



AMS Assembly



Thursday, October 21st 2021
6:30 PM

Prepared by: Laura Devenny, Secretary of Internal Affairs



Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of October 21st, 2021.
2. **Motion #2** - Approval of the [minutes](#) of the meeting of September 21st , 2021.
3. Speaker's Business
4. Guest Speakers
 - a. Fall Break Survey- Stuart Pinchin

Executive Reports

- b. President's Report – Zaid Kasim
 - c. Vice President Operations – Tiana Wong
 - d. Vice President University Affairs – Ryan Sieg
5. Board of Director's Report – Chairperson Bani Arora
6. Undergraduate Trustee Report- Jaya Sharma
7. Student Senate Caucus Chair Report – Jeremy Nguyen
8. Statements by Students
9. Question Period
10. Business Arising from the Minutes
11. New Business
 - a. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly approve the AMS' fee increase campaign parameters, as seen in appendix: [Fee Increase](#)
 - b. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly approve the new ratified clubs as seen in appendix: [New Clubs!](#)
 - c. **Motion #4** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *"Do you agree to an increase in the fee (subject to individual opt-out) for Telephone Aid Line Kingston from \$0.75 to \$1.00, an increase of \$0.25 for the next three years? "*
 - d. **Motion #5** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *"Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.25 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support the Kingston Gets Active Ambassadors Club?"*
 - e. **Motion #6** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *"Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support the Queen's Entrepreneurs' Competition?"*
 - f. **Motion #7** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *"Do you agree to the establishment of a \$ 0.15 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support the Queen's Hellenic Student Association?"*



- g. **Motion #8** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee, subject to individual opt-out, to support the Queen’s Institute for Healthcare Improvement?”*
- h. **Motion #9** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.70 fee subject to individual opt out to support the Queen’s Space Engineering Team?”*
- i. **Motion #10** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *“Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.30 fee (subject to individual opt out) to support Step Above Stigma?”*
- j. **Motion #11** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *“Do you agree to an increase in the MUSE Magazine fee subject to individual opt-out from \$0.50 to \$0.65, an increase of \$0.15.”*
- k. **Motion #12** – That AMS Assembly approve the following question on the 2021 Fall Referendum Ballot *“Do you agree to an increase in the Queens’s Legal Aid student fee (mandatory fee) from \$5.50 to \$6.00, an increase of \$0.50?”*

12. Discussion Period

- a. Constitution Reading #1 as seen in appendix: [Constitution](#)
- b. Triennial Review Groups as seen in appendix: [Triennial](#)

13. Adjournment



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12. Moved by: Laura Devenny

Seconded by: Zaid Kasim

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President of the Alma Mater Society

Report to Assembly

Zaid Kasim

October 21st, 2021

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Hello Assembly! I can't believe it's almost the end of October!

Here is a broad overview of what I have been working on lately:

Queen's HOCO and FOCO | Over the past few weeks, I have been involved in conversations with the University, City, Kingston Police, and other community stakeholders, to discuss both HOCO and FOCO. The AMS has always taken the approach of enhanced harm reduction measures and has advocated for the following through these meetings: access to food vendors (both inside the Queen's Centre and outside), access to water stations, access to restrooms, accessible seating areas, enhanced communications surrounding safe drinking, and enhanced communications regarding sexual and gender-based violence.

While much of my input has been well received, there has been numerous forces working against me. Unfortunately, the City of Kingston has chosen the approach of enhanced policing and enforcement measures.

While the AMS is disappointed in the actions of the few students who displayed inappropriate behaviour, violence, misogyny via signage, and disruptive behaviour, the AMS is absolutely appalled at the police presence this last weekend. The AMS is disturbed at the over policing of Queen's students and does not support the methods used by law enforcement. Moving forward, we will be taking action to address this serious issue.

AMS Student Fee Marketing Campaign | Recently, the AMS hired our new Director of Marketing, Peter Brickell. Peter and our Director of Communications, Maddie Zarb, have been engaged in developing advertisements and thorough campaigning in preparation for our student fee increase via referendum. Things are going very smoothly, and I am pleased with the progress! On another note, the AMS launched our "Let's Not Fuck It Up" campaign just in time for HOCO. It got a lot of traction and we're hoping to do extend the campaign over the next 2 weekends for FOCO and Halloweekend.

Policy and Internal Processes | I have been busy at work trying to revamp various internal AMS processes. Namely, I have been engaged in policy reviews, policy writing, driving discussion regarding how policy should be maintained and be made accessible to the student body, addressing gaps in our policy, advancing the AMS Website Redevelopment Project, aiding the VP Operations with club audits, working with the AMS Executive and Faculty Societies to sign FacSoc MOU's, and working on enhancing the internal and external communication structures that currently exists (or don't exist) within the AMS. Our Secretariat of Internal Affairs, Laura Devenny, has been quite involved in many of these restructuring discussions and has been doing a fantastic job.

Furthermore, I would like to note that our IT Officer, Matthew Guy, has completely rebuilt the AMS IT systems and we are the strongest we have ever been in that regard. Various projects including Faculty Society tenant migrations (For ASUS and EngSoc), IT helpdesk development, cloud computing integration, hardware fleet replacement and ordering, enhanced security



implementation, PoS (Point of Sale) program acquisition/implementation, and IT procedure and processes, have been in the works for years now, and have now all been implemented within the last few months. Go IT!

