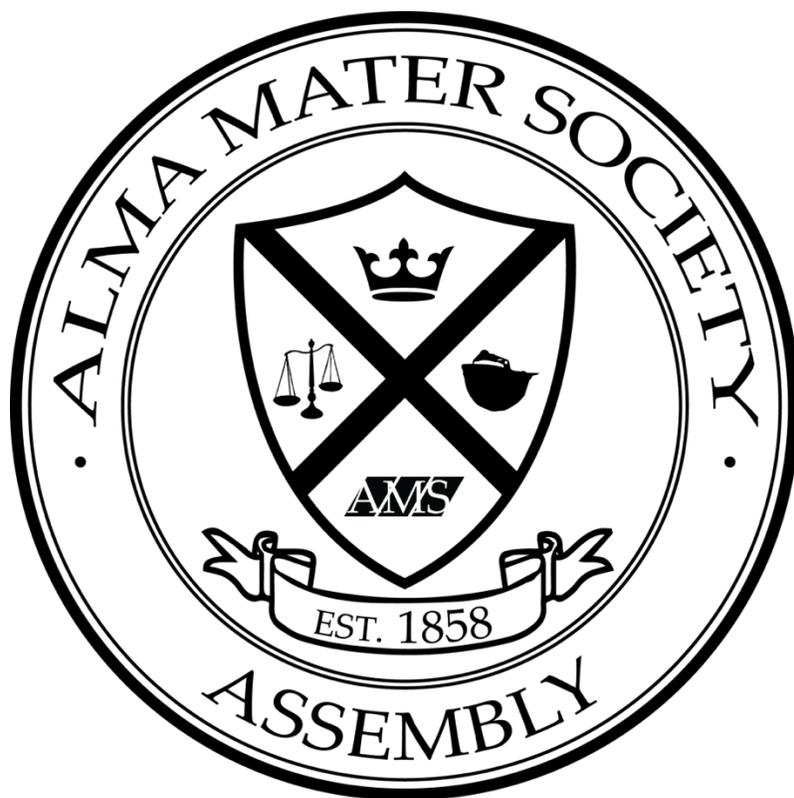




# AMS President's Caucus



Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:30 PM

Prepared by: Laura Devenny, Secretary of Internal Affairs



## Agenda

### *Assembly*

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. **Motion #2** - Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
3. Speaker's Business
4. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report – Zaid Kasim
  - b. Vice President Operations – Tiana Wong
  - c. Vice President University Affairs – Ryan Sieg
5. Board of Director's Report – Chairperson Bani Arora
6. Student Senate Caucus Chair Report – Jeremy Nguyen
7. Statements by Students
  - a. Faculty Society Updates
8. Question Period
9. Business Arising from the Minutes
10. New Business
  - a. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly publicly oppose the Cold Beverage & Vending Supply Agreement that Queen's University has with Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada Company, as seen in appendix "CES"
  - b. **Motion #4** – That AMS Assembly Approve the 2021-22 Elections and Assembly dates as seen in appendix "Dates!"
11. Discussion Period
12. Adjournment





## President of the Alma Mater Society

### Report to Assembly

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Hello assembly,

I hope you have all been doing well and keeping safe. What a month it has been! Here are some of the things I have been getting up to in the last month.

#### **Budgets**

I have been working with the Offices and Student Life Center on developing their budgets for the 2021-2022 operational year. I am happy to say that we have successfully budgeted within the limits of the AMS allocation for each office. The budgeting process ran very smoothly, and Tiana did a fantastic job of managing the process!

#### **Policy Writing**

Across the AMS, many of our governance and procedural documents, including but limited to HR policy and Commissioner policy, is in the process of being updated. This is a big step in achieving consistency and transparency for the student body, something outlined in the Team RTZ platform. I would like to note that Laura has been doing a phenomenal job of identifying gaps in governance policy and filling them as required. Furthermore, the AMS HR Office and Interim Director of HR, Ian Trew and Eve Garrison, have been working on developing HR procedures for the upcoming year. Some of these procedures include:

#### **Fall Planning**

Exciting that we are almost in September! 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. COVID-19 planning, including the creating/updating of AMS safety plans, is underway and many AMS managers have been working on-campus lately. It is important for me to note that much of the information being communicated by the administration has been inconsistent, so I have also been helping certain faculty societies in their planning processes as well.

