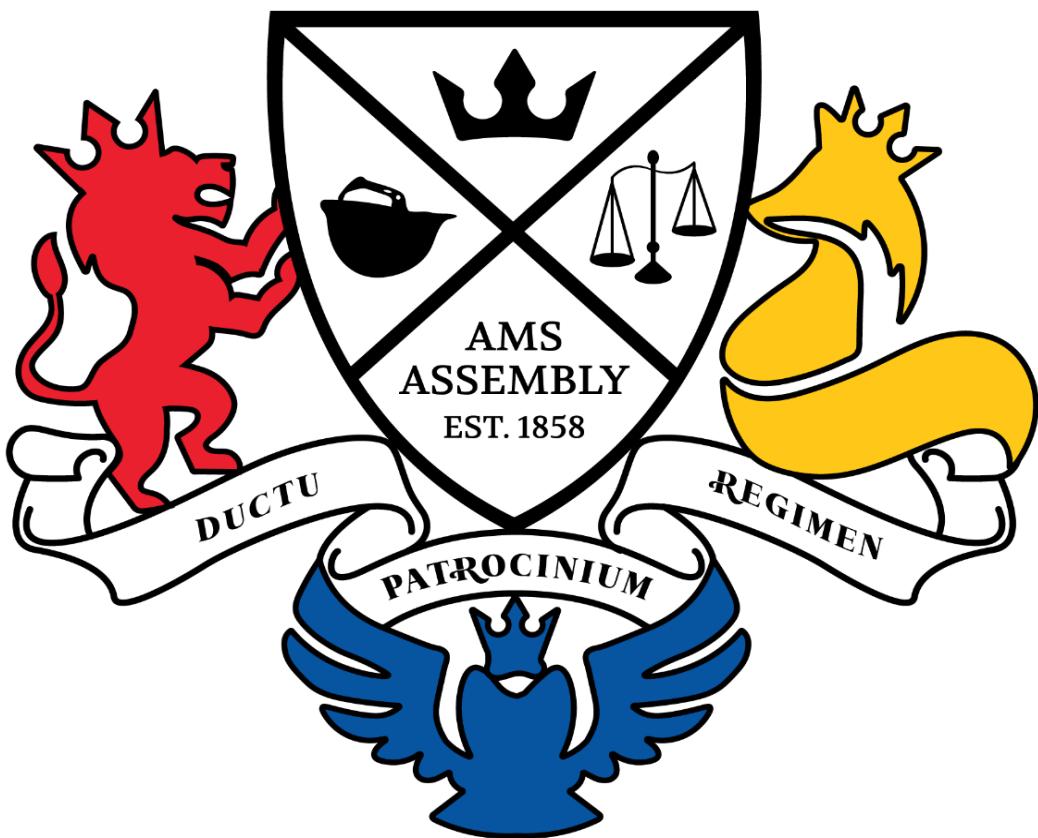


ALMA MATER SOCIETY
ASSEMBLY REPORTS



AUGUST

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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President of the Alma Mater Society
Report to Assembly
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Dear Assembly,

What an exciting time to be a leader in student government with all of our students soon returning to campus. These next few weeks will be an incredibly busy time, but with hard work will come great reward. Under the VPOPS umbrella, all hiring for the school year has been completed by each of the services. Head Managers and Chiefs are now gearing up for volunteer/staff/supervisor training in preparation for the student return to campus. Please see below for service specific updates.

Common Ground Coffeehouse/The Brew | The Brew held its soft launch on August 12th and 13th, and was met with great success and positive feedback. Alex is currently finalizing transition for the incoming Head Manager, Caleb, who will begin on August 30th.

Society 58 (formerly Tricolour Outlet) | Tricolour Outlet has officially launched their re-branding to Society 58. This re-brand aims to better reflect students on campus, leading the service to a newer, more connected and modernized operation. Tatyana and her team are focusing their efforts on ensuring Society 58 has successful student engagement with the return to campus.

AMS Media Centre | The Media Centre team has developed an MOU with the AMS Marketing Office for the 'AMS Asks U' series. The team is focusing on several creative projects, and are planning ahead for sidewalk sale in September.

Queen's Pub Restaurant & Bar | The Queen's Pub is focusing their efforts on getting staff training organized. All staff will be attending a training session hosted by the AGCO (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario) to ensure the Pub remains a lively and safe environment when students return to campus. The team has also begun hosting trivia nights, be sure to stay in the loop to attend one!

