecca Cynader: The Saturday night keynote is Ben Barry, he runs a modeling agency. The Friday night speaker is Sabrina Jalees. We secured George Roter, who went to Queen's. We're working on contacting Queen's Engineers without Borders to see if we can work with them. We have 3 workshop speakers, one is Mark Hatfield. Another is Dr. Mike Feldman who is also a medical specialist, and David McConomy. Also, Norm Kelly.

Michael Ghazal: Question for the Senate. From my understanding, 77-79 is one percent, and between 80 and 84.9... one of the big problems is the 85 to 100.

Kevin Weiner: Follow up. At faculty board, not a linear GPA system was talked about. I guess the decision is that the nature of marking is a bellcurve with most students within 60-80 range. There is a decision to have more regularity in that range and less regularity in extremes.

Andrew Lockhart: QCLC question, how are ticket sales this year?

Rebecca Cynader: I wasn't at table today. Yesterday we sold about 16 or 17 which is better than at this point last year. Right now we're just at early bird ticket sales. Today and tomorrow are the last days to get tickets for \$25. We're trying to keep it cheap this year.

Micahel Ghazal: We're hoping to get 150-180 people. That will be a huge step up from 40 last time. A good suggestion is selling at Destinations. Also we're selling online thanks to Robyn.

Robyn Laing: I want to say QCLC.tk has a full biography of everyone.



Kevin Weiner: I want to congratulate the 3 senator elects and 6 AMS elects. My question is to ASUS council. One of the best accomplishments of council was the great Core renovation montage. I was wondering if we're having a Mt Tremblant montage from council?

Josh Michaelson: As for a montage, I'm not sure if pictures will be okay to share.

Calum Mew: The appropriate ones are online.

Speaker: Any other questions? Any other questions? Any other questions? Seeing none, move into new business. Move into first motion. Motion Three: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY CHOOSE A STUDENT TO SIT ON THE TRI-COLOUR AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE"

Doug Johnson: Sorry Leora, I stole this from you. Tricolour is happening and we need an ArtSci student to sit on the election committee.

Andrew Lockhart: What is the time commitment and date?

Leora Jackson: The time commitment is Sunday March 7, probably all day. It depends on the number of nominees. Last time it went from 9 AM to 7 at night. We had bagels for breakfast, and Pan Chanco for lunch. Good day. Also, there is one rep from every school and faculty. It's a really cool experience to have all the faculties in a room together. That doesn't happen any other time here.

Speaker: Open up the floor for nominations.

Rachel Kobric: I nominate Andrew Lockhart.

Alex Metcalfe: Second.

Andrew Lockhart: I accept.

Mike Thaler: I nominate Eric Rapos.

Nicholas Fulford: Second

Eric Rapos, Proxy: I accept.

Speaker: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Seeing as we have no more nominations, Rapos and Lockhart to the front. Each of you has one minute to open, tell us about yourself.

Andrew Lockhart: A little bit about me, I'm the senator elect now. Thanks for your support. I wanted to be nominated because it's the highest honour any student can get here and a very important decision. I want to be a part of it.



Eric Rapos, Proxy: I'm president of COMPSA. I want to sit on the committee because I've heard from our reps that it's been a great experience to get to know nominees and in my final year that's something I want to experience.

Kevin Weiner: A lot of people nominated are probably well known within the group of people very involved. Chances are you'll personally know them, how can you separate personal connections?

Eric Rapos, Proxy: Coming from a small faculty society, we run into this all the time. I know all 180 students, and it's been a custom for me to separate the personal from the professional. It's an easy thing to do, just common practice.

Andrew Lockhart: I feel it's not too hard to leave things aside at the door. It's incredibly important that this award is not just given away. If I felt I couldn't make a decision because of personal complications, I would ask to step away from the process.

Leora Jackson: What makes an ideal candidate for the Tricolour award?

