

## COUNCIL SUMMARY – September 13, 2023

Here are notes from the regular AMS Council meeting of **September 13, 2023**:

**Full House:** All 32 voting Councillors and a roomful of guests showed up for another discussion of PC1 and PC2, the policies on respectful community and sexualized violence.

**Compromise reached:** After extensive discussion, Council approved a compromise resolution to establish a working group to produce new versions of PC1 and PC2 by January 2024.

**Committee appointments:** Council refilled its committees for the School Year, appointing the following chairs:

Advocacy Committee: Kamil Kanji

HR Committee: Erin Co

Finance Committee: Abhi Mishra

Operations Committee: Ian Caguiat

Student Life Committee: Karisma Jutla

Governance Committee: Ayesha Irfan

**Running for election:** Councillor Mathew Ho made a dramatic entrance to the Council chambers, running and out of breath, just in time to give his speech to ask to be appointed to the HR Committee, which he was.

**Fraternities agreement:** AMS President Esmé Decker announced an agreement with the Inter-Fraternity Council that will connect them with Safewalk and give them discounts on bookings in the Nest.

**Mental Health Coverage Restored:** VP Academic & University Affairs Kamil Kanji announced that the University has agreed to pay \$500,000 to restore full coverage of mental health counselling sessions. Coverage was going to be dropped to 80% per visit, but will now go back to 100%.

**Fee opt-outs:** VP Finance Abhi Mishra announced that there have been 3,500 opt-outs from opt-outable AMS fees, returning \$70,000 to students' pockets.

**Free barbecue:** Managing Director Justin Lieu announced that this year's Welcome Back Barbecue will be an actual barbecue and free.

**Edibles, Coke, and Dave:** The Archivist entertained Council with tales of Edibles (the old snack bar in the Education building), the Coke deal (the exclusivity agreement with Coca-Cola that lasted from 1995 to 2007), and Dave Tompkins, the Councillor who wore the same outfit every year for thirteen years for the annual Council photo-taking.

**Next meeting:**

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27 in the Michael Kingsmill Forum in the Nest at 6 pm.

Sheldon Goldfarb  
Archivist & Clerk of Council