



# AMS President's Caucus



Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:30 PM

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## Agenda

### Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 29<sup>th</sup> , 2021.
2. **Motion #2** - Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
3. Speaker's Business
  - a. Assembly etiquette
4. Guest Speakers
  - a. What is AMS Assembly with Laura

### 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. Faculty Society Updates
9. Question Period
10. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly approve the Assembly, Elections and Referenda dates for the 2021-2022 school year as seen in Appendix: Dates
11. New Business
  - a. **Motion #4** – That AMS Assembly approve the Rector budget as seen in Appendix: Cash!
  - b. **Motion #5** – That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Assembly policy as seen in Appendix: World's Greatest Event
  - c. **Motion #6** – That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Rector Elections policy as seen in Appendix: Important Student
  - d. **Motion #7** – That AMS Assembly Approve the addition of the *Queen's Student Alumni Association* President as an Ex-Officio member of Assembly
  - e. **Motion #8** – That AMS Assembly Approve the removal of the MBA Students Society from AMS Assembly
  - f. **Motion #9**– That AMS Assembly approve the removal Student Senate Caucus Policy from AMS Jurisdiction as seen in Appendix: SSCP



## 12. Discussion Period

- a. ICent App - Anika
- b. Rector Election Discussion

## 13. Adjournment

# Motion Sheet



## President of the Alma Mater Society

### Report to Assembly

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August 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Hello assembly,

I cannot believe we are almost in September! It has been a busy month so let us dive right in:

#### **Update on Team RTZ Platform**

I have some extremely exciting statistics with regards to delivering on the actionable promises outlined in the official RTZ platform. Of our original 58 actionable items outlined, RTZ has made the decision to remove 8 of the items, bringing the total to 50. During the campaign period, there was a lot of background that we lacked and some of the actionable items had already been in place or were not feasible for the Alma Mater Society to commit to. Regardless, 50 actionable items remain strong and here are some of the statistics on our progress:

**Completed – 34 out of 50, 68%**

**Ongoing - 12 out of 50, 24%**

**How many left – 4 out of 50, 8%**

In just under 4 months, Team RTZ has already delivered on 68% of the promises that we made to the Queen's undergraduate student body. In addition to some exciting projects that have not been announced yet, Team RTZ is proud of the work that we have accomplished alongside our extremely gifted team. I would like to note that our Senior Management team has truly made all of this happen, they are some of the most talented and passionate folks I have met at Queen's, and I am excited to see what the next 8 months has in store! For transparency, I will outline the last 4 actionable items that have not been touched yet:

1. Investigate Policy Papers and the possibility of their inclusion in student government at Queen's.
2. Weekly Executive updates to ensure that student body is aware of what actions the AMS is taking on at any given time.
3. Find, connect with, support individuals and groups involved with grass-roots movements. Facilitate their development into actionable change on campus.
4. Present plan to Board of Trustees regarding funding for professional mental health care and Student Wellness Services.

In the next few months, Team RTZ will ensure that these actionable items are a priority. All things considered; we are extremely proud of what has been accomplished.

#### **Budgets**



The budgets for the Communications, Marketing, Information Technology, and Human Resources Offices, were passed in the July session of the Board of Directors. This month, we will be submitting the Secretariat budget for approval which is exciting for my team.

### **Student Choice Initiative**

Some very welcomed news for post-secondary student across Ontario: Ontario's Court of Appeal has dismissed the Ford government's bid to overturn an earlier decision that quashed its so-called Student Choice Initiative — a measure that sparked concern over the future of campus newspapers, student unions and other clubs and services. This is huge for the AMS and its affiliated Faculty Societies as we will be able to continue the same calibre of support to Queen's students without the looming fear that the Student Choice Initiative will return.