Next, I would like to note that I have been working alongside the HR Officer, Ian Trew, to revamp the HR department within the AMS to ensure we are offering our staff and volunteers the greatest level of support, training, and resources possible. With the acquisition of HR Downloads, a comprehensive HR platform that facilitates various HR functions, we have finally standardized countless procedures and follow employer standards set by provincial legislature. HR has been a challenging beast to tackle for the AMS and we are finally on route to something effective and consistent. Additionally, the AMS will be hiring 2 new student positions to help the HR department grow further. Many exciting things going on!

Mental Health and Wellness | In September, the AMS launched our new program Dialogue, facilitated by the AMS Health and Dental Plan. It is still too early to have accurate statistics, but I should have those numbers available in December. Otherwise, the AMS has been continuing advocacy surrounding mental health supports for students and recently completed a campaign for World Mental Health Day.

Student Representation | As a brief update, I met with the Board of Trustees and was shut down quite quickly regarding enhanced student representation on the Board. Please know that I am not disheartened and plan to persist in this demand.

Rector Update | Our sole Rector candidate stepped down before voting could be completed. Moving forward, the AMS will be engaged in conversations surrounding the Rector (if/when we will have another election, if the AMS will facilitate this election, if a Rector will be necessary moving forward). I will keep Assembly and the student body informed of what comes about from these discussions.

That's all from me folks!

Kind Regards,

Zaid Kasim

152nd President of the Alma Mater Society



Vice President Operations

Report to Assembly

Tiana Wong

October 21st, 2021

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Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope you are doing well and enjoyed your reading week. Yet again, it has all of a sudden dropped 10 degrees and all the leaves have changed colour. I won't be surprised if we see some snow soon. Below are some of my relevant updates.

Some of the Services just finished their third round of staff hiring before the reading week and have begun training these new hires. The reason for this hiring period is that the demand for many of our services has been higher than we expected. We did not want to over-hire and have students left with few or no shifts due to COVID-19. However, I am pleased that we in fact had the opposite problem. With in-person event sanctioning reopening, the demand for StuCons will no doubt increase and we were already low on staff. Common Ground has been consistently busy and therefore, they also hired more staff. The same goes for Walkhome and the P&CC. I am very happy to see all of the student jobs we have been able to provide through the Services this year!

The following are a couple of the most relevant Service-specific updates: As days get shorter and it gets darker earlier, you will soon see a shift in Walkhome's hours to open at 7pm instead of 8pm. As I mentioned last Assembly, the Peer Support Centre had a successful in-person reopening. To add to that, BIPOC Talk (previously PSC x CARED) has also reopened. Common Ground has just launched their new Fall Menu, which includes some old favorites and some new delicious items (like pie!). The P&CC has launched their Eco Paper initiative, a new sustainable way to print than traditional printer paper. The Food Bank has now returned to pre-COVID operations, meaning students can now go up to the Food Bank and choose which groceries to take with them rather than the curbside pickup model with the order-ahead function.

I am also excited to mention that next month is Charity Month. I've mentioned this before as an initiative that I am bringing back. We will be kicking off the month with a presentation from a Kingston Youth Shelter Family Worker. Keep your eye out throughout the month of November for various promotions and events to help support the Kingston Youth Shelter!

As always, please reach out with any questions.

Best,

Tiana Wong

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Hello everyone!

I hope you have been enjoying October so far and surviving midterm season. Here are my updates for the past little bit.

OUSA General Assembly

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance will be having its fall general assembly in the last weekend of October. Jacob Marinelli, commissioner of external affairs, and Aaryan Chaudhury, government affairs manager, are authors of one of the policy papers and have been hard at work. The AMS will be sending a delegation to propose amendments to the policy papers that best represent the interests of our student body. This is an exciting and meaningful avenue for advocating to the provincial government.

QT TALK initiative and hiring

We will soon be starting an exciting new initiative that is a support for members of the LGBTQ2s+ community. This initiative will run in a very similar fashion to BIPOC TALK (formerly called PSCxCARED). People will be able to utilize the peer support center and be guaranteed access to someone from the LGBTQ2s+ community as the volunteer. Samara Lijam (Social Issues Commissioner) and Chris Yuen (PSC Head Manager) put a lot of work into this project to help make it a reality. Keep an eye out for hiring – we will be filling a QT Wellness Assistant Manager position as well as volunteers.

Sustainability Month

Jessie Wile, Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability, has been doing a fantastic job running our sustainability month. It is coming to an end, but I would encourage you all to check out any of the last events while you have the opportunity.

Event Sanctioning

We are now accepting applications for in-person events. We disseminated a memo to all faculty society presidents and the clubs mailing list. This memo explains our procedures and points you in the direction of important documents. Information on event sanctioning can be found at the link below – this contains the form that must be submitted and a guide to help fill out the form.

<https://myams.org/home/clubs/clubs-event-planning/>

That is all from me folks,

Hope you enjoy the rest of the month.

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Campus Affairs Commission

Report to Assembly

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October 21st, 2021

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Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope that everyone had a restful Reading Break and is rejuvenated for the upcoming weeks. CAC has been very busy this month in all aspects of Orientation, event sanctioning, and international affairs.

Orientation | Orientation Week's last events wrapped up September 19th. Overall, in-person Orientation went incredibly smoothly. Huge shoutout to the ORT team and all Faculty Society Orientation Heads and their fantastic teams for organizing such safe, positive, and lively events. It was amazing to see that Orientation spirit back on-campus, in full-swing. As Orientation wraps up, CAC is preparing to hire the new Orientation Roundtable Team. We are in the process of making revisions to the positions and hope to begin the interview process very soon.