#### **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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July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Hello Assembly!

I hope your summer has been going well, I can't believe it is already the end of July. This will unfortunately be a relatively boring update. The Services along with myself have all been extremely busy however, the vast majority of our time has been spent on the budgeting process.

#### **Budgeting**

Before reviewing the individual budgets of each Service, I urge you to read my VPOPS Services Budget Brief as it will provide some context and a snapshot of some key metrics to keep in mind as you study each budget. There is a tight turnaround from the goal planning process to the budgeting process and I am extremely proud of the Head Managers for their work and attention to detail in creating these budgets with very little data to go off of as we anticipate a transition out of the pandemic. Their individual budget briefs will provide some insight as to how we arrived at some of our key budgeted numbers.

#### **Service Updates**

The Services continue to operate at varying capacities. As we have moved into Stage 3, our next priority is opening the Common Ground lounge in the hopes of bringing back the social environment that Common Ground has historically facilitated. The P&CC and TRO are in the midst of conducting interviews for service staff, who will be key in re-opening the store for in-store retail. QSC received hopeful news a Clark Hall Pub expects to re-open in some capacity, which has historically been a recurring contract for our Student Constables. QSC will also be conducting interviews next week to round out their team for the academic year.

As we conclude the budgeting process, all Services are extremely focused on planning training for their supervisors and staff. Depending on the Service, training will be a hybrid of online presentations and modules along with in-person, hands-on learning for Services that require it. Along with training, the Services are focused on marketing and thinking of ways to reach first and second years as they transition to an in-person Queen's experience.

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

Best,

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Vice President (Operations)



**Vice President University Affairs**  
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Hi everyone,



I hope that you have all been having a great few months in your roles and that the summer has been enjoyable so far. Here are some updates from the past month from me.

### **Goal Plans and Budgeting**

Along with all the commissioners, I have been going over all the goal plans and begun the budgeting process. The goal plans have all been completed and we are now transitioning into budgeting. All of these budgets will be brought to you in September's assembly for final approval.

### **Student Experience Survey**

The university conducted a large scale, campus climate survey that was meant to assess details surrounding both the topics of equity and sexual violence on our campus. I have been sitting on a student working group, along with the social issues commissioner and other student representatives, whose goal is to interpret the data and figure out where there are unmet needs. We will also be using this data to guide potential new directions for advocacy or supports.

### **Orientation Week**

Orientation planning has been continuing full steam ahead, and we are nearing the final stages of planning. The university group CRAG is working on final event approvals and is communicating these with orientation planners. There will be in person events happening on the weekends of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Academic Return to Campus**

Academic operations group, the sub-group of the campus operations group focused on academics, has put out information surrounding the return to campus. Some key information that has been put out by the university is the [campus reopening framework](#) and a [Gazette article](#) outlining operations with the current public health guidelines. These are both useful sources of information and will help give clarity to what life will be like with the return to campus.

That is all of the updates from me, but please feel free to ask questions if you have any.

All the best,

Ryan Sieg

**Commission of External Affairs**

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Hello,



I hope everyone has been keeping well. I am sure everyone's portfolios are quite busy as we head into August. The countdown until the beginning of the semester is truly on! The CAC has been busy immersed in continued planning for Orientation, building the International Affairs portfolio, and cleaning up the Event Sanctioning process. I am sure all of you have heard lots from me this past month in circulated memos and briefs. I am excited to announce that Julia, our Sponsorship and Special Projects Coordinator has been approved for an extension of term and will be with us all year. If you ever need any support, resources, or advice in sponsorship, please don't hesitate to contact us. I would also like to shout out our ORT Coordinator, Alessia Rizzello, for the phenomenal job she has been doing in preparing for not one Orientation, but two!