### **Fall Planning**

I have had various meetings with the Queen's administration to get a better idea on what reopening the JDUC and AMS Offices will look like. We have confirmed that the JDUC will be open on August 30<sup>th</sup> to the public. Note that all club spaces will remain closed throughout September as AMS Event Sanctioning is not operating until October. The one exception to this is the Queen's University Muslim Student Association (QUMSA) Prayer Space, which will remain open for us beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>. Much of my role has been disseminating important fall-term planning information to other student leaders on campus and collaborating to ensure that the student experience is at its finest. The AMS Safety Plan has been under various iterations and is fully updated to adhere to the latest public health records.

### **AMS Marketing Campaign (Student Fee Increase)**

Some background first: In the last 5 years, the AMS has grown significantly. With the addition of over 5 new permanent staff and lack of recover from the Student Choice Initiative in 2019, it is imperative that the AMS increase its fee slate. Such an increase must go to referendum and be voted on by the student body. The Marketing and Communications Team and I have completed the plan for a Student Fee Marketing Campaign set to be launched in late September/early October. We will be contracting Studio Q to create various editable templates that allow us the freedom to post digestible information regarding the AMS. Once templates are created, the team will move onto the content generation phase of the campaign. We are hoping to produce roughly 30 posts and 9 videos to be posted over the span of 3 months.

That is all from me folks,  
Zaid Kasim



## **Vice President Operations**

### **Report to Assembly**

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Dear Members of Assembly,

I think I say this every month but I truly cannot believe we are nearing the end of August. I'm sure the AMS is no different than all of you in that we are all gearing up for the start of the academic year. I hope you have a wonderful last few weeks of the summer! Below are some of my updates.

#### **Training**

Along with legislative and AMS-mandated training, each Service requires their own Service-specific training. The head managers have been working tirelessly on planning their training schedules. We have been approved for in-person training as long as we still continue to follow any and all public health orders. With that, some Services are scheduling training in shifts/groups, which adds another layer of complexity. Training begins next week for some of the Services and will continue into the first week of September. During these training weeks, many of the Services will either be closed or operating at reduced hours.

#### **Service Updates**

We are so excited to see the Common Ground lounge open! It is so nice to see both new and familiar faces spending time in the lounge every day, a welcomed sense of normalcy. Further to the lounge reopening, Cogro has also brought back their "for-here" dishes option for those dining in the lounge, rather than providing all food and drink in their single-use, biodegradable containers. Tricolour and the P&CC are getting operations in order to reopen their stores soon after the JDUC reopens to the public on August 30<sup>th</sup>! You can catch the Student Constables back in action in residences this year as well as helping with move in week and many other in-person events on campus as they gradually return. The Peer Support Centre has just reopened virtually this past Monday and we are working towards the hybrid model. The Food Bank continues to operate with a curbside pickup model and will do so into September. Walkhome will also continue to operate as is but will be closed for the last weekend of September. StudioQ has many commissions on the go, most notably a wedding photography commission this Friday! The Journal remains operating virtually with the hope of returning to the house regularly come September.

#### **Budgeting**



The Services and Offices have all completed their budgets. The Commissioners are nearing the end of their budgeting process and I am in the midst of completing the Consolidated Operating Budget along with our GM, Lyn Parry.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Sincerely,  
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Vice President of Operations





**Vice President University Affairs**  
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Hi Assembly,

I hope you have been enjoying the summer even though it seems to have absolutely flown by. I am super excited for the fall and hope that you are too! Here are some updates from the past little while.

### **Orientation**

In what has been a chaotic year with lots of uncertainty, orientation planning has been full steam ahead. I want to give a big shoutout to everyone who has been working on orientation and making it come to life. Orientation week can truly have such a big impact on incoming students and it is incredibly impressive to see the events that the orientation planners are putting together even with all of the things that have been thrown their way.

### **Budgeting**

I have been spending lots of time with the commissioners finalizing their budgets. They will be finished up this week, and you will all be seeing them at September assembly.