Event Sanctioning | It has also been a very eventful month in the world of in-person campus activities. If you have not seen the messaging that was sent out on October 7th from my Commission, we have opened up in-person event sanctioning. This means that Faculty Society, clubs, and other ratified student groups can begin planning and submitting in-person events for approval. The AMS executives and their team have advocated for the return of in-person events for its members and worked tirelessly with the University administration to get to this point. We have provided several resources for event planning in a detailed guide designed to walk event organizers through the in-person form. We will be working with all groups individually to ensure all their in-person events meet all the COVID-19 protocols on and off campus.

International Affairs | On October 6th, we opened the AMS International Student Bursary. This bursary will be open until November 7th. It is available on the AMS Website. Additionally, we have put out applications for an International Student Council in the AMS. These applications will be open until October 25th. If you have the opportunity to, please share these incredible new initiatives with your international student community. We are aiming to bridge the gap and create more leadership opportunities for international students to use their voices. In the upcoming weeks, we will also be putting our Mentorship applications exclusive to international students. Please keep an eye out. Over the past few weeks, I have also had the opportunity to join a few University working groups surrounding international student success. It has been advantageous to hear about goals the University in addressing many of the barriers these students face and finding ways to collaborate with different departments across campus. If you



ever have further initiatives or advocacy points for international students, please do reach out to me.

That's all from me this time around. I am really looking forward to what this month will bring as we launch new initiatives and start to see in-person events livening up campus once again! At all times, my inbox is always open for any inquiry, new idea, or a quick chat.

Most Kindly,

Anika (she/her)
Commissioner of Campus Affairs



Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

Samara Lijiam

October 21st 2021

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Hey everyone!

It has been a very busy start to the year for everyone in the SIC! Here are some of the things we have been working on:

- We passed the creation of an International Student position for University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity to ensure international student representation. We have also initiated discussions about all students on UCARE getting compensated for their time.
- In the time before/ around Hoco, we have been doing social media awareness surrounding the myths of sexual violence (with the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Services) and your rights when dealing with the police. We hope these will help students navigate hoco in a safer way.
- We are looking to advocate against the heavy police presence and aggression at hoco, and are working on a petition calling on the city to give the \$350,000 donation to harm reduction measures instead of the police.
- Equity Grants are open and will be closing October 22nd at 11.59PM.
- A Walkout was planned that saw over 1,200. It was great to see so many people come out to show solidarity with students at Western and demonstrate how much this issue means to Queen's students!
- PSC x CARED has reopened and rebranded as BIPOC Talk! We are excited for this new name and branch change, and hope it make this service more clear and accessible for students. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-4PM in the JDUC.
- A new position with the Peer Support Centre has been approved! This assistant manager position will focus on wellness and support for Queer and Trans students. We hope to mirror the success of BIPOC Talk and create more support on campus for Queer and Trans students.
- We had our first equity 'caucus meeting in September!
 - All equity clubs are invited to this monthly meeting, if you would like to be involved email me!
- We have also created the equity advisory board for faculty society equity representatives to meet monthly to discuss and collaborate on the advocacy work we do. We had our first meeting, and I look forward to working with everyone throughout the year!
- The AMS Director of Communications Maddie Zarb and I have finished internal consultations for this years EDII Commitments! These commitments and goals will address specific areas in which the AMS can make our organization and the university a more inclusive and accessible place.



Accessibility Queen's, the Committee Against Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and the Education on Queer Issues Project have all completed their budgets and goals plans with the Equity Affairs Manager Jenna Huys, and have started running their programing for the year!

As always, please reach out anytime if you ever want to chat:)

Best,

Samara (she/her)



Clubs Commission

Report to Assembly

Brian Seo

October 21st, 2021

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Good evening Assembly,

Hope everyone has been staying warm with the quickly changing weather! Wrapping up September and October has been an absolute battle, and the reading week was greatly needed 😊

The September Clubs Caucus a great success, with 120+ clubs in attendance for a lovely 3 hour Wednesday presentation on the AMS, event sanctioning and many more! Great to (virtually) see everyone there and to put some faces to the names!

An ongoing battle on the government side prior to reading week has been trying to get club activities back in person via allowing for accelerated space access for clubs and event sanctioning up and running. A **huge** shoutout to the amazing Ryan, Anika and Jane from the SLC for getting said procedures up and running, and another shoutout to the Clubs Commission for rising up and beyond the call of duty!

Space wise, we have finalized the months long move out process and at the time of writing, clubs are able to access their assigned spaces in a limited capacity. We're hoping with easing restrictions we'll be able to allow clubs to start booking larger meeting rooms for single bookings the upcoming weeks!

September also saw the closing of Fall Ratification. I am ecstatic to announce that the AMS Clubs Community has increased to be 335 clubs strong, with new and old clubs ranging from the Queen's Rocket Engineering Team to the Shields Initiative. I encourage all of you to take a peek at the Appendix for the list of new clubs and get involved!

As we settle into the rest of the semester, things the Clubs Commission will be working on include grant disbursements through the Fall Experiences Grant, new Clubs Grant & Caucus, and many more 😊

That's it for me, stay immaculate everyone!

