



# AMS Assembly



Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 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 September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
  2. **Motion #2** - Approval of the [minutes](#) of the meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  3. Speaker's Business
  4. Guest Speakers
    - a. [Lavonne Hood, Ombudsperson](#)
- 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
    - a. State of the Assembly – Laura Devenny
  9. Question Period
  10. Business Arising from the Minutes
    - a. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly approve the motions from the month of June, as seen in appendix ["June"](#)
    - b. **Motion #4** – That AMS Assembly approve the motions from the month of July as seen in appendix ["July"](#)
    - c. **Motion #5** – That AMS Assembly approve the motions from the month of August as seen in the appendix ["August"](#)
  11. New Business
    - a. **Motion #6** - That AMS Assembly ratify Hailey Pride, Alex DesLauriers, Zeeshan Asim, Kelly Liang, Kieran Paterson and Caroline Abouchar to the Judicial Committee.
    - b. **Motion #7** - That AMS Assembly ratify Cat Rose as a Judicial Affairs Deputy.
    - c. **Motion #8** - That AMS Assembly ratify Emma-Rose Blair, Lauren Durand and Nate Feldman as Elections Deputies.
    - d. **Motion #9** - That AMS Assembly ratify Maya Morcos to be on the Rector ballot.



- e. **Motion #10** - That AMS Assembly approve the Campus Affairs Commission Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [A-1](#), [A-2](#)
  - f. **Motion #11** - That AMS Assembly approve the External Affairs Commission Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [B-1](#), [B-2](#)
  - g. **Motion #12** - That AMS Assembly approve the Commission of Environmental Sustainability Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [C-1](#), [C-2](#)
  - h. **Motion #13** - That AMS Assembly approve the Clubs Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [D-1](#), [D-2](#)
  - i. **Motion #14** - That AMS Assembly approve the Social Issues Commission Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [E-1](#), [E-2](#)
  - j. **Motion #15** - That AMS Assembly approve the Secretary of Internal Affairs Goal Plan and Budget as seen in linked appendix [F-1](#), [F-2](#)
  - k. **Motion #16** - That AMS Assembly approve the Orientation Roundtable Budget as seen in linked appendix [G-1](#)
  - l. **Motion #17** - That AMS Assembly approve the standing committee allocations as seen in linked appendix [H-1](#)
12. Discussion Period
- a. Policy Papers – Commissioner Marinelli and VPSA Ryan Sieg
13. Adjournment







**Vice President Operations**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope your first few weeks of classes have gone well. I'm excited to see all the new faces at Assembly this month. Below are some updates from my portfolio:

### **Training**

Planning training took up most of August. All services have finished their first round of training for staff and volunteers. Services conducted training at various times but it ran from the last week of August to the mid-September. The AMS has begun using an online platform known as HR Downloads which has helped significantly to streamline training. All AMS-mandated and legislated training is now conducted through this centralized platform.

### **Service Updates**

I am happy to report that all of the Services have returned to operation. Common Ground has returned to its regular hours, 8AM-10PM on weekdays and 10AM-5PM on weekends. The lounge also remains open and it is so amazing to see so many people back enjoying the space for their study and socializing needs. The P&CC remains open for online orders but is now also open for walk in service from 8AM-4PM on weekdays. Tricolour Outlet had a huge opening week and remains open in store from 9AM-5PM on weekdays. Their online store also remains available. The Queen's Student Constables are also back in action and are shifted in residences, the Grad Club, and the Campus Bookstore. Walkhome is also open from 8PM-3AM every night. The Foodbank is still operating on a curb side pickup model, with hopes to return to normal operations soon. The Peer Support Centre remains open virtually through Zoom but has hopes to also open with in person hours beginning on Monday, Sept 27th. StudioQ is also busy as ever. You may have seen them around during in person Orientation events. The Tricolour agenda, designed by StudioQ and printed at the P&CC, has been flying off the shelves. I appreciate all of you who have interacted with the various services this year!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.



