

AMS Assembly



Thursday, February 6th, 2020
6:30pm – MacDonald Hall 001

Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of February 6th, 2020
2. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the January 16th, 2020 Assembly
3. Speaker's Business
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
4. Guest Speaker
 - a. Guest Speaker Update
5. President's Report: President Auston Pierce
6. Vice-President's Report
 - a. Operations: Jessica Dahanayake
 - b. University Affairs: William Greene
7. Board of Director's Report: Board Chair Liam Tharp
8. Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report: Trustee Tyler Macintyre
9. Student Senator's Report: Chairperson David Niddam-Dent
10. Rector's Report: Rector Alex Da Silva
11. Statements by Students
12. Question Period
13. Business Arising from the Minutes
14. New Business
15. Discussion Period
 - a. CFRC
16. Adjournment

President of the Alma Mater Society
Report to Assembly
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February 6th, 2020
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Dear Members of Assembly,

I would first like to congratulate Jared den Otter, Alexandra Samoyloff, and Alexia Henriques of Team AJA for being elected as the next AMS Executive. To congratulate them and pass off the torch and flag after the election has become one of my favourite memories during my time here at Queen's. My number one priority for the rest of my term in office is to ensure that the AMS enjoys a smooth transition and that AJA is fully prepared to take office and begin serving students. I have the utmost faith in Jared, Alexandra, and Alexia and am excited to begin working alongside them in preparation for next year.

AMS Website: After months of hard work from Director of Information Technology, Zachary Slater, the new AMS website is now live. This project has been an incredibly daunting challenge and one in which hundreds of hours of design, content creation, and collaboration was spent on reaching our finished product.

The chief goals of the AMS Website Redesign was to provide students with an accessible and easily navigable site where every page provided accurate and easily digestible information. The site now has a hiring quiz where students can find out where they would like to apply in the AMS, a Clubs Map where students can match with a campus group that they would be interested in, and made resources such as Empower Me easier to access. This project is just one way in which we have made it easier to engage with the AMS.

A huge congratulations to Zachary, Sarah Obonsawin, Chloe Draeger, Wayne Pender, Scott Shrempf, Bronwyn Greenhalgh, and Kassandra Greenhalgh, who were involved in various aspects of the website's creation.

Fall Term Reading Break: On February 27th 2019, Senator David Niddam-Dent, the Student Senate Caucus, and I led the charge to alter the proposed motions brought forward by the University regarding the Fall-Term Break. Through the data collected and the guidance given by the AMS Market Research Manager, Ewan Harris, we were

successful in proving to the entire University community that the voices of students matter.

After a lengthy and thoughtful debate, we passed 2 amendments with unanimous support to ensure that the 3-year fall-term pilot project would not extend to a 4th year. Furthermore, we ensured that the Fall-Term Break would be attached to the Thanksgiving Break for the 2021-22 year, and that the review of the Fall-Term Break and its effectiveness would not be delayed any further.

This could not have been done without the voices of every student who spoke to us or filled out the AMS Survey, Senator Niddam-Dent, Market Research Manager Harris, Members of Student Senate Caucus, Presidents' Caucus who helped develop the survey and who put forward the recommendations to Senate, Faculty Senators who voted alongside us, and the student leaders of ASUS who struck down the sessional dates proposed in November at the Arts and Science Faculty Board.

This has truly been a group effort and serves as an example as to what we can accomplish when we are united. Congratulations everyone, there is still a lot of work to be done.

Health Science Faculty Society: Secretary of Internal Affairs, Lucas Borchenko and I are currently in the works of establishing a new Faculty Society under the AMS. We have been working alongside a group of first year students in organizing their structure, designing their constitution, writing elections policy, running meetings, and giving general support. The work these students have already put in is incredible and is a testament to the engaging spirit of those of us who attend Queen's. We hope to hold a special referendum at the end of February to establish the founding constitution, will run their executive elections, provide hiring training and will develop a long-term plan to help support this Faculty Society's growth over the years. This is the first time a Faculty Society has been founded since COMPSA.

