

AMS Assembly



January 16th, 2020

6:30 PM – Macdonald Hall 001

Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of January 16th, 2020
2. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the January 16th, 2020 Assembly
3. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 Assembly
4. **Motion #4** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the November 28th, 2019 Assembly
5. Speaker's Business
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
6. President's Report: President Auston Pierce
7. Vice-President's Report
 - a. Operations: Jessica Dahanayake
 - i. Event Sanctioning
 - b. University Affairs: William Greene
8. Board of Director's Report: Board Chair Liam Tharp
9. Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report: Trustee Tyler Macintyre
10. Student Senator's Report: Chairperson David Niddam-Dent
11. Rector's Report: Rector Alex Da Silva
12. Statements by Students
13. Question Period
14. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. **Motion #5** – That AMS Assembly confirm the E-Vote which took place on Tuesday January 7th to Friday January 9th
 - i. That AMS Assembly approve the changes to Policy Manual 2 as seen in Appendix [Have a](#)
 - ii. That AMS Assembly approve the changes to AMS Election and Referenda Policy as seen in Appendix [Happy](#)
 - iii. That AMS Assembly approve the changes to AMS Rector Elections Policy and Procedures Manual as seen in Appendix [Holiday](#)
15. New Business
 - a. **Motion #6** – That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Sam Hiemstra as a candidate on the 2020 Rector election ballot
 - b. **Motion #7** – That AMS Assembly ratify the addition of Jared Den Otter (Presidential Candidate), Alexandra Samoyloff (Vice-President Operations), and

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- e. **Motion #10** - That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2020 Winter Referendum “Do you agree to an increase in the Queen’s Correctional Service Volunteers fee (subject to individual opt out) from \$ 0.10 to \$0.20, and increase of \$0.10?”
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- k. **Motion #16** - That AMS Assembly approve the following question to the 2020 Winter Referendum “Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.69 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen’s VEX u Robotics Team?”

16. Discussion Period

17. Adjournment

Motion Sheet

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Seconded by: Auston Pierce

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President of the Alma Mater Society
Report to Assembly
Auston Pierce
January 16th, 2020
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Dear AMS Assembly,

2020 has already proved to be a whirlwind year for the AMS and Queen's University. We have immediately hit the ground running by completing projects, preparing for our successors, continuing our advocacy work, and picking up new projects that we want to see completed before the end of the term. I have turned my attention to long term planning so we can ensure structures are in place to accomplish many of the goals that are important for students but, have not been able to get the attention they deserve this year. I look forward to seeing the outcome of the AMS and Rector elections along with faculty society elections and would like to wish all candidates the best of luck. Running for any position can be a daunting challenge, however with passion and a true and honest commitment to making our institution better candidates will be able to leave their mark here at Queen's, whether they are successful or not.

Condolences

I would like to begin by offering my condolences to the friends and family of all those who lost their lives in the tragic events that took place aboard flight 752 in Iran. At Queen's we are a tight community, and any loss is one in which we all feel. We are all heartbroken to hear about the impact to one of our peers and to all those here at Queen's and in the Canadian-Iranian community. The AMS stands united with all of our colleagues and friends in grieving the loved ones lost in this incident.

Student Choice Initiative (SCI)

Since the Student Choice Initiative was deemed unlawful by the courts, we have been working hard to bring as much clarity as possible to the situation. Over these last few months we have proven ourselves to be leaders when it comes to advocacy in this realm and we have been offering our insight to student unions in Ontario and in other provinces. The Student Choice Initiative has hampered our operations, reduced student jobs, financial assistance, and supports both on and off campus. Our main priority right now is to ensure that the AMS and all other fee recipients remain committed to transparency and doing what is best for our peers.

We have been in constant communication with the University and we believe that the best thing to do for students is to honour their votes by returning to the democratic systems that have served as the basis for student life at Queen's for decades. We believe it is Queen's students who should determine what is essential for themselves, not the provincial government. The AMS will inform all students and fee recipients once we have any announcements to make about the future of the Student Choice Initiative.