All the best,

Brian Seo (he/him)

Commissioner of Clubs 2021-2022



Office of the AMS Secretariat

Report to Assembly

Laura Devenny

October 21st, 2021

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Members of assembly,

With October in full swing, it is hard to believe we are halfway through our terms! October is a busy month for Referenda, policy and planning! Thanks again all for submitting reports and attending Assembly, it is integral to our function as a society to keep our members informed and updated on what is happening.

Assembly | Welcome to our new members from EngSoc and ComSoc! We are happy to see our Assembly elect more members to serve students. Whether you're new or have been on Assembly for a while, I encourage you to read the How to Assemble 2021-22 guide, Assembly Policy and past archives to get a feel for what it is all about. I am still welcoming more guest speakers, so please let me know if you have anyone in mind!

Elections | Hard to believe, but we are in our planning season for the AMS Executive elections, which will take place in January 2022 with voting in early February. Erica, our CEO is working alongside our elections deputies in our working group, and I will soon have our Elections Policy review committee running shortly through Assembly.

Rector Election | Unfortunately, the Rector election scheduled to take place on the 1st and 2nd (October) had to be postponed indefinitely as we did not have a candidate. Currently, we are discussing with the University Senate as the best way to go, but for the meantime, the position will remain vacant. There will be an announcement made once an election timeline is finalized.

Judicial Affairs | As my office oversees the Judicial Affairs Office (JAO) and Judicial Committee (JCOMM), we are going into our busy season with case management and oversight. Our members have received training from the University Secretariat's NAM Intake Office, and are ready to see some of the Level 1 cases. How it works, is the NAMIO will receive cases, and delegate certain ones to the JAO. Then, the JAO member will gather statements and other information, before it goes to the JCOMM to address possible educational and restorative sanctions.

Policy | Zaid, myself, as well as our Information Officer Wayne Pender have been working to identify different policy review gaps at the AMS, and outline what policies we have that are available to students. This time around, we are updating the constitution with minor housekeeping updates, and as it has to go through two readings, it will (hopefully!) be passed at November Assembly.



Hope to see you soon!

Yours in governance,
Laura Devenny (she/her)



Commission of Environmental Sustainability

Report to Assembly

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October 21st, 2021

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Hello all!

I hope you all had a restful reading week! The CES has been very busy this month with Sustainability Month. So far, we have had a lot of exciting speakers and external events, which will continue next week for the theme of Waste Management. We are very thankful to everyone who has participated so far, and we are excited to see how the month finishes up with more exciting initiatives. Make sure to keep an eye out for our Dumpster Painting Contest on campus, where three student artists will be creating paintings related to the theme of “Consumer Culture” on the sides of designated dumpsters!

Apart from this, the Sustainable Action Fund committee has finished their deliberation for fall applications. As always, the money will be allocated to very passionate and innovative students, and will help to make Queen’s a more sustainable campus for all. The application period for the winter semester will begin on January 14th at 12:00pm EST, so keep an eye on the CES Instagram account (@cesqueensu) if you want to receive funding for your sustainable initiative!

Have a great rest of the month everyone!

Warmly,
Jessie



Chair of the Board of Directors

Report to Assembly

Bani Arora

October 21st 2021

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Dear Members of Assembly,

Since we last met, the Board conducted our September Board meeting. This meeting was mainly focused on an HRO restructure motion and the approval of a revised HDV Policy.

The Board will host two meetings during the fiscal year with the Members of the Corporation, i.e., AMS Assembly. We have confirmed the date of the Fall meeting to be Friday, November 19th, 2021, from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM. At this meeting, we will provide a comprehensive update on Board business and ask you to act on the annual report, audited financial statements, by-law changes, and the election of new Directors. All materials will provide a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

The ratification of one 1-year term student director and one 2-year term student director for the Board will also be on the agenda for the November Corporate Special General Meeting. The application deadline for these positions is October 25th, 2021.

As always, I am available over email and happy to schedule time to speak with you any of you should you wish.

Thanks,

Bani



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October 21st 2021
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Dear members of assembly,

With the conclusion of September, my first quarterly Board retreat is finished. This was a great opportunity for me to learn about important policy decisions being made and to ask questions related to student concerns. There are many exciting things occurring at the administrative level and I am looking forward to continuing my work at the Board. I have a few ideas for initiatives based on these meetings, which I hope to address with our new Rector once elections conclude.

Hope everyone has a good upcoming reading week!

Sincerely,
Jaya



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Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

Christina Bisol

October 21st 2021

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Hello Assembly!

I hope everyone had a great break and are ready for the second half of the semester!

Corporate Initiatives

Congratulations to Alex Pysklywec on becoming our Orientation Chair for O-week '22! She has been transitioning well and has already begun hiring an amazing team! Our Sci-Formal Convenor has also been doing an amazing job in planning for Science Formal CXIX. She has finished hiring all her managers and we will be hiring her lower in the upcoming weeks.

Reopening

Clark Hall Pub has successfully ran two Patio Rituals and will continue this week after taking a break over the Reading week. The Tea Room remains open so go say hi and grab a cup of tea or a yummy treat between classes. Our iCons have expanded their hours in the ILC and will start operations in Mitchell 202 next week! Science Quest Head Manager position is still open for those looking for summer employment.

First Years

Our wonderful first years have been buckling down for their midterms, but were also able to get them fitted for their leather jackets on the first weekend of October, with thousands of dollars distributed for bursaries. They have elected a year executive and selected a year crest for their jacket.

