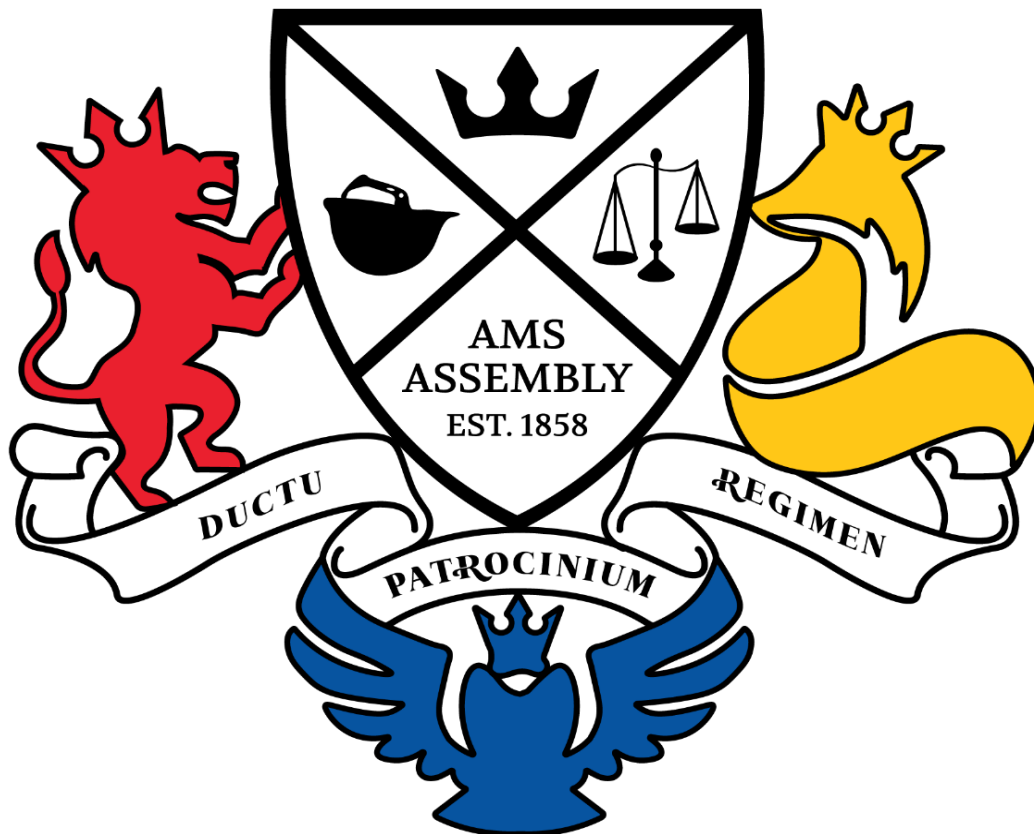


ALMA MATER SOCIETY

ASSEMBLY REPORTS



JULY 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve and represent the diversity of students at Queen's University.

MANDATE

To represent Queen's University students within the university and externally by working to further the best interests of the members of the AMS, giving particular concern to representation on issues related to education.

To provide experiential, out-of-classroom opportunities to develop skills and learn, through the provision of services and programs.

To uphold the principles of Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism, Accessibility (I-EDIAA) within the Queen's community and on behalf of Queen's undergraduate students.

To serve as a liaison between the various affiliated student societies

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REPORT TO AMS ASSEMBLY

It is with deep gratitude and excitement that I submit my third report to AMS Assembly as the 156th President of the Alma Mater Society.

July is here, course selection battles are about to be fought (and hopefully won), and I hope you're all getting a bit of rest before the beautiful chaos that is September. Whether you're soaking up the sun, deep into internships, or holding the fort on campus, I hope this season has given you space to breathe.

Over here, it's been a summer of motion—lots of planning, building, and prepping behind the scenes. I'm grateful every day to work alongside such passionate, driven, and creative people, and I'm so excited to share what we've been up to.

PORTFOLIO | What my team has been up to?

Marketing | Facilitated promotional campaigns for AMS Hiring, Graduation, Indigenous History Month, and Pride. Finalized the content calendar and developed a year-round communications plan. Market research is underway to better understand student engagement habits. Continued working on the JDUC trailer and finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the AMS Media Centre.

Communications | Supported hiring by reviewing applications and scheduling interviews. Worked with the Campus Affairs Commission and Rector's Office to plan the JDUC Grand Opening and Alumni Reunion. Responded to Queen's Journal requests, began drafting the AMS Annual Report (with most submissions in), and started preparing the AMS Newsletter by reaching out to Marketing AMs.