Best,

Tiana Wong

AMS Vice President of Operations





**Vice President University Affairs**  
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Hello and welcome to all new assembly members, we are excited to see everyone here.

Here are some of my updates from the past month:

### **Orientation**

At the time of writing, we are preparing for the second weekend of in-person orientation events. The first weekend of events went incredibly well and we are excited for another successful set of events. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in orientation week this year. It has been a long process with a lot of uncertainty that made planning difficult. Please pass along my thanks to all of your orientation planners, as they truly did a phenomenal job. A big shoutout also goes to the Campus Affairs Commissioner Anika and the ORT team.

### **Town-Gown relations**

We have been discussing town-gown relations with the City as well as the University. We have been ensuring that student interests are represented and trying to reduce the partying stigma associated with the student body held by some community members. We are open to suggestions about improving our relationship with Kingston residents, particularly those who live near campus. Please reach out if you have any ideas.

### **Sustainability**

Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability, Jessie Wile, has been hard at work planning sustainability month. This will be taking place in October and will feature several exciting initiatives. Keep your eye out for more details in the coming weeks. Also, the Sustainable Action Fund is currently open and accepting applications. If you know of anyone planning any sustainability initiatives, please alert them to this opportunity.

### **Equity**





Samara Lijiam, our social issues commissioner, has been doing a phenomenal job leading monthly equity trainings for all of our senior management throughout the summer. On top of this, she has been running consultations with various AMS members about our EDII Commitments from last year. We are working on incorporating all input we gather from around the AMS and will be adding it into our EDII commitments for this year. Also, Samara and her team have been hard at work creating educational content surrounding the new Harassment and Discrimination policy. Keep your eyes out for these, as they help explain important information surrounding reporting incidences of harassment or discrimination.

### **Club Events**

Tricolour open house has happened and we will be having clubs caucus on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to learn about club opportunities and the AMS. Please promote these events towards anyone who is looking for ways to get involved.

### **Compass**

Our new holistic student life platform Compass has officially launched. It houses club resources, an event schedule, mental health resources, and academic resources. It is a great resource and I would highly encourage you to use it yourself as well as to share with your teams. You can create an account at this link using a Queen's email:

<https://queensams.checkcompass.ca/login>

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

All the best,

Ryan Sieg



**Commission of External Affairs**  
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Hi everyone!

I hope your first weeks of classes have been off to a great start. I can imagine that all of your first weeks have been extremely busy but I hope you are all taking some time for yourselves among all of the craziness. Within the Commission of External Affairs, we have had quite an eventful and extremely busy last month.

### **Municipal Affairs**

The commission has been extremely busy dealing with external municipal stakeholders surrounding the recent events within the University district. Through working with the Mayor's office as well as University stakeholders to develop plans to inform students on the current UDSI and Bi-Law changes, as well as to encourage safe behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to work with the city and University to ensure students are aware of the evolving changes.

### **OUSA**

The past two weeks has been extremely busy with the continuation of our policy writing process. Following consultations with multiple students as well as collaboration with other institutions, we have developed a plan and direction alongside my Government Affairs Manager Aaryan Chaudhury, for our System Vision + Accountability paper. This process has been tedious developing accurate policy recommendations to best suit our students needs. The Commission will continue this process leading up to the General Assembly in late October. Alongside this, OUSA steering committee has finalized the general advocacy goals for the year in preparation for our lobby week that both myself, and Ryan (Vice-President University Affairs) will be attending.

### **Elections Canada**

The commission has been working closely with Elections Canada to ensure students had a close and accessible location on campus. Following the cancelation of the on campus special voting program, we quickly looked for a solution. Through many discussions with senior administration we were able to quickly come up with a solution to ensure on campus was allowed among the COVID-19 protocols which was extremely exciting.

### **Portfolio Updates**

My Academic Affairs Manager Mia Sunner and my Municipal Affairs Manager Callum Roberston have been working hard on their own respective portfolios. They are currently hiring



volunteers for their respective Academic Grievance and Housing Resource Centres, and look to open their services moving into October. I am extremely proud of all the hard work they have put in thus far, and I am looking forward to all the work they accomplish this year.