### **Non-orientation Student Run Events**

We are still waiting to get a bit more clarity surrounding what guidelines will look like for club events and other student run events. As soon as we have more clarity, we will be disseminating it to all of you and to club executives.

### **Student Experience Survey working group**

The student working group that is looking at the student experience survey is continuing to meet and work on developing action plans based on the data from the survey. We are looking at the data and finding what measures we can implement to fill the gaps that have been identified. We should have more exciting updates in the coming months.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

All the best,

Ryan Sieg



## Commission of External Affairs

### Report to Assembly

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Hello everyone!

I hope your summers have been going great. Crazy that we are into September and that students will be soon back on campus. The Commission of External Affairs has been extremely busy with a vast array of projects.

#### **OUSA (Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance)**

OUSA responsibilities within the commission have certainly begun to pick up. With the looming federal election happening mid-summer, the Steering committee has been heavy at work to determine our advocacy efforts moving into the fall as well as beginning the policy paper writing process for our general assembly in the fall. Within this, we most recently endorsed the Council of Ontario Colleges and Universities in their ask to the government to federally mandate vaccinations within all Ontario post-secondary campuses and were a key component in advocating Queen's to do the same.

#### **UCRU (Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities)**

UCRU has also been hard at work in establishing a vision for the year moving forward. With the federal election, we are looking into options to ensure that all students within our campuses can vote in their local ridings while remaining on campus at advanced polling stations. Within this, we are also currently planning our federal advocacy goals for our lobby week that is hopefully occurring once parliament is back in session.

#### **Academic Advocacy**

With the return of in-person learning in the fall, it has been an extremely challenging time for all surrounding the many intricacies of ensuring our students remain safe. At the AMS (Alma Mater Society), we have been in consistent conversations with the University Administration to ensure that all students can achieve accommodation throughout the year, as well as ensuring that all students feel safe for the return. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our advocacy efforts as things develop into the fall.

#### **Academic Grievance Centre and Housing Resource Centre**

Both Centre's under the CEA (Commission of External Affairs) are looking to reopen quickly into the fall to give students a peer-to-peer resource for all academic and housing concerns. As my assistant managers begin their roles next week, I am extremely excited to see how they develop and grow within their roles and all the wonderful things they will accomplish.

This has been an extremely busy time and I cannot thank everyone who I work closely with enough for being so supportive, could not do it without you folks.

Best,

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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



## Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

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Hello Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well! The past couple of weeks have been very hectic planning for fall semester programming.

### Orientation

The SIC has been working with the Student Experience Office on planning and recruiting clubs for the Finding Community Fair. This open house will provide an opportunity for advocacy and community-based clubs to introduce themselves to first year and second year students.

### Equity Townhall

This month the ASUS Equity Commission and the SIC have been planning an equity townhall with members of senior administration. It will be taking place August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm EST. This panel is for members of university senior administration and as student leaders you are all encouraged to come, listen and ask questions! If you are unable to come, you can also submit questions in this form:

### Harassment and Discrimination

A large amount of time has been spent working with admin to develop new training and outreach materials on the recent changes to Queen's harassment and discrimination policies. I am sitting on a subcommittee to help develop students facing resources and training components that will be available in the fall and specifically marketed towards student leaders. I will be keeping Assembly updated on opportunities to receive this training.

### GAAP (Gender Affirming Assistance Project) and Mutual Aid Alliance (MAA)

The Equity Affairs Manager Jenna Huys has been working hard on different SIC/committee collaborations and initiatives. The Gender Affirming Assistance Project recently launched to support two-spirit, trans, non-binary and gender diverse members of our community. The SIC and EQuIP will continue to support the development of this initiative.

They have also been working on the Mutual Aid Alliance, a cross campus partnership that will work with student groups and community members to address a lack of emergency financial aid to students.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions! Hope everyone enjoys their last few weeks of the summer 😊

Cheers,  
Samara



## **Clubs Commission**

### **Report to Assembly**

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Good evening Assembly,

Hope everyone has been staying safe and are as excited to return to school as the Clubs Commission is!

