

# AMS Assembly



November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:30 PM – Wallace Hall

## Agenda

### *Assembly*

1. **Motion #1** – That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of November 28th, 2019
  - a. **Minutes delayed until January**
2. Speaker's Business
  - a. Land Acknowledgement
  - b. Holiday greeting
3. Guest Speaker
4. President's Report: President Auston Pierce
5. Vice-President's Report
  - a. Operations: Jessica Dahanayake
  - b. University Affairs: William Greene
6. Board of Director's Report: Board Chair Liam Tharp
7. Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report: Trustee Tyler Macintyre
8. Student Senator's Report: Chairperson David Niddam-Dent
9. Rector's Report: Rector Alex Da Silva
10. Statements by Students
11. Question Period
12. Business Arising from the Minutes
13. New Business
  - a. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly gives jurisdiction to the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA) to run and operate Queen's Model United Nations
  - b. **Motion #3** - That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Manual 2 as seen in Appendix [Have a](#)
  - c. **Motion #4** - That AMS Assembly approve the changes to AMS Election and Referenda Policy as seen in Appendix [Happy](#)
  - d. **Motion #5** - That AMS Assembly approve the changes to AMS Rector Elections Policy and Procedures Manual as seen in Appendix [Holiday](#)
14. Discussion Period
15. Adjournment



**President of the Alma Mater Society**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Auston Pierce**  
November 28th, 2019  
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Dear Members of Assembly

It has not been long since last Assembly, so my updates are brief but I welcome all questions. November has been a month in which we have focused much of our efforts in advocating for our peers both at home and throughout our province.

### **Principal's Conversation**

The AMS recently held a special assembly on November 25th in order to help facilitate the Principal's Conversation. Thank you to all who attended, I was grateful to see so many of our peers out contributing to this important process. I am confident that our voices have been heard so I also encourage assembly members to attend, listen, and speak about your vision for the future of Queen's at other Principal's Conversations. For most students this is an opportunity that only comes around once in a lifetime, we would be doing a disservice to our university, to our peers, and to future generations of Queen's students if we do not now confidently speak our minds and engage others to attend.

### **Fall Reading Break**

As promised, we have begun making substantial moves on addressing student concerns over Fall Reading Break. The advocacy on this is being led by Student Senate Caucus Chair David Niddam-Dent and myself. We have begun meeting with stakeholders across the university, have organized meetings with administrators, senators, faculty, have posed questions for Senate, heard Faculty Society Presidents, and have begun developing a survey to gather data from all students. This is a topic that is incredibly important for many students and every Faculty Society is playing an integral role in the advocacy efforts. From our discussions at our recent President's caucus, I know the Presidents are all incredibly motivated and passionate about its impacts to mental health, orientation week, and the student experience. The survey will be going out next week to be shared by all Faculty Societies, so we are able to gather as much information as possible now that the process is clearer to us. We are moving at a very brisk rate because we have to if we want to ensure student voices are heard. Once again, this is an example of how much more effective student voices all are when we are united, so I expect to draft a report with Student Senate Caucus Chair Niddam-Dent for endorsement from Faculty Societies.

### **Advocacy Week**

Will, David and Myself have been at Queen's Park as part of OUSA's Student Advocacy Week. We have together met with MPPs and other notables to advocate for student priorities such as

Mental Health, Sexual Violence Prevention and Response, Financial Accessibility, and Preparedness for the Workforce.

#### PEP-AH

Last Friday Vice President (University Affairs) Will and I were in Toronto at the Postsecondary Education Partnership-Alcohol Harms where we sat on a panel, delivered presentations, and fielded questions. We focused on alcohol harm reduction in post-secondary institutions and focused heavily on a paradigm shift away from prohibition and punitive measures that negatively impact harm reduction techniques. We touched on all of the processes in our pubs and discussed all of the harm reduction techniques employed by the AMS this year and beyond.

#### Homecoming and Community Partners

We have been working on gathering information about our most recent homecoming and hope to play a role in shifting the conversation around homecoming and the street party on Aberdeen. Although accountability is important, we want the city and university to approach these issues differently by employing harm reduction techniques instead of overly punitive measures. We have been working with other student unions in the province such as McMaster, Laurier, and Western to find out more about their own harm reduction strategies such as introducing daytime concerts. We have also been speaking to students about the University District Safety Initiative and other stakeholders and partners to gather more insight into its impacts.