Queen's StuCons | The StuCon team is currently gearing up to attend several orientation events. The team is also focusing on ensuring all staff have received relevant trainings prior to their start date, including First Aid, Smart Serve, and security licensing training.

Walkhome | The Walkhome team is currently integrating a new software that allows for SMS messaging when patrons have requested a walk. This software will provide an enhanced student experience for those utilizing the Walkhome service. Planning for TBTN continues, and the official date for the event is set to be on September 19th. Niki is currently

looking for volunteers for the event. If you are interested, please reach out to walkhome@ams.queensu.ca.

Peer Support Centre | The new PSC Head Manager, Randy, has officially assumed the role. He is currently focused on finalizing staff training and hiring a new Queers 4 Peers Assistant Manager.

Foodbank | The Foodbank team is currently seeing the largest number of patrons to date as food insecurity continues to rise on Queen's campus. Caroline and her team are focusing their efforts on accommodating as many patrons as possible, while also organizing the opening of PEACH market in September.

Queen's Journal | The Queen's Journal have spent the past few weeks re-locating to the Queen's Centre. The team is gearing up for their next press release on August 29th, be sure to grab a copy from one of the several newsstands on campus and stay up to date on student news!

Bus-It | The Bus-It agreement has been officially signed off on by both the AMS and the City of Kingston. With the new agreement, the City will be implementing several planned improvements and seasonal service adjustments to enhance service for current and future students.

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,

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Goodbye Assembly!

This is my last report and last of my responsibilities as a depart from AMS. I am super thankful for the opportunity to engage with student government

The IAO continues to chug along with lots of planning for both. Emily has successfully taken over much of the responsibilities needed.

Orientation Roundtable
Report to Assembly
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Dear Members of Assembly,

Over the past month, I have successfully hired and onboarded my Assistant Managers. Together, we have been working diligently to finalize our events for the upcoming year. We are now in the final stages of event planning, ensuring that each initiative aligns with our commission's goals and the broader AMS objectives.

In addition to event preparation, our focus has been on supporting clubs and preparing students for the new academic year. This has included organizing resources, streamlining communications, and developing strategies to ensure a smooth start in September.

With a strong team in place and clear plans for the year ahead, we are positioned to deliver engaging programming, provide effective club support, and foster a vibrant campus community.

Kindly



Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well. The past month has been relatively quiet on my end as I was away on vacation, several important developments have taken place across the commission.

The **AMS Events Policy** has now reached the consultation period. This is a key milestone in the policy's development, and feedback at this stage will help ensure that it works effectively in practice. I **encourage you to share any suggestions or observations from your own event-planning experiences so that the final version is both practical and reflective of the needs of all groups it impacts.**

On the staffing front, we have welcomed two new members to the team: our **International Affairs Director** and **Special Projects Director**. Both bring strong experience, creativity, and a genuine passion for student engagement, and I am confident they will be instrumental in helping us advance our priorities for the year ahead. One of their early focuses will be supporting the planning of large-scale events, such as the **ORT Mystery Concert**, which, following its move to the CAC, is being integrated into the commission's responsibilities. We have been working to ensure the event is accommodated within our existing framework while maintaining the high standards and smooth coordination students expect.

Another project nearing completion is the **AMS Equipment Borrowing Program**. With the support of Commissioner Schmidt, the program is expanding to include a wider range of supplies, from cutlery and serving equipment to projectors and tech accessories, so that students and clubs can run events without unnecessary financial strain. The program will launch in full at the start of the year with a simplified booking and pick-up process, making it both accessible and efficient.

Finally, preparations have begun for this year's **Harm Reduction campaigns**, which will explore the intersection of Indigenous harm reduction principles and current AMS practices, with the goal of integrating these perspectives into our ongoing initiatives.

I look forward to providing further updates as these projects progress.

Sincerely,

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Dear members of assembly,

I hope that summer planning and resting has served you all well! It feels strange that the Fall semester is coming up so fast. I feel like I still have a lot to do and plan for the school year, and I'm hoping to get as much as I can done to help my future self.

With the SIC-E on vacation for the first half of August, the SIC has mostly been focused on onboarding and supporting our incoming SIC supervisor and volunteer team. We're still continuing work in supporting consent week initiatives with SVPRS and NDTR planning with the subcommittee.