Orientation Roundtable (ORT) | Working to ensure all preparations are in place ahead of the July 21st registration deadline. Finalizing, reviewing, and approving faculty-specific budgets, verifying equipment needs, and conducting thorough reviews of submitted event forms. Worked closely with faculties to help reduce fees for incoming students compared to last year. Pursuing sponsorship opportunities and finalizing Orientation merchandise, prioritizing sustainable designs that can be reused in future years to support long-term program impact. Lastly, working with Johnny to formally transition him into the ORT Coordinator role and support the onboarding of our newly hired Assistant Coordinator, Sage Kim.

Student Life Centre (SLC) | Reviewed pricing for bookable spaces to prioritize affordability. Regained access to our TV ad platform, coordinated with Rogers for JDUC screen installations, and began onboarding Keycase for streamlined key management. Starting to launch a refreshed marketing strategy for the SLC to help build stronger awareness and engagement.

Internal Affairs | Welcomed Emily Henrique as our new Secretariat. Supporting Club policy, sanctions, and JAO cases while also tackling policy gaps. Currently conducting research into non-reviewable, mandatory fees for slate compliance and working with SLC/AMC on logistics for Assembly. Preparing for Tri-Review, future policy updates, and hiring a Chief Governance Officer and Chief Returning Officer.

Information Technology | Working with Exec to modernize student interaction with AMS systems. Finalizing the Bounce contract for elections, events, and engagement tools. Finalized requests to keep our infrastructure up-to-date and worked with the Clubs Commission to launch the new Help Desk, supporting smooth transitions and responsive service.

Human Resources | Completed Citation Canada and Master Control List audits to strengthen compliance and onboarding systems. Coordinated hiring transitions, updated contracts, and worked with Payroll to ensure smooth pay cycles. We've started planning for May 2026 training, the First-Year Intern Night, and secured the WTF Hiring Fair venue. Supporting hiring across the AMS, developing interview materials, and troubleshooting hiring questions and Dayforce issues.

UPDATES | What I have been up to?

Staffing | Both Emily Henrique and Jonathan Shenouda have hit the ground running in their new roles, and it's been so rewarding to see their leadership and passion in action.

University Engagement & Advocacy | I've continued attending Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Bicentennial Visioning Group meetings to embed student perspectives in Queen's long-term planning. I also participated in OUSA PD Days, including lobby training and a presidents' roundtable on Bill 33 and advocacy strategy.

We've finalized our NAM agency agreement, aligning the Judicial Affairs Office with the Student Conduct and Care Office and setting strong collaborative goals. Ongoing work with Athletics & Recreation (A&R) continues to focus on transparency, value, and student input around AMS Athletic Fees.

Insurance & Exchange Student Access | I've been working closely with our health and dental insurance provider to explore access options for incoming exchange students. Although institutional barriers exist, I remain committed to finding a solution and ensuring students are informed early through accessible outreach and support.

Prayer Spaces | We've secured university funding to support Friday prayers and are working with the University to ensure QUMSA and all Muslim students have reliable access to consistent prayer space year-round. This remains a priority for equity, wellness, and spiritual care.

Social & Cultural Initiatives | With National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) planning underway, I've been working closely with the committee on sacred fire coordination and programming. I've also supported the Social Issues Commission in delivering our first student-led assemblies, helping set the tone for an intentional and inclusive year ahead.

Closing Reflections | Between health insurance access, sacred fires, fee consultations, and hiring marathons, it's been a month of real momentum. Every win is a team win, and I'm incredibly proud of the care and creativity our folks and you are bringing to the table.

To everyone deep in SOLUS battles; I see you. May your electives be inspiring, your timetables merciful, and your loading screens short. Take a moment to rest this summer, you've earned it. September is coming fast, but with this energy, I know we're building something bold, student-centered, and deeply impactful.

Cha Gheill,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jana Amer'.

Jana Amer (she/her)

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Dear Assembly,

Summer is flying by! Hiring season is well underway for all Head Managers/Chiefs, and the team is looking forward to welcoming 20,000 students back to campus in the coming weeks.

Common Ground Coffeehouse | An 8-month Head Manager has been hired for Common Ground Coffeehouse. Alex will be spending the coming weeks transitioning the new manager into the role, ensuring they are fully equipped to take on full-time on August 30th. Preparation for The Brew is still underway, and a new logo has been launched to ensure accessibility within the service.

Tricolour Outlet | Convocation was a success for the Tricolour outlet team! Tatyana and her team are currently focusing their efforts on hiring their team and gearing up for staff/supervisor training at the end of August!