Mental Health

This past year the AMS has been championing mental health on our campus. We have contributed to the Campus Wellness Project, introduced a partnership between the Peer Support Centre and the Committee Against Racial and Ethnic Discrimination, and introduced a brand new 24/7 conselling service called Empower Me. Our goal is to ensure that every student at Queen's can access mental health services when they need to, and without long wait times. We encourage all those who are looking for support to use Empower Me and the Peer Support Centre when needed. We are currently doing research into the AMS Health and Dental Plan to test the feasibility of increasing Mental Health coverage without increasing any premiums for students.

We are lucky to have found so many partners at Queen's and in the community, who are assisting us in our work. Bell Let's Talk Day is January 29th, 2020.

Fall Reading Break

My biggest priority this semester is the structure of the Fall Reading Break. In 2018 a 3-year pilot project began which introduced a 2-day reading break at the end of October. Since September we have been working on gathering student ideas and input into what impacts this break has on student engagement, orientation week, and mental health. To date, no University ran study or review has taken place looking into the fall break and orientation week structure despite being 2 years into the program. As such, many of the students who experienced the fall semester without the break and with the break have since graduated thus reducing the pool of students who can accurately compare their experiences.

To our alarm, we have found out it is a necessity to determine what the fall structure will look like 2 years from now before the end of this semester. Senator Niddam-Dent and I have been working hard to meet with administrators, faculty, and students to advocate for a structure that better suits Queen's students. We have released a survey and gathered the findings to present to the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures which I will be doing on Thursday in order to provide student input, and to influence the University's decision about the year directly following the "pilot". I will present the report at Assembly.

AMS Restructure

The Student Choice Initiative resulted in a significant loss of student jobs on our campus. Approximately 100 jobs have been lost, many of which were full time positions. We are currently working on proposals that will bring back some of those lost jobs and restructure the AMS in a more student centric way. Our hope is to increase opportunities for students and ensure that the AMS can accomplish goals next year that we were not able to this year. After our term is over, we will be offering students more professional development opportunities, more programming aimed at student engagement, and a more efficient organization structure that will free us up to work harder on our advocacy goals on behalf of our peers. We will be able to accomplish all this without increasing any fees.

Auston Pierce

Vice-President (Operations) & CEO
Report to Board of Directors
Jessica Dahanayake
January 16th, 2020
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Dear Members of Assembly,

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

Potential AMS Structure Changes

We are finalizing several AMS structure changes for board on the Corporate side. For those who may need a refresher, last year the Student Choice Initiative resulted in a lot of cuts of salaried positions in the AMS, which resulted many part-time Assistant Manager positions being consolidated into a singular full-time role. While the intention and priority was to be efficient on operations and costs, there was the acknowledgement that not all changes would be perfect, and that the our year would need to recognise that and change the structure accordingly.

We see a few gaps in the current structures as-is. One of them being that the administrative portfolio responsibilities were not as heavily weighted as it should have been in the restructuring. In the particularly larger services, we see value in adding an extra position for this reason.

The remaining gaps are not in our student positions, but in our own support staff. It was determined through trends over the years that the marketing roles in the AMS exhibit steep learning curves for those who have to fulfil them. There is a reason that marketing is an entire degree here at Queen's! We are working on a proposal to get a permanent staff to be a marketing resource and a source of institutional memory for our student marketing roles. In addition, after over 3 years without a full-time permanent staff in Information Technology, the degradation of our IT systems is becoming more apparent. As such, we are currently searching for a resource to fill this gap, whether it be a new full-time role or a contract with a firm.