## Vice-President (Operations) & CEO

### Report to Board of Directors

Jessica Dahanayake

November 28th, 2019

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Dear Members of Assembly,

Here are the updates since the date of my last report:

#### **Event Sanctioning Update**

The form has been updated with a Certificate of Insurance section to streamline the process and improve the understanding around getting a Certificate. The common point of confusion we have been encountering is the fact that all events that are held at the ARC will require a certificate of insurance, this has been unexpected for several groups. The form includes a description of what we need for a COI, which should hopefully help with this going forward. Events have been picking up, and we have been meeting with many different groups to discuss the logistics and risks of their events!

#### **Queen's Period Update**

Over the last few weeks we have had meetings with the Provost, Principal, and the DSA about the initiative to great feedback and reception. We have been brainstorming many ideas on action items however we are waiting for the survey to close in order to understand what Queen's students think. The Take1Leave1 bins have gotten great reception and engagement, and we are installing 2 extras to be placed in the men's washrooms right now. The survey has closed and we are compiling the report of its results to use as our research.

#### **Kingston Youth Shelter**

This month and for December until exams we are focusing on meaningful contributions to our charity months, and moving away from simply "cutting a cheque". Our services have been brainstorming ways to either raise items or do workshops physically in the shelter with the staff and patrons. We had the director of the shelter come in and talk to Corporate Caucus on what they need at the shelter and about their values/what they do. CoGro and SLC have already started a clothing drive that gives out coupons in exchange for a donation, and the P&CC will be printing calendars for the shelter pro-bono to feature artwork that the patrons of the shelter made themselves. The PSC plans to raise non-perishables and to make cards for the patrons of the shelter to receive and to send to their loved ones. Expect to see the other service's initiatives launch soon!

#### **Various Service Initiatives**

- The SLC had a successful business market this week in the ARC, featuring local businesses in Kingston.
- The PSC had a great TALKS week which entailed different booths and events to initiate a culture for students to care about themselves and their peers. Events such as the Conversation Clothing starter line, the Whiteboard campaign to promote the resources that one can use for support, and the Postcard making booth to emphasize the important of staying in touch with those you care about had great engagement with the Queen's community. A video will be released soon to summarize the week.

- TAPS had their Indie Night which featured 3 local Indie Artists at the Underground as part of their concert series.
- The Journal has gotten Journal alumni to setup a series of fundraising events. In conjunction with the Advancement campaign, there is a newspaper movie series for Nov-Feb at a local theatre in Toronto that is marketed at the “scene” of Journal supporters in Toronto. There is also going to be a fundraising dinner in February to aid their fundraising efforts.
- P&CC will launch their annual 12 Days of Exams deals for December, so keep an eye out for your studying/printing needs! They also have a new service, renting their photo printing services for your event, in the works. Stay tuned!
- By the time you are reading this, TRO will have gone online. Select items will be available for ordering and shipping to home. Congrats to the TRO team for making this happen!

Until next time,  
Jessica Dahanayake

**Vice-President (University Affairs)**

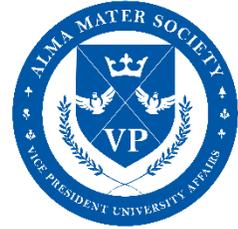
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**November 28th, 2019**

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Dear Members of Assembly,

Hope all are well and excited to get through exams and on to Christmas break. I do not have many updates for the month of November, as I took some time off and was largely involved with OUSA General Assembly and Strategic Conference when present. I have outlined a few updates below, but would happy to take any questions that Assembly has.

### **OUSA General Assembly**

On the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the AMS sent a delegation to OUSA's 2019 Fall General Assembly at Brock University in St. Catherines. Over the course of the weekend, we represented the interests of Queen's students in writing three policy papers to be used by the OUSA Steering Committee and Home Office to advocate to the Provincial Government. The three papers passed were focused on Gender and Sexual Diversity, Ancillary Fees, and Student Accessibility. All of the updated policy papers can be found on the OUSA website in the policy library. I look forward to next semester when we look to update our Sexual Violence Prevention and Response and International Students paper.