That is all from me folks, have a great week and never be shy to stop by the offices to say hi.

Best wishes,

Jacob Marinelli

Commissioner of External Affairs



## Campus Affairs Commission

Report to Assembly

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Hello all,

I hope all of you have been soaking up the last few weeks of summer. The CAC has been fully immersed in preparing for Orientation week, the arrival of international students in the Fall, and event sanctioning for all student-led groups on campus. The AMS will also be holding a second-year social media campaign at the end of September in conjunction with Second Year Stride being put on by the University to highlight AMS services and on-campus resources.

I have been sitting in CRAG meetings the past couple of weeks to help move along in-person event approvals. Your Orientation heads have been doing incredible work to make these events come to life for the first years. So, a huge congratulations to my end for their arduous work. Other than event approvals, I have been working with Alessia, ORT Coordinator, to complete all the larger items for in-person Orientation such as the Major Logistics Meeting, equipment rentals, space bookings, and much more. We are extremely excited about all the plans your teams have put their heart and soul into to come to life in September.

Besides Orientation, I have also been working with CRAG and the Risk & Safety office to update all the AMS event sanctioning in preparation for an online start in the September transitioning into, hopefully, in-person for late Fall. Brian, Clubs Commissioner, and I will be preparing messaging to go out to all student leaders on updates about fall planning amongst other important items to keep on their radar. For the fall, we will be updating the event sanctioning process to have its own step-by-step guide to completing online and in-person forms.

I have also been working closely with QUIC and Vice-Provost International to prepare for international student arrival in September. We want to ensure that students are hearing from all communication channels, receiving correct and consistent information. We understand that all international students are in distinct positions dependent on where across the globe they are returning from. We will be promoting the iCent app for arrival in Canada to hopefully alleviate the challenges of the quarantine process. The CAC will be opening its international student bursary in September for international students to receive financial support from the AMS.

I believe that it will be so incredible to have students back on campus and engaged more than ever in the safest manner possible. I am also looking forward to better supporting our international community and creating an equal space for their voices to be heard. As always, my inbox is always open.



Most kindly,

Anika





## Clubs Commission

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Good evening Assembly,

As crazy as it is to say, welcome back to campus! September has been an extremely busy month for the Clubs Commission even with no Clubs being active on campus.

A quick refresher to those unaware, due to the Co-curricular Restart Activity Group (CRAG)'s ruling on in person activities on campus, no in person activities are to occur other than orientation week for the months of September and October.

September saw the rest of the Clubs Commission start in their respective positions, with Jessica Chu as the Assistant Commissioner of Clubs, Madeline McLean as the Clubs Communications Assistant, and Emma Patton as the Clubs Outreach Deputy. Albeit virtual, their presence in the Commission has been already noted in operations and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things they will do.

September 9<sup>th</sup> saw the annual Fall Tricolour Open House held in conjunction with the Student Experience Office through OnQ and Zoom, which was a great success! We saw 1400+ students take part in the event, along with 160+ AMS, A&R and affiliated on campus affiliates clubs taking part. Overwhelmingly positive feedback has been noted with the exception of a few technology related issues with Zoom, and hopefully we'll be able to do an in person iteration of this event in the winter!

As of right now, we're in the middle of our Fall Ratification and Club Experience Grant application period which will be closing on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. We're expecting it to be a busy month for the Commission as we go through deliberations and interviews.

For things on our roadmap, we have Clubs Newsletters, our virtual Clubs Caucus, and reopening plans for in person activities including space access and event sanctioning!

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**  
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Hello all and welcome to a brand-new Assembly year!

I am so incredibly excited to welcome our September-starting Assembly members. It has been an eventful summer getting to know the members of President's Caucus better, and I am looking forward to all the initiatives all the Societies, Commissioners and Ex-Officio's have planned for this year.