At the beginning of July, the Deputy of International Affairs, Tao, attended a welcome event in Shanghai run by the Great Panda Society. This was the first time the AMS was involved at an international event for incoming students! Tao was able to introduce the AMS and our scope on campus as well as elaborate further on supports and opportunities for international students at Queen's. Tao officially starts his term in September and we already have some initiatives underway for the school year. I will be providing updates on these once they launch and am excited to share them with you soon. We also continue in our advocacy positions at the school in increasing financial aid for international students and opening more lines of communication with the University in international affairs. By being in the loop with various international office on campus and satellite centers around the world, the AMS can keep up to date with critical areas of advocacy and create actionable items to increase our impact in the international community.

I am sure many of you have been receiving Fall Orientation updates from across campus and from your specific Orientation teams. We are working with Orientation committees to move along approvals for in-person events taking place in September. The CRAG committee continues to work through these forms. We are also looking at finalizing the in-person registration fees and equipment orders so that we are prepared for the in-person Orientation.

As all these deadlines come up quickly and the moving parts come together, it is important to keep communication lines crystal clear between your Exec team, ORT, and your Orientation Committee. We understand this year looks vastly different where traditional events may not be as possible. At the end of the day, our goal is the same: to welcome the incoming class in a safe, low-risk, inclusive, and conscientious environment (and with lots of Queen's spirit, of course)!

We are hoping to have more CRAG guidelines come mid-August regarding what will be possible with Event Sanctioning. I am working with the Risk & Safety office to update all the AMS Event Sanctioning forms and guides in preparation for October when we are expecting to begin accepting in-person events. In the meantime, if any of your teams, clubs or committees have any inquiries please do direct them to the CAC to learn more about online and in-person event sanctioning.



That's all from me this month. I apologize for my absence today as I wrap up my summer course, but I hope all of you are soaking up the rest of your summer. As per usual, my inbox is always open.

Kindly,

Anika Chowdhury (she/her)

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Hello,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the month as we get into the final stretch of the summer! This month we have been continuing planning for welcoming the class of 2025 and alleviating the unique burdens marginalized students may face when transitioning to university.

This year's Equity Open House is taking place on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-10pm EST and will be renamed the "Finding Community Fair". Registration for advocacy and cultural clubs to be



part will be open until August 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. This month, in partnership with the Queen's Student Diversity Project, we will also be launching the BIPOC class of 2025 pages on Facebook and Instagram to share resources and facilitate community building for incoming students.

With students returning to campus in the fall, making sure we are able to address and provide support for student experiencing harassment, discrimination and sexual violence is our priority this month. I am working with the HREO and SGPS to develop a campaign and resources that will focus on prevention and bipoc-specific resources. We are also meeting to address concerns with campus safety related to the Student Code of Conduct and Harassment and Discrimination Policy.

Feel free to reach out with any questions, my inbox is always open!

Best,  
Samara

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Good evening Assembly,

The month of July has been a whirlwind of meetings, planning and report writing. I'm excited to have started planning for the Fall term and finalized a few projects for the summer so far.

I'm excited to announce that the AMS Clubs community is 294 clubs strong heading into the Fall semester, and the Summer Club Experience Grant is now closed. We received just as many grants as we would in a typical summer granting period, which was fantastic to see.

A large undertaking that the Clubs Commission with the SLC will be taking on is the decluttering of club spaces in the JDUC and the Queen's Centre, along with moving clubs out of shared spaces in MacBrown.



We're currently in the process of tagging and identifying items and we hope to have the spaces largely cleared prior to the September move in day.

Project wise, I'm happy to announce that the elusive Clubs Manual has been finally submitted to Studio Q for graphic design, and 2021-2022 will mark the first year of the manual's update since 2017-2018. Goal plan for the Commission has been finalized and submitted to the VPUA, and the budget is coming along swimmingly.