AMS Hiring and Structural Changes: I am pleased to announce several new changes to the structure of the AMS following the Student Choice Initiative (SCI). The AMS was forced to cut away approximately 40% of the AMS last January which resulted in jobs and valuable opportunities for students lost. As the cuts to OSAP have hurt the financial accessibility of attending Queen's, and that many of the jobs lost were salaried positions, we are introducing 3 new 12-month positions, restructured the Marketing and Communications Office, altered the hours for the Director of Alumni and Sponsorship, and created new waged positions.

To find out more information about the new Director of Marketing, Director of Communications, Market Research Manager, and AMS Brand Ambassadors send me an email, ask me in Assembly, or visit AMS Apply on the brand-new website. Hiring for all positions in Government Caucus, Corporate Caucus, and AMS services are now open!

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Vice-President (Operations) & CEO

Report to Board of Directors

Jessica Dahanayake

February 6th, 2020

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Dear Members of Assembly,

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

Finalized AMS Structure Changes

The restructuring of the corporate positions has been finalized and approved by Board. The services restructured with maximizing jobs and operational efficiency in mind, which resulted in the addition of 8 new salaried positions amongst them. We are super excited for hiring and to meet our new team!

Queen's Period Update

We have a meeting with Donna Janiec to discuss our findings of the survey and to advocate for solutions to alleviate period stigma and accessibility on campus. I will provide an update on this soon, the meeting is this week!

Queen's Period, the Residence Society, Queen's Housing and I met over the last few weeks regarding the period bins and educational campaign to put in residence. The period bins are going to be installed in the 5 main residence buildings in their public washrooms on the first floor this month, and Queen's Housing and the Residence Society have expressed their interest in the distribution of the posters for the educational campaign. The posters will be placed up by the Residence Society in the next week, and we are going to work out an agreement to ensure continued distribution. A poster will also be placed in the men's washrooms that sheds light on the fact that individuals can identify as male and still menstruate.

The AMS raised 900+ period products as part of an internal contest, which was distributed in the period bins in the JDUC/Queen's Centre washrooms by the Student Life Centre staff. Tracking is currently being done to see the usage and popularity for each washroom.

New Charity Month

Our amazing intern Sofia has been putting together some initiatives for our newest charity month, Loving Spoonful. Loving Spoonful is an organization that provides fresh food to those who cannot afford it, provides education and programs on healthy eating for people of all ages, and coordinates a program to transfer unneeded fresh food to those who would need it. In the next month, Sofia will be coordinating a Fresh Food dropoff booth in the ARC before reading week starts as well as a sticker selling campaign to raise money and awareness.

Clubs Consult Week

This was an idea I had last semester that is finally coming to life! We are going to dedicate Feb 10-12th to consulting and chatting with clubs and groups who have feedback, comments, ideas, anything! Initiatives such as EmpowerMe and divestment were born out of our consultations that we did last year, due to the passion and dedication that these clubs have for these issues on our campus. This is why we see great value in doing this again for our successors.

Various Service Initiatives

- CoGro has launched a new line of cups called the Huskee Cup! In response to the fact that students aren't the greatest at keeping track of washing a reusable mug, CoGro implemented this program to make using reusables much more accessible for the busy student. The Huskee

program is at the Brew, CoGro, and the Tea Room, and when a student buys a Huskee Cup, they will be able to swap it for a clean one every time they buy a drink! We do all the dishwashing so YOU don't have to! Great job to Gretha and Ellie for spearheading this project.

- On top of that, CoGro also got approval for mobile ordering! If the walk up the stairs wasn't worth it enough, now you can ensure that you have a hot drink waiting for you the moment you walk up the stairs.
- QP Brunch has kicked off and there are some fun menu items yet to come on our biweekly Saturday brunch. Rumor has it that pitchers of mimosas may be making an appearance...
- Walkhome has launched a huge raffle with QP bottomless nachos, fitness trackers, and CoGro coffee for the rest of the ENTIRE SEMESTER! More walks = more entries.
 - They are also going to make some app changes that just got approved including a gps tracker function and a chat function to talk with the walkhome staff when coordinating a walk.

