



# President's Caucus



Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM – AMS Board Room



## Agenda

### *Assembly*

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>
2. President's Report: President Auston Pierce
3. Rector's Report
4. Question Period
5. Statements by members
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. New Business
8. Discussion Period
  - a. Guest Speakers for Assembly – [Appendix Deane](#)
  - b. Sustainability Review – VPUA
  - c. Medical Amnesty MOUA – VPUA
  - d. Admin Retreat – Rector
  - e. Student Choice Initiative (Roundtable)
9. Adjournment



## Motion Sheet

1. Moved by: Auston Pierce

Seconded by: William Greene

**"That Presidents Caucus approve the Agenda of the meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



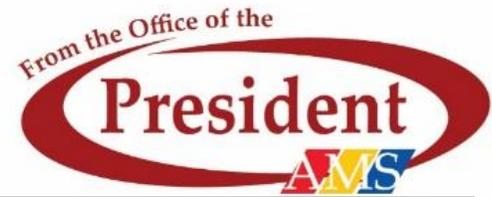
## The President of the Alma Mater Society

Report to Assembly

Auston Pierce

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Dear Presidents,

We have spent much of July progressing on many of our goals and projects that we hope to get accomplished before September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SOAR:** The last few weeks we spent time boothing at the Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources. Here we spoke to incoming students about the AMS, Health and Dental, and the Student Choice Initiative

**Alcohol Policy:** Alcohol Policy advocacy is ongoing in the month of June. There have been drastic changes to the Alcohol Policy in regard to sponsorship and advertisement as the advertising sub-committee has been written out of policy. This means that clubs and Faculty Societies no longer have to submit advertising materials to the University weeks in advance. Our other concerns remain unaddressed; however, we have completed a focus group asking students their thoughts about on campus pubs, the bars on Princess Street, and about alcohol use on campus. We will be using this data to continue to advocate to the university until public consultations in the fall.

**Empower Me:** On June 17<sup>th</sup> we met with the Division of Student Affairs and the Director of Student Wellness Services. The University has agreed to cover 50% of the cost of this program so we will be able to offer Empower Me to every undergraduate student at Queen's. This is a major step forward when it comes to mental health support on our campus and we sincerely believe that Empower Me will be able to help thousands of our peers.

**Website:** This project is ongoing, and we hope to have a completed project by September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be adding pages and content throughout the year and developing a policy to ensure the website is upkept and does not fall into disrepair.

**Student Choice Initiative Marketing:** The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Student Choice Initiative (SCI) Marketing plan is complete, and we have now begun producing content. The Communications Office has added materials to our website, drafted template responses for basic questions for the front desk and are building resources for video content. Our goal is to be as informative and transparent as possible so students can make an informed decision about being an AMS Member. We also have taken interviews on CFRC Radio and with the Journal regarding the Foodbank and the SCI in a larger context.



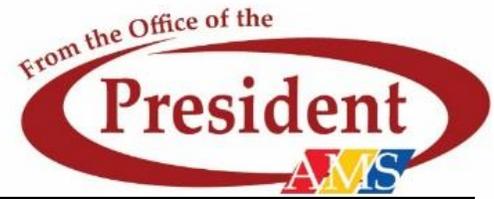
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**OSAP:** We have struck a partnership with Students For Students and have been developing a campaign to raise money for our peers who will be most impacted by the changes to OSAP. This includes offering free advertisement for Students for Students, providing unique menu options at our services, and selling items during O-Week in which funds go toward bursaries.

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Auston Pierce



## Vice President (Operations)

Report to Assembly

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Dear Faculty Society Presidents,

Please find the below information on a number of items that I have been working on:

**Orientation Vehicles:** As many of you are aware, the AMS has been working to accommodate the University and Faculty Society's concerns regarding vehicle rentals for O-Week. We have proposed two options to mitigate risk and cost. Faculty Societies looking to rent with the AMS, may either purchase the collision damage waiver (if driver is 21+) or pay a \$1,000 damage deposit on each vehicle.

**Medical Amnesty Policy:** As highlighted in our platform back in January, the AMS is interested in implementing a Medical Amnesty Policy for our campus, the surrounding University District, and for all students. I will explain the details and justification for implementing this policy in person, but we are ultimately interested in soliciting the feedback and endorsement of Faculty Societies before we move forward in advocating to the University.