### **OUSA Advocacy Week**

This past week, Auston, David and I attended Strategic Conference in Toronto. Over the course of the week, we met with over 20 MPPs and advocated for recommendations underneath the priorities of sexual violence prevention, mental health, student financial aid, and preparing students for the workforce. Many of our meetings were productive and left room for further collaboration (especially regarding mental health and sexual violence). During this time, we also reiterated the impacts that the OSAP changes have had on campuses across Ontario.

### **Community Partners Meeting**

Last week, Auston and I attended the Community Partners meeting at the Kingston Police station. Although we expressed a need to improve preparations to keep students safe (prevent roof collapsing, access for emergency services, etc.), we reiterated the

importance of considering the student perspective in moving forward with any plan of action. We have offered our consultation over the next few months to ensure that students can continue our traditional celebrations, but also improve safety and engagement.

### **Other updates**

- All of the ORT Directors were ratified last assembly and they have begun work in transitioning and preparing for O-Week 2020
- FYNIRS and NEWTS Chairs have been hired and have begun transition
- I have begun participating in the hiring process for the new Executive Director of Student Wellness Services
- The Sustainability Action Fund Committee will be meeting this week to allocate for the Fall granting period
- Queen's Model Parliament registration has closed and we are looking to adjust expenses to fully reflect delegate numbers, so as to prevent extra expenses

**Commission of Campus Activities**

**Report to Assembly**

**Alexia Henriques**

**November 28th, 2019**

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Hello everyone,

The ORT team is moving forward with planning equitable hiring training sessions for all Orientation Executive teams to complete prior to leader hiring. They have also begun setting dates in place for leader and executive training sessions leading up to Orientation Week 2020.

I have been working on updating the Orientation Week event form and approval process. We are hoping to have this finalized before the new year, so that it can be used for Orientation 2020.

The NEWTS Head and Chairs have been hired, and will have their finalized committee by the end of the week. The FYNIRS Chair has also been hired.

Event sanctioning is an on-going process. I encourage you all to reach out if you have any questions about the guide or the process as a whole!

Have a safe and productive exam season!

Best,

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**Commission of External Advocacy**  
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Good Evening Assembly!

I hope all is well with you as we enter midterm season. Make sure you're taking time for yourself and drinking lots of water. October has been a very successful month for the Commission of External Affairs, and this brief will quickly go over some of those actions we've made in the last month.

Since the last time we spoke, Queen's had a major event called "Homecoming". My role in Homecoming was to work alongside the city and broader AMS to help ensure safety in the community and relay information about the day. To begin, I had several meetings with the City of Kingston communications department about UDSI marketing to students. In these meetings we discussed best practices for pushing this information to students. We ended up putting 150 posters in residences to target first-years, and reposted several UDSI communications over social media. On the day of Homecoming I organized the AMS water tent where we handed out around 1000 cups of water to students on their way to, or on their way from Aberdeen street. The tent had a lot of positive feedback from the community, and many students simply stopped to chat with us about the AMS and life.

The morning after Homecoming, me and my team of Community Service Agents took to the streets at 7am to clean up Aberdeen and the surrounding area. The team worked tremendously well, and we were able to clean Aberdeen, William, Division, University, and Earl all in 2.5 hours. We also did an interview with the Kingston Whig which can be found here: <https://www.thewhig.com/news/local-news/queens-students-clean-up-in-aftermath-of-aberdeen-street>

Another big event which recently occurred was the 50<sup>th</sup> biannual OUSA General Assembly. General Assembly is where delegates from each member institution vote on the policies and recommendations which they wish OUSA to advocate on in meetings with the Provincial Government. At this GA the policy papers on the table were Students with Disabilities, Ancillary Fees, and LGBTQ+. Alongside the other 5 delegates from Queen's we made edits and added recommendations to these policy papers to best suit the interest of students across the province, and Queen's students more specifically.

Enjoy Assembly, and I'm excited to speak with you all again soon.  
Your Friend and Commissioner,  
David A. Bath

**Commission of Social Issues**

**Report to Assembly**

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**November 28th, 2019**

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**AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs**  
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**November 28th, 2019**  
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Hello Assembly,

I'm on medical leave! See everyone next semester. Good luck on exams and have a happy holiday.