Miscellaneous

The Engineering Society has approved our Operation Budget and EDII Action Plan for the 2021 to 2022 Academic year, which will be shared on our website. Should you have any questions, concerns, feedback, or ideas you'd like to bring forward, please email me at president@engsoc.queensu.ca. We also ratified two clubs at our previous councils!

All the best,
Christina



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October 21st 2021
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Dear Members of the AMS Assembly,

I hope you have all been staying well this past month!

ResSoc has been working through quite a few administrative and programming items for October - significant updates have been provided below:

Harm-Reduction Programming

We have been working closely with ResLife & Services to organize harm-reduction programming for Homecoming and Halloween weekends. One such event is the Virtual Escape Room program that is currently being planned for Halloween weekend. Students will have the opportunity to sign up with a group of friends to complete a game through Conundrum Escape Rooms and potentially win prizes. We hope that we can ensure student safety and well-being through similar harm-reduction events for the upcoming weekends.

First-Year Experience

We have also noticed that the current class of 2025 has expressed interest in meeting with others and getting to know their peers. When impacted by CoVID protocols on campus, many students have chosen to attend off-campus activities, ultimately compromising their health, wellness, and safety. Therefore, we are currently working to execute programming within residences and on-campus that (1) provide students with the opportunity to socialize among their peers and meet others while (2) ensuring their personal safety and the safety of the residence community.

Bursaries and Grants

We will be releasing our Student Initiative Grant and First-Year Experience Fund applications by the end of this month, so keep an eye out for our updated website for more information!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at president@ressoc.queensu.ca should you have any questions, feedback, and comments about the Residence Society's operations and programming.

Respectfully submitted,

Roshael Chellappah



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October 21st 2021
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Dear Assembly,

I hope reading week was restful and fun! I cannot believe that we are already half-way through this first semester! The past two months have brought about a lot of change and excitement. It is with great pride that I update all of you on ASUS. I want to preface this report with saying none of this would be possible without the incredible work and dedication of council, our volunteers and every ArtSci student. This is just a brief snapshot of the work that has been happening at ASUS over the past month.

Orientation

While orientation is formerly and officially rapped up, we are also right in the midst of planning for next year. This upcoming week, we will be interviewing for new Head Gael. By the end of the month, we will also officially have our new chairs on board as well. We are so excited to officially be welcoming on and supporting a new team for Orientation 2026.

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response

In light of the events that have occurred at Western and the toxic culture that has been engrained within the Queen's campus, ASUS has been prioritizing SVPR and making the existing resources accessible to students. This past month, I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Equity Commissioner Yara Hussein on consulting with different stakeholders to ensure we have the most accurate information needed. We met with the creators of the Haven Application to explore the potential of a collaboration. In the upcoming months, we will be collaborating on promoting this App at the Queen's campus, as has been done at UofT and Western this past Fall. Additionally, we have also met with the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston and Barbara Lotan's office to discuss what the existing process for SVPR looks like and how to make it more transparent to students. We look forward to launching a comprehensive campaign that includes educational significance, increased trainings and more transparency for students.

Wellness

Wellness has been hard at work supporting students within a remote capacity. With the beginning of the year bringing a challenging transition, Wellness Director Emily Ross has worked with Community Outreach to create a Wellness Guide to better support Arts and Science Students and volunteers alike. This guide will be launching publicly shortly. Additionally, Emily



has been collaborating with different campus groups and exploring the potential advocacy in the realm of appeals, trainings and Universal Design in curriculum for future projects. This upcoming month will showcase a fall burnout workshop, to help students navigate this transition.

Professional Development

Professional Development has been busy working on asynchronous and synchronous content. They have been avidly preparing for Life After ArtSci, set to take place this November. The event will showcase a variety of alumni following the theme “Adapting with ArtSci”. Tickets will be launching this month. Additionally, they have also been growing their social media presence and creating one-pagers surrounding debunking myths in the workplace and different technical skills. The upcoming month will feature workshops and opportunities to hear from former alumni as well.

Reflection Room and Indigenization

With the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation already underway, ASUS has ensured it prioritizes indigenization throughout the remainder of our term. This past month, we have worked with the Queen’s Native Student Association to establish a model for implementing our first ever liaison. We have attended their first meeting of the year to get started on introductions and look forward to working with them further. In addition to this, we have also been working to get indigenous art featured in the ASUS reflection room. We will be partnering with Queen’s and QJIS alumni, Portia Chapman to commission a piece for the reflection room this month. We look forward to launching this initiative and showcasing her work in the near future.

ACEP and City Engagement

We have also hired our first ever group of volunteers for the new ASUS City Engagement Program. These nine students will begin collaborating with the city of Kingston in the upcoming months on larger initiatives and projects. Furthermore, we have continued working with the city of Kingston on a variety of projects to showcase all the fun it has to offer. We have continued using Tiktok to showcase local attractions through the ASUS Kingston Hidden Gems platform. We cannot wait for all the fun initiatives that are to come.

Services

ASUS has been working hard to provide services to students during the transitional period. We have been running our Good Times Diner service, including a Thanksgiving special opportunity. We have also been working to facilitate our round of jacket sales for the year. This has included the launch of jackets sighting page as well and the collaboration with Common Ground on a sticker campaign. Additionally, fostering connections has been a top priority. ASUS Mentorship has been working hard to do so through virtual family nights. They have paired more than 100 duos this fall.