**Assembly** | With Assembly moving online, it becomes more difficult for members of Assembly, as well as students and members-at-large (MaL) to engage in meaningful discussions. It is not only encouraged but required that members of the Assembly submit monthly reports for students to see on our website, in one document. Please show up or send a proxy, read motions, debate and ask questions. Hopefully, we return to seeing each other in person soon! As well, formatting the agenda, I have split the appendix into 'appendix' and 'linked appendices'. The former is for smaller, condensed information and summaries, and the latter is for larger documents of information.

**Elections** | Elections season is in full swing! Join us in welcoming our Rector candidate(s) tonight, and for the debate next week, and our voting days from October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ! After the Rector election finishes, we move into Referenda season, for groups looking to increase their fee, establish a fee, or that are going for Triennial Review. If you are looking to establish a fee, please check out [myams.org/elections](http://myams.org/elections) for the validation package, and submit it before September 27<sup>th</sup>. Congrats as well to our new, full elections team!

**Policy** | After a busy summer of sorting through policy, I am happy to say that we have updated two important policies, in Rector Elections and Assembly. Next is a policy review for Elections and Referenda, procedures policy, and a Constitutional Reading next month. I am hoping to release a plan for a Policy 101 workshop soon, where club leaders, student government executives and groups can learn more about creating relevant, foundational policies for their organization.

**Judicial Affairs** | Congrats to our new Judicial Committee and Deputies! The office is currently undergoing Non-Academic Misconduct and information training. We are planning to come out with a series of information about the program, and what it means to the Queen's Community!

Yours in governance,

Laura Devenny



## Commission of Environmental Sustainability

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Hello everyone!

I hope you're all having a great start to the semester and enjoying your classes so far. Things have been quite busy for the CES, mostly due to Sustainability Month planning. As of now, however, all participants have confirmed their involvement, so we are now just putting the final touches on marketing materials! Stay tuned for September 21<sup>st</sup>, which is when we will be releasing the Sustainability Month calendar and guide on both the CES and AMS Instagram accounts. The themes are Food & Agriculture, Fashion, and Waste Management so be ready for the great initiatives for each!

In addition to Sustainability Month, the Sustainable Action Fund is currently open for applications, and is set to close on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm EST. In our last round, we received tons of amazing applications for sustainable student-run events, so we're very excited to see what this round will bring us!

Also currently open are the applications for Student District Clean-Up Volunteers, a brand new initiative under the CES! Our goal is to have a clean up of the Queen's student district once every month, two hours each. Students will work in pairs to clean up a designated area of this location, with help from myself and my two deputies, Caitlin and Madeline. Get your applications in now if you're interested, as they're due on September 27<sup>th</sup>!

Caitlin and Madeline have also been working on some exciting projects. I have been working closely with Caitlin, our Deputy of Environmental Sustainability, to make edits to our Sustainable Event Certificate, as applications will be sent directly to her email. On the other hand, Madeline, our Deputy of Environmental Justice, has been working with QBACC to make plans for the Room of Requirement in the JDUC to turn into a clothing swap store! They are both adjusting amazingly to the commission, and I couldn't ask for a better team.





## Chair of the Board of Directors

Report to Assembly

Bani Arora

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Dear Members of Assembly,

By way of introduction, my name is Bani Arora, and I am the Chair of the Board of Directors of AMS Inc. for the 2021-22 fiscal year. This is my second year on the Board, and I previously have held the role of Governance Committee Chair. At Queen's, I am a Bachelor of Commerce '23 student. Professionally, I have worked one term (4-months) at one of the Big Four Accounting firms in Toronto in External Audit Services and will be returning at firm for the Summer of 2022.

The Board of Directors fulfills three distinct roles within AMS Inc: strategic guidance, financial accountability, and human resources support. In its strategic guidance role, the Board provides oversight of the annual business planning process, ensuring the organization remains on track to achieve long-term business objectives. The Board fulfills its financial accountability role through the review of all corporate service and office budgets in addition to capital expenditures and an organization-wide budget. Finally, the Board has exclusive jurisdiction over all AMS policy concerning personnel that receive remuneration for the involvement with the AMS.