Queen's Period Update

Our communications department have finished the report on our survey that we conducted in November. Here are some key stats:

- 87.8% of respondents view menstrual products to be non-luxury items
- 62.33% of respondents have expressed that they struggle to access menstrual products in some capacity (always, usually, or rarely)

- 36% of respondents have indicated that menstrual products put a strain on their financial budget

We see from the survey that while financial accessibility of period products is an issue, it is primarily the sporadic physical accessibility. While periods can be cyclic for some, for others it can come early or late and the flow can be heavier than expected. As many of our peers will spend the entire day on campus with their full course loads and extracurriculars, this can be a barrier for those who unexpectedly menstruate on a day when they don't expect to. As such, we are advocating accordingly to have dispensers installed in the JDUC to track costs associated with fulfilling this gap in physical period accessibility on campus.

Additionally, our educational campaign has started to take shape. The Residence Society and Queen's Period have been supportive of this campaign, which will take shape of 2 different campaigns: a professor and student targeted one. The professor targeted one is focused on awareness; discussing that there will likely be students who menstruate in their classes and how to make their classrooms more inclusive of those who menstruate (ie. No PMS jokes, being cognisant that some may need to use the washroom in long lectures, etc). The student targeted one is directed at stigma; such as correcting superstitions related to menstruation, and normalizing the sight of period products.

New Charity Month

Loving Spoonful and the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston are the February and April Charity months respectively. One of the Exec interns, Sofia, has been assigned to the February one. We are very excited to work with her on this project!

From raising coats to hygiene products to donating P&CC printing and StudioQ pro bono work for the Kingston Youth Shelter, we consider November's month to be a success. We would like to thank the Manager of Youth Services, Denise Lamb, for being so great to work with on this initiative.

EmpowerMe Outreach

Over the exam period I have been brainstorming and executing ways to get the word out for EmpowerMe. We did some social media and physical campaigns, and currently the cards are being given out at the Queen's libraries whenever someone checks out a book at the circulation desk. We are always searching for ways to get the word out, and would love to collaborate with faculty societies to get materials out for conferences to extend our outreach. Please send me an email if you are interested.

Various Service Initiatives

- CoGro has gotten new, industrial sized milk steamers that can handle plant-based milks. The current espresso machines could not handle soy milk as hot soy milk scrambles and clogs the tubes, resulting in high repair costs. We tested out hand steamers at the Brew and Cogro last semester, however they could not meet the increase in demand for plant based milks. In response, we got the higher capacity steamers to satisfy our customers.
- TRO successfully launched their online store and had a heavy uptake on their online sales. They are exploring pre-ordering for their specialty items to incorporate on the website.
- In the interest of time and length, I will verbally update you all on the other services.

Until next time,

Jessica Dahanayake

Vice-President (University Affairs)

Report to Assembly

William Greene

January 16th, 2020

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Dear AMS Assembly Representatives,

Please find the below information on a number of updates:

Here is an update on a number of items on the go.

Sexual Violence Policy

At the time of Assembly, the Sexual Violence Task Force will have met to discuss the feedback collected from the Fall consultations on the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response policy. The January 14th meeting will have been to review community input and a meeting on February 3rd will be to discuss recommendations for changes. Multiple student voices will be in these discussions, including Rector Da Silva, the AMS Social Issues Commissioner, and the AMS Peer Support Centre Head Manager. I will give an oral report discussing the outcome of the January 14th meeting and potential next steps for Assembly.

Queen's Period Update:

Over the past several weeks, I have been working closely with VPOPS Dahanayake in our partnership project with Queen's Period. Pending final approval, we are looking to have dispensers installed throughout the JDUC to track usage numbers and costs associated over a period of time and to provide greater accessibility to our peers. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the importance of combatting period stigma, providing physical accessibility to products, and ensuring that essential products necessary for academic success are available to all those in need of them. With the tracking information from these dispensers, we will be advocating to the University to have dispensers permanently installed in multiple major academic buildings across campus, with the end result of eliminating a significant physical barrier to education.