The past month was filled with various presentations and meetings, along with preparations for a return to school. A milestone event for the month of September in the Clubs Commission is the Tricolour Open House. The TOH will be following the same OnQ/Zoom format from last year and I am happy to announce that we have 141 clubs registered to welcome back the Queen's community with involvement opportunities at the time of writing. The TOH will be happening September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM and I recommend that everyone checks it out!

I am happy to report that the decluttering operation mentioned in the July report for shared club spaces has been a success. Additionally, a tentative moving date has been set for clubs in early September. With various restrictions projected to be in place for the fall semester, the Clubs Commission and the SLC will be working on guidelines on safe space access for club executives.

Preliminary planning for the fall Clubs Caucus has begun! The fall Clubs Caucus will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be approached with a focus on information distribution and communication. AMS internal speakers have been finalized, and external speakers have been contacted.

When not answering emails and in meetings, I have been spending time on finalizing the transition manuals for the two new positions in the commission this year along with related projects that will be undertaken for the year!

As always, please do not hesitate to send me an email with any questions and hope to see you on campus soon!

Stay immaculate,

Brian Seo (He/Him)

Commissioner of Clubs 2021-2022



## Office of the AMS Secretariat

Report to Assembly

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Members of assembly,

I am so excited to almost be at the start of the year! September is going to be a busy month for elections, policy and assembly! Apologies for all the motions and information this assembly, but it is all very important that you go through and read. Thank you all members who have come out tonight for a practice run before September!

**Assembly** | The how to assemble 2021-22 guide is finally out! See the appendices for details – I encourage you to read it in full, as it has what assembly is, who is on it, different rules of order and history. We are also moving to a new, virtual space soon to streamline the submission of reports, due dates and reminders. Please be on the lookout for that soon! This year, it is important that you are present at every assembly, asking questions and submitting reports. If you have to miss, please let me know ASAP.

**Elections** | Next Wednesday, we are having our Q&A with past Rectors Josha Manzanilla (Rector 06-08) and Ahmed (KC) Kayssi, (Rector 02-04) to provide some history and insight on the position through the years! They will also be joined by myself, Zaid and Jaya to talk about the upcoming election. Signups will occur on [myams.org/elections](https://myams.org/elections), and will also be livestreamed on Facebook! The election kicks off September 7<sup>th</sup> with our how to run session, and nomination period starts from September 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. This election encompasses everyone, and not just the AMS, so I encourage you to help market this election! I will likely be reaching out to government managers in the future to touch base with them and get their election insights.

**Policy** | Policy cleanup is in full swing! This month we are hoping to pass our updated Rector Election policy, and Assembly policy. Changes are noted in the appendices. As well as eliminating policies such as Student Senate Caucus policy as that is not within AMS jurisdiction. Lastly, the dismantling of our Organizational Structures policy manual into different commission policies will be brought to assembly in the near future.

Hope to see you soon!

Yours in governance,  
Laura Devenny (she/her)



## Commission of Environmental Sustainability

### Report to Assembly

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Hello all!

I hope you're all having a great end of summer, and everything has gone well for you in your roles so far. The CES has been busy with many projects this summer, one of which was the Sustainable Action Fund. We received much more applicants than anticipated, and successfully allocated over \$9,000 towards sustainable, student-led initiatives. The dates have already been set for the next two allocation periods, in both the fall and winter, and we are very excited to support even more sustainable initiatives!

Additionally, the CES now has an Instagram account! Through this platform, we have been running sustainability-focused campaigns such as Plastic-Free July, Local Business of the Week, and giveaways with local partners. We're looking forward to seeing this account grow over time in order to further educate students on the importance of sustainability and the threat that climate change is posing to our planet.