Until next time,
Jessica Dahanayake

Vice-President (University Affairs)

Report to Assembly

William Greene

February 6th, 2020

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Dear AMS Assembly Representatives,

Please find the below information on a number of updates:

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response

There are two important updates to highlight for AMS Assembly. First, the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance has submitted a budget proposal to the Provincial Government to maintain the doubling of funding for the Women's Campus Safety Grant and to adapt the terms of reference, to allow for a wider range of projects to be considered, such as funding for project evaluations, salaries for prevention and response trainers, and other awareness initiatives related to the prevention of sexual violence. Second, I have submitted recommendations to the Sexual Violence Task Force to be considered for the amendment of the policy and/or procedure. Although there are multiple factors to be taken into consideration when we discuss in the upcoming meetings, the AMS have advocated for changes that allow for greater control on the part of the Survivor and work to keep processes confidential.

AMS Job Changes

There are three changes within the VPUA portfolio for those interested in applying/marketing out to students. 1) The Food Bank Manager changes have passed (as well as the mandatory fee for referendum), so they will now be employed for 15 hours throughout the summer and will increase from 15 to 20 hours throughout the year. 2) The Campus Affairs Commissioner change has been passed and the former Campus Activities Commissioner will now take on all advocacy and project-based roles related to campus-facing student experience advocacy. Additionally, with another year of operation as the individual in charge of event sanctioning, this position will grow to provide more support for faculty societies and clubs looking to host events with any level of risk. 3) The Assistant Director of Clubs has been reinstated to alleviate the heavy administrative burden on the Director. This will allow the Director to engage in more growth and expansion projects to add value to the office for clubs to gain greater benefit. Please pass along this information as you see fit.

Huskie Cup Project

The Common Ground Coffee House, QBACC, and the Tea Room have entered into the international Huskee Swap cup exchange program. Although we are actively encouraging students to take greater responsibility for their consumption habits, this project will allow for smoother reusability across campus. Our ultimate long-term goal is to explore how this program can be expanded throughout the rest of the University and into the Kingston downtown core. Students have certainly taken the lead this year and we hope that others will soon follow.

Transition

Transition for Team AJA has begun. We are excited to engage with them on issues of shared relevance and set them up for success to begin their term. Please note that Senior Management applications are currently live and can be found on the AMS website. As you are all engaged and passionate student leaders, we encourage you to explore the many possible opportunities to get involved with the AMS next year.

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

William Greene

Vice President (University Affairs)

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Nothing to report

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Hello Assembly,

I hope all is well with all of you, and I hope you've all been sticking to your New Year's resolutions. This January has seen the Commission of External Affairs hit the ground running on some of our larger projects of the year. This report will give a brief outline of what's to come.

Over the past 2 weeks I have been creating my OUSA policy paper on Rural and Northern students. This policy paper will direct what the Queen's representative can speak on during lobbying meetings regarding rural and northern students. As a rural student myself, this topic is near and dear to my heart, so I have been putting a lot of effort and detail into completing it. This is 1 of 3 papers that is being written during this period. The other two are sexual violence prevention and response, and international students. These are the papers which will be voted on at the spring GA.

Currently, I am completing my transition documents for my successor as well. Because my position is new to this year, I have completely revitalized the documents to reflect the current state of the Commission.

Finally, I've been working with the AGC and HRC to plan their events and marketing for the year. We recently purchased new promotional materials which we will use to market the offices later in the semester, and to promote hiring for the services.

See you all in February!

David A. Bath

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February 6th, 2020

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February 6th, 2020
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Hi Everyone,

Election season is over! I have been only working on elections for the past four weeks.

I will be focusing on getting new policy out.

In the mean time look forward to information about the March Trustee Bi-election.

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko

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Report for Assembly – Clubs' Office

Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope that the first month of the new year have been productive and that you are all excited for the rest of the school year to come.

Since the last Assembly, things have picked up a fair bit in the Clubs Office. With the closing of new club ratification and the clubs experience, I have been extremely busy sorting through emails and interviewing new clubs. After reading through applications and conducting interviews for the 38 applicants, Emma (Deputy Director) and I are extremely excited for the clubs that we are putting forward tonight for ratification.

As the year is quickly coming to an end, I am looking forward to transitioning the new Director of Clubs so that they are best prepared for when they take over for me on May 1.

That is all for now!

Best,
Scott Schrempf

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February 6th, 2020
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Hello members of assembly! I hope everyone is feeling okay after the January that seems to have both flown by and lasted a million years.