As for the SIC-Internal portfolio, I've had the opportunity to meet with OII, Four Directions, Residence Life & Services, and HREO to create new initiatives/programs and discuss **student advocacy efforts** in equity at Queen's. I've also provided advisory services within and external the AMS, in support of I-EDIAA principles across campus. Really excited to see where these connections lead!

Work has continued in planning the **first AMS Assembly**, which will be themed National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, with support from QNSA, OII and Four Directions. The Secretariat and I have also drafted plans to implement many of the recommendations for the **assembly accessibility review** from last year's assembly members.

Additionally, strides have been made towards the implementation of the **Menstrual Equity Project** in the JDUC, especially with its grand reopening. By the start of September, we hope to have temporary menstrual product baskets in each of the single user washrooms, stocked with help from the Peer Support Centre and in conjunction with the dispensers currently in the female-identifying washrooms.

I've also had a chance to meet with many of the Faculty Society Equity Commissioners/Officers across both undergraduate and graduate societies, and I'm really excited to see where **Equity Caucus** will lead this year. I'm hoping that this continues to be a space for equity student champions to network, collaborate and discuss our collective advocacy priorities throughout the year.

I've really enjoyed all this work thus far, and I look forward to seeing it all come together in the next months. Good luck to all of you, and happy beginning to a new school year!!!

Warm regards,

Edward Sy (they/he)

**Commission of Social Issues (External)
Report to Assembly**



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Hello Presidents!

I am wishing everyone has had a happy and fun summer while also balancing your roles. For this past month, the board has finalized all unit budgets, consolidated funds, and other financial budgets for the fiscal year. The final consolidated operations budget is to be approved at the August board meeting. As well this month I have secured and coordinate the following trainings of KPI Fundamentals and Services and Programs Planning Session for the Strategic Planning Committee, a CPA Risk Resilience Symposium for Finance and Risk Committee, the ESG Fundamentals for Investments Committee, as well for Student Director training and onboarding ensuring sufficient trainings and resources for student directors is working with the Canadian Not for Profit Academy on a NFP Student Board Onboarding Modules. Additionally for BoD training is planning with Ethica Solutions a Transparency and Communications session, that is to explore how shareholder transparency and communication can be effective and important in corporate governance in effort of this year improving board to student communications. Lastly, for Professional development, training, and onboarding is the PI Index session with the student directors. Lastly, for other updates outside of Board meetings, is the Website for the board page will be updated to reflect current information by end of September.

Board Meeting:

Our most recent board meeting continued to work through the to be reviewed HR policies and approved reviews brought through personnel committee, we also completed budget approvals, and first draft of the publishable copy of the Strategic Plan. For the upcoming board meeting we will cover remaining summer business, continue with further policy updates, and approve the Fall Governance Calendar. 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 operated as per compliance of our Board policy manual, the Finance and Risk Committee, Personnel Committee, Governance Committee, Investments Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee meetings which have met once and worked on their years projects.

Personnel has continued to work on HR Policies for review, develop the restructuring manual, and initiate the Student Director Honorarium review committee as per Board By-Laws that will be made up of all outgoing directors.

The F&R Committee has wrapped up committee review and feedback for the procedure and framework for Risk Management, with the Chair of the Board and Chair of F&R working

with the General Manager to develop an updated draft Framework procedure to be more formatted to match other policies and more consumable to student leaders. Further, the Chair of the Board has begun Risk Investigations with the permanent staff which has concluded, the fall will conclude for the Executive and Board Risk investigations.

The Investments Committee Chair and Board Chair has drafted and brought to committee for feedback period on the Investments Policy Statement that is reviewed and updated again for matching formatting, wording for addressing current economic challenges, and assurance/reinforcement of our non-investment of energy sector investments.

The Governance Committee has wrapped up the SAF Brief that has been gone over with direction on any remaining steps for assuring all review committees, JCOMM decisions, and Assembly committee recommendations were officially adapted alongside review of the legislative changes. Governance Committee has also been with the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board overseeing the progress of Professional Development.

The Strategic Planning Committee has met once in August, overseeing current AMS Strategic Plan Implementation progress. As well discussed, was this years plan to continue the feasibility and implementation timeline/plan for the AMS KPI System that was begun in 2023/24. Lastly the committee discussed current operations made within the Branding Committee.