Andrew Lockhart: A balance between academics, extra-curriculars. Someone who has been involved, taken initiative and tried to make Queen's a better place. You can't just look at the best mark.

Eric Rapos: Basically it's extra-curriculars, commitment, dedication, and devotion to the university as a whole. Somebody that makes an impact on the whole university that can be seen as a positive change for everyone.

Speaker: 30 seconds to close

Eric Rapos: I love doing interviews. It gives me a great chance to know more about people. Sure, doing things that are well known are important but lesser known things are important on apps as well and interviews help bring this out.

Andrew Lockhart: This is an incredibly important honour and to have a part in changing someone's life with this is so important, and I would like that opportunity.

Speaker: Move into voting. All those in favour of Andrew Lockhart? 7. All in favour of Eric Rapos? 11. Please let the nominees in. Thank you both very much. Move into voting on the motion. "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY CHOOSE ERIC RAPOS TO SIT ON THE TRI-COLOUR AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE" All in favour? All opposed? Motion passes unanimously.

Move to Motion Four: "THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY DONATE THE \$500 ALLOCATED TO HAITI TO MEDECINS DU MONDE"

Josh Michaelson: So, after our lengthy debate on where we wanted to donate money to Haiti, I got one email. It was a great email from Jacob Mantle. Best suggestion was Medecins du Monde and it looks like a great option. That's the suggestion we'll go with, as there was no opposition.



Speaker: Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion? Move into voting. Motion 4: “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY DONATE THE \$500 ALLOCATED TO HAITI TO MEDECINS DU MONDE” All those in favour? All opposed? Motion passes.

Move to Motion Six just for now. “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO POLICY SECTION A) 2, REGARDING FREE AND DISCOUNTED FORMAL TICKETS AS SEEN IN APPENDIX DUNCAN”

Lauren Peddle: In Assembly package, the Appendix Duncan, there’s a few things missing in original tickets. Originally tickets were given to head house attendants, which we don’t have, deans and VPs which is continued in new one, house attendants, presidents of the grad society, CESA and PHEKSA, but we added COMPSA. The real additions are that we added Alex, which was suggested by deputy council. We added that deputy commissioners could have half price tickets, for the amount of work they put in means they should get in for less. OCS, we couldn’t find it in policy so I put it in.

Calum Mew: I feel like that’s a lot of free/half-price to be given away. From a Services point of view, I don’t have a deputy but I do have chairs. They work as many hours as deputies do.

Lauren Peddle: These are discretionary tickets... There were 44 tickets, now it’s down to 31. This year Gabby is using one to put in and draw for society chairs so one gets a free ticket, another 2 are given as a year society prize. They are equal now. In terms of your question, if you want to say which directors are equal to a deputy then that’s fine.

Kevin Weiner: Is there a reason all year societies should get tickets?

Alex Metcalfe: Only the graduating year society, president and vice-president.

Kevin Weiner: Friendly amendment – year president, year vice-president.

Speaker: Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion? Any debate on the motion? Move into voting. “THAT ASUS ASSEMBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO POLICY SECTION A) 2, REGARDING FREE AND DISCOUNTED FORMAL TICKETS AS SEEN IN APPENDIX DUNCAN”. All in favour? All opposed? Motion passes.

We’re now going back to Motion 5. “That ASUS ASSEMBLY RECOMMEND THE ADDITION OF THE PERCENTAGE GRADE AS WELL AS THE GPA ON THE QUASR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT”

Jessica Sonnennberg, Member at Large: I work with the Chemistry Department. I’ve had a few people ask me to talk about the GPA system. You’ve heard it so many times, and I want to get you on the same page. They want to add a percentage grade as well as GPA. Instead of a letter grade and final GPA, they’ll switch percentage grade for letter grade. My proposed solution is to send an official letter to the Senate, SCAP, Principal Dean, and Faculty board. Second thing is talk about concerns with GPA system. Just to get you on same page, this is new breakdown assuming we go with 4.0. It works, and will change from percent to letters, and overall percent to GPA. Near the end of summer and in fall, extensive studies were done on people’s graduating records. They put them together in graphs. First is graduating percentages to no decimal places, pretty nice bellcurve. Grad average was 74%. This is what the distribution if we switch to GPA will look like.