This account has also been used to educate students on the problematic contract that Queen's has with Coca-Cola. The CES has partnered with the SIC on this advocacy project, with hopes of finding new criteria for the tendering process that emphasizes sustainability and ethical business practices. We are currently developing a student survey that will be put out next week, in order to better represent the student body in talks with the university. If successful, this advocacy project will provide support to the local economy, while also setting a precedent for future vending contracts at Queen's University.

This October, the AMS will lead the first ever Sustainability Month, which in the past was Sustainability Week. The month will consist of some very exciting speakers from all across the globe, as well as many other events run by our committee, external partners, and students from both Queen's and Saint Lawrence College. Stay tuned for further information on the CES Instagram account and reach out to me at [ces@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:ces@ams.queensu.ca) if you wish to host your own event!

Lastly, the CES team will see two new faces come September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Deputy of Environmental Sustainability and the Deputy of Environmental Justice will be lovely additions to the team, and I'm excited to introduce them to you all!

I hope you all have a lovely end to your summer and a great start to your school year!

Warmly,  
Jessica Wile (she/her)





**Chair of the Board of Directors**

**Report to Assembly**

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**August 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Undergraduate Trustee**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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Dear Members of Assembly,

I cannot believe an entire summer has gone by!

Since July I have been completing my orientation with the Board of Trustees, which has been fascinating. I now feel (somewhat) confident in my knowledge of the governance system as Queen's and the duties of a trustee. In my final two modules I will be learning about the student experience and EDII , which I feel will be particularly relevant to my role.

My first official Board of Trustees quarterly meeting will be in late September so please stay tuned for a "Trustee Open Hour" session to be announced on my social media pages. I am looking forward to hearing what concerns students may have with this exciting but nerve-wracking start to in-person learning!

As always I am available at my email ([trustee@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:trustee@ams.queensu.ca)) and Instagram @jayafortrustee.

Sincerely,  
Jaya



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

Report to Assembly

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Hello Assembly,

Things are very much ramping up in the Engineering Society as we plan for our return to campus. Answering questions, providing support to our Orientation Team and the first Years. We have been organizing and preparing training for all our services, their staff, and the Executive Director team.

### Orientation Week

Registration is open for online activities and in person activities. All our events have gotten approved and our team is now in the process of ordering things. Any second year welcome back events are still in the discussion phase since the first year events are taking priority.

### EngPals

The Engineering Society is offering a buddy program for first and second year engineering students to be paired with an upper year who can show them the ropes within our engineering community. The Upper Pals have gone through training and pairing will occur within a week.

### Services

Safety Plans, safety plans, and more safety plans. Our teams have been working hard and communicating with the appropriate stakeholders to re-open our services, both for purchasing goods and assisting with academics.

Cheers,

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**Arts and Science Society**  
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**ASUS**

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Dear Assembly,

I hope that this report finds you well and enjoying the last few weeks of your summer! It is difficult to believe that the summer is quickly coming to a close. With September quickly approaching, we could not be more excited to update you on the projects that are coming into fruition and the programming we have coming up for the fall.

### **Strategic Planning and Budgeting**

This past month has been busy completing the remainder of strategic planning and budgeting. We have been working hard with our commissioners, officers, chairs and directors on creating engaging content for both hybrid, virtual and in-person elements. Additionally, we have been working on finalizing our budget for the year and preparing it for our first assembly in the fall. As we look towards opening our hiring, we are excited to do a launch of marketing and promotions in the fall. We will be providing students with the opportunity to connect with us virtually and engage with us through social media.

### **Orientation**

Orientation is quickly approaching! It has been an exciting time as the work of the Orientation team comes together for the big event. Head Gael Eric Sikich has been working incredibly hard with each chair, orientation coordinator and gael to put together a rewarding orientation experience for the incoming class. Our virtual components will be running from August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>. We are also excited to say we have officially launched registration for our in-person orientation as well. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and working with our teams over the next few weeks to facilitate this amazing experience.