Media Centre | The Media Centre team had a successful convocation week and are now shifting their efforts to focus on hiring.

Queen's Pub Restaurant & Bar | The Queen's Pub hosted a Canada Day weekend event for students returning to campus for the first time since the end of the Winter 2025 semester. The event was a success, and many students engaged with the service through this event.

Queen's StuCons | The StuCon team is currently focusing their efforts on hiring and planning for their upcoming staff training. Planning and organizing for orientation are well underway by Kaiwen and her team.

Walkhome | Planning is still underway for TBTN in September, and the Walkhome team are looking to add a safety webinar to the AMS website. Niki is currently focused on hiring the rest of the 2025-26 Walkhome team.

Peer Support Centre | A new head manager has been hired for the service, and Anne is focusing her efforts on ensuring a smooth transition. Anne is also focusing on updating safety protocols within the service, updating S.O.Ps, and planning for volunteer/supervisor training alongside the incoming HM.

Foodbank | Foodbank has now re-opened for operations. Caroline and her team are currently looking for donations for the Foodbank. If you are interested in donating, do not hesitate to reach out to Caroline at foodbank@ams.queensu.ca

Queen's Journal | The Journal is gearing up to release their FYIF issue on July 28th.

Consolidated Budget | The 2025-26 consolidated operating budget is currently underway. I look forward to presenting the final consolidated budget at a future Assembly session.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, I am always happy to chat.

All my best,

Elena Nurzynski (She/Her/Hers)
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Hello Assembly,

July was an even busier month than June, which I did not think possible. I'll soon learn that each month is busier than the last, but until then, I'll continue to comment on how fun and fast-paced my job is!

To start, I have been actively touching base with my commissioners on their goals for the year, creating tangible next steps to ensure that they effectively manage time for their portfolio work as well as their special projects.

The push for sponsorship within my team has not slowed. Commissioners Lekuti and Schmidt have been researching and applying grants to continue to help create funding for target initiatives.

Plans are underway for a JDUC Grand Opening. I am ensuring that my Commissioner Tronsgard and Commissioner Safadi will have support in messaging to clubs about opportunities for outreach as well as the event logistics.

Commissioner Sy and I are currently making long-term plans for the Menstrual Equity Project. Currently, there are 6 dispensers, 5 which have been allocated. Along with logistics for baskets within accessible gender-neutral washrooms, we are brainstorming long-term plans for dispensers, possible new disposal units, and products.

The hiring period has opened and already begun filling my calendar. I look forward to growing the AMS team and seeing how my commissioners fare with new managerial responsibilities. In preparation, I plan to conduct a training session to ensure they have the skills to create strong professional relationships, delegate accordingly, and support their direct reports.

On my end, I've tasked myself with looking into our online presence on Queen's University Webpages, ensuring that information is up to date and can lead directly to applicable resources. I have currently found one webpage that links to an e-mail that is no longer in

service, so I've reached out to the appropriate Queen's administration to create a direct link of support to our AMS Website. I will be doing the same with another webpage that currently mentions AMS committees that were discontinued two terms ago.

I've also tasked myself with investigating our Health & Dental Plan in terms of gender affirming care. Our plan has been updated to have more options available to students, however, I've been notified by members that claims are often difficult to navigate and there is a lack of clarity surrounding coverage. I'll be reaching out to our case managers to learn about the claiming process specific to gender affirming care and collect data to better understand how many claims are being denied, accepted, and what the barriers are that students are facing when it comes to gender affirming care.

Moving externally, great discussions have been had between SGPS and the AMS surrounding Bill 33. I request that each member of assembly research how your organization may be impacted and reach out to either my Commissioner of External Affairs, President Amer, or myself. We would appreciate any insight that would help shape our core messaging and advocacy points.

Commissioner Ballaj and I met with the Williamsville Community Association to learn about their concerns and goals. We found an opportunity for collaboration that would help students with recycling during the move-in period. The AMS is starting to be a connecting body not only for students to the City of Kingston, but also to their respective communities. The DSA held lunch and the Queen's Pub to connect student leaders to members of their executive team. I was able to speak with Cathy Keates (Assistant Dean), Derek Evan (Executive Director, Finance and Administration), Tanya Joseph (SGPS VP Community), and Niki Boytchuk-Hale (Rector).

Finally, I've been reaching out to the VPA's of each Faculty Society to begin more communication to uphold my pillar of Connection. If your faculty has not received an e-mail from me yet, please do not feel forgotten. I wanted to ensure that before I extend invitations, I research each faculty society VPA's responsibilities so that I can understand how our portfolios overlap and be intentional with how we can collaborate. I'm excited to learn more about each faculty and the goals of each team and how the AMS can collaborate more with our Faculty Societies on an events and advocacy level.