A part of my goal plan is planning for the development of the two new positions in the Commission, and consolidation of tasks and responsibilities have been a large chunk of my time. I'm hoping to have completed transition manuals for both positions by the time you are reading this report!

July serves as the springboard from the summer into the year for Clubs, and August is going to be a lot of executing and putting things into motion. Every day in the office is a day closer to students returning to campus, and I can't wait to see what we're able to accomplish this year.

Stay immaculate,

Brian Seo (He/Him) Commissioner of Clubs 2021-2022

**Office of the Secretariat  
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**July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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Members of assembly,

Hard to believe it is already almost August! With the school year looming, as do our many governance initiatives. We have a few large things coming up, including:

**Assembly |** At this point in time, we are looking closely at the University's recommendations into holding assembly in person. While not in the short-term view, we are very hopeful for a return to in-person assembly, with the option to telecommute in for members who will not be in



Kingston, as well as distance students. For the time being, we are researching different, more friendly ways that Assembly can intrigue and appeal to students and get back to a very-big-deal event every month. As well, we are revamping the assembly section of our website! With that, we are asking all assembly members to submit a brief biography for the website, so that students can contact them and learn more about their student leaders! I am looking forward to when all assembly members will be able to attend in September!

**Elections** | Next month, we are beginning our marketing campaign to find Queen's' new Rector! We are planning to launch some promotional posts and videos, and we have a large event on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, which will be a Q&A with past Rectors to give a preview of what the role has been like. As well, we will be launching our revamped elections website to allow the reach of nomination packages, how to run guides, and other resources to be more accessible to students. Check out the dates attached for more info!

**Policy** | We are currently working on the dismantling of Policy Manual 2: Organizational Structures, in favor of shorter, individualized policies for commissioners. This will allow for institutional memory of what needs to be done on a yearly basis. Next month, we will be presenting improved assembly, elections and Rector election policies.

**Student Safety** | Working with the executive, we have been in heightened talks surrounding the topic of student safety. Early next month, the AMS will be signing our yearly Agency Agreement with the University, which outlines the Judicial Affairs Office's relationship with the NAM Intake office. After that is signed, we are planning to launch a "What is NAM and the JAO" marketing campaign.

Yours in governance,  
Laura Devenny (she/her)



**Chair of the Board of Directors**

**Report to Assembly**

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**July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Commission of Environmental Sustainability**

**Report to Assembly**

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## Undergraduate Student Trustee

Report to Assembly

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July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Trustee Report by Jaya Sharma

Dear members of AMS assembly,

I cannot believe it is already mid-July! Here are some updates as I begin to transition more formally into my role:

- I have attended my first non-academic misconduct subcommittee meeting, where I was able to learn about how the non-academic misconduct system works and view some important statistics.
- I have begun the official Board orientation to learn about all the logistics of governance at Queen's! It consists of biweekly modules on topics such as the governance system at Queen's, the duty of a trustee, EDII, and the student experience. This will be a great opportunity to become versed in all the university affairs terminology before the Board retreat in September. As part of this orientation, I have
  - Read the book "Introduction to University Governance" by Cheryl Foy. This gave me a better understanding of the structure of governing bodies as well as the duties Board members have to the university. It also contained some informative passages on incorporating EDII within the Board's practices.
  - Been matched with an experienced mentor on the Board of Trustees, who I can share questions with about the process as I figure out more of what my role will be on the Board.
  - I have continued to attend AMS President's Caucus and hear about the exciting initiatives and orientation plans of the Faculty Society Presidents. They have been working extremely hard to plan for all possible situations in the fall!

All in all, I am quite excited for September when I will be able to attend my first major Board meeting. For now, I'm excited to continue working through the Board orientation modules. For a full list of updates, feel free to check out my website (linked in my Instagram bio @jayathetrustee).

Sincerely, Jaya



## Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

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July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Hello Assembly,

Things are very much ramping up in the Engineering Society as we plan for our return to campus. We have been actively reviewing budgets and strategic plans from each of our Directors as we prepare for the school year. The Executive, Director of Social Issues, and our Director of First Year attended SOAR to offer advice and resources for some incoming students.