For other committees, the Annual Report Editorial Board has met once and seen the formatted draft for the report this year and first round summaries. Additionally, this year's Journal Advisory Board's member that was appointed by the Board of Directors was the Vice-Chair of the Board, Eshal Ali.

All the Best,
Dreyden George
Chair of the Board of Directors | Alma Mater Society

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society

President's Report to Assembly

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ASUS

Hello Members of Assembly,

My name is Ivana Drinziu (she/her), I am the ASUS President, and this is my August report to Assembly.

The ASUS Executive Team has been reviewing the final drafts of Council's strategic plans and end-of-summer reports. Budgets are mostly finalized and are currently being formatted for presentation at ASUS Assembly in September.

Camps is entering its final weeks, and we've seen a significant rise in success thanks to the diligent planning of former VPSA Helena and current VPSA Piper, alongside Camps Directors Orli, Alexia, and Aida. Attendance and profits have increased substantially, and this success will positively impact future student events, resources, and grants provided by ASUS.

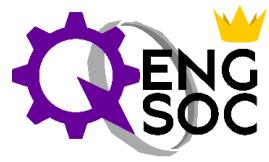
ASUS is also preparing to launch a survey for students to provide input on the FAS Dean search. This survey will allow students to share recommendations on the interview and search process, express concerns or ideas, and suggest potential candidates.

As we prepare to welcome over 2,700 ArtSci students this fall, I'm feeling incredibly excited about the opportunities and events ahead. Planning for the year has been a long and thorough process, and I'm grateful for the hard work of Piper, Jaiden, and our amazing council, camps, and orientation teams. I'm looking forward to sharing more of what we've been working on very soon.

Wishing you all the best in this final stretch before Fall,

Ivana Drinziu

Engineering Society
President's Report to Assembly
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Hey everyone! Here's what ComSoc has been up to lately:

Activity Planning: We've been busy gearing up for the year with some exciting initiatives - including planning boat cruises for our upper-year students, exploring a trial ratification system to support emerging clubs, and working on a great presence at the upcoming Club Fair.

CAC Workshop: We recently partnered with the Career Advancement Centre to host a workshop on corporate relations. The goal was to support our clubs in securing sponsorships and navigating external partnerships more effectively - huge thank you to the CAC team!

Policy & Bylaws Review: We're currently deep in our policy review process, with bylaw revisions still in progress. If AMS is interested in collaborating or aligning on any governance work, please feel free to reach out - we'd love to connect.

Special Thanks: A major shout out to our amazing AMS President, Jana, for consistently answering all our questions and offering guidance - especially around the Venn integration. Your support for our FacSoc means a lot. Thank you!

We're getting ready for an exciting year ahead, and can't wait to keep collaborating and building community across campus.

Prem Mehta-Spooner
ComSoc President

Hello everyone,

This month has been a period of preparation and foundational work as we set the stage for the year ahead.

Volunteer Recruitment for Committees

We have been wrapping up volunteer recruitment for our committees, with strong interest from students across the faculty. Final placements will be confirmed shortly, ensuring all committees are ready to begin their work in September.

Constitution Review & Policy Development

We are undertaking a thorough review of the HSS Constitution and beginning the development of formal policy documents. The goal is to create clear, accessible policies that ensure consistency, transparency, and smoother transitions for future years.

Website Revamp

The HSS website is being updated to improve accessibility, accuracy, and usability. The revised site will better reflect the current activities, resources, and structure of the Society, making it a more reliable hub for students seeking information.

Planning for the Year Ahead

We are mapping out priorities, events, and initiatives for the upcoming year to ensure we deliver meaningful programming, advocacy, and resources for our members. This includes scheduling major events, identifying collaboration opportunities, and setting strategic goals that align with our mandate.

Overall, this month has been about building a strong foundation so the HSS can move into the academic year with clarity, cohesion, and momentum.

Warmly,
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Concurrent Education Students' Association
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Hello Assembly,

Not much to update.

We are currently working on finalizing our calendar for the year!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Emily Gluckman (she/her)

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Dear Assembly,

I hope your summer is going well and you are getting ready for the fall semester.

There is not much from PHEKSA for this assembly report, as all our members are beginning to assume their roles and prepare for the upcoming year.