### **Camps**

It is incredible to say that camps are finishing off their seventh week of virtual camp! Throughout each week and theme, our two directors Julia Andersen and Georgia Petrina have been working incredibly hard alongside our four councilors to deliver engaging programming. For the first time ever, we have also included summer tutoring to supplement the academic difficulties many have experienced as well. We could not be more impressed and blown away by the work they have put in.

### **Academics**

With another unique year approaching, we recognize the importance of transparency and support for students now more than ever. For this reason, we hosted a Return to Campus academic information session for all students with a variety of administrative members. We had the pleasure of having each deliver a presentation and stay for a Q&A at the end. Additionally, course registration has officially opened! We have worked alongside the faculty to promote resources and information surrounding this process to help alleviate some of the challenges. We also put out a variety of promotional materials, such as our TikTok video, to promote the history of registration. We look forward to continuing this messaging throughout the year.



### **City Engagement**

The executive and the Community Outreach Commissioner have been collaborating with the city over the past 3 months. We are currently in the works of finalizing a variety of projects. Some of the most upcoming include our class of 2024 ASUS City Engagement Program which will bring shadowing opportunities to students and allow them to engage with ASUS. Additionally, we recently donated another batch of greens from our ASUS garden to the Loving spoonful.

### **Equity**

Our Equity Commissioner, Yara Hussein, has been collaborating with the Social Issues Commissioner on an Equity Townhall. The event is Tuesday August 24th and will feature members from the Queen's administration and faculty. I encourage everyone to attend in order to listen and learn more.

### **Welcome Back ArtSci!**

As part of our Welcome Back ArtSci campaign, we have been working to create positive conditions for student return. We recently did a giveaway centred around the questions "What does getting vaccinated mean to you?". All students that responded were entered to win some Arts and Science merchandise. This was done to encourage discussions and highlight the importance of vaccination. With the launch of our summer clothing line in conjunction with the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, we have been preparing engaging content and merchandise for students as well. As we complete changes to the ASUS house to ensure it is engaging for our volunteers as well, we look forward to opening the doors of 183 University Avenue!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out! We are always more than happy to engage, answer any questions or just connect.

Looking forward to starting classes and the exciting year ahead!

All the best,

Alyth Roos and Brandon Aldworth



## Commerce Society President

### Report to Assembly

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Hi all,

The Commerce Society has been busy in the best way possible approaching the end of the summer. We have been concerned with welcoming two incoming classes of students to campus. We are immensely grateful to the leadership of our CEO (Commerce Executive on Orientation) for all the hard work they have been putting into ensuring the best possible transition to school for all our incoming first years.

Furthermore, we have been working on multiple projects to promote student success, wellness, and equity in the upcoming school year. We held a *policy professional development day* in the first week of August to allow our commerce society assembly members to familiarize themselves with operational procedure, assembly conventions and critical policy.

The following week, we had a summer general meeting to pass many motions that would allow these projects to continue developing momentum. Key motions included:

1. a request to access ComSoc's student-venture-fund to allow SLBC (Smith Leadership in Business Conference) to procure funding to host a guest speaker to run a workshop pertaining to EDI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion)
2. a change to our Outreach policy (to allow for recurring donations to be established to charitable causes on behalf of ComSoc)
3. to formally recognize the "one first-year-rep" per person rule (which was run on a trial basis this past year and met with resounding success) to actualize on greater equity and a smoother transition for the incoming class of first year students.

I am happy to report that all motions passed. Outside the scope of this summer assembly, we also have many concurrent workflows currently ongoing; including but not limited to ones with the purpose of:

- creating a mentorship program
- creating a coffee chat initiative
- building out a training repository accessible to all ComSoc students
- making a recurring donation to Indigenous charities to raise awareness about residential schools
- exploring innovative budgeting practices
- providing our new students with welcome packages on behalf of ComSoc
- creating a sponsorship webinar





- relaunching a “Humans of Goodes” social media campaign
- and building out an internal calendar.

