

AMS Assembly



November 7th, 2019
6:30 PM – Macdonald Hall 001

Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of November 7th, 2019
2. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the October 15th, 2019 Assembly
3. Speaker's Business
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
4. Guest Speaker
 - a. 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
 - a. **Motion #3 – That AMS Assembly ratify Mitchell Sanders as Coordinator, Darcey Pearson as Leadership Director, Leigh Well as Logistics Director, Mackenzie Peirce as Systems and Support, and Julian Mattachione as Concert director to the Orientation Roundtable for the 2019-2020 year."**
14. New Business
15. Discussion Period
 - a. Signature requirements for Referenda, and AMS Elections
 - b. JDUC update
16. Adjournment

President of the Alma Mater Society
Report to Assembly
Auston Pierce
November 7th, 2019
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Dear AMS Assembly,

October and the beginning of November have been months in which we have focused much of our efforts in advocating for our peers both at home and throughout our province.

OUSA

This past week we sent the AMS delegation to the 50th OUSA General Assembly to advocate on behalf of Queen's students and pass policy positions to help advance the interests of our peers. After 3 days of meetings and debate we successfully passed 3 policy papers on Ancillary Fees, Two Spirit and LGBTQ+, and Student Accessibility and Disability. We also set the agenda for the next OUSA General Assembly which will be taking place in the winter semester. I am incredibly proud of our delegation this year and it was an absolute privilege to be amongst such impassioned and knowledgeable student leaders. I am now looking into fostering greater collaboration and cooperation between executives at other institutions so we can better advocate on important issues that affect all students within our province.

OSAP

Our partnership with Students For Students has been a great success and I am grateful for all of the service managers who stepped up to help our peers navigate such financial uncertainty. It has been inspiring to see so many students on our campus rally around important issues that affect us here on our own campus. I will present the total amount of contributions in person at Assembly.

Advocacy Day

The AMS Executive was invited to Queen's Park this month to meet and advocate to Ministers and MPPs alike. We are privileged to have had this opportunity and speak to members of our provincial legislature about a range of topics that affect students here at Queen's and within our province.

Principal's Conversation

I invite and encourage all students within our community to attend the Principal's Conversation sessions so that we can have a say in the future of our institution. I am confident that our voices will be heard in these sessions, so any concerns, thoughts, or ambitions are needed. The AMS will do all we can to inform our peers about these sessions, and the University is working with us to make these sessions as accessible as possible to everyone within our community. I

will be in attendance for as many of these sessions as I can along with the rest of the Executive and AMS team.

SVPR

The University has suspended the duty to disclose requirements on the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Policy. Many of us from the AMS and Faculty Societies attended the open sessions in October and worked to inform students. This past week all undergraduate students received an email about how to voice our concerns and become informed about the policy in its current form. I encourage all students to contribute to this conversation and give their feedback to the University. We will continue our work in making student concerns heard and will do all we can to inform our peers on how to engage in this consultation process.

Vice-President (Operations) & CEO
Report to Board of Directors
Jessica Dahanayake
November 7th, 2019
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Dear Members of Assembly,

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

Event Sanctioning Update

The intake has been successfully transitioned to Alexia and has been going smoothly. We have a weekly debrief where we go over proposed changes and issues with submissions to ensure that the process is as efficient as it can be through changes to the form and online materials.

Queen's Period Projects | We have been working with Queen's Period – a club that strives to advocate to end period poverty and stigma. There are 2 projects we have planned for this month: a survey to gather data and start the conversation for period equity at Queen's, and a Take1Leave1 bins campaign. The bins initiative takes the form of bins being placed in the washrooms in the Queen's Centre and the JDUC where they have signage indicating that they are for the purposes of "take a period product or leave one". We will be doing internal and external period drives to get products for the campaign to stock the bins with the help of Queen's Period volunteers for the month of November.

Kingston Youth Shelter

As part of the series of the AMS supporting a local organization for a month, our next is the Kingston Youth Shelter. We are going to evaluate the last month when we supported Students For Students and try out new ways to raise contributions for this month's group.

Various Service Initiatives

Here are some updates on the progress of the various initiatives that the services are doing:

- TAPS had a very successful HOCO weekend with around 40k in sales. They are currently prepping for Halloween Undies, the Haunted Nightclub, and TAPS fest. The Haunted Nightclub is basically a haunted house where the Underground is going to be setup like a gauntlet that attendees can go through and get spooked. TAPS fest is a craft beer festival that is having many local craft breweries in to sample their beer and learn about their craft. There is also a concert series coming up in late November that features a lineup of local Kingston artists.