We are counting down the days until orientation week begins and are very excited to see how it comes alive.

At this time, PHEKSA does not have any motions we wish to propose to the group.

See you next week!

Best wishes,

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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:

Commissioner Updates

- We have officially created our formal planning committee to help plan our nursing formal in November. Our Events commissioner and VPOPS are taking the lead to help plan the formal.

NSS x NOC

- We have been in close communication with our nursing orientation committee regarding O-week related events.

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 ready for summer's end.

Since my last report, the ResSoc executive team's work has shifted from planning to active implementation. Our main focuses this past month have been:

- Finalizing and executing August staff training
- Launching key administrative and policy updates ahead of the academic year

Staff Placements & Accommodations

Following the initial placement release, I have worked closely with the Human Resources Officer and the Core Executives to address follow-up accommodation inquiries and make limited adjustments where possible. I also began documenting this year's placement process for the development of a standardized SOP for future years.

August Training

VP Society Operations, Yahya Mohamed, and VP Residence Operations, Chloe Wedji, successfully coordinated a comprehensive August training schedule. This included collaboration with Residence Life and Services, the Manager of Residence Education, and various campus supports to deliver sessions on community engagement, conflict resolution, and health & safety.

Policy & Governance

We have completed the first draft of the updated Human Resources Policy and associated SOPs. We've also prepared the fall meeting calendar for General Assembly, committees, and elections.

- Programming & Marketing Officer (PMO): Continued work on Move-In Day programming, including collaboration with RLS and the SEO. Merchandise has arrived and will be distributed during welcome events.
- Human Resources Officer (HRO): Oversaw onboarding for all new staff, ensured completion of required documentation, and began tracking probationary period reviews.

With Move-In just around the corner, our focus now turns to welcoming residents and ensuring our teams are set up for a strong start to the year. Thank you all for your ongoing support as we begin the 2025–26 term. 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,

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

As we know, Senate has not started yet. I was able to meet with the incoming QUFA president, Dr. Karen Rudie as I would like to continue the collaboration between faculty and student senators in the coming year, a collaboration that has proven important and beneficial in the past years. The meeting was fruitful and I am optimistic the relationship, going forward, will be rewarding. I have also reached out to the Principal's office requesting a meeting and hope to chat with him soon.

As always please feel free to reach out to me at sscc@ams.queensu.ca/senator@sgps.ca with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Sakura Koner (she/her),
Graduate Student Senator (2024-2026),
Student Senate Caucus Chair (2025-2026)



Hello Presidents,

The end of August energy is such a thrilling experience. Over the last four summers that I have spent in Kingston, one of my favourite parts is seeing the orientation leaders and athletes progressively return for training and begin to fill up student spaces again. Although, experiencing a long line in CoGro again is always a tough blow.

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 wrapping up our big summer projects and planning ahead for the fall. I look forward to sharing more soon once things are live.

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 | I have enjoyed connecting with the undergrad and grad faculty society presidents, and some of their executive teams through the last few weeks. These introduction meetings are some of my favourite chats to get to know one another and learn about your goals for the year ahead. I also sat down with the Queen's Journal as part of their student spotlight series in the News section. In it, I open up about why I decided to run for this role and about some of the duties of office. You can read it [here](#).

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 | While most committee work dials down during the summer, the ones that persist are working hard.

- **Tricolour Award Selection Review:** we have one more meeting remaining at the end of August to approve the final changes to the award selection terms of reference.
- **Rector Election Policy Review:** the committee has made a great deal of progress and edits to clarify and update important parts of the policy. Due to some in-depth

conversations, we are about 1 meeting behind our initial work schedule. Right now, we are scheduling two more meetings – one to finish the last section and the other to approve everything and include the work. AMS Assembly and SGPS Council can expect to see the proposed changes for final approval at the end of October – beginning of November.

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Working Group:** we have been meeting frequently to plan for programming in September, including an art show in Union Gallery, orange t-shirt distributions, and the Sacred Fire. My Office is leading a project that I look forward to sharing in September and will include participation from AMS Assembly.

Rector's Digest | This may be the best Rector's Digest yet, because it's not written by me. My intern, EJ Kelvin, took over to provide some relevant insights as an outgoing first year student to the incoming class. Read [A first year with a frontline view](#).

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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