

COUNCIL SUMMARY – October 25, 2023

Here are notes from the regular AMS Council meeting of **October 25, 2023**:

Israel-Palestine: Council heard from the two sides in the conflict at a meeting attended by a great many guests. Speakers talked of feeling unsafe on campus. AMS President Esmé Decker thanked those who attended and said the AMS wants all students to feel safe. She added that the AMS Peer Support Service is available to listen, and the whole AMS team is here to mediate and de-escalate.

Robert's Rules and Decorum: Speaker Max Holmes explained the ins and outs of Robert's Rules, the rulebook for Council meetings, and also stressed the need to cultivate unity and goodwill, in accordance with the AMS Mission.

ASAP: VP Administration Ian Caguiat talked of the work being done to review the AMS Sustainability Action Plan.

PC1 and PC2: President Decker said a consultant has been confirmed to work on PC1 and PC2, the policies on respectful community and sexualized violence.

AGM: The President said she is going to meet with past presidents to discuss returning to in-person general meetings, to see if that would bring back more energy.

Textbook Broke: VPAUA Kamil Kanji said the Textbook Broke campaign is underway and that an award for professors using open education resources will be presented at an AMS event in March.

24/7 Nest: VP Admin Caguiat said preparation work is underway so that the Nest can open 24/7 during final exam season.

Lobby Week: Interim VP External Joshua Kim said his team will be following up after meeting 35 MLA's and ministers during Lobby Week.

Nest Closure: Managing Director Justin Lieu announced that the Nest will be closed between December 24 and January 2.

Mediterranean Restaurant: The Managing Director also announced that after further analysis it has been decided not to go forward with an AMS-run Mediterranean food outlet in the old Blue Chip space. Instead a tenant will be sought for the space, preferably one specializing in Mediterranean cuisine.

Bunny Event: Kathleen Simpson, the Senior Manager of Student Services, reported that Peer Support had held a bunny event for wellness.

Next meeting:

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 in the Michael Kingsmill Forum in the Nest at 6 pm.

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Archivist & Clerk of Council