**Sustainable Orientation Review:** As I circulated a couple weeks back, the AMS and ORT are looking to implement a sustainability review/audit for events that produce waste or have an environmental impact. In consultation with the Sustainability Office and PPS, our focus has shifted towards having the review be performed by external volunteers. This came about as a result of concerns addressing the lack of time on the part of leaders and exec to adequately focus on the sustainability review while also conducting other responsibilities. However, we still would like to extend the invitation to any and all faculty representatives to assist in any case. I am happy to elaborate on this initiative and its details in greater length at President's Caucus.

Overall, these are the three items I have been working on that are most relevant to Faculty Societies. However, I am happy to answer questions on any of my other projects. This includes, but is not limited to the sustainability auditing protocol (AMS Services), sexual violence survey data and jobs and training essential fee advocacy priorities to the Provincial Government, federal election awareness campaign, Sustainability Week office challenge, Indigenous office project, City of Kingston waste management consultation, or clubs caucus at the Isabel.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

*William Greene*  
Vice President (University Affairs)



## Commission of External Advocacy

### Report to Assembly

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July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Hello Presidents!

I hope you are all having a wonderful July so far, and not melting away in your offices. The month of July has been a very productive and promising month for the External Affairs Commission. July has seen a lot of big projects for the school year start moving. I will break down the largest and most influential in this report.

The first is the Medical Amnesty project. For those who do not know, this project aims to ensure that people who seek emergency help due to drugs or alcohol, are not subjected to non-academic misconduct. The moral behind this project is that the fear of discipline is a deterrent for those who are in need of emergency treatment, and individuals will avoid going to authorities to avoid potential consequences. We are working with the university and other stakeholders such as SWS and Campus Security to get their input on how this will take shape in the future.

The second main project I've been focused on is working with the city to change our waste collection methods. The city is attempting to incentivize recycling and deter landfill waste through lowering the amount of garbage bags allowed and remove restrictions on recycling. Will and I will be having a meeting with the city to consult them from a student perspective, and to ensure these recommendations are not counterproductive for the University District.

As for OUSA updates, like I said in my previous report, we have set our advocacy priorities for the year, which are the topics that will be discussed in meetings with government officials. The four priorities are (1) OSAP, (2) Sexual Violence and Prevention, (3) Mental Health, and (4) Experiential Learning/Job Opportunities. In addition to this, OUSA by-laws require them to have at least one campaign per year, and this year, most likely in September, OUSA will be running an OSAP campaign highlighting the effects the changes have had on students.

These are the main focus points for July, but there is still a lot more going on that won't fit in this report. If you're curious to know what they are, or if you have any questions related to what I mentioned above, feel free to send me an email, or pay me a visit in my office.

Sincerely,

David Bath

Commissioner of External Affairs



## Commission of Campus Activities

Report to Assembly

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July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Hi everyone!

Happy end-of-July. I hope you have all been enjoying your summer. This has been quite a busy month for the Campus Activities Commission.

Orientation Week is coming up quickly, and I have been busy working with the Orientation Roundtable Directors to continue planning Orientation week. Will and I had a delegation at City Council at the start of the month, and all of our requests to the City were passed! This includes our park space usage, road closures and noise exemption requests.

We have been working hard on a plan for Orientation vehicles, and will be putting in our final orders very soon. I also will be presenting to the Deans and Designates about Leader and Executive training later this week to update them on our goals for Leader training and new aspects that will be implemented this year.

Event sanctioning is beginning to pick up, with more forms being submitted each week. Myself and Jess worked with the Student Constables team to update these forms in order to make the process as efficient and easy to use as possible.

In the coming month, I will be working on finalizing the ORT Orientation Week schedule. I will also be here to help any and all groups and their teams to resolve any issues that arise and support them in any way possible.

Thanks everyone,

Alexia Henriques (she/her/hers)



## Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

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Hello Presidents!

Hope you all are well! Within the Social Issues Commission, we have been working on a variety of projects and initiatives, in addition to administrative tasks, since our last update.

Beginning with the CARED x PSC initiative, I am excited to announce that we have conducted interviews and selected a great set of peers for its first year of operation. I will be working on creating a list of training mechanisms (ex. workshops and resource tools) that will be specifically tailored towards providing our CARED x PSC peers with adequate training on topics like: how to provide support for racialized students from an intersectional perspective, recognizing emotional burnout, disseminating through difficult conversations and an awareness of the on-campus resources and support mechanisms that exist to help students.