Academic Advocacy

We recognize that the remote year has been challenging. For this reason, we want to ensure students feel that their voice is being heard. We will be continuing the thought exchange that began last year with Wendy Craig this upcoming month. We will be surveying students on how they have found the return to campus and how different resources can better support this transition. Additionally, we will be working with the DSCs and faculty to gain insight into how students have found the fall reading break. This will help shape the decisions made for future years.

Marketing and Outreach

One of our central priorities was to increase transparency for the year. After hearing about the lack of transparency from council at the last assembly, we wanted to ensure we were best supporting students. We have launched a monthly ASUS Recap to help in this process. Through short videos, each office and council will have the opportunity to update the student body on their projects and what they have been working on. Additionally, marketing is excited to launch a larger project in the upcoming month for the 131st birthday of ASUS. By combining all of council's portfolios, we hope to create engaging programming that highlights ASUS's past, the ongoing projects and a future of supporting students. Stay tuned for an amazing time and updates!

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We truly value the insight and contributions of assembly. If you ever have questions or ideas, my inbox, my door and my office are always open! Looking forward to the rest of the year!

All the best,

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Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

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Hello Assembly,

Hope everyone had a restful reading break! Here are some updates about what is going on at PHEKSA:

Fall hiring has been completed and we are very excited to have a full team on board! Hiring for PHEKSA subcommittees is currently ongoing.

With this month's theme being homecoming, PHEKSA is setting up a pen pal program between current kinesiology students and alumni to foster connection and maintain the kinesiology community beyond graduation.

With it also being the SKHS's 75th birthday this year, PHEKSA is in the process of creating specialty water bottles that can be bought with a donation. All proceeds will go towards a charity that students will later vote on.

PHEKSA also distributed an anonymous feedback form to hear from Kinesiology students regarding their fall academic semester and improvements that can be made to better their experience. The survey results summary was distributed to the faculty and administration and will be followed up on later in the semester.

Our Equity and Wellness Commissioner has planned trainings to be completed by the council this semester, which will include an introduction to EDII training module.

Our Jr. Athletics Commissioners have been hard at work planning the annual Ski Trip that we are excited to announce is back on! This will take place January 21-23 at Mt. St. Anne. Registration is open until November 1st.

PHEKSA is currently working on upcoming events including an alumni discussion panel to expand student knowledge regarding opportunities available after graduation.

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have at the address provided below.

Kindest Regards,

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Report to Assembly

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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope you all had a relaxing reading break & a happy thanksgiving! Here's what's been happening with CESA this month:

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization

- Equity outreach committee: Our equity affairs commissioner, Ashley has done an excellent job spreading the word about this committee, and we've had great uptake so far! I'm excited to see all her initiatives and ideas come to life.
- Equity grant: We are currently working on policy to create an Equity Grant for equity related initiatives, training, etc. for CESA.
- Bursaries: Our Treasurer and Equity Affairs Commissioner is currently in the midst of issuing bursaries for second year orientation and some events (pending approval) and going through all the bursaries from previous years that have not been sent out yet.

Hiring/New Positions

- Congratulations to all our new positions that were hired, as well as our positions that were elected, including first year representatives, Alumni Outreach Coordinator, Videographer, Council clerks, First year rep to the AMS, First year athletic representative, and Interns to the VPX, VPI, President, Executive Administrator, and Marketing and Design Director.
- **Teach Exec Hiring (Orientation)**
 - We are super sad to say bye to our lovely Teach Exec 2021 Team who planned and executed an excellent orientation this past year. But with the end of one term, there's a start to a new one! We had our teach exec info night on October 7th and it went super well! Applications were due yesterday, and interviews will be all wrapped up on October 30th.

Updates within the Faculty of Ed.

- The Student Services office is attempting to change the language from "teachable" to "teaching subject" -- this change is being implemented on the CESA website.
- Education Student Services has Academic and Career Advisors available during our student's time at Queen's. I know many of us used to go to Vicky Andrews for this, but now they are able to answer any and all of your questions about the **Education side** of your degree (division selection, teaching subjects, etc.)



only. Bookings go through our Advisor [using the online bookings system](#). Student Services is currently offering both in-person and remote appointments.

Other initiatives

Second year Orientation

- We are in the midst of planning our second-year event for November.
- The event form has been submitted and we are very excited for the possibility of this event!

Academics Affairs

- Our Academic Affairs coordinator, Leah, has been on the hunt for upper year tutors for our exam study sessions. They are likely to be late November or early December based on logistics, and they will all take place over zoom.

Merchandise

- Merch sales are complete for the semester and pickups have concluded! Our merchandise coordinator is currently working on getting final inventory numbers and a recap on our sales. We are also thinking about bringing the merch to some in-person events (ie. second-year orientation) to sell the extra that we have.

Events

- One of our Alumni outreach coordinators, Luca, did a fantastic job planning these past 6 months in order to ensure that our homecoming event was a success, despite the hurdles that came with covid-19. He led a “build your own charcuterie board” event, which was followed by a Student Wellness Panel planned by the Faculty of Education
- The community affairs charity pancake breakfast is coming soon! Purchase a pancake package on October 22nd to support Pathways to Education!

Have an awesome week 6 everybody!

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Hello Assembly!

I hope midterm season is treating everyone well! COMPSA has had a very exciting start to the year.