AMS Job Alterations

In terms of adjustments to AMS staff positions, I have a few updates. First, the First Years Not in Residence Orientation Committee will be transitioning underneath the Student Experience Office. This decision was made to make the first few days of University Orientation more consistent and also provide greater institutional support for the committee in the wake of significant changes to the AMS structure and operations. Second, due to the significant changes to the Campus Activities Commission and the reintroduction of the Orientation Roundtable Coordinator, we will be taking job description and mandate changes to the Board of Directors to

alter the position to make it an events, advocacy, and support role (event sanctioning, insurance, faculty society event assistance). The hours of this position will not change. Third, with the hopeful passing of the Food Bank fee for mandatory collection, we are hoping to strengthen the Food Bank Manager role to provide part-time service throughout the summer, expansion of responsibility throughout the year, and facilitate better integration within the rest of the AMS to ensure greater long-term strategic planning aimed at reducing food insecurity and poverty throughout our community.

Other updates

- Currently working on authoring OUSA's Gender Based and Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Paper
 - Please contact me if you are interested in being consulted on drafts before going to General Assembly to be finalized and passed
- Excited for election season – please reach out with any questions if you are thinking of running or applying for a management position within the AMS

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

William Greene

Vice President (University Affairs)

Commission of Campus Activities

Report to Assembly

Alexia Henriques

January 16th, 2020

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Hi everyone,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a restful break and are refreshed and prepared to come back stronger and more motivated than ever.

I unfortunately cannot attend tonight's assembly as I am currently in Ottawa for the 73rd annual Queen's Model Parliament conference! I am very pleased with the work this year's committee has put in, and would like to highlight the co-chairs and their perseverance throughout this difficult year.

The ORT team has already begun working with all 10 groups on training and preparation for Orientation Week. On January 12th, all executives were trained on hiring equity for their upcoming leader interviews, and were introduced to the new and improved Event Form. This event form has been a few years in the making, and has been reviewed by many campus stakeholders. We hope that this form will allow for a more efficient and expedited review process.

Event sanctioning is a continuous process, and I urge all of you to remind any committees and organizers under your Faculty Society to utilize this process to ensure the safety of their events. Myself and the Vice President of Operations are more than happy to set up meetings to discuss and review the procedure!

I am excited to continue working this semester with the NEWTS committee to help them plan and budget for Orientation week.

I wish you all the best in the upcoming semester in your academic and extracurricular endeavors.

Best,

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Commission of External Advocacy
Report to Assembly
David Bath
January 16th, 2020
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Hello Assembly.

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season, and I hope that you have all been honouring your New Year's resolutions. As I'm sure you can imagine December was a fairly slow month because of the combination of exams and the break, but I will quickly give updates to what took place during the month.

Last month began with me releasing a blog post through OUSA advocating for Medical Amnesty Policies on campuses across the province. There was plenty of positive feedback on the piece, and I plan to use it as a supplement as we attempt to develop a similar policy on our campus.

Other than that, I helped several students with academic concerns surrounding the exam season, and with housing issues/ lease signing. I took over many of these responsibilities, as we decided to close the AGC and HRC for the exam season to allow the managers and volunteers to study.

The New Year will see many of our large projects come to fruition, and I couldn't be more excited. Talk to you soon.

Your friend and Commissioner,

David A. Bath

Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

Bunisha Samuals

January 16th, 2020



Hello everyone!

Hope you all are well and had a great holiday break! The Social Issues Commission has been busy and active over the last little bit, and I am excited to share some of our updates from last semester!

Appreciation not Appropriation Campaign

Continuing on the great work of my predecessors, the SIC continued our annual Appreciation not Appropriation campaign, and were joined in collaboration with the Clubs Office this year.

Our Cultural and Appreciation Night was very successful. We were joined by: the Queen's Tamil Students' Association (QTSA), Yu Theater Society, ASUS's Equity Commission, Queen's Hong Kong Students' Association (QHKSA), the African and Caribbean Students' Association (ACSA), the Committee Against Racial and Ethnic Discrimination (CARED), Collective Reflections, as well as Queen's Native Students' Association (QNSA), all of whom had booths set-up for the event in the ARC.