I want to start by acknowledging that the Queen's community is remembering Bethany Qun Yi Yan, who passed away on Sunday, Jan. 26. Bethany started at Queen's University in 2015. She was a fourth-year Concurrent Education student and was pursuing French and History in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Our community lost a light and so many students will feel Bethany's absence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through Queen's University to the Bethany Qun Yi Yan Memorial Fund in memory of Bethany. Make your cheque payable to Queen's University with the Bethany Qun Yi Yan Memorial Fund. Visit www.givetoqueens.ca/BethanyYan for further details.

Before I get further into this report I want to genuinely acknowledge what a difficult month this was for so many of us. Any time loss touches our community, especially because of the small close-knit nature of Queen's, its impact is acutely felt all across campus. For all of you who are grieving right now my heart is entirely with you. As much as I'm sure you've likely heard this already, you truly do not have to experience your grief alone- please take advantage of the resources available to you.

Tricolour Awards

As I'm writing this report I am days away from the exciting Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award Selection process. So as I write this I can't report on this year's recipient's but the time I will be standing in front of you at assembly I will be able to share this year's very deserving new inductees to the Tricolour Society. Thank you to all of the societies who nominated a representative to be a part of this year's selection process!

Fall Reading Break

I want to again congratulate and thank Auston Pierce, David Niddam-Dent, and Ewan Harris who lead the charge in a successful effort to have Fall Term Reading Break attached to Thanksgiving for the 2021-2022 school year. It is not often we have the privilege of seeing student voice so strongly unified but the expressions of support at Senate rang clear.

Elections

And of course I had to save the best for last! I am so so happy to welcome onboard all those who were recently elected into various positions on campus. I am confident that the Queen's community will be all the better for what you bring into these roles! I am incredibly excited to begin working with Sam Hiemstra the 37th Rector-Elect. I know Sam will embody the motto of the Rector's office each and every day, being an inspiring leader and servant to the student body at Queen's!

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Alex da Silva

36th Rector of Queen's University

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Dear members of Assembly,

Wow, how is it February already?! I hope you are all having a lovely week 5!

Below I have outlined some recent updates from ASUS:

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Policy

I am happy to say that the SVPR paper I have drafted was sent to the Task Force for review. Special thank you to all of our Faculty Society presidents, as well as Student Senate Caucus Chair Niddam-Dent and Trustee Macintyre for endorsing the document. Once again, special shoutout to PHEKSA President De Notter, EngSoc President Benoit, Rector Da Silva and Member Niddam-Dent for offering me their assistance in the paper writing process. The topic of sexual violence on campus is one that needs much more attention. Over the next few months of my term, I plan to hold my fellow student leaders accountable in order to open these discussions and make positive changes.

Elections

It was wonderful to have seen contested elections and student engagement on the rise for various positions in ASUS this election season. Congratulations to all successful candidates on a smooth and positive winter election! I am thrilled to have new Senators, ASUS representatives to the AMS, and the incoming ASUS Executive David Niddam-Dent and Matt D'Alessandro sit on assemblies and advocate for students. As well, I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to the incoming AMS executive as well! Special shoutout to ASUS Government Officer Duke and her elections team, and to Member Borchenko and his team as well- the tireless work these people put into the elections process is so valued and we are all so thankful for your work!

Hiring

It is hard to believe another year has passed, but I am so thrilled to say that ASUS will be hiring hundreds of positions in the upcoming months. For those in Arts and Science, keep your eye out on queensasus.com/apply for a wide range of opportunities and experiences! Our little red house is always looking for people to have rewarding volunteer experiences with us!

Best of luck as we head into the hectic time of midterms and the winter reading break! Take care of yourselves and stay warm out there.

To Assembly's continued success,

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Engineering Society President

Report to Assembly

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February 6th, 2020

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Hello Assembly!

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

Elections

We have elected a new executive for 2020-2021! Congratulations to Spencer (President), Alex (Vice President Student Affairs) and Ben (Vice President Operations) on their win! Thank you to everyone who voted, all the candidates for running, and our outstanding elections team for their hard work!

Congratulations as well to all other societies who just had elections, I'm sure we will have some great leaders next year – we're looking forward to it!

Restructuring

EngSoc is in the process of restructuring our Executive-Director Team. These changes will make the titles more intuitive and to more evenly and strategically distribute the workload. Director hiring is up now on DASH and the new executive will soon be hiring a fun a new team.