The Board is comprised of six student Directors, three community Directors, the AMS Executive and the AMS General Manager (non-voting).

The Board meets monthly at large, and at least monthly for Committee meetings. The Board has six committees this year: Personnel, Finance & Risk, Governance, Audit, Investments, and the newly created ad-hoc Committee. The Board also hosts one meeting each semester with the Members of the Corporation, i.e., AMS Assembly. At these meetings, we will provide a comprehensive update on Board business and ask you to act on items such as the annual report, audited financial statements, and the election of new Directors.



More information on the Board of Directors can be found [here](#).

This summer, the Board met monthly to address regular business items, such as approving goal plans, marketing plans, and budgets. With reduced COVID-19 restrictions, the Board believes the AMS is sufficiently positioned to withstand any uncertainty due to changing public health guidelines.

I look forward to meeting with you all monthly at these Assembly meetings. In the event I cannot attend, another member of the Board will attend. Regardless, I am always available over email and happy to schedule time to speak with any of you should you wish.

Thanks,

Bani



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Dear members of assembly,

September is already off to a busy start! This month I have had the chance to participate in various meetings for the Audit and Risk committee, as well as to complete my orientation to the Board of Trustees. Several interesting discussions have come out of these experiences. On my Instagram, a new google form has been released for students to fill out regarding their concerns for the upcoming year- this will help me to understand student perspectives before I attend a series of Board meetings next week, so I urge everyone to fill it out if you can!

As always feel free to contact me at [trustee@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:trustee@ams.queensu.ca) with any questions. Stay tuned for more updates to come following my Board meetings next week.

Sincerely,  
Jaya Sharma



**Student Senate Caucus Chair**  
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## Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Hello Assembly!

It's been a super exciting month and I am excited for this upcoming year in working with you all!

### **Orientation Week**

Engineering had a great orientation week, everything went very smoothly! HUGE shout out to our Orientation Chair, FREC Committee and OTIS in planning and executing a fun and informative online week followed by a safe and fun-filled weekend! We have already started hiring our new Orientation Chair, who will soon start hiring their committee! We will be hiring our Sci '25 AMS shortly, so stay tuned!

### **Reopening**

The Engineering Society is happy to announce that the Tea Room is open for business Mondays to Fridays for take-out from 8am to 5pm, so stop by for some friendly faces, yummy treats, and SOOO many teas. Our iCons are also open in the ILC to provide equipment rentals and additional study space.

### **Miscellaneous**

I am writing this before the event, but the Sunday before Assembly is the Terry Fox Run and our External Relations portfolio "had" a virtual run for the day. Additionally, our first Council of the year is the day before Assembly. We will be shortly electing our first year representatives for EngSoc Council and AMS Assembly.

Behind the scenes work is also wrapping up on planning for the year, including our budget and EDII Action Plan. Both are expected to be presented at our second Council.

All the best,

Christina



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**Arts and Science Society**  
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Dear Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the first weeks of classes! I cannot believe we have officially begun the first month of classes! It has been incredibly uplifting to see such a positive and bright energy on this campus. With the beginning of the year fully underway, ASUS has been operating at full swing and could not be more excited for the year ahead.

### **Council**

It has been a pleasure officially having our ASUS council back in Kingston! This past month, we engaged in the traditional ASUS Pre-week training. Throughout this week we worked on a variety of new training courses and chances to bond as a team. Since their return, we have been collaborating on some larger challenges such as Kingston city-relations, the return to campus and other concerns that are brought our way. It has been wonderful officially beginning our terms with them and I have the utmost confidence in what the year holds.