Our committees were also active in hosting their own events throughout the campaign. CARED hosted a discussion on Cultural Appropriation within the media and television. Additionally, they also released a short Appreciation Not Appropriation video, in collaboration with MUSE. Working in partnership with ASUS Equity, EQuIP also hosted a discussion focusing on Transmisogyny, particularly focusing on Transmisogyny in costumes and during Halloween.

Committees

EQuIP worked extremely hard to host the first Queer Prom on-campus last semester. The sold-out event occurred in collaboration with Get Real and Queen's Collage Collective. In addition, Accessibility Queen's has also been avidly working to conduct an environmental scan on-campus to find gaps that pose social and physical accessibility concerns to students. Consequently, they have been engaged in the implementation of a few different projects that aim to ameliorate these gaps, in collaboration with the university.

Council of Indigenous Initiatives

We have officially hired for our Council of Indigenous Initiatives, and I am more than enthused to have Rachel Agnew and Misko McGregor join our commission as our new Deputy SICs (Council of Indigenous Initiatives). The Council has already begun to sit on different University committees and the planning of some new initiatives for the winter semester.

Food Bank Promo Video

The Food Bank has worked hard, with Studio Q to create a new video showcasing and sharing the location of our AMS Food Bank, to increase the accessibility of the Food Bank to all students. I would like to invite everyone to also share and view the Food Bank's new video and help us in increasing the visibility of the Food Bank to all of our students on-campus.

Collective Reflections

Collective Reflections, our in-house anti-oppression publication, has officially opened up their submissions. The publication features six unique sections and our editors have been working extremely hard to review and begin compiling each section. Collective Reflections features a variety of different submission types, that include (but, are not limited to) written pieces, visual art submissions, etc. We sincerely encourage and would love to have the contributions of anyone who is interested in submitting their work.

Convers(Action) Anti-Racism Conference

I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at the Convers(Action) conference at the beginning of November with the Provosts' Office and the DSA. The conference was an inter-university anti-racism initiative that aimed to engage administration and students on the pervasive nature of racism within our institutions, as well as promote discussion on the means in which we can aim to support racialized students on-campus.

Equity Caucus

Finally, I also had the pleasure of chairing our first Equity Caucus of the Fall semester. Recognizing the immense amount of work that student clubs and organizations contribute to advocating for equity on-campus, this year's Equity Caucus features a variety of different student groups on-campus. Within our first meeting, we discussed the landscape and broad spectrum of the advocacy/equity work currently being conducted on-campus. We also identified select gaps to address for this new semester.

Restorative

This year the SIC will be collating aspects of our annual SVPR, and Mental Health week and hosting a new initiative titled Restorative that will begin on January 24th and last about 10-12 days. The initiative aims to focus on under-represented topics on-campus, like:

- Community Healing, particularly within Marginalized communities
- Consent and Response/Prevention of Sexual Violence on-campus
- Sexual Violence and its relationship with Mental Health
- Emotional and Mental Wellness
- Physical Health and Well Being
- Emotional Burnout and Labour
- Sexuality
- The origins of "self care" (including awareness surrounding the corporatization and appropriation of the term)
- Intersections of Trauma

We would love to collaborate with any groups or individuals interested in partaking in the initiative and can be reached via email at sic@ams.queensu.ca.

Wishing you all the best during this winter semester!

Warm regards,

Bunisha Samuels (she/her)

Commissioner of Social Issues (2019-20)

**AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs
Report to Assembly**

Lucas Borchenko

January 16th, 2020

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Hello Assembly,

Welcome back everyone! I'm happy to finally be back in the office and working. I will have a fully fleshed out report on how the election when the next AMS Assembly.