Warmly,



Alyssa Perisa

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Dear Members of Assembly,

Happy July! I can't believe how quickly the summer is flying by. I hope you're all enjoying some well-deserved rest.

I don't have too many updates this month, as I was fortunate to take a short vacation at the beginning of July. Since then, most of my time has been focused on preparing for the upcoming year by transitioning Emily, our incoming Secretariat, into the role.

Here's a quick rundown of the major items Emily and I have been working on:

- **Athletics Audit:** We've connected with the Athletics team to ensure that outstanding action items are being addressed.
- **Assembly Themes:** Initial planning and brainstorming are underway.
- **Assembly Logistics:**
 - Continuing to regularly meet with AMC to ensure a smoother streaming experience this year
 - Working with the SLC to ensure Wallace Hall is ready for September
- **Elections:**
 - Tri-review identification
 - Policy review
 - Administrative updates
- **Policy and Case Support**
 - Assisting Clubs with their ongoing policy review
 - Providing policy expertise in regards to ongoing cases.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions!



July has been a great month so far for ORT. There have been a few updates that have happened since last assembly. Firstly, faculties have submitted their fee forms for this upcoming orientation. We saw a significant decrease in cost amongst almost all the faculties; this was through the extensive work that faculty heads have done in aiming to cut costs by sharing equipment and searching for alternatives to expensive events. Secondly, we have also been hard at work with event forms. We have over 10 events already approved with several in deans' inboxes for final approval. Some stragglers are still remaining; however, the heads and the rest of ORT are aiming to complete these in the next few days. In addition to this, we have also secured more sponsorship. WizePrep and EdoJapan are two of the newest sponsors that we have secured. It is great being able to raise funds to help reduce the costs for students to partake in orientation this year.

On a similar note, we have also finalized room bookings and equipment rentals for the approved events. Again, faculty heads did an amazing job getting this to us and confirming numbers. For training, we have booked rooms, completed the schedule, and reached out to stakeholders. Assistant coordinator, Jessica Lee, has also been following up with leaders to ensure that they complete their synchronous and asynchronous training.



Dear Members of Assembly,

It's been an exciting and busy month for the Clubs Commission as we continue pushing forward a number of initiatives to better support our incredible community of AMS-ratified clubs. A key area of focus has been reviewing and updating the Clubs Policy. We've been working closely with the AMS Secretary and the Vice-President (University Affairs) to make thoughtful changes that streamline internal processes without losing clarity or accountability. These updates are being made with care, and with the goal of making things easier and more intuitive for club leaders.

We've also taken a closer look at our ratification and re-ratification processes. We know that starting or renewing a club can feel overwhelming, so we're working on making these systems more accessible, more transparent, and easier to navigate. The goal is to ensure all clubs—whether they're brand new or long-standing—feel supported every step of the way. We aim to communicate this information

To further support that, we're creating new resources to help club executives feel more confident and prepared. From clearer guides to helpful planning tools, we want clubs to feel empowered to make the most of their AMS experience. These resources are part of our broader commitment to building a culture of trust, support, and collaboration across the clubs network.

As we wrap interviews and make our final hiring decisions for this year's support staff, the Commission is feeling incredibly optimistic. We're genuinely excited about the energy, ideas, and positive changes taking shape. We're also starting to plan a number of new events and initiatives that we hope will bring clubs together, celebrate their work, and create more opportunities for connection and growth. We're really proud of the direction we're heading and grateful for the opportunity to serve such a passionate, diverse, and engaged group of student leaders.



Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying a restful summer. Over the past month, I've been finalizing deliberations for the **ORT-CAC Equity Grant** and the **AMS Student Graduation Bursary**. I've also started reviewing the application processes to improve accessibility and transparency moving forward.

In preparation for the year ahead, I've been developing the **Events Policy**, which I'm excited to bring forward during the discussion period of this Assembly. This policy is designed to streamline the event sanctioning process, clarify high-risk event classifications for both students and the commission, and strengthen risk management protocols, all while providing better resources and guidance to support event organizers. It will offer clearer requirements for events involving travel, alcohol, and complex logistics. The goal is to make it easier for students to plan meaningful, creative events while navigating university policies easier.

I've also been building the framework for the **AMS International Affairs Office**, which will house the **AMS International Student Mentorship Program**. My hope is that this office will grow into a resource hub for both international and domestic students. Beyond mentorship, the office will offer financial literacy resources, budgeting tools, academic navigation supports, and cultural programming. Through this work, the CAC is excited to revive and expand the international affairs portfolio to help international students feel more connected, supported, and at home, both on campus and in the Kingston community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to collaborate on any of these projects.