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko

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**Report to Assembly**  
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Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope the last month has treated you well and that you all had a relaxing reading break. Here are my updates since we last met.

The bulk of my last month has been used working on new club ratification and Clubs Experience Grant allocations. I have now finished both of these processes and am now planning new clubs caucus in order to introduce the newly ratified clubs to the AMS. I have also officially opened the New Clubs Grant and hope to have applications starting to come in over the next week or so.

Now that the larger and more time consuming processes are completed and clubs are starting to hit their stride, I am hoping to catch up a bit on work. In addition, I am hoping to begin prepping for the next semester and work on projects that have been stalled the past two months.

That's all for this month, see you all on Thursday!

Best,

Scott

**Student Senate Caucus Chair**  
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**Undergraduate Student Trustee**  
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**Nothing to report**

**Tyler**

**University Rector**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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# Arts and Science Undergraduate Society President

## Report to Assembly

Chayce Perkins

November 28th, 2019

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Dear members of Assembly,

This semester has truly gone by in a blink, and I could not be more grateful for everything ASUS has accomplished thus far. The past four months have consisted of a new challenge to tackle everyday, and it would be a true understatement to say I have been so appreciative for all I have learned.

Here I have outlined a couple of specific updates from the past month:

### **Orientation Hiring**

At the end of October, we officially completed hiring for the ASUS O-Week executive team! Congratulations to Anika Chowdhury (Head Gael), Sara Stephens (Community, Awareness, Respect and Engagement Chair), Jacob Marineli (Operations Chair), Brooke Cowie (Sociocultural Chair), and Jenna Jackson (Academics and Campus Support Chair). We are so excited that since then they have hired 36 wonderful Orientation Coordinators, and we are sincerely looking forward to supporting them this year in their effort to welcome the Arts and Science Class of 2024!

### **Life After ArtSci**

Life After ArtSci was a huge success! We had over 100 registrants, 20 guest speakers, and lots of great networking! Thank you all for those who attended and assisted with the event. Special thank you to the ASUS Professional Development team (Khanh, Aida, Jess and Danielle) for running the show wonderfully on the day of! I am excited to continue working with the team and the Faculty on the Toronto edition of LAA- don't forget to mark your calendars for January 10th.

### **Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Fund**

Applications for ASURF have officially closed and throughout the coming weeks the granting committee will be reviewing the applications! We are excited to be providing over \$70,000 in research funding for undergraduate Art and Science researchers.

### **Fall Reading Break**

At the most recent Arts and Science Faculty Board (November 8th), the ASUS Academics Commissioner and I raised concerns over the fall reading break. As a result of our points, which were based on both concerns brought forward by ASUS DSC presidents as well as the ASUS Fall Reading Break Survey released last spring, the Arts and Science academic sessional dates for 2021-2022 (which included the fall break) were not approved. Currently, my intern, Tiffany, and I are working alongside the AMS to prepare advocacy measures in order to ensure that students' concerns are raised and brought to the table during this crucial time. If you would like to share any thoughts based on this, let me know!

I hope that you all find time to take care of yourself in the upcoming weeks. It has been a pleasure sitting on Assembly this semester with you all. Best of luck, and have a safe and happy winter break!

To Assembly's continued success,

Chayce

## Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

Delaney Benoit

November 28th, 2019

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Hello Assembly!

Some things the Engineering Society has been up to over the past few weeks are outlined below.

### **Jacket Pickup and Slam**

Just so everyone knows, the first year engineers will be picking their jackets up on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Clark Hall. This typically includes them and some upper year students kicking their jackets around campus, among other weird things! These students know not to interfere with cars or enter University buildings where students might be studying or writing exams so this should cause no issues to anyone else around campus. The jacket slam will be taking place outside of Clark Hall Pub on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm.

### **Gearing up for OEC 2021**

The Ontario Engineering Competition (OEC) is being held at Queens in January 2021, next school year. The competition brings in some of the top engineering students from across the province and has representation from up to 21 different schools and a budget of over \$250 000. The executive is currently in the process of hiring positions for marketing/communications, finance, sponsorships, operations/logistics, and challenge leaders. The last time Queen's hosted was in 2002 so it's definitely something that doesn't come around often and they're looking for a strong team of students who are driven to bring this event to Queens and show off our school to the rest of the province! If you know of any students who would be interested in taking on something like this, please encourage them to apply.