Lots of problems – right now the overall average isn't calculated with failed courses. If we switch to a GPA system, any failures count as 0.0 on GPA. This is a drastic change, and has a negative effect on people who fail a course. All high grades, 75, 80 and higher are compacted at top end. This poses a lot of problems. First is scholarships, how will people decide who the best student in a class is? There are 900 students in Chem 112. There is an award to the top student in the class, 30 people get 90 and over, how do you distinguish? Another problem is annual scholarships, maintaining marks each year. Admission to programs, specifically second year. Some courses set a minimum average, and again can set a minimum GPA. The problem is the top 250 students that apply, like in the history department. If people are broken into brackets & it only totals to 230 students and 40 in next bracket, how do you determine who gets the next 20 spots? The other problem is the brackets. Below 85 brackets aren't very big. 3-4 percent. Between 85 and 100 you get the exact same GPA. If I had the option of working my ass off to get 99 when 85 would count, I'd go for 85. One other attribute is that it favours consistency. Students whose marks are more compacted than those with larger standard deviation. People who like to take electives out of comfort range, this won't promote well-rounded students for fear of the course damaging their GPA. Determining GPAs awarded for pass/fail affects Con-Ed. Having 3.0 as pass count toward average, it seems like a problem figuring out what counts as a pass and what as a fail. Statistics has a nice way of determining correlation between 2 data sets, or how closely related percentages are to GPA system. Spearman and Kendall co-efficients, they give you a number from 0-1, 1 being the highest meaning data is identical. You're typically look for .99 or higher. They're actually very close if you look at full spectrum, but GPA 3.5 and higher get into 0.788. We want at least .95 or .99. The last thing is the Dean's Honour List. Right now you need an 80% avg. To get into Dean's honour list with Distinction list, you need to be in the top 3%. average GPA for students in Arts and Science getting on Dean's list – 3.46, 3.42. If you look at numbers in red, however, those are honour role with distinction. The average Arts student has a GPA with 3.82. The average science student has 3.97. There is a wide discrepancy, the average is a GPA of 3.9. You could set base at 3.9, but too many science students and not enough arts students would receive it. The other alternative is setting different standards between Arts and Science. This is unfair to set it that way. My motion is just to have ASUS recommend that percent be placed on the official transcript instead of letter grade

Speaker: Speaker's list.

Alex Metcalfe: Thanks to Jess for coming in and putting so much work into it. I want to touch on the slide with problems with GPA. The main point is that issues will be fixed by adding a percentage grade.

Kevin Weiner: Thanks to Jessica for your presentation. I wish we had this a year ago. Basically these problems are huge problems. I was one of 10 senators who voted against a letter GPA system. The process up to it was "just consulting people", many students/faculty asking for all three, at last minute they said they would do letter-GPA, passed by 20 members of Senate on behalf of all students when students weren't at school. Unfortunately, the decision was largely made. What's iffy about this motion is that at this point it's likely there's no way of reversing decision. There's only a slight possibility it could be reversed. We found out that for people in 2012, 13, 14, those people will have a mixed transcript where some will be a percentage and some will be a letter. Basically they were the courses you took before. For people coming in 2012, class of 2016 will have transcript system. I've been talking with the AMS Academics Affairs Commissioner about any monetary problems in setting up the system. I understand that with the software chosen, no school using GPA system does percentage. A lot of problems on screen won't be as large because departments will be able to maintain internal percentages. Also, it is technically possible to receive percentages from the system. For internal ranking purposes they still have percentages as long as they want to keep them. The problem is with people who apply



to grad schools, they may not know what to do with percentages. My recommendation would be that we not vote on the motion today. We have a senate meeting next week, would recommend member of Senate could come in to tell us if it's possible. If we try to push this anyway if it's not possible, it would look bad for ASUS to push the system into place. If we were able to push the system, the best thing is to find out if we could actually do it and then coordinate between all senators. At this point, I'd advise against recommending we do it.