Sincerely,
Ali Hussein



The CES team has been working diligently on many different initiatives. These are the primary initiatives from the past month:

Hiring: The CES has been promoting our open positions and is currently interviewing candidates. The Commissioner is also on the hiring panel for three other commissions.

Sustainability Month: The Commissioner and Internal Manager have been meeting with various campus partners to discuss collaborations during October for the CES' Sustainability Month Initiative. A tentative schedule of workshops and campaigns has been made, and work is now underway to book venues, create budgets for each event, and plan the promotional campaigns associated with each collaboration.

Equity and Sustainability Assembly: The Commissioner has been working with Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) and the Social Issues Commission to develop a presentation and activity for October's AMS Assembly, which will be themed on Equity and Sustainability.

SIC-E x CES Cultural Cookoff: Multiple grant applications have been submitted for the Cultural Cook-Off.

Responsible Futures: The commissioner has been reviewing the Queen's University Responsible Futures audit, and working with the Principal's Office to plan events related to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Community Garden: The garden is flourishing! Our first major harvest occurred on July 14th, resulting in approximately 25 heads of lettuce being donated to the AMS Food Bank.

Policy Research: The Commissioner has been researching different corporate and academic policies to assist with future policy projects.



Hello Members of Assembly!

I hope you're all doing well and enjoying the summer so far. July has been a busy and productive month for the Commission of External Affairs as we continue laying the foundation for a strong year ahead.

Much of my time this month has been spent on Bill 33 research and strategy. I've been meeting with the AMS executive and the SGPS to better understand the potential impacts of the legislation and to explore ways we can effectively respond—especially as it relates to student fees, autonomy, and service delivery.

I also participated in OUSA's summer Think Tank, where we contributed to the early stages of our upcoming policy papers. In addition to that, we also had a Steering Committee meeting and took part in a lobbying training session focused on building professional advocacy skills preparing for provincial lobby week in November.

On the local side, I've continued meeting with key municipal and university stakeholders to keep momentum going on shared priorities like housing, community safety, and student integration. These early conversations have been focused on setting tangible goals and identifying opportunities for partnership throughout the year.

I've also started planning for our fall initiatives—both new and returning—including early work on a laptop rental program, housing rights fair, and civic engagement campaigns. Preparations are underway for OUSA's Home Office Visit to Queen's this September, where we'll be hosting their staff and president from across the province to share a little more about them and their work.

Looking forward to keeping the momentum going into August.

Best,

Edlira Ballaj (*She/her*)

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Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far – it's hard to believe that half of it has already passed by. I feel like I've still got a lot of planning left to do for September, but will be channeling this energy into my work.

This past month has not had a specific focus in my portfolio, as I've been preparing for many initiatives for the year, while organizing and facilitating hiring for volunteers and supervisors and supporting SIC-E Mujeedat with a few of her initiatives.

In the SIC-I portfolio, some key highlights include working with the VPCEI's office and HREO to plan some engaging videos to draw attention to the equity resources and progress on campus, ironing out some small kinks with the Equity Library and Menstrual Equity Project, and developing student advocacy focus groups (after many long consultations).

Additionally, I'm currently working on an Internal AMS Monthly Equity Newsletter to meaningful support all services, offices and commissions in reaching their equity goals and ensuring that equity is a collaborative, cohesive effort from the AMS. At the moment, I am also planning out the equity assembly themes for September, October and November, in collaboration with the President and Secretariat, as well as other equity-related organizations across campus. I hope all of you will enjoy the activities and presentations we have lined up this year, and I encourage you to engage with these themes outside of assembly as well.

More planning has also been accomplished for the HDV and QSSET campaigns that I'll be organizing this year.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me on Teams or Outlook if you have any questions or comments. Feedback is always appreciated and welcome.

Have a great rest of July!

Warm regards,

Edward Sy

Social Issues Commissioner (Internal)



Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope this message finds you well. Over the past month, I've been focused on advancing logistics and planning several key initiatives within the Social Issues Commission. Below is a summary of current priorities and ongoing projects:

1. Queerorientation

Planning for Queerorientation is actively underway. Room bookings have been finalized, and we are coordinating with key campus partners to ensure the delivery of a welcoming and affirming series of events for 2SLGBTQIA+ students. This year's programming will focus on joy, community-building, and resource awareness.

