



# President's Caucus



Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:30 PM – AMS Board Room



## Agenda

### *Assembly*

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
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. Student Choice Initiative
  - b. Alcohol Policy
9. Adjournment



## Motion Sheet

1. Moved by: Auston Pierce

Seconded by: William Greene

**"That Presidents Caucus approve the Agenda of the meeting of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019"**



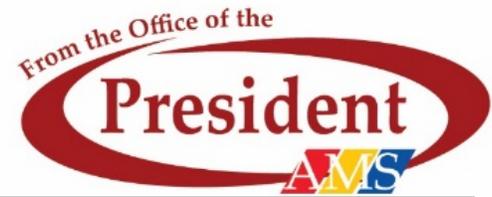
## The President of the Alma Mater Society

Report to Assembly

Auston Pierce

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

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Dear Presidents,

We have spent much of August completing budgets, preparing for Orientation Week, and wrapping up projects we hope to have ready for September.

**Alcohol Policy:** We have continued to advocate to the University about the Alcohol Policy. We are still seeking answers about the fall consultations and how that will be conducted. We are still pleased to see that the Advertising Sub Committee has been removed and we have seen the Queen's Pub Patio be reflected in JDUC Designs. We also have taken up some harm reduction strategies for Orientation week in hopes in keeping our peers safe.

**Empower Me:** We have been busy finalizing a lot of the specifics of the Empower Me program and now all that is left to do is to sign the documents. We can confirm that we are set to launch Empower Me for all students come September 1<sup>st</sup>. We have developed an announcement plan and had informed the Journal of our plans in early August.

**Website:** This project is ongoing, and we hope to have a completed project by September 1<sup>st</sup>. We have made significant progress this month and most of the pages are ready to launch. There will be some pages that still will need to be added throughout the year, however, they are low priority. We will be conducting internal focus groups within our office before launch to make sure that students like the new look and that our website contains all of the information necessary for students.

**Student Choice Initiative Marketing:** We have completed the graphics that will be launched throughout September, have completed video scripts, have developed AMS Sticker designs, have taken interviews to discuss the SCI, and have been at work spreading our messaging. We hope together all of this will help students inform themselves about the Student Choice Initiative. We hope to launch our first video before students arrive in September.

**Queen's Day:** We have confirmed much of the high-level plans and materials we will be using for Queen's Day. We will be working with various stakeholder at the University to ensure that we are engaging as many students as possible and are able to raise as much support as we can.

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Auston Pierce



## Vice President (Operations)

Report to Assembly

Jessica Dahanayake

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

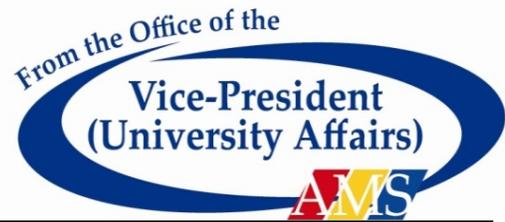
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Dear Faculty Society Presidents,

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

**Orientation Vehicles:** For those of you that are renting vehicles through the AMS' insurance, I want to thank you for your patience, cooperation, and commitment to improving accountability measures. All agreements have been signed and deposits have been made.

**Sustainable Orientation Review:** I am currently working on finding volunteers for our Sustainable Orientation Review. This is a project that was discussed in the last President's Caucus. We have established our form and have identified 29 events that will be audited by external volunteers. If you could circulate the volunteer sign up forms to your respective faculty societies, it would help us a great deal. We want to get as much buy in as possible to ensure that this project delivers strong recommendations for the further improvement of orientation week and its environmental impact. Could you please circulate the following form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdWAJmQXnYajz8fGnS1fnj2O2oFcu3xjNjIB4Dm mV TtNoew/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdWAJmQXnYajz8fGnS1fnj2O2oFcu3xjNjIB4Dm mV TtNoew/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Commission Budgets:** All of my direct reports have submitted their second drafts of their budgets. For each Commission, a total amount has been allocated to the AMS' consolidated budget that is to be approved at the August Board of Directors meeting. Final Commission budgets will go to the first AMS Assembly to receive final approval.

I have listed the above as the most relevant for President's Caucus. Please email me if you would like a status update or conversation on any of the other initiatives I have been working on:

- Medical Amnesty Policy
- Alcohol Policy (w / President)
- Sustainable audit of AMS services
- Sustainable Events Certification
- Isabel Bader Clubs Caucus
- Reusable cups campaign
- Federal Election Candidate videos

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

*William Greene*  
Vice President (University Affairs)



**Commission of External Advocacy**  
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Howdy Presidents!

August has marked another successful month in the Commission of External Affairs. The majority of this month has been compromised of planning for September, and bracing ourselves for the impending wave of returning students.