Morgan Murphy: thanks for this presentation. My question is, have you been in contact with Prof Beach in the Economics dept, and what did he say, or have you talked to anyone on SCARB?

Jessica Sonnenberg: I haven't talked to Beech, but I talked to one of the Deans of Academics. He's trying to come up with a new system for where they'll set new cutoffs. I spoke to a few faculty senators, the ones opposed.

Leora Jackson: 2 questions and some thoughts. I wanted to address the point of who wants 99 when 85 is good enough. I do the best I can as a student, strive to achieve what you're able to achieve and not to compete with anyone else in classroom. I want to encourage people to think of the move from percentage to letter GPA as a paradigm shift, think about a system of achievement where there are more grades you can achieve. Two questions. I'm confused, was there a shift in policy about the honour list? And Kendall and Spearman, is there one particularly useful for situation like this? 0.788, is that appropriate to use?

Jessica Sonnenberg: I'll answer that first. I know the selection of which co-efficients to use was made by the Math and Stats prof who said they were the most appropriate. In terms of the GPA system, Hue Horton is the person trying to determine what grade points replace what percentage cutoffs. He compiled the chart, they have gone with 3.9 across the board for Deans Honour List with Distinction. Nothing has been decided or set in stone. I was under the understanding it will run same way, with 3.9 cutoff.

Andrew Lockhart: I want to touch on a few things. Why strive for 100 when you can get 85? As an arts student, 85 might as well be 100. Coming from a program without a right or wrong answer, 85 is considered exceptional and publishable. With science and arts being different, I'd be interested in seeing the difference in the average between students. Whether we endorse the percentage as well, I can't see it doing any harm. Keeping marks internally with faculties. We would still get percentage on paper, then converted (that's what I would assume). If this is a matter of an extra column, that's something we can do. There needs to be a distinguisher between 88 and 100.

Rebecca Cynader: Point of Information - Profs would stop giving percentage grades on assignments and courses entirely.

Kevin Weiner: Point of Information – It's up to profs to decide marks internally. Basically on a transcript, there would be letter and GPA but that wouldn't stop departments from posting marks in percentages on WebCT.

Rebecca Cynader: Point of Information – in a science course, they are always going to have a percentage grade, in an arts course it's very subjective. The difference between 81 and 82 isn't as clear. There are situations where profs would stop giving percentage grades.



Eric Rapos, Proxy: 85 and 99, 85 and 100.

There's still a difference if letter grades are included, A and A+. They're willing to discuss the upper 15%. It has been approved by senate. They're willing to discuss descriptors, as well as compression in the upperhand. Most of the scale up to 85 is linear, which is where compression is. They've recommended storing grades internally. As far as software goes, the software can hold two. It would be possible to have GPA and percent, and not letter. The decision they came to was letter and GPA because outside of the school, percentages don't mean much at all. 95% of schools in Canada don't use percentages.

Michael Ghazal: I appreciate all this work you did, I wish you had talked to me about this first. I don't think this is the right time to do it. As of now, all the Deans signed on to this system. It will look bad on ASUS if we say that we want to change it and it's not possible, I want to make sure it's possible first. Regardless of if it passes or not, I was in process of making a report to give to Deans with report and findings similar to this. With all of these systems, the schools will have percentage access for scholarships. When the specific percentage grades are needed, they'll be looked at for grad schools, scholarships, professional programs.

Calum Mew: I thought what Leora said was very idealistic, and I wish all students were like that. I don't think all students strive to do their very best. In terms of looking at marks as ABCD, 2012 and 2013 students have already been exposed to percentages so will always be comparing. It will be fine after, but I would have issues now. I'm the class now with only letter grades and not percentage grade. Letter is very ambiguous.