2. Equity Gala

Initial planning for the Equity Gala has begun. We are currently reviewing potential venues, finalizing the theme, and exploring collaborative opportunities with campus and community partners. The Gala will highlight and celebrate the leadership, resilience, and creativity of equity-deserving communities at Queen's.

3. Outreach

We've been actively meeting with collaborators to support upcoming initiatives, including mentorship programs and cultural programming.

4. Additional Programming

Planning is also in progress for several other projects, including:

- The Faceless Doll Project
- Take Back the Night
- Consent Week

Best,

Mujeedat Lekuti



Hello, Presidents!

I hope everyone's has been having a healthy, fun, and productive summer with each of your roles. For this past month, the board has met once at the end of June and our Board meeting for July is upcoming, where the board will wrap up budget approvals for the year. Outside of the board meetings; myself and the vice-chair have been working to make sure to provide the student directors professional development and engagement opportunities, addressing filing concerns and practices, and looking ahead for the year about how board can further improve its communication and transparency to students.

Board Meeting:

Our most recent board meeting we have covered commission budget allocations for presentation in September by the VPUA, the office budgets also were approved for the year, alongside a IT capital expenditure, and an updated Progressive Discipline Policy done by our Personnel Committee and HR. Our upcoming board meeting at the end of July will be to cover the service budgets, remaining proposal approvals, the consolidated funds, board budget, and general office budget. If anyone has any questions or inquiries about our board meetings, or requests of session minutes, feel free to reach out to myself, the secretariat, or the Vice-Chair of the Board Eshal Ali (board.vicechair@ams.queensu.ca).

Committees:

This month for committees we have begun as per compliance of our Board policy manual, the Finance and Risk Committee and Personnel Committees meetings which have met once and begun their years projects.

Personnel is focusing on completing the large slate of policies for review and the board will be best matching policies to a more appropriate reviewal term period to better optimize policy maintenance and put resources to specific policies of interest/importance; in addition to this the Chair of the Committee is working ahead for this November on a restructuring proposal manual that will help ensure appropriate timelines are followed, administrative tasks are complete, and consistent proposal standards are met and assessed when going through a restructuring proposal; this also will be in work to better improve the overall AMS personnel structuring, ensuring to consider the overall structure alongside the units specific structures within the AMS.

The Finance and Risk Committee are currently in progress with updating the Risk Management Framework and Risk Register, mainly hoping to make it more consumable from a document perspective, but also to account for major changes since the last review (ie. New Services, Program Offerings, etc.).

The Investments Committee Chair while awaiting the first August Committee meeting has been working with myself and internal staff of interest to review and update the IPS (Investment Policy Statement) of the AMS; with a focus on ensuring our statement is considering possible updates to address the modern economic environment. Similarly in preparation for the Governance Committee first meeting in August, the Governance Committee Chair has begun the follow-up review of the SAF Policy Changes (the scope is to make sure all the reviewal, updated legislation, accounted concerns, and case work stemming SAF policy concerns were all appropriately addressed and integrated.)

All the Best,

Dreyden George

Chair of the Board of Directors | Alma Mater Society

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JDUC



The Alma Mater Society acknowledge that Queen's University is situated on traditional and current Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory, which we are an uninvited guest on. Katarokwi is abundant in history and modern-day traditions of many First Nations and Métis peoples. It was within the Crawford Purchase (1783) that these lands were made available for settlement. The agreements made were upheld by the First Peoples, but not by the British Crown or later Canadian government. While we work on these lands as uninvited guests, we actively benefit from the oppression of Indigenous peoples. These lands surrounding the Great Lakes are immersed in thousands of generations of Indigenous history, including language, art, celebrations, and resilience.

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society
President's Report to Assembly
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Hello Assembly!

Here's what the Engineering Society Executives have been up to since last time:

General Exec: Budget and Strat plan training was given to our directors just after the last assembly. Our Exec also travelled to Toronto Pride at the end of June to represent Queen's in the march with other Engineering Societies from Waterloo and U of T. We also completed our Director of Governance rehiring this month! Finally, we completed our First Aid training with St. John's Ambulance.

President: I've been having my regular statics with my Directors, Orientation Chair, Science Formal Convener, and our Exec. I got to complete LivingWorks suicide intervention training last month since ASIST is set to run during pre-pre-week and we'll need at least 1 Exec available for Orientation needs. Speaking of orientation, lots of primer editing, speech drafting, and overall housekeeping were done in collaboration with our OC. Finally, I helped conduct the hiring for our bursary chair.

VP SA: Alexis has been reviewing and revising By-law/policy while getting motions ready for first council. She also has been drafting up Pre-week training for our ED Team. The new SVPR lead has been hired, so Alexis has been assisting her in her transition. Alexis also took some vacation this month too.