At the beginning of August, I received funding from the University to attend the Student Union Development Summit at UBC. This 3 day conference is a meeting of most student union executives from all big universities across the country. During the conference, we discussed almost every possible issue that is facing, and ever could face, a student union. Everything from student engagement and mental health to how dress codes affect workplace dynamics. I'm writing a brief which will be my condensed notes from the conference. If you would like to take a look at it, just send me an email and I'm happy to share it with you.

The second large development from August has been the creation of our budgets. I was tasked with making my commission-wide one, and our OUSA budget. I placed a large emphasis on "trimming the fat" of the budgets from years previous. I managed to cut it by about 50% while still managing to spend almost the same in all essential categories such as marketing, fees, wages, etc. It's the same story for the OUSA budget as well. Will and I plan to make more day trips to avoid hotel costs, and will be spending significantly less on smaller charges like food and drink. Moreover, the General Assemblies for OUSA have been shortened meaning that it will require only 2 nights in a hotel rather than 3. These small cost saving measures will save around \$8,000.

A few other smaller things that I have been up to are, for one, the marketing plan for the UDSI. I've been urging the city to send out early marketing material for the UDSI, so students, especially first years, are aware of the by-law before O-Week. They assured me that both the City, and Kingston Police will have a large presence at move-in day and O-Week where they will be willing to discuss the by-laws. A second thing I've been up to is working with my AGC and HRC managers to develop training for the officers. The training will be in mid-September and will be integrated with the general AMS training sessions.



## Commission of External Advocacy

Report to Assembly

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

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Let me know if you want to talk more, or if you have any questions. Good luck in the next few weeks! Embrace the madness that is Orientation Week.

Your Friend,

David A. Bath

Commissioner of External Affairs

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## Commission of Campus Activities

Report to Assembly

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

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Hey y'all,

I have been very busy working on last minute items for Orientation Week 2019. We are well into pre-week, and have Leader and Executive training in the coming days.

All of the ORT Directors are back on campus ready to work hard to help out all 10 faculties and groups with any issues and conflicts that arise.

New things to note this year include an emphasis on learning outcomes for all pre-week training, a sustainability review during the week, and an increase in communication between the AMS and various internal and external stakeholders.

Keep your eyes out for the big ORT Mystery Concert announcement, and feel free to come up and say hi or check in if you see any ORT members running around campus in the coming weeks.

Thanks everyone! Wish us luck.

Alexia Henriques

Campus Activities Commissioner 2019



## Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

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**Clubs Director**  
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Report for Presidents' Caucus – Clubs' Office

Hello Presidents' Caucus,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer. With both students coming back to campus and the school year approaching, I am sure you are all getting busier but hope that you're excited for the year to come. I hope to provide information of what has been going on in the Clubs' Office since my last report.

In the last month, I have worked with Will to finalize my goal plan and budget. With the uncertainty of the student choice initiative this has been a difficult process, but I feel that we have been able to keep most of my Office's operations and grants intact.

I have also continued to work on the Clubs Map. Over the last month, I have received feedback from clubs on the Map and have used this feedback in order to provide changes to the developers. I am still hopeful that we will be able to launch for Orientation Week.

In addition, two projects that I am still working on are the AMS website and the Clubs Manual. I have begun to consolidate AMS resources and met with head managers of our services to determine what value they offer to clubs. Also, the Clubs portion of the website is almost complete, with some finishing touches it should be ready to go for Orientation Week.

Lastly, Will and I have begun to plan for our first Clubs' Caucus. This year we are looking to change how we run the event and are hosting our first one at the Isabel. It will be a great opportunity for clubs to come out and see the Isabel as an event space and our hope is that it will create a larger attendance than has been seen in previous years.



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That is all from me. I am looking forward to Orientation Week and Tricolour Open House, as well as the return of students.

All the best,

Scott Schrempf



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Hi President's,

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

Policy: Policy has taken a back seat as preparation has been started.

Assembly Prep: Reaching out to Guest Speakers. How to assemble guide. Live Stream prep.

Board of Directors: Preparation for the Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Trying out a new format for that. It looks great. Trust me on that.

Website: Completely redid content for the Website.

Meetings: Met with the new Ombudsperson.

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/>)

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