This upcoming month, we are looking forward to building on the momentum we have. We are excited to be back on campus and extremely grateful for the work of our entire assembly this past summer.



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

**Report to Assembly**

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## Concurrent Education Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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Dear AMS Assembly,

Whew summer flew by fast! Super excited to hopefully see you all in person very soon. Just a few updates from CESA this month:

### Events

- We are moving forwards with mainly online events in September. We've planned a combination of workshops, year events, and will be initiating our mentorship program (previously the buddy picnic event), starting in September, and proceeding throughout the course of the school year.
- We are also facilitating many social media initiatives and events, including an "Adjusting to life after the pandemic" workshop, alumni takeovers, etc.
- For October, we have planned possible in-person events, with contingencies for online models. Some of these include a second-year orientation events, Con-Ed Camp, faculty wide coverall event, etc. We have planned November with the hopes of returning to (somewhat) normal but will obviously cross that bridge when we get there!
- Our VP External is also working on sponsorships and sponsorship outreach for events throughout the year

### Training

- Our Equity Affairs commissioner has planned several trainings to be done by the end of summer including: Nisitohtamowin: An Introduction to Understanding Indigenous Perspectives in Canada, Positive Space training, Anti-Oppression Training, Introduction to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Power, Privilege, and Bias, Navigating Difficult Conversations, Conversations on Decolonization, and Call it Out.
- We are also having a hybrid training morning in September for Office/policy training, and land acknowledgment training!

### Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization

- Our VP External has been working on a revised land acknowledgement for our website, and we are hoping to translate this through the office of Indigenous Initiatives.
- All the council and extended council is working on individual land acknowledgments to add on to the bottom of our email signatures that highlight our individual positionality on this land.

### Initiatives

- Our volunteer portal outreach is well underway, and we are hoping to have this search engine available to Con-Ed students by the end of September. This will serve as a centralized spot for Con-Ed/Teaching related opportunities in Kingston and the Queen's community.



- Our Alumni outreach coordinator has begun an Alumni Spotlight initiative and compiled over 40 alumni “Where are they now” biographies/stories, which we hope to highlight in our monthly newsletter, on social media, and integrated within our homecoming event.
- CESA’s policy review committee is during being formed. The PRC meets to [1] review, develop, and revise CESA policies and [2] bring proposed revisions to Council. Signing up gives students a chance to talk about and effect changes in the areas of policy that matter most to them.



**Nursing Science Society President**

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**Nursing Science Society**



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**Report to Assembly**

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## Queen's Student Alumni Association

### Report to Assembly

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Dear



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Members of AMS Assembly,

It is an honour to be included in the AMS Assembly – an unprecedented experience for the Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA).

As a student-run organization that works to connect current Queen's students with Queen's alumni, it is our mission to become a resource for Queen's students to find guidance on the workplace, skill-building opportunities, and connections for professional development. The QSAA believes, we are students for a short time, and alumni for a lifetime, therefore, we must unlock our individual potential as future Queen's alumni and continue to bring forth the energy and passion we had for Queen's while students.

During the summer months, the QSAA Leadership Team, comprised of Directors and the President, work to develop their strategic plans for the year and maintain communication with alumni and University stakeholders to develop partnerships and speaking opportunities for the year ahead. Below is a summary of some of the internal workings from the summer and projects and events that will be implemented in the year ahead.

#### Internal Developments

##### Strategic Plans

Throughout May-August, the QSAA's Directors of MarCom, Student Transition, Giving, and Volunteers (EDII and HR Specializations), and President are responsible for developing their strategic plans. This process details the execution plans and KPI's for all high-level portfolio-specific and personal projects. The week of August 9, 2021 symbolized the completion of the fourth and final phase.

##### Hiring / Training

As we welcome Queen's students back to campus, the QSAA is recruiting students from every Faculty, program, and year of study, to join our team. We will be providing a Volunteer Training Day in September, complete with an equity-focused training to keep ourselves accountable when implementing EDII-centred projects and events. We are finishing the development of the itinerary and content.