### Orientation Week

Registration is open for online activities, with registration for in-person activities on the weekend after week 1 of classes opening on August 9th (so excited). In-person event details are still in the planning stage to ensure health, safety, EDII, and our traditions are incorporated. 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. Our expectations in number of sign-ups were significantly exceeded, particularly for the lower-years and so the upper year Pal form has been extended until the end of the month. Training and pairing of students will occur in August.

### 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. Budgets and strategic plans are being reviewed.

### EDII

We have been in contact with the Human Rights and Equity Office and our Director of Social Issues in preparing for the school year. Our team is working hard in improving our training modules and having them ready for our volunteers. Additionally, our EDII Action Report has begun its process in writing. Should you have any questions/concerns please reach out. For updates on our Society's operations for the summer, check out our website: [engsoc.queensu.ca/updates](https://engsoc.queensu.ca/updates).



Cheers,

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## Arts and Science Undergraduate Society

Report to Assembly

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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well and staying cool in the summer heat! The past three months have absolutely flown by, and we could not be more excited to update everyone on the recent activity at ASUS. After the launch of our midsummer report in early July, it has been wonderful to watch all of these initiatives and projects come together!

### **ASUS Council**

Over the past few weeks, ASUS Council has been finalizing their strategic plans and budgets. Over the course of the summer, they have been working diligently with their teams to launch their programming for 2021-2022. They are now in the final phases of completing their planning in order to have it passed at the first assembly in the fall.

### **Training**

With September just around the corner, ASUS has been finalizing its training for the upcoming year. ASUS pre-week is set to take place from August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will then host our September training in late September following the fall hiring window. Notably, this year we have added Psychological First Aid for our council in order to help them to best support their teams throughout the year. We have also been working with the EL Wrap Around Program and the QUIC to ensure that our training is adapted to a post-covid world.

### **Orientation Week**

We could not be more excited to launch a hybrid orientation this year. With the return of in-person elements, Head Gael Eric Sikich has been working hard to create an engaging and exciting experience for the incoming class. We have also been looking to find the most feasible way to provide programming for the class of 2024. ASUS O-week hired additional Gaels to help facilitate some of the plans and have recently opened registration for virtual orientation. Throughout the summer, we have also been engaging with the Canadian Cancer Society to raise money for cancer research. The o-week team has been raising money throughout the summer. We look forward to being able to announce and open registration for in-person orientation events soon.

### **Camps**

Campus has successfully run four weeks of virtual camps and engaged with a variety of children ages 4-10. This past year, our goal was to be as accessible as possible, and we therefore reduced our prices to \$15.00 for the week. This included virtual programming and a camp kit. In addition to accessibility, we wanted to ensure we were providing something new to best



support families following the covid year. For this reason, ASUS Camps has also been providing tutoring for children in a variety of different subjects and grade levels. Not only are students able to get additional support following a remote year, but this also allows them the chance to form one-on-one connections with the camp counselors. We could not be more excited for the next 4 weeks of camp!

### **Return to Campus Virtual Event**

With September quickly approaching, we have been preparing for the return to campus and easing student concerns. For this reason, we are hosting a town hall on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to answer all the pending questions students may have. On the panel we will have a variety of faculty voices to address any questions and give some insight into the work that has occurred over the summer. This event can currently be found through Facebook to register.

### **Community Outreach**

Community Outreach has been hard at work as we continue to form a stronger bond with the city of Kingston. This past month we met with the Community Services and Development Councilors to discuss potential future collaborations. We are currently working to establish a 2024 accelerated integration program into ASUS. By collaborating with the city and ASUS, we can introduce the class of 2024 to the opportunities at ASUS as well as the city at large.

Finally, this past month has been incredibly filled with partnerships. We were finally able to collect the fruits of our garden this past weekend. In doing so, we were able to donate 8.126 lbs to Loving Spoonful. This is only the first of many donations that are to come this upcoming summer. Finally, we have officially launched our partnership with our organization of the year, Sexual Assault Centre Kingston. In doing so, ASUS will now be raising funds through a variety of initiatives in the fall as well as collaborating on educational programs. We could not be more excited to watch these partnerships grow!