Elamin Abdelmehmoud, Member at Large: A few points. One, that we would look bad if we made noise about this. I don't think we'd look bad. At this stage in time, it's been passed. If it doesn't benefit students, make all the noise we can to represent students. A 4.3 system seems to address many problems that come up, why are we moving away from that? It would address the compression problem, so why are we not jumping into that category?

Jessica Sonnennberg: 4.3 for 90 and higher. Also 3.9 for 85-89, and 4.0 for 90 and higher. If we go to 4.3, we'll be inflating marks a little. 4.0 is already inflating marks. With a 3.9 system we would be disadvantaging Queen's students for grad schools and med schools. No official decision has been made. 4.3 is also very uncommon. If a school looks at marks and see a 4.3 system, it's more uncommon and unknown. 4.0 better off, but doesn't represent marks as well.

Josh Michaelson: A few points. I would like people to remember this system is here to help students. I know change is hard to accept, but this is supposed to be a positive change to make our lives easier for grad schools. We're also missing one half of the argument. Why was letter-GPA chosen? We don't have a solid answer, and to vote on this and not have the question answered before we approve the motion is not a wise decision. With scholarships, most scholarships will be reviewed and restructuring will be done. Done in different system, but something will be put in place. No disappearing scholarships, just restructuring. Last point, the ship has sailed, it's hard to admit but there's very little that can be done.

Leora Mew: I take Calum's point about the transition, but when I was talking about thinking about grades differently you need to think of A as level of success. Against the percentage grade next to GPA, highest level of success would be an A+. People achieving the highest level of success are people getting on Dean's Honour List with Distinction.



Kevin Weiner: A lot of good arguments why we should have made the decision. Ship has largely sailed. To get an understanding of hurdles, we would have to get this through senate. Of 71 members, 13 are Deans. We would need every single student senator, plus the AMS president, plus half of faculty. Normally motions are referred to a committee first, which may not report on it. Alternatively, we would take it to Faculty board who will bring it to Senate. Trying to put out a motion changing a decision that's already been made would have to be delicately done with individual negotiations. Think a about different way of translating percentages into GPAs. The decision hasn't been made yet. DSC Assembly next week, we could have large impact on that. That is political capitol better spent. I move that we table this motion and will talk to Joanne Brady to see if she can come to next Assembly meeting to find out if it's at all possible.

Andrew Lockhart: Second motion to Table.

Speaker: Voting about tabling the motion. All in favour of tabling motion to next assembly? All opposed? Motion has been tabled.

Elamin Abelmahmoud, member at large: Motion to open agenda.

Rachel Kobric: Second.

Elamin Abdelmahmoud, member at large: Change topic of discussion #2 to discussion #1.

Speaker: All in favour? All opposed? Motion passes. All in favour of closing agenda? All opposed? Agenda is closed. Move into discussion period. I would like to invite Ms. Jacobs to present the White Report.

Sarah Jacobs, former Equity Officer: Thanks Dr. Wilcox for sitting through Assembly. Thanks for taking the time to listen. I apologize for how late this was but wanted to make sure I got everything in. I didn't want to dump a load of info without explaining some things. As for the inquest, it was 30-40 students either involved in ASUS, members of assembly, involved in last year's business who had great insights. There's a lot in there, and I tried to cut it down. I invite you all to read through. There are interesting thoughts from students outside of ASUS.

Visibility on campus: This was the downer of my position. I got to hear people whine and complain about how they felt they weren't being listened to by members. It's hard to be part of an institution and be working with the flaws. For visibility on campus, you often think no one realizes who has seats on Council. Everyone knows who's involved, however. When you say things that are less than good, people won't have faith in council. Need to watch what is said. As for office space, I was interested in hearing concerns from campaigners. As for office space, you should reconsider rethinking the office. It made things awkward for meeting with people because had some office hours with Society Affairs Commissioner. Also, walk of shame. If they want to talk to me, they had to walk past everyone in Core. People need to feel comfortable coming to my position in confidence and can speak honestly. Orientation started a relationship with trying to offer advice to last head Gael. My relationship with Kelsey was really good, any concerns we had were addressed right away.