- Additionally, there are deals every day of the week at QP, from discounted chicken fingers to samosas to craft beer!
- TRO did amazingly well in HOCO with 60k in sales. They have had some new items that have become staples in the Queen's apparel industry, and have had large uptakes from the student body as they sold out in a few days. The official date to go online is Nov 16th to capitalize on parents wanting to purchase apparel for their students who got accepted into Queen's, and for those who wish to buy Christmas gifts.
- PSC and WHS have both seen a significant increase in usage. Their marketing and outreach proved to increase the social accessibility of both services. The PSCxCARED partnership has been successfully kicked off – which is dedicated hours with trained volunteers for those who identify as BIPOC who wish to get specific peer-based support. WHS is going to cleverly hold a fundraiser in the form of a Walkathon to support Sexual Assault Centre Kingston, more details to come!
- SLC is in the works for planning the first entrepreneurship market for this term, this term's one will be for the local Kingston businesses. The purpose of this market is to have a space where students can easily get access to and learn about the businesses in the Kingston community. There will also be one next semester for student entrepreneurs specifically. They have also had successful events with QTSA and VCFS with the collaboration with PSC and clubs to promote community building.

For all of the services I have been running feedback forms that were sent to all staff that asked one question: What change, big or small, do you see would benefit your service? The survey was sent along with a letter from myself explaining the purpose: that all service staff have a unique experience and perspective on their service which are extremely valuable when identifying actionable ways to improve it. The Head Managers are reviewing the submissions, and will be making tweaks based on what is feasible. Please let me know if there is anything from your perspective that you think would be a positive change for the AMS services via email!

Until next time,

Jessica Dahanayake

Vice-President (University Affairs)
Report to Assembly
William Greene
November 7th, 2019
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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

The current Queen's University Sexual Violence policy has suspended the forced disclosure element due to faculty and student push back. It is our view that in order for survivor information to be shared with the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Coordinator (regardless of how minimal), consent should be given first. Members of the AMS have attended two consultation sessions hosted by the University to hear student concerns and understand the breadth of the issue. We hope to see that the consultation results in substantial changes to the forced disclosure portion of the policy. If the final product is not acceptable to Assembly, we will be inviting students in to discuss and then will submit a recommendation based off of their feedback and the Courage to Act Report used by Post-Secondary institutions as a best practice model in combatting and addressing sexual violence. If anyone has ideas about how the AMS can work towards combatting sexual violence in our community, I invite you to meet with me.

Chown Hall Incident:

The AMS has been working hard over the past several weeks to stand in solidarity with those impacted by the racist and homophobic attacks in residence. Two weeks ago, members of Senior Management took part in the march hosted by Four Directions. Additionally, we have been focusing on marketing for the PSC x CARED partnership to support students of colour who have been directly targeted by this incident. Lastly, I have reached out to EQUIP, Queen's Native Student Association, and all AMS ratified clubs inviting them to come in to discuss how we can move forward as a community to effectively combat racism and homophobia. With the new Council of Indigenous Initiatives hired, I look forward to hearing their ideas on how we can strengthen advocacy towards the University.

Other updates

- Sustainability Action Fund applications have closed and are to be reviewed for the Fall granting period
- Attended OUSA this past weekend where the AMS Delegation helped pass three policy papers that will be used to advocate to the Provincial Government (Ancillary Fees, Gender and Sexual Diversity, and Accessibility)
- Have had meetings with campus stakeholders to discuss our plan for the Medical Amnesty Policy
 - AMS has reached out to schools across the country to gather data on harm reduction amnesty policies and practices at other institutions
 - The AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs and External Affairs Commissioner will be consulting with the Division of Student Affairs this month to determine the most appropriate next steps
- Debriefing this week with Kingston Police to discuss Homecoming
 - Please reach out if you have thoughts on how Homecoming went, how programming can be improved, and how we can implement engaging harm reduction strategies to keep students safe
- All hiring for ORT Directors has been completed and their transition has begun
- Have joined the University Sustainability Working Group and the Housing and Ancillary Services Sustainability Working Group to represent students and 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
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November 7th, 2019
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Hello everyone,

Orientation Week debriefs with the Senate Orientation Activities Review Board (SOARB) are almost complete. I would like to thank you all for your participation and support throughout this process, as it truly will help us work collectively to improve future Orientation Week activities and procedures. As always, I encourage you all to provide myself or the ORT Coordinator with any appropriate feedback on how we can best support your students. I look forward to hearing feedback from the groups and SOARB, and reviewing the annual Orientation report to Senate.