Strategic Plan

At the beginning of the term, each portfolio created a [Strategic Plan](#), filled with their goals and planned initiatives. All the portfolio's plans were revised and compiled into one document, that is continuously being updated. We encourage everyone to read it to learn more about COMPSA, get excited about our events and bookmark the resources.

Elections and Volunteer Hiring

We have finally finished hiring and election season.

We are pleased to welcome Alex Baldassare as 3rd-year representative and Hannah Larsen as 4th-year representative. We are pleased to say that we have a full team of volunteers this year, and we are welcoming in 12 new volunteers this week.

Orientation hiring is happening right now. We are in the process of hiring our High Tech.

Academics

Our Academics team has been hard at work updating their old processes.

We have a new [Academics Grievance form](#) that's open to students taking any CISC class.

Our mentorship program Peer-to-Peer is having our next event next week.

We have a new tutoring service available for CISC classes or any coding languages. If you're looking for another way to make money and you got higher than an A- in any CISC class [sign up to be a tutor](#)! If you want a little extra help in your CISC class, [submit a tutoring request](#).

Equity

Our Equity team is having an exciting month because they're hosting Cooking with COMPSA, our social media campaign that raises money for Loving Spoonful and hEr evolution. Cook something, take a photo, post it on your story and tag @COMPSA and #cookingwithCOMPSA2021 and COMPSA donates \$1 for each post. It ends on October 31st, so please participate for a good cause!!



Don't forget that we host [Equity Circles every month](#), so feel free to drop in and chat about anything in a safe space.

Events

We have lot's of social events happening this month. Our Coffee Talks with Profs starts up again this week on Tuesday. We have a few events and contest happening for Halloween so please check out [our discord](#) to learn more!

Merch

We have re-released all of our old stocks of merchandise. So if you wanted to buy merch but couldn't, now is the time!! Check out our Instagram page for pictures and the link to buy the items!

Professional Development

We had an exciting first workshop learning about GIT at GIT 101. If you're looking for our GIT cheatsheet or recording of the event, [check out this link](#). We have a Rate my Resume event coming up with Ciena, and we encourage everyone to sign up and attend.

If you're looking for some resources, you're in luck! Our Academics, Equity and Professional Development teams have created their own resource lists, perfect for any Computing student!

[Academics resources](#) - Compilation of general Computing academics resources

[Academics Grievance Form](#) - anonymous form for Computing academics concerns

[Equity Feedback Form](#) - anonymous form for Computing equity concerns

[COMPSA Bursary Form](#) - form to apply for a bursary from COMPSA

[COMPSA Equity Resources](#) - Compilation of general equity resources

[COMPSA Event Accommodation Form](#) - To request accommodations for our events

[COMPSA's Featured Opportunities](#) - Compilation of Computing opportunities

[COMPSA's PD Resources](#) - Compilation of professional development resources

Have a spooky rest of October!

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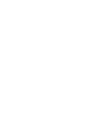
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Hello Members of AMS Assembly,

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Reading Week!

Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) has launched and executed many new programs and initiatives this year! I look forward to our weekly check-ins with all QSAA Directors who are spearheading many new career-based resource programs, relationship-building projects, fundraising projects, and volunteer appreciation programs (to name a few) and reporting on progress at our next Assembly.

Firstly, the QSAA team is extremely excited to announce we have launched our Mentorship Pilot Program! Mentorship pairings are comprised of Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) members and QSAA students. With the assistance of peers and university staff, we have formulated the foundation of the Mentorship Program and look forward to gaining helpful feedback from our pilot participants to improve the program for its full launch in January.

Secondly, we are just a few days away from launching our Tricolour Giving Initiative; a fundraising opportunity that is very important to the longevity of the student-giving mindset and one of the ways we show our support to the various communities within Queen's community. We hope you will consider [making a donation](#) (all descriptions and more information of the funds can be found through the aforementioned link).

We are excited to announce we are a team of 24 students, as Fall hiring concluded at the beginning of October! With the new additions to our team, we will be busy orienting and training students in each of their respected portfolios.

Additionally, we have conducted various alumni interviews with alumni in the fields of pharmaceuticals and health care, EDII and Research, and University Councillors, to name a few. These interviews are used for two career-centred programs; one of which is being launched this year, and another entering phase 2 of its time within the QSAA. You can check out more on our [Instagram](#)



Lastly, we are amid developing our first alumni speaker panel event centred around EDII in the workplace. Emails, marketing content, and speaker intros are to come this week as we promote the event. We hope everyone on Assembly is interested in attending as this is a great event for learning how to foster inclusivity in the workplace and gaining the skills and resources to start today.

Looking forward to reading all your updates. Have a continued safe and successful semester!

Sincerely,

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Appendix

Appendix: New Clubs!

Queen's Conference on the Entertainment Industry (QCEI)
Google Developer Student Club (GDSC)
The Queen's Crochet and Knitting Club (QCKC)
Queen's Album Club
Senior Symphonies
Cardiac Care Club
Multiple Sclerosis Queen's (MS Queen's)
North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN) - Queen's Chapter
Art Conservation Student Society
Queen's Effective Altruism Club
Queen's Actuarial Club (QAC)
Islamic Relief at Queen's University (IRQU)
Bridges Math Help
Armchair Urbanists of Queen's (AUQ)
The Meraki Initiative
Muslim women in nursing and STEM (MWINS)
Yarning for Love
Queen's Undergraduate Journal of Health Sciences
Romanian Culture and Diversity Club (RomCAD)
Queen's Sikh Student Association
Queen's Photography Club (QPC)
Kicks4Change
Quilt
Queen's Game Development Club
Queen's Arab Association of Scientists and Engineers (QAASE)
Crafting for a Cure Charity, Queen's University Chapter
Shields Initiative
Queen's Uno Club (QUC)
Queen's Contract Bridge Club, or QCBC.
Queen's Dutch Blitz League
Queen's Card Club