VPOps: Science Quest is fully up and running for the summer, so Jacob has been occupied as the first line of support for their operations. He's also been working with our other service head managers to assist in preparing them for opening in the Fall. Jacob also has been reviewing the the health and safety of the services to make sure they're up to date.

VPFA: Ian has gotten the main portion of our society's books up to date and has started tackling Orientation Week and Science Formal. As per usual he's been doing month ends, processing credit card trackers, and processing reimbursements.

If you have any questions about what we've been up to, don't hesitate to reach out!

Jordan Belainsky

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Over the past month, I have been actively engaged in a range of governance, transition, and strategic support initiatives across ComSoc operations and key stakeholder relationships:

1. Commerce Executive Orientation Support

I have been supporting the Commerce Executive Orientation (CEO) team through their transition process, with a focus on financial oversight, account management, and administrative continuity. I have acted as a liaison between the AMS, Orientation Roundtable (ORT) Coordinators, and key members of the Smith Commerce administration—including the Director of Student Activities, the Coordinator of Student Activities, and the Undergraduate Dean of Commerce—to foster stronger communication, coordination, and transparency between all parties. This includes coordinating and booking planning meetings throughout July to ensure timely logistical and operational support.

2. ComSoc Policy Review

I have initiated a comprehensive policy review process, analyzing ComSoc's core governance documents: the Constitution, Bylaws, Operations Policy, and Privacy Policy. This work is intended to identify inconsistencies, outdated language, and structural gaps, forming the foundation for a strategic policy plan to guide ComSoc's governance and operational priorities over the next five years.

3. Election Planning and Timeline Development

With the AMS Assembly's approval of the 2025–2026 election schedule, I have begun planning ComSoc's internal election timeline. This includes drafting a calendar aligned with AMS deadlines and exploring policy improvements to strengthen transparency, equity, and candidate support during the nomination and voting periods.

4. Undergraduate Wellness Collaboration

I met with the Integrated Wellness Counsellor for the Undergraduate Commerce Program to discuss opportunities for collaboration on student mental health initiatives. I also participated in an interview to provide insight into current student perspectives on mental wellness and areas where ComSoc can play a stronger advocacy or partnership role moving forward.

5. Conference Budget Oversight

I have provided ad-hoc budgeting and oversight support for upcoming ComSoc conferences. This includes working directly with conference chairs and the VP Operations team to review expense forecasts, increase transparency in financial planning, and

encourage proactive communication between stakeholders involved in the reimbursement and approval processes.

6. Financial Systems Partnership with Venn

This month, we initiated a promising partnership with Venn, a platform that will enable us to streamline our expense tracking and improve the timeliness and reliability of the reimbursement process. Our team met with Lyn, Jana, and Lyndon to promote and align on the rollout of this partnership. Special thanks to Jana for her instrumental role in facilitating these early-stage conversations and helping to set the foundation for smoother financial operations.

These activities aim to improve structural alignment, enhance policy clarity, and support a culture of accountability and wellness within the Smith Commerce community.

Best,
Prem Mehta-Spooner
Smith Commerce Society (ComSoc) President



Dear Assembly,

We hope everyone is doing well and thoroughly enjoying the sunny summer. We have a couple updates from COMPSA as we start to get ready for the fall semester:

Volunteer Hiring | We officially launched our volunteer hiring this month! Applications are now open, and we're looking to fill approximately 50–70 positions across our 12 portfolios. We're excited to welcome new faces to the team and are looking forward to seeing the energy and creativity they'll bring to the upcoming year.

Looking Ahead | As a reminder, we're also beginning early conversations around intern hiring for the fall semester. More information will follow as we move closer to the school year.

That's all from us for now—stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Concurrent Education Students' Association
President's Report to Assembly
Emily Gluckman
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Hello Assembly,

Currently checking in with all of our team members, looking forward to the year ahead!

No further updates, feel free to reach out with any questions/concerns.

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Physical Education & Kinesiology Students' Association
President's Report to Assembly
Cynthia Charette
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Dear Assembly,

I hope all your summers are treating you well. I am looking forward to reconnecting with everyone in person at our August Assembly meeting.

There are not many updates from PHEKSA, considering we do not meet regularly during the summer. That said, our assembly has been independently brainstorming and planning for the year ahead, and we are very excited about all of it.

Those are all my updates. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

See you next week.

Warm regards,

Cynthia Charette (she/her)

PHEKSA President

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Hi Everyone,

Not many updates on our end this month, but here is what we have been up to the past few weeks:

Class Council Updates

- At the end of June, Ella McRae (President of 2025) with the help of other NSS members hosted the year 4 pinning ceremony for BNSc students, which was a huge success.