### **Orientation**

By the time assembly meets, we would have officially completed the two weekends of in-person orientation programming. In these two weekends, first years were able to experience tanning and coverall painting for the first time in two years. This wonderful experience is all thanks to the incredible work of Head Gael Eric Sikich, our amazing chairs and the Orientation Coordinators and Gaels that made this happen. Within the past month they have put on four days of in-person orientation, five days of virtual programming and some phenomenal memories for the class of 2025. It has been inspiring to watch them all work so incredibly hard. While it is sad to say goodbye, we are excited to announce that we will be opening hiring for the next orientation team on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes peeled for applications!

With the class of 2025 completed, we can say we will be diverting our attention to the class of 2024. While restrictions have made it challenging to do these past few months, we are looking forward to exploring ways to engage, celebrate and give the class of 2024 the welcome they deserve.

### **Direct Reports**

All my direct reports have been working incredibly hard in planning for the year ahead. The Wellness Director has currently been meeting with Student Wellness and planning for the collaborations this upcoming year. Additionally, they have been working on a Wellness Survival Guide to streamline



wellness resources for volunteers and Arts and Science students. The Director of Student Affairs Research has been working to launch their first set of surveys of the year which will explore the perception of Queen's identity and the experiences of International students in the community.

Our Equity Director has begun jumping into policy and exploring different projects in holding ASUS more frequently accountable to our goals. Professional Development has been working hard launching the Alumni Mentorship Initiative this past month. In addition to that, they have been working on a one-pager spotlight series on different professional development resources for students to be released via social media. As they collaborate with advancement on virtual homecoming content, they have also been preparing for the virtual Life After ArtSci taking place in November. This team has been working incredibly hard and I look forward to the amazing updates to come.

### **Advocacy**

Academic Advocacy has been a central focus for the past eight months. While we have returned to campus, the importance of this remains. For this reason, we have continued to push for more student voice in the decisions being made. We recognize the challenges and have been communicating heavily with the faculty surrounding challenging courses. Additionally, we have been reaching out to students that have expressed concerns via social media and other platforms to address their concerns and advocate on their behalf. Next week, we will be collaborating with the faculty to host a Q&A with Dr. Buttemer on Health and Safety on campus. Additionally, we will be hosting a UGxDSC event to stimulate conversation between DSCs and the faculty. Throughout the month of September we have also been preparing to launch the Academic Appeal Resource Centre. This resource will support students through the appeals process. We are also hoping to continue gaining student feedback. This month we have been collaborating with Wendy Craig to launch the second round of the thought exchange that was released last year. The aim is to use this information to see if improvements have been made and get a sense of the way students have felt about the return to campus.

One of the growing concerns that have emerged is the growing tensions between the city and Queen's relations. We have been working hard in an attempt to remedy these relationships and bridge a new era for them. In doing so, we have been working on a variety of initiatives alongside the city. One of these includes the official launch of the Second Year Engagement Program with the city. Hiring has officially launched for it. By the end of the month we will have nine interns selected that will work alongside a specific commission/office and work on several projects. Additionally, we have been working with the city to develop a stronger relationship. This past week, I had the pleasure of doing a radio interview with CBC Kingston on the student to Kingston relationship. We hope to continue this outreach and encourage a more positive narrative surrounding students in the community. Finally, we recognize the challenges for returning to campus. We are doing asynchronous programming to support students in getting acquainted with the city. This is shown in our partnership with campus tours and tourism Kingston. We will also be running a housing panel at the end of the month to answer questions on being a tenant in Kingston and adequate supports.





In the realm of equity, we are looking forward to taking part in the who do you serve event being hosted by the SIC and ASUS Equity. We are also collaborating with QNSA in order to work with the new Liaison and in creating programming for the Day of Reflection on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, in light of the occurrences at Western, we have realized the importance of highlighting SVPR as Queen's. Sexual Violence Prevention and Response has become a central priority. We have begun conversations with Barbara Lotan to better understand the processes in place and the central flaws that are experienced. We are hoping to make the procedure more streamlined and transparent.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my report. I am looking forward to engaging with assembly this upcoming year. If you ever have any concerns, my door, inbox and office is always open to your concerns. Looking forward to the amazing year ahead!