Sustainability, I think that should be removed from the portfolio. It looks bad to people that Equity and Sustainability are complained about together. I firmly believe this position should have a seat on council, not as a watchdog but for teachable moments. It's an opportunity to take conversation and look at what's going on, and interject. This doesn't work when I don't get to sit on council. I wasn't able to put 2 cents in. With



Assembly I've sat here as much as I could.
non-voting, designated who can offer advice.

It would be very valuable to have someone,

For Resource, I don't know how to go about making this position more of a resource to council members without it seeming invasive and I would look forward to any suggestions.

Workshops, didn't happen. Some people suggested they should come to Assembly and have it start early. That could work, but it's kind of difficult to have Positive Space volunteers come in at broken intervals. That makes it seem as though they're impeding on our time. I'm interested in hearing what some goals would be for having workshops, what we want out of them. Positive Space is redoing the way they do things which works well for ASUS. It is a two stage system – last year there were complaints about people who didn't want to participate in the program. You can't put the sticker on The Core if every single person is not certified. The new system is you go to one session, but you don't have to commit. Second stage is committed participation in the program, that's when you get the sticker on door. There's more knowledge, and allows for personal choice in taking part.

Speaker Series: Leora and I started working on one, but it got pushed to the wayside. Many people said that there was no real forum to talk, never any constructive academic stuff to do.

As for equity fund, it didn't get handed out. I did a lot of work trying to find donors over the summer, wanted it to be something that could self-sustain. It would be nice for it to be long-lasting.

Human Resources: I would like this position to move into Human Resources. It now exists within exec, which is problematic. It has a conflict of interest – if there are grievances, it's difficult to do something about it. We should work out something anonymous, which would be really insightful.

Toolkit project – I'm still working on it. I attached a project proposal, and I'm looking for you if you've done work in workshops or training. I'm making a big book of how to run a student leadership position if you've started out with nothing. If you have any things that really made sense for you or that you found the best analogy ever, bring it to me. Otherwise, I talked about Equity Caucus a bunch. I do want to thank everyone. Without this position, I wouldn't have been able to work with so many great people. It's been enlightening for me, hope something good comes out of it.

Speaker: Move into discussion.

Calum Mew: A few comments. I know that the HR Office in the AMS aren't on immediate council, they're support staff. I do think you should have seat on Assembly, but I don't think sitting on council will benefit you in being approachable. I think Equity Officer should be allowed to come to council meetings, present, and then leave. In terms of Orientation week, you had a council t-shirt and were part of that, I think exec did everything they could to get you involved in that. I think the Equity Officer, like any commissioner, shared offices, because that's the layout of the house. Also, I'm wondering with regards to the appendix... you made a project out of this, just wondering what this is?

Sarah Jacobs, former Equity Officer: Practicum course, WMNS 440. I was hired for the position, and did project for it.



Kevin Weiner: I'd like to address a few recommendations. There's nothing to be gained by what did or didn't happen this year, but how we can strengthen and improve position. It's very important for the future of society. I can see from both sides the problems and benefits to having equity officer sit on council. I think having non-voting seat on Assembly would be a strong change and can be put in place. I know Jill has hired or is hiring someone to rewrite policy. An office outside The Core, you have dual concerns – want to be very accessible but also assure that there's a level of accountability and that you are there. One option might be that someone who doesn't want to go through the Core could send an email to the Equity Officer and someone could contact council and let them know someone has expressed concern and they'll be in a meeting. That's something to be balanced out. All in all, I want to thank Sarah for the report. A lot of important stuff. I want us to work hard to rebuild equity in ASUS.