Stay tuned for election season and I hope all of your faculty society elections go well!

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko

Director of Clubs
Report to Assembly
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January 16th, 2020

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Hello Members of Assembly,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new decade! I hope that you had a nice and relaxing break and are excited for the next semester.

With the last month being exams, many clubs were not too active and so I was able to prepare for this semester. In addition, I distributed the New Clubs Grant to help the newly ratified clubs get the ball rolling on their initiatives. I also ran a caucus for the new clubs to help introduce them to the AMS and the benefits awarded to them as an AMS-ratified club.

In January, the Clubs Office is very busy with ratification and granting. I have also started to plan for my next full clubs caucus and am excited to have the Principal and guest presenters from Scotiabank come out to speak. I have also been working on the Clubs Manual and I am hoping to continue to move the project forward throughout the semester.

In addition, since our last assembly we de-ratify Global Alliance for Artificial Intelligence & Digital Transformation due to ineligibility. When they applied for ratification and throughout the ratification process, it was my understanding that as Queen's students they would have been assessed student fees. As students at the Toronto Campus in a Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence, they do not pay the AMS or SGPS student fee. When this was brought to my attention, I notified Will and we decided that the course of action was de-ratification. If you have any questions about the process or our decision please do not hesitate to ask Will.

That is all for this month!

Best,

Scott

Student Senate Caucus Chair

Report to Assembly

David Niddam-Dent

January 16th, 2020

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Undergraduate Student Trustee

Report to Assembly

Tyler Macintyre

January 16th, 2020

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Hello Assembly, I hope everyone enjoyed their break and are having an easy adjustment back to school life back in Kingston.

First, on December 6th and 7th (the middle of exams!) I had the pleasure of attending a Board of Trustees meeting. There was a lot covered at the meeting however I have compiled a few of the highlights below.

- Mary Wilson Trider, University Council trustee, and chair of the audit and risk committee was elected the next chair of the board of trustees. Mary will take over from current chair Donald Raymond on June 1st.
- The board ratified the senate decision to establish the Robins Family Professorship in Engineering Chemistry.
- The board ratified the senate decision to establish a funded Chair for Women in Engineering within the department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering.
- Financial projections show Queen's operating at a lower deficit than expected due to a variety of beneficial factors, including strong investment returns.
- Queen's Backing Action on Climate Change presented to the board for the second time to clarify their requests to the University, I have listed the requests and briefly summarized them in my own words below.
 - Create a negative screen for fossil fuel companies and their dependents: Discontinue new fossil fuel investments, divest the investment fund, and establish a fossil fuel free endowment fund.
 - Implementation of a minimum standard (positive screen) of Environmental, Social, and Governance metrics for prospective investments through an aggregate of commonly utilized market indexes: Determine a metric for environmental and ethical standards for our investments based in monetary value for all future investments.
 - Development of Queen's own definitions of ESG as a community: For the Queen's community to determine its values and what is acceptable to invest in.
- KPMG LLP were reappointed as the annual external auditors for Queen's.
- A new board diversity statement was approved.

You can read more about everything that happened at board on the [open session agenda](#), additional information can be found at the [Queen's Governance Portal](#). If you have any questions for me personally, I can be contacted at trustee@ams.queensu.ca.

Next, I am announcing that I will be stepping down as undergraduate trustee effective as of May 31st as I will be graduating and will no longer be an undergraduate student. Serving as trustee has been a defining part of my experience here at Queen's, and it was an honor and a privilege to bring student views to the board. As there needs to be a trustee after me, (shocker I

know!) the AMS will be administering an election to find a student to finish the remaining year of my term. I encourage anyone who is interested in representing students, the financial operations of a university, the overall operations of a university, trusteeship, risk mitigation, or being a part of the decision making process of the school to run for the position, and to contact me to ask any questions you may have about it. It is a wonderful experience and it allows you to be a part of the governance in a way few schools allow.