I have also developed a toolkit workshop presentation for AMS Services centered around 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Harassment. This toolkit workshop aims to provide service staff, supervisors and managers with adequate knowledge on what harassment can entail, and how to react, respond, and intervene in incidents of harassment involving individuals that are external to a service/the AMS (ex. patrons, service providers, etc.). This toolkit workshop was tailored and presented a few weekends ago for the first time to Queen's Student Constables (QSC) and was received with quite positive feedback.

Within the AMS Food Bank, we are now continuing to facilitate the Good Food Box (GFB) program for the summer. The GFB is a non-profit fresh vegetables and fruit distribution system within the Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington area. In addition, we have stabilized our hours of operations to Mondays and Thursdays, every week from 5-6:30pm for the rest of the summer.

We have also finalized the dates of the SICs Cultural Awareness Week; Sexual Violence, Prevention and Response Week; Health and Wellness Week and our Sustainability Week. Within which, we hope to increase our collaboration with AMS Clubs and faculty societies, as well as innovate new initiatives with an intersectional approach relating to the broad theme of each of these respective weeks.

Finally, we have also been working in collaboration with the VPUA, Queen's Sustainability Office, and other stakeholders to help organize and facilitate a range of activities during Queen's Sustainability Week from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Commission of Social Issues

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If any of you have any questions, or concerns about the items above or ideas that you would like to discuss, I would be more than happy to do so. Feel free to reach out to me at any time!

Wishing you all the best,

Bunisha Samuels

AMS Commissioner of Social Issues



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Hello Presidents' Caucus,

Another month of summer has passed and I hope it is treating you well. In this report I hope to outline what has gone on in the Clubs' Office in the last month.

A lot of the last month has been dedicated to reading applications for the Summer Clubs Experience Grant and allocating funds that will help clubs put on new initiatives and get involved in Orientation Week.

In addition, I have begun to revamp the Clubs Manual. I hope that once finished, individuals will be able to consult it in order to find resources and answers to some questions that they may have.

With the website steering committee, the clubs portion of the website is well underway. We have designed what we want the main page to look like and have begun to sort what information is being kept for the new website and where we are putting it.

We have begun accepting registration for Tricolour Open House in September. I am excited to bring this project to life over the next month and see the final product in September!

Lastly, I have continued to garner feedback from clubs on the Clubs Map. By the end of July, I am hoping to have enough feedback that I can finalize the designs and begin updating which clubs are on the Map.

All the best,

Scott Schrempf – Director of Clubs



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Hi President's,

This month I have been hard at work with the following:

Policy: I have been working on both Policy Manual 2 and Judicial Policy. Judicial policy is being split into two documents. PIP policy and NAM policy. This is to prevent confusion surrounding the overlap of the two and to make sure that a scenario where someone is double prosecuted never happens again. Additionally, PM2 will be split into individual policies.

Assembly Prep: Dates are finalized, rooms are booked, invites are sent out. I'm now working on the how to assemble guide with the speaker, while also teaching the speaker about rules of order and how assembly should run. I'm happy for any ideas or criticisms on how it was run in the past and how it could be better.

Elections: Dates are finalized, marketing plan has been created. Working on some new creative ideas related to marketing.

Board of Directors: I make Agendas for this and take minutes. I did both of those things this past month.

Website: We are redoing the website and I have made a draft of the governance section. I'm super excited about this. Content is going to be rewritten

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko (He/Him)



## Appendices

### Appendix Deane:

Hi Everyone,

I have been working on a list of potential guests and what assembly they will arrive for. Please see the following tentative list. I would like to get guests from different faculties, other than just politics related.

September 18<sup>th</sup>: Principal Deane

October 10<sup>th</sup>: OUSA / Mayor of Kingston

November: MP / MPP of Kingston

January: MP/ MPP of Kingston

February: Senator / Open (<https://sencanada.ca/en/forms/sengage-community/>  
[https://sencanada.ca/en/forms/sengage-campus](https://sencanada.ca/en/forms/sengage-campus/))

March: AGM (Admin?) / Open

April: Open

Potentials guests:

- Queen's Admin
- Notable Alumni
- Politicians
- Queen's Ombud's person
- Head Librarian
- Queen's Archivist
- PhD students on different issues to speak on research
- Your suggestions!

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko



# Appendices