Leora Jackson: I want to address the notion of space. It's important for us to recognize that space is viewed differently by different people. For example, sharing office may be fine for person sharing, but for the person entering building it may be more uncomfortable. I take to heart the point of a lack of space in The Core. It's important to think about how to create spaces people do feel safe visiting

Davina Finn: I think sitting on Assembly needs to happen, but I don't think a seat on council is necessary. I think that having an office in the Core is extremely important with regards to being a resource. A constant presence in the Core enhances the relationship with equity officer and council. I think the equity officer, having five hours a week... it is very doable to schedule them for 5 hours alone. It can be worked out with office mate. I also think the Equity Officer should be confined with a HR position and HR should not be under the president's control any more.

Robyn Laing: I want to say thanks a lot for this report, it's very beneficial. I want to say that Doug and I thought a lot about this, and we want this position to move forward. We think it's very important to have a seat on Assembly. We're hesitant about a position on council. We want it to be seen as a third party. Some people see council as a clique and the Equity Officer needs to be impartial body but still a part of council in that they know what's happening. A way to get around that may be to have officer sit on meetings but not be a part of council. I love the web form idea. Also, I do think with the office, we think it is important to have an office outside of the Core. There should be an area people feel comfortable going to, but also not entirely removed from the Core. A couple hours a week at each office. I still think they should have presence in Core

Davina Finn: I also think that mandatory training for council when hired would be a great way to get council on same page. Also, mandatory chair training at the beginning of year. The Equity Officer can play a larger role.

Speaker: Any more discussion on the topic? Any more discussion on the topic? Any more discussion on the topic? Seeing none, thanks for presenting to us. Move into second discussion topic, about a name change for society affairs commission.

Davina Finn: We've been talking on council for a while about this. The name Society Affairs doesn't explain what it is. We came up with Community Outreach Commissioner. I like it, discuss.

Alex Metcalfe: I think this is great.



Kevin Weiner: I was thinking Community Relations Commission, but this works. There is a problem with acronyms though. If we do do Community Outreach, might want to make it the Commissioner of Community Outreach.

Ciara Pendrith: Emphasize the R and call it CORC.

Robyn Laing: Currently it's the SAC, but we don't call it that. Hopefully no one will notice it's COC.

Eric Rapos: I was on Computing Orientation Committee and that's never come up.

Davina Finn: I think Community Outreach really encompasses what the commission does.

Mays Abdel-Aziz: Great name, but also the Community Outreach Centre. Might overlap.

Ciara Pendrith: For me it makes me think of the AMS if we call it Affairs.

Speaker: Any more discussion on the topic? Any more discussion on the topic? Any more discussion on the topic?

Rachel Kobric: Have we thought of the Kingston Outreach?

Robyn Laing: There's also Outreach Commissioner.

Davina Finn: This has to be done before the applications come out.

Lauren Peddle: That won't happen, you need two constitutional readings to change it

Josh Michaelson: Motion to open the agenda.

Lauren Peddle: Second

Speaker: All in favour? All opposed? Agenda is open.

Josh Michaelson: Motion to add: "That ASUS Assembly change the name of Society Affairs to Community Outreach."

Eric Rapos: Second.

Josh Michaelson: We're making this change because we believe it properly affects the workings of society affairs. It will probably increase the number of volunteers, makes more logical sense and is rational.

Speaker: Move into discussion on motion.

Lauren Peddle: What kind of marketing campaign will we have for this?



Robyn Laing: I feel like anyone that knows about society affairs will know about the change and once we have it up and running we'll be fine.

Eric Rapos: This year COMPSA went through change of names in VPs and went over easily and quickly.

Speaker: Any other discussion on the motion? Motion 7: "That ASUS Assembly change the name of Society Affairs to Community Outreach." All those in favour? 15 All opposed? 1 One abstention. Motion passes.

Brings us to the end of discussion period. Speaker's last word. Motion to adjourn?

Morgan Murphy: Motion to adjourn

Nicholas Fulford: Second

Speaker: All in favour? All opposed? Assembly is adjourned.