### **Welcome Back ArtSci**

Our Welcome Back ArtSci campaign has recently been in full-swing! This past month we have been working to get students excited and energized for the year ahead. We launched this campaign with an upbeat video that was meant to get students excited for our return. Additionally, we also dropped our summer collection of merchandise. This included hats, and shirts created by former Marketing Officer Kayla Melbourne. All proceeds will be going towards SACK this upcoming year. Finally, we have been working to continue our social media growth. We posted a TikTok surrounding our garden and have been actively posting university updates surrounding academics. We look forward to increasing our marketing efforts as we approach the beginning of the year!

### **Operations**

This past month has been incredibly active for our internal operations. As we optimistically look forward to the opening of the house, we have repainted a variety of the house common spaces. We have also officially established our house reception area as an ASUS store that will



be fully operational in the fall. We have continued working on updating our website and streamlining its information to make it as efficient as possible. This includes the addition of a reports section which has recently included the reports from our Director of Student Affairs Research this past year. We are also moving along with the budgeting process and are looking to have the final budget established for mid-August.

### **Professional Development**

This summer has seen incredible and exciting advancements for professional development. This past month we have worked with advancement to solidify our speakers for our Life After ArtSci event in the fall and the logistics. We have also begun the creation of our One-Pager surrounding different PD topics. We look forward to launching both of these in the fall. Thank you very much for taking the time to read our report. We look forward to the quickly approaching fall semester and welcoming back arts and science students. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know!

All the best,

Alyth Roos



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## Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Members of Assembly,

I hope you all have had a lovely July. How fast it's gone! PHEKSA has been preparing for the upcoming school year and we are looking forward to start welcoming students back in September. We have been continuing to develop our goals for the year and plan to meet and check in with each member of our assembly prior to the end of the summer. In August, we also plan to reach out to incoming students through our socials to welcome them preliminarily into our faculty and get them excited for the fall. We are very eager to get this year started as it is fast approaching in one more month!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the address provided below.

Kindest Regards,

Kristina Miakisheva

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## Concurrent Education Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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Dear AMS Assembly

I hope you are all having a great summer! I can't believe it's almost August - summer is flying by! Looking forward to hopefully seeing most of you in a little over a month on campus! A few exciting updates from CESA:

### Council

- We have finalized our list of council training for the year (I know many Presidents have been bouncing around what training they are providing/ doing for their council.) We have provided 5 mandatory training for all of the council and 3 optional trainings for the extended council.
- We have also been discussing the possibility of in-person CESA meetings, providing a hybrid option for members that will not be on campus.
- Finally, our policy review committee (PRC committee) is beginning to form. Each year this committee meets to [1] review, develop, and revise CESA policies and [2] bring proposed revisions to Council. This gives students the chance to talk about and effect changes in the areas of policy that matter most to them. We have found in the past that this is a great opportunity for students to directly implement changes in ConEd and in CESA.

### Orientation

- Our orientation executive team has been doing a phenomenal job keeping on top of the changes that have been occurring, while staying on various tight timelines and deadlines. We are looking forward to the virtual orientation week, as well as the 1-2 in-person events (rotation-based) that they have planned!
- Second-year "orientation" is in the works. Myself and my executive team have been working to plan out dates, order forms, registration, etc. for possible events come late September/early October. In a normal year, CESA has various events in fall term, so we have just been navigating our circumstances this year to figure out what will be best for everyone!

### Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization



- Our executive team, along with our equity affairs commissioner (Victoria Yu) and equity affairs outreach coordinator (Ashley Migneault) worked throughout June & July to create events and educational opportunities surrounding National Indigenous peoples day.
- We are also continuing to work with our events director and workshop coordinators to create more workshops and events this year on “Creating inclusive classrooms”, “Decolonizing curriculum”, and other important EDII related topics, specific to ConEd students!
- We are finally working with faculty members to create a CESA land acknowledgment that best encompasses our position on the land that Queen’s and CESA reside on.