All the best,

Alyth Roos

President

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**Commerce Society President**  
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# Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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## Concurrent Education Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope you all have had an awesome start to your semester! Here's what's been happening with CESA this month:

### Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization

- CESA has an updated land acknowledgment on the website that now recognizes our positionality as an Association operating on Indigenous land. It was looked over by the Faculty of Education Indigenous Teacher Education Program's (ITEP's) Elder in Residence. Our next steps are to have the land acknowledgment framed inside the office near the entrance, as well as have a translated version.
- All of the council and extended council has worked on individual land acknowledgments to add on to the bottom of their email signatures that highlight their individual positionality on this land.

### Training

- Our Equity Affairs commissioner planned several trainings to be done this semester, including: Nisitohtamowin: An Introduction to Understanding Indigenous Perspectives in Canada, Positive Space training, Introduction to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Power, Privilege, and Bias, Navigating Difficult Conversations, Conversations on Decolonization, and Call it Out.
- We also conducted a hybrid training this past Sunday which reviewed CESA policy and procedures, and Anti-oppression Training.

### Hiring

- Fall hiring is underway - hiring for 11 different positions.
  - Information night on September 9, 2021
  - Written applications due on September 17, 2021
  - Interviews begin September 25, 2021
- Elections are also underway - three first-year positions.
  - Nomination period ends and all materials due to Thomas on September 15, 2021
  - Campaign period begins September 17, 2021 and ends September 22, 2021
  - Cast your votes (if eligible) on September 23 and 24

### Orientation/ First-year initiatives

- Our Orientation team (Teach Exec) did an excellent job being flexible this year - Huge congratulations to them and the Orientation Leaders! Both the online and in-person initiatives were a huge success, with over 200+ registrants.



- In understanding the challenges our first (and second years) have gone through academically this past year, CESA organized a “First-year course advice from upper years” event on Monday September 20th. This event was intended to help further connect first years with upper years in similar programs, facilitate academic-help, course/ program requirements, etc.

#### **Other initiatives**

- We facilitated an online back to school social last Wednesday, which was an awesome opportunity for students to meet and mingle.
- For October, we are in the midst of planning some sort of second year orientation event, given that we are allowed to move back to in-person co-curricular events (obviously COVID-19 permitting)
- Our VP external has been working on reformatting and making updates to CESA’s sponsorship package, sponsorship form and master contact lists for this year, which will include additional monetary and in-kind donations we receive.
- CESA also distributed an anonymous feedback form to hear from Con-Ed students regarding improvements that can be made within CESA. We are hoping that this form continues to provide students a platform where they can anonymously express their opinions, feedback, questions, or concerns. The form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/RHMobwyHfn1VnzL8>

#### **Communications**

- We have been working with the Faculty of Education regarding emails and messaging to students. The Fac of Ed. has been sending out weekly emails with volunteer/jobs/involvement opportunities all compiled together. CESA has also been sending a monthly newsletter with all the events and plans for the month ahead. Students will also still be hearing from our Executive Administrator regarding event reminders throughout the month! Feel free to check out the September newsletter linked here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iAK1S2Lh0SjKglZFgMSxXm9U2OMeoZp6/view?usp=sharing>

Have an amazing rest of September!



## Nursing Science Society President

Report to Assembly

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

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Nursing Science Society

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Hi Assembly! Happy to share some updates as to what's been going on:

**Return to Campus:** All nursing students have all in-person classes and labs. We are following all PH guidelines for everything - staying hopeful!

**Hiring:** We're going through hiring to fill out our NSS council panel and it's going well! We're very excited as soon we'll have folks back in Social Issues and in our new BIPOC advocate role.

**Student Mental Health:** We have an embedded counselor now! Technically, her title is "Wellness Advisor". It's all very exciting and I've been running email campaigns to really advertise and hype her up.

**Social Media:** Since the summer, we've been really turning up social media engagement. We might soon hire someone strictly for social media - it's tough doing it alone!