Thank you very much,

--Tyler Macintyre



As we've begun a new, and my final semester I am experiencing some of my first "lasts" and preparing for my final semester as Rector of Queen's University. In November I participated in my last set of convocations and was overjoyed to have congratulated our newest graduates as well as our honorary degree recipients. Presiding over convocations over the past year and a half has been such an immense pleasure and I will miss it deeply.

Universal Resource Portal

I am very excited to announce the next and final phase of preparing the Universal Resource Portal for its launch. In collaboration with the folks at Health Promotion we will now be hiring a Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) student from the Department of Geography and Planning to add a component of GIS mapping to the project. Simply put, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are digital maps with intelligence. GIS is a computer technology that brings together all types of information based on geographic location for the purpose of query, analysis and generation of maps and reports. This will make the system that much more sophisticated and make resource navigation at Queen's more accessible and effective. In the coming weeks I am working collaboratively with Jen Ross in the Dean of Students Affairs Office, several folks at health promotion, and the Mental Health Awareness Committee to solidify what this final stage will look like and how we can best support students.

Chown Hall Incident Follow-Up

In the wake of the racist incident at Town Hall I was proud of the swift and direct responses from the Principal's Office and the director of the Four Directions Indigenous Students Centre. As I verbally indicated during the December Assembly meeting, in lieu of releasing a statement myself, as many clubs and groups did, I opted to heavily share that of Kandice Baptiste in order to focus on the voices that need to be centered in this dialogue. I look forward to wholeheartedly supporting the work that the faculty of Arts and Science, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, The Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre, and others are doing to further the presence and dignity of indigenous heritage and community members at Queen's.

Medical Amnesty

I have begun working closely with the AMS Secretary of internal affairs to move towards the establishment of a medical amnesty policy at Queen's. Such a policy would be implemented because under the Queen's University student code of conduct, students who are found to have used substances illicitly may be subject to sanction under the Non-Academic Misconduct (NAM) system. There is no stipulation within the student code of conduct that grants students immunity from said sanctions if they are found to be in possession of illicit substances or have used substances illicitly as a result of help seeking behaviour in the event of a medical emergency. In the absence of such a policy, it is argued that students may be deterred from seeking medical attention in the event of an emergency for fear of NAM sanctions. We will then, be exploring

options for policies that exempt people from punishment for a given behaviour if the discovery of said offence is related to seeking help in the event of an emergency.

Mental Health Services for Nursing Students

Something that has been brought to my attention time and time again is Nursing students feel like they lack a resource that is adequate in its ability to help them navigate the complexity of their clinical

placements. Many students have contacted me to report that while Nursing students participate in these places where they will likely experience birth, death, and everything in between, there is no embedded counsellor specifically for the faculty. While nursing students do have access, like everyone else, to the general services offered by Student Wellness Services, there is a hunger for a service provider who is more specialized in their ability to empathize and counsel on the unique experiences related to these clinical. I have been working closely with the interim director of Student Wellness Services to explore a number of options that would extend such care to students in the faculty and am extremely happy to report that executive work is being done to address this current gap.

Tricolour Awards

Nomination period for the 2020 awards has been extended to January 20th at 4pm. I am very excited about the fact that at our next meeting I will likely be announcing this year's very work recipients.

Elections

Best of luck to all of those who may be participating in elections over the coming weeks! I am great full for every and all student that steps up and embraces vulnerability for the opportunity to represent our community and make campus a better place. I am delighted to soon be working with the newly-elected, including a rector-elect, as they transition into their roles!

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January 16th, 2020

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Dear members of Assembly,

Happy new year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. It is hard to believe it is already January, but I am so excited about the upcoming semester and everything that ASUS will accomplish for Arts and Science students over the coming months.