Queen's Startup Consulting (QSC)

Queen's Blockchain Association



Queen's University Blockchain Technology Club

Queen's Rocket Engineering Team
Scinapse Queen's
Queen's Automotive Society
BetaLab Queen's
Queen's Creative Writing Club
Queen's Happy Soul Project
Queen's Refugee Relief
Queen's Rotaract Club
All The Queens Men
Queen's Pre-Health Shadowing Society

Appendix: Constitution

Policy Document(s):	AMS Constitution
Document track-changes:	https://myams-my.sharepoint.com/personal/secretariat_ams_queensu_ca/Documents/2021-22/PlanReport/Assembly%20Reports/Octobre/A-2%20DRAFT-AssemblyConstitution-2021.docx

Summary of Changes

Constitutional changes take place over two readings. In October, the changes will be discussed, and any revisions will be mentioned. In November, the Constitution changes will be voted on.

The changes to the AMS Constitution are primarily routine and housekeeping to keep up with changes to our organizational structure. The following is a summary of what changes, and sections have been updated, as well as a track-changes version has been provided for easy viewing.

- Re-worded the AMS Mandate to reflect our commitment to EDII initiatives
- Added section 2.1.4 to expand on the re-worded mandate, focusing on resource allocation, prioritization of marginalized students, accountability, learning, equity and safe spaces.
- Removed mentions of the AMS Director of Human Resources
- Added the Health Sciences Society and the DAN School of Drama and Music
- 4.1.5 Addition of an elections complaint template for the AMS website
- Addition of the QSAA President as an Ex-Officio member of Assembly
- Altered the framework of representatives (percentages in 5.1.2), lowering the minimum number of students for a representative
- Added 5.1.6 where Assembly will attempt to have a 500 to 1 ratio of students to representatives.
- 6.01 Clearly defined President's Caucus as Summer Assembly during the Summer term.
- 6.06 addition of new portfolio items in the SIC manager's mandate
- 6.07 addition of new portfolio items in the CAC manager's mandate
- 6.09 addition of Commission of Clubs
- 6.10 addition of Commission of Environmental Sustainability
- 6.11 expanded on the duties of the AMS Secretariat



- 6.14 addition of the AMS Marketing Director (split MarComm)
- 6.15 addition of the AMS Communications Director
- 8.1.8 changed the Quorum requirement from 2% to 1% of students for AGM or SSGM to reflect post-pandemic attendance levels
- 13.02 matched Rector election requirements to Rector Elections Policy (signatures to 1%) and outlined roles of the SGPS and University Secretariat

Appendix: Fee Increase

Policy Document(s):	AMS Fee Increase Campaign
Mover	President Zaid Kasim
Second	VP Operations Tiana Wong

Summary of Motion

The ballot question shall read:

"Do you agree to an increase in the Alma Mater Society Student Fee (non-reviewable, mandatory) from \$62.11 to \$78.00, subject to CPI change?"

AMS Assembly approves a campaign period of October 25th to 31st with November 1st and 2nd to be designated as voting days as defined by the AMS Elections and Referenda Policy Manual. The spending limit for the campaign shall be set at \$800. This will cover printing costs, website hosting fees, video production and advertising costs.

The spending limit shall be set higher than a normal referendum due to the unique nature of the fee, which will go to support a major University capital project. The goal of this referendum is to not only encourage students to vote yes to the fee for a new JDUC but also encourage students to engage meaningfully in the new services and efforts brought with the AMS fee increase.

Appendix: Triennial

Camp Outlook: Do you agree to the continuation of the subject to individual opt-out fee of \$1.00 for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2016 and last went to referendum in 2018.

Friday Friends: Do you agree to the continuation of the Friday Friends at Queen's fee of \$ \$0.40 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2018.



Levana Gender Advocacy Centre: Do you agree to the continuation of the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre fee of \$ 1.00 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2015 and last went to referendum in Winter 2019?

Queen's Project on International Development: Do you agree to the continuation of the subject to individual opt-out fee of \$2.50 for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2015 and last went to referendum in 2018

Queen's Bands: Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Bands fee of \$4.15 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 1986 and last went to referendum in 2019?"

Best Buddies: Do you agree to a decrease in the student fee (subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.50 to \$0.25, a decrease of \$0.25?"

Queen's Healthcare and Business Conference: Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Healthcare and Business Conference fee of \$0.50 (mandatory fee / subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2016 and last went to referendum in 2018?

Queen's University Blood Team: Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's University Blood team fee of \$ 0.25 subject to individual opt-out for the next three years. This fee last went to referendum in 2018

Robogals Queen's: Do you agree to the continuation of the Robogals Queen's fee of \$0.25(subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2016 and last went to referendum in 2019?

Queen's Students for Literacy: Do you agree to the continuation of the Queen's Students for Literacy fee of \$0.75 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 1992 and last went to referendum in 2018?

Sustainable Action Fund: Do you agree to the continuation of the Sustainable Action Fund fee of \$2 (subject to individual opt-out) for the next three years. This fee was originally established in 2009 and last went to referendum in 2019?