Summit

We had our Alumni Networking Summit, which went super well! Lots of great networking happened in Toronto and we got to hear from some pretty exciting people in tech! Thanks to our team for their work on this!

All the best,

Delaney 😊

Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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Greetings Assembly,

Queen's School of Nursing Self-Study Report

The main takeaway from this report is that a major weakness of the School of Nursing (SON) is the mental health of nursing students, in particular due to clinical. While it's encouraging for the SON to acknowledge the issue, more needs to be done. The SON is the only school without an embedded mental health counsellor and that is unacceptable. The NSS will continue to advocate for the mental health of nursing students.

Queen's Nursing Research Club

I, along with a few other nursing students have taken the initiative to start a research club for nursing students. The goal of the club is to actively engage nursing students in research by having monthly meetings using active learning and other effective learning methods to increase engagement. We also hope to connect students to researchers within the SON so we can learn more about their research. Our next step is to connect with PhD students to see if we could follow their research and learn from them. We hope to get the club meetings/sessions started soon – no later than fall 2020. **If anyone knows about a similar research club on campus, please let me know.** I am interested in seeing the opportunities and activities they provide students.

NSS Events

The NSS plans on running events in the SON NSS Lounge as a way for students to connect with each other. Our first event is textbook fitness which is very exciting! Our events commissioner has many more events planned, including a words of wisdom event where nurses come talk to nursing students about their experiences within the profession. We are also getting feedback regarding our mentorship program as we hope to expand and improve it for this coming fall.

NSS Academics

The NSS is collaborating with two AST 4 students to incorporate the study sessions in which they have created. We hope to increase the reach of our Study Buddies program by providing sessions to upper year courses rather than solely first year courses.

Interprofessional Commissioner

Currently in nursing, if you're struggling in clinical placement you are put on a "Learning Plan." This Learning Plan plays a major role in whether or not you're successful in the course. Unfortunately, there is no policy regarding the implementation/use of the Learning Plan. This makes it very difficult for students to understand the significance/purpose of the Learning Plan and ensure consistency between clinical instructors. The NSS is advocating for the SON to make a written

policy. Currently, we have sent out emails to other nursing schools asking about policy's similar to our Learning Plan. I hope to meet with our IP commissioner, Director of SON and Undergraduate Coordinator to discuss our next steps. The IP commissioner has also been in contact with other faculty societies regarding interfaculty/interprofessional events. If you're interested in planning an interfaculty/interprofessional event with nursing, please contact Julia Testani at interprofessional@nss.queensu.ca.

NSS Interns

Our interns are hard at work! They are creating a wall in the SON NSS Lounge titled "Before I graduate I want to....." Students can post things they've done or plan to do during their undergraduate experience. We hope this serves as inspiration to incoming nursing students when they attend March Break Open House later this spring.

Social Issues Commissioner

Our social issues commissioner has been hard at work! She represented the NSS at the Bell Let's Talk booth in the ARC atrium on Bell Let's talk day. Jane is also preparing Mental Health Resource Training for the NSS – this will enhance our knowledge of the resources available on campus. She has also posted the resources page on our website. Jane has also run 202 volunteer nights – first year students in their health assessment class have been able to practice on volunteers outside of class. We had over 25 first years attend the first session (very good turnout).

Health and Wellness Commissioner

Organizing "Humans of Nursing." Yoojin wants to provide a platform for nursing students to discuss topics such as mental health. I will have more updates regarding this initiative after our next meeting.

NSS Budget

We are currently in the process of finalizing our budget for 2020. Obviously, we have been impacted by the opt-outs just like everyone else – we had to make a few changes to reduce our risk of running at a deficit. **I would like to thank our class presidents for working extremely hard fundraising and collecting money from those who have opted-out of the graduation fees. They have put plenty of time and effort into this and I'm greatly appreciative of their commitment towards having a wonderful graduation ceremony!**

CNSA

Our CNSA representative traveled to Montreal this past week for the Canadian Nursing Student Association Conference. I'm looking forward to hearing their reports at our next NSS meeting.

Orientation Week

Our wonderful Head Cape Jennifer Bean has been hard at work, not only organizing the four-year stream orientation week but also putting out applications for AST NOC. We hope to hire AST NOC before spring break.

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Appendices