Below I have outlined some exciting and recent updates:

Life After ArtSci: Toronto

On Friday, January 10th and for the first time ever, ASUS will be sending off 40 students to Toronto to tour various firms led by ArtSci grads, listen to alumni guest speakers, and participate in a networking dinner reception. It has been so exciting to plan this alongside the ASUS Professional Development team and the Faculty, and I am thrilled to be giving to many students the valuable opportunity of networking with such fantastic alumni.

ASUS Camps Hiring

In November, ASUS VP Chaudhury and I hired the incoming ASUS Camps Directors. Congratulations to Alexa Irvine (Programs Director) and Amanda Rankin (Business Director). I am excited for them to hire their team of counsellors soon and see their vision for ASUS Camps to come to life!

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Policy

I am currently in the midst of drafting a policy position paper with various policy recommendations for SVPR based on consultations I had with faculty members last semester. I am so thankful that President De Notter, President Benoit, Rector Da Silva and Student Senate Caucus Chair Niddam-Dent have offered their assistance for the editing process. The goal is to have it submitted to the SVPR committee before their first meeting back on the 14th, but the five of us have determined that while we will be including many recommendations in the policy paper, this policy and the topic of sexual violence on campus more generally is a broader discussion that is imperative to continue addressing.

I know this time of year can be incredibly hectic, but I wish you all the best of luck in the coming weeks. I am truly looking forward to seeing what we can all accomplish over the semester ahead.

To Assembly's continued success,

Chayce

Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

Delaney Benoit

January 16th, 2020

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Hello Assembly!

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

TeaRoom

The TeaRoom is open once again for semester 2! Their hours have been altered to 8:30 am – 6:00 pm on Monday-Thursday and are the same for Fridays for this semester!

Conferences

EngSoc has a bunch of conferences coming up this semester that are open to all faculties! Check out our upcoming events:

Queen's Space Conference (QSC)

Queens Global Energy Conference (QGEC)

Queen's Engineering Conference on Industry and Resources (CIRQUE)

Council

We had our first 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!

All the best,

Delaney

Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

Jared Den Otter

January 16th, 2020

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Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope everyone had a relaxing Winter Break and got to rest up for the busy semester ahead! I still can't seem to wrap my head around the fact that we are already into the second semester.

PHEKSA is springing back into action with our first assembly back happening on January 13th at 9:30pm (in the School of Kinesiology & Health Studies). We have a lot of exciting events for the new semester in the works, including our mental health run, sending our Kinesiology Games team off to Brock University in March, and our Formal Commissioners beginning to really ramp up their planning. Be sure to keep an eye out for our Kin Games team fundraisers on campus and we would love to see you there supporting our students!

I would also like to welcome the new Nursing Science Society delegation that is now joining us. PHEKSA is excited to see the great work you will do during the semester.

Enjoy the first month back,

Jared den Otter

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Greetings Assembly,

FHS Dean Search

I am a student representative for the Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Search Committee. We have interviews scheduled for January 8th and January 9th. I will provide updates regarding the search.

Interprofessional Commissioner

The NSS hired an interprofessional commissioner last fall (Julia Testani). She has been tasked to work with other faculty's and student societies to help improve the NSS and School of Nursing. This includes working with the School in establishing Learning Plan policies as well as help improving cape hiring for orientation week.

Mentorship Program

The NSS established a peer mentorship program in 2018 which paired upper year students with first year students. We are continuing to grow and improve the program. We are now looking to establish a clinical mentorship program. The will pair second year students entering the clinical setting with upper year students so they can be oriented to the transition in their learning environment.

NSS Events

The NSS is looking for creative ways to bring students together. We plan on running events in the School of Nursing NSS lounge on Fridays. These events will include practice prognosis, textbook fitness, story time with professors, two-hour to disconnect and viewing parties. We are looking forward to bringing nursing students closer together.

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Appendix: Another One

March 2 info night

March 5 Nominations open

March 9 Nominations due

March 12 Assembly + All-Candidates meeting

March 16 Campaign begins

March 23 Campaign ends

March 24 voting

March 25 voting