### **Council**

We had our last council of the semester/year/decade last Thursday. All our councils are live streamed online on our Facebook page if anyone is interested in checking out what happens there and what's new with EngSoc!

### **December 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial**

The December 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial is a ceremony in recognition of the massacre that happened 30 years ago at L'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal, where 14 women in engineering were killed. The memorial will happen in Beaminsh-Munroe Hall room 313 at 3 pm if anyone is interested in joining us.

### **Movember**

Movember is still underway! Please participate or donate if you are able to, this is a great cause and there will be lots of great events surrounding it throughout the month!

As always, feel free to come chat with myself or Zaid if you have any questions, we love to collaborate with other societies and groups and are looking forward to finishing the semester strong!

I hope everyone has a wonderful break! Please take care of yourselves during exam season and take advantage of the resources (academic and wellness related) around campus. Best of luck on any exams and assignments and enjoy the winter break!

All the best,  
Delaney

**Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President**

**Report to Assembly**

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**Concurrent Education Students' Association President**

**Report to Assembly**

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**November 28th, 2019**

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## Nursing Science Society President

Report to Assembly

Julia Kruizinga

November 28th, 2019

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Dear AMS assembly,

As you may be aware, my term will be officially ending as of December 1<sup>st</sup> and it is bittersweet to write my final report after two years serving in the role of President and representing the voice of nursing students within the Alma Mater Society. It has been both a humbling and fulfilling experience to work with a number of exceptional student leaders and I extend my sincerest gratitude to each student leader I have had the opportunity to work with.

In my role, I have had the opportunity to be closely engaged in student government over the past few years and have seen some of the challenges and progress made in the face of adversity. As I have reflected on my years involved in student government and with my council, I am very thankful for the ability to not only work with a number of passionate nursing leaders, but to also see what is happening beyond my individual school and the incredible work you have been deeply involved in. There is great strength when we build upon the work we are all doing and come together to learn, grow, challenge and hold each other accountable in the positions we hold and those we represent.

While we have each come with our own agendas, it has been encouraging to see us come together on many important collective student issues and work collaboratively and critically to address these issues. I believe this will be an important attribute to carry forward wherever we go. I hope you each will take advantage of the opportunities you have in these positions and the unique responsibilities you hold as you continue in your terms. You have the capacity to make a difference and selflessly advocate for the most remarkable group of students in the world. As I reflect on this experience, I am so grateful for how much my involvement in student government has shaped who I am today and impacted my time here at Queen's in such immeasurable ways. Most importantly, I am thankful for the friendships and relationships that would have otherwise not come about and will endure beyond my role.

Lastly, it brings me great joy to welcome in and introduce the new incoming NSS executive team: Alex Troiani (President), Victoria Schoular (Vice-President, University Affairs) and Deborah Wang (Vice-President, Operations). I can confidently say they are going to make an incredible team for the upcoming year and I can personally attest to the joy and privilege it has been to have worked with them closely for a number of years. I know they are going to lead our nursing community well.

With that, I wish you all the best as you head into the exam season and a wonderful break as you take time for yourself and spend time with those most dear to you.

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Julia Kruizinga  
NSS President 2019



## Computing Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

Nana Boateng

November 28th, 2019

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### President's Report

We are looking for feedback from students on the Fall Reading break to present to the AMS. I have already received a number of strong opinions on the state of our reading week, but we want to get a general opinion from everyone in Computing.

A number of people have reported seeing an alarming message when they try to visit the COMPSA website. Unfortunately this was caused by a technical issue that is outside of our reach. We have been in contact with both our domain holders and web hosting services on ameliorating this issue and we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

We just wrapped up our professor hiring! We are more than happy with our new professors who will be teaching classes in the Biomedical Computing department and working on research within the School of Computing.

COMPSA will be organizing tutorial sessions for big classes over the next few weeks to better help students' academic success.

We are also celebrating the last day of school with CompSci Night Out, an event for all Computing students at the Grizzly Grill on Friday November 29th.

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