### **Events**

- We are in the works of planning our annual homecoming event (currently in a virtual setting). This is always a great opportunity for ConEd students to meet alumni in a variety of fields, and also those that did not choose the “typical” teaching stream.
- We are also working with the QSAA, and collaborating with them to bring ConEd alumni with diverse teaching experiences in specific EDII related fields to their alumni week in November.

### **Student Wellness**

- We are in the midst of finalizing our Student Wellness Commission position on CESA, and hoping to pass a motion come the fall time (bringing this into effect in May of 2022)
- We are planning a “Life after the pandemic” workshop/event as well, for the beginning of September to help all students navigate being on campus again, as well as living on their own again, going to in-person classes, etc. Specifically focusing on how to deal with social anxiety during in-person events and classes.

### **Volunteer Portal, Website, Newsletter**

- We are still in the works of creating our volunteer portal -- a page on our website which will centralize all ConEd specific volunteer opportunities. We are hoping to have a search engine where students can simply enter what they are hoping to get involved in, and opportunities pop up -- if any other faculties have this or have tips, please let me know or shoot me an email!

ConEd has MANY opportunities, new courses, different news, etc. constantly popping up in our emails, so we have been working with the faculty of Education to create a way to centralize all this information. Our current plan is to deliver 1 monthly CESA newsletter, and 1 weekly Faculty of Ed. newsletter!

That’s all for CESA! Have a great rest of your summer everyone!



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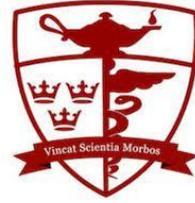
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## DAN School Undergraduate Society Co-Presidents

Report to Assembly

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*With the 2021-2022 school year fast approaching, it is wild to witness the calamity that reopening a university brings – truly a once in a lifetime moment! As much as we want in-person activities to return, we bear in mind the effects of gatherings and approach with repressed excitement to acknowledge that there are still many barriers in place before the community can feel whole and complete. We hope to continuously bring in the perspectives of international students who may not return to campus and marginalized students who do not feel safe into our conversations with departments and with our fellow Faculty Society Presidents.*

### **Operations:**

Vice President of Operations Hamish Hutchison-Poyntz has been working with the Operations team in the following departments:

- DAN School Digest: our newsletter hired our new editor, Sarah Corbett, back in May and over the past two months, they have been working on choosing a platform, formatting, and a contact sheet for student and local clubs
- Website: our Head of Public Relations, Noelle Sinkic, has finished a draft of the DSUS website, and is migrating it to a more permanent hosting platform
- Info session: the Operations team will be hosting a DAN School specific info session aimed primarily at 1st and 2nd year students, covering topics such as upper year course plans, SOLUS navigation and enrollment, useful extracurricular opportunities and how to find them and on-campus DAN School student life
- Hiring: The Public Affairs team, composed of DAN School Digest editor Sarah Corbett and Head of PR Noelle Sinkic, have begun the process of hiring a larger team to assist them, including photographers, newsletter staff writers, a graphic designer and a media production assistant

### **Equity and Advocacy:**

We are continuing our equity training through courses offered to us by the Human Rights and Equity Offices here at Queen's, gathered by our Equity Director, Leah Jadd. As well, she has created a list of Indigenous artists who we will be showcasing on our Instagram, Facebook and TikTok as to continue our push in decolonizing our knowledge. A variation of this list will also be created to include other BIPOC individuals, as well as members from the 2SLGBTQ+ community. In addition to this initiative, the executives at DSUS have



started sharing land acknowledgements at each meeting that are unique to each other to reduce the artificiality of standardized acknowledgements.

While we realize that there is no one solution to solve all problems, we understand that education is always the first step in achieving a just and safe space for everyone.

Thank you, Cindy Ci and Timothy Burgin  
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## Appendix

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