Commissioner Updates

- Our Events commissioner and VPOPS are continuing to plan our nursing formal, set to commence in November

Best,

Mika Heler

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I acknowledge and honour that Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. I invite you to join me on a continual reflection regarding the history of the land on which we learn, work, play, and reside.

Hello Assembly,

I hope everybody is (still) having a lovely summer amidst heatwaves.

Since my last update, the ResSoc executive team has been primarily focused on residence community placements, coordinating universal accommodations for August training absences, and mapping out administrative dates for the upcoming academic year, including General Assembly sessions, elections, and committee meetings.

Over the past month, I finalized building placements for our 25 staff members with guidance from Residence Admissions at Residence Life and Services (RLS). I've also begun drafting policies and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to support future President & CEOs in making the residence accommodation process more equitable and easier to navigate. As part of this work, I also consulted a lawyer from the Ontario Human Rights Commission to ensure our approach aligns with provincial legislation and human rights standards.

Our VP Society Operations, Yahya Mohamed, and VP Residence Operations, Chloe Wedji, have been working to finalize August training. They've been meeting with the Social Issues Commission and the Manager of Residence Education to review training curriculum and refine criteria for student staff development.

Strategic planning is well underway across all Executive Officer portfolios. Yahya, Chloe, and I are incredibly proud of the team's progress so far. Here are some highlights from individual portfolios:

Programming & Marketing Officer (PMO):

We've finalized merchandise for both the general student population and the ResSoc team. We're also working with the newly appointed Manager of Residence Education to streamline programming schedules and avoid overlap between RLS and ResSoc initiatives. Move-in programming is now underway in partnership with RLS and the Student Experience Office (SEO).

Human Resources Officer (HRO):

June and July focused on collecting onboarding documents for staff in preparation for training. The HR Policy is undergoing a comprehensive review, and new SOPs are being developed to strengthen internal support systems for ResSoc staff and students.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in ResSoc's work. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or ideas for the year ahead. We are looking forward to an impactful year!

Best regards,

John Bae *(he/him)*

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Undergraduate Student Trustee
Report to Assembly
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**Student Senate Caucus Chair
Report to Assembly
Sakura Koner**
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Hello everyone,

As I had mentioned before, there are no Senate sessions during the summer. I have a meeting with the President of QUFA soon and I am hoping to discuss any matters of importance carrying over from last year or any issues cropping up currently.

I am always happy to meet and chat with anything that requires discussions and I am excited to have a great relationship with the AMS executive in the upcoming year. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime on my emails: sscc@ams.queensu.ca or senator@sgps.ca.

Thank you,

Sakura Koner (she/her),

PhD student,

Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Queen's University

Graduate student senator (2024-2026),

Student Senate Caucus Chair (2025-2026).



Hello Presidents,

We are officially in the dog days of summer and now less than 50 days out from the first day of school!

Office | We are currently hiring a work-study position to fill the role of Multimedia Producer. I am accepting applications via email until August 19. See the job posting here: <https://www.queensu.ca/rector/we-are-hiring-multimedia-producer>

The team is busy working away at planning for the Student Leader Development Conference on October 4, the JDUC grand opening event on October 17, re-designing the website, and an initiative to thank Rector's Bursary donors and update them on the impact it has had over the last year.

I will be out of office from August 12 – 19. While I am away, you can reach out to rector.assist@queensu.ca and someone on the team will be in touch.

Community Engagement | Another convocation season has come and gone! Since I last reported, we supported an exciting [announcement](#) about new funding for B.Ed. programs across Ontario. Events almost entirely halt in July and August, which frees up time for more dedicated work on projects. I'm currently making the rounds to meet each Faculty Society executive team and look forward to hearing about all your goals for the year ahead.

Board of Trustees | I have no updates here.

The Board has regular Open Session meetings four times per year, and community members can request to join in-person or online by sending an email to trustees@queensu.ca. Anyone can also access the [Governance Portal](#) to view the agenda by clicking on the calendar date of the meeting.

Committees | My only update this month is that the Academic Accommodations Interim working group has now concluded and published our [final report](#). Have a read and let me know if you have any questions. Other committees are going slow and steady as usual.

Rector's Digest | Here is my latest piece in the Journal. In honour of Pride Month, I delved into the [Principal's Action Group for Gender and Sexual Diversity](#).

That's all for now! Please reach out to me if you have any questions, need support, or would like to share an experience that can help me convey student voices to the administration.

At your service,



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