## Computing Students' Association President

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Report to Assembly

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## Queen's Student Alumni Association

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Members of AMS Assembly,

I hope you are all keeping well and balancing school at this busy time! It is great to be meeting at our first AMS Assembly of the school year!

It is an exciting time for Queen's Student Alumni Association. We are currently ending our Fall hiring period and gearing up for our first virtual event at the end of October. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be busy welcoming new volunteers to our team and creating content for our upcoming event. Over the next month, we will be launching 2 new initiatives within the QSAA, that had been developed over the summer months. Below are a few high-level updates:

### Events

Our upcoming virtual event is an Alumni-Speaker Event and is centred around a discussion on incorporating EDII into the workplace, and more specifically, how to foster inclusive workplaces, including what tools and resources students can learn about in order to implement today and post-graduation. Later in the year, we will have events centred around philanthropy, navigating careers amidst Covid-19, and professional development workshops. We always welcome opportunities to partner/co-host, so please let me know if this is an opportunity your team would be interested in.

### Volunteers

We are so excited to be welcoming our volunteers to the QSAA team! The new additions to the team include Portfolio-Specific Ambassadors, First-Year Interns, and a Graduate Representative. We are starting the year off with a Volunteers Training Day – including various presentations from community members and groups on-campus.

### Marketing and Communications

We are beginning to develop new social media platforms including Twitter and Tik Tok and creating greater opportunities for our Marcom team to interview Queen's alumni, through the creation of IGTV videos and a Podcast Series.

### Tricolour Giving Initiative



Preparing for the launch of our Tricolour Giving Initiative, the QSAA is in conversation with fund owners, detailing logistics of promoting and raising donations for our chosen funds. We hope members of AMS Assembly will be interested in helping to raise awareness for the many opportunities that students have to give back to our greater Queen's communities.

### EDII&A Certificate

Annually, the QSAA has a Certificate awarded to those who complete trainings from the Human Rights and Equity Office. This year, we have added an emphasis on EDII and Accessibility, calling the Certificate the EDII&A Certificate. With this, we are also developing the Diversity and Inclusion Portfolio, beginning with the hiring of a Director of Diversity and Inclusion with next year's executive team. We are formulating a role description and compiling a running list of requirements for the portfolio as a whole.

### Mentorship

The QSAA is very excited to be conducting a soft launch of our Mentorship Pilot Program at the beginning of October! Our goal is to connect Queen's students to Queen's alumni through more one-on-one conversations, and hopefully creating more personal and long-lasting connections. If interested in networking with those who are already excelling in fields you are interested in pursuing, we will be conducting a full launch of the Program in January 2022.

I look forward to working with you all through various events and initiatives in the year ahead. Continued luck with classes!

Sincerely,

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## Appendix

### June Caucus Motions Approval Form

<b>Policy Document(s):</b>	June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Caucus
<b>Link to agenda:</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<b>Summary of Passed Motions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AMS President's Caucus motioned to ratify 8 new clubs</li></ul>

### July Caucus Motions Approval Form

<b>Policy Document(s):</b>	July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Caucus
<b>Link to agenda:</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<b>Summary of Passed Motions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AMS President's Caucus motioned to publicly oppose the Cold Beverage &amp; Vending Supply Agreement that Queen's University has with Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada Company</li></ul>

### August Caucus Motions Approval Form

<b>Policy Document(s):</b>	August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 Caucus
<b>Link to agenda:</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<b>Summary of Passed Motions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AMS President's Caucus approved elections, referenda and Assembly dates for 2021-2022</li><li>AMS President's Caucus motioned to approve the Rector budget</li><li>AMS PC motioned to approve changes to Assembly and Rector policy</li><li>AMS PC motioned to add the Queen's Student Alumni Association President as an Ex-Officio member of Assembly</li></ul>



- AMS PC motioned to remove the MBA students' society
- AMS PC motioned to remove Student Senate Caucus Policy from AMS jurisdiction