#### External Developments

##### Alumni – Speaker Events

Throughout the summer, we foster connections with potential alumni speakers for our events in the school year. We believe in fostering qualities including diversity and inclusion and showcasing a wide



variety of occupations and industries throughout our events, so they appeal to a wide range of students and Faculties. Our Alumni-Speaker Events have historically included keynote speakers and panel discussions – offering students the chance to connect during and after the event.

#### Professional Development Series and Career Services Partnership

Our series, Backpack to Briefcase, is comprised of professional development workshops that aim to prepare students with tangible skills to enter the workplace. Q Your Future is a series held in junction with Career Services covering topics such as prepping for (and acing!) interviews, resume-building, LinkedIn profile-building, and much more. With both of these series, we focus on providing students with tangible skills and materials that they can implement into their professional lives now.

#### Tricolour Giving Initiative

Annually, the QSAA supports and raises donations for a fund through Give to Queen's. The funds work toward supporting our fellow student community and highlighting the importance of philanthropy. This year, the QSAA has chosen to support two funds. Once launched, we would greatly appreciate AMS Assembly's support as we raise awareness for the funds and work to promote a mindset of philanthropy within students.

#### Networking Opportunities

This year, the QSAA is excited to bring two unique networking opportunities to students! One of which will provide students the opportunity to connect 1:1 with alumni and will consist of a soft launch in September 2021, followed by a full launch in January 2022. Another opportunity is going to be a career-focused resource for students; providing industry-insights and support for students today to prepare them for success tomorrow. There are always networking opportunities within the QSAA – we encourage any Queen's club and all students to please reach out for more information regarding alumni, potential speaking opportunities, workplace-skill building opportunities, and much more. We work to connect you with the individuals and resources you need!

#### Cross-Campus Co-Creation (Partnerships)

The QSAA is driven to connect with other campus-clubs to foster relations and co-host events and workshops. The purpose of which, is to demonstrate our shared goals as Queen's Faculties and organizations – to help our fellow students. As we all work towards achieving success in the future, the QSAA hopes to provide opportunities to help you become one step closer. The QSAA aims to partner with as many Faculties, clubs, and organizations as possible – exposing a greater number of Queen's students to their alumni community.

We are so excited to welcome Queen's students back to campus in just a couple of weeks! I look forward to seeing where our paths cross over the course of this year.

Sincerely,

Megan Divecha



## Appendix

### Appendix: Dates

#### Appendix: Cash!

- *\$400 total reimbursed for candidates, \$100 from SGPS and \$300 from AMS*

### Appendix: World's Greatest Event (see below for summary of changes)

### Appendix: Important Student (see below for summary of changes)

- *Approval from SGPS Council still required.*

### Appendix: SSCP



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Policy Change Summary  
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## Policy Addition or Amendment Submission Form

Policy Document(s):	AMS Assembly Policy
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### Executive Summary (1-page maximum – font size 11pt)

- Updated terms (conduct, ex officio, summer assembly)
- Eliminated gender parity clauses
- Ordered conflict of interest guidelines to end of document
- Added updated membership
- Membership seat guidelines
- Updated transition assembly
- Updated report-givers
- Reallocated time allotment section to order of business
- Added in attendance and report submission requirements
- Deleted committees of a whole (dated)
- Eliminated mentions of PM2
- Updated policy terms (pm1-constitution)

Policy Addition or Amendment



## Submission Form

<b>Policy Document(s):</b>	<b>Rector Elections Policy</b>
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Executive Summary (1-page maximum – font size 11pt)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated purpose and scope</li><li>• Added resignation clauses</li><li>• Online nomination process added</li><li>• Separated campaigning into general, campus, endorsements/Col and debate</li><li>• Added reference to complaint forms and scope of who can make a complaint</li></ul>	