The entire Orientation Roundtable team has been hired for the 2019-2020 year, and will be ratified at the November 7th Assembly meeting. I look forward to working with this year's team in order to best serve the Orientation Executives, Leaders, and the incoming Queen's University Class of 2024. I have full faith in the ORT team, and believe they will do an outstanding job working with all stakeholders throughout the upcoming year to advocate for the needs of our students.

The Queen's Model Parliament Co-chairs and their executive team have been working hard with the planning of this year's conference. I will continue to work alongside the committee to place a strong emphasis on obtaining sponsorship, creating timelines, and following a strict budget. I look forward to attending delegate caucuses throughout the rest of the semester and seeing the great work the QMP executive do this year! All QMP delegates were invited to attend a public policy conference in Ottawa on November 2nd run by the Fraser Institute. I look forward to attending this alongside the QMP team, and hope to learn alongside them.

The Event Sanctioning process has been running smoothly, and it has been great meeting with a variety of clubs and groups on campus to help them best understand this process. I will be meeting with Queen's administration from the Risk and Safety office to discuss their Event Sanctioning process in order to provide our students with clarity and a holistic understanding of how to plan safe and engaging events in the most efficient way possible.

Thank you everyone. Have a fantastic November.

Best,

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Campus Activities Commissioner - 2019/20

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Report to Assembly
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November 7th, 2019
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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 50th 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 7th, 2019

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AMS Secretary of Internal Affairs
Report to Assembly
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November 7th, 2019
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Hello Assembly,

Since last assembly I have been working to make sure that the policies which passed are up on the website. They are up as of a couple of days ago! Check them out at myams.org/data-documents.

In addition, I attended OUSA last weekend. Feel free to ask questions on how that went. As the resident policy expert at the AMS I was able to answer quite a few questions and make sure that references to our governance structure were correct.

We are well underway with preparing for the January election. I'm looking forward to having a contested election this year. If you are interested in running for any position within the AMS please contact me!

Board of Directors happened last week and I built the agenda for that and attended the meeting. Liam can provide more information if he chooses.

I have been meeting with Admin about medical amnesty and I hope to have more information on our advocacy efforts in the coming weeks.

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko

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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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November 7th, 2019
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Here are few items from the most recent Senate meeting:

- Uploading course materials/professor's materials to any third parties (ie course cram) is now recognized as a violation of academic integrity.
- Regarding Sexual Violence Policy: The University recognizes its consultation measures before the policy was enacted are inadequate (especially with respect to student feedback), and committed to improving them in the future. More opportunities for feedback regarding the Sexual Violence Policy will be available once revisions are made pertaining to the current round of consultations.
- The province and University are in the midst of negotiating a new Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA). The University is confident that the new mandate, which dictates provincial funding for Queen's, will not lead to significant financial instability for the University.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

All the best,

David Niddam-Dent
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November 7th, 2019

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Dear members of Assembly,

The month of October has been filled with many exciting things in ASUS and we are continuously looking forward to what's to come for the year ahead. Below I have outlined some recent projects and events ASUS is working on:

Orientation Hiring: We now have our official 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 sincerely looking forward to supporting them this year in their effort to welcome the Arts and Science Class of 2024!

Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Fund: ASURF is officially open to all undergraduate researchers, and no project is too big or too small. This year, because of our opt-outable ASURF fee along with donations from our Faculty, we will be distributing nearly \$70,000 in funding for researchers within the Faculty. Don't forget to spread the word and apply if you're interested!

Life After ArtSci: Don't forget- November 9th! The past month has consisted of continuous collaboration with our Faculty, their Advancement Office, as well as the brand-new ASUS Professional Development team to continue planning the event. Life After ArtSci is a professional alumni networking summit- and it's now less than a week away! I encourage you all to attend the conference and learn more about the opportunities for you post-graduation (we have an amazing line up of alumni speakers if I do say so myself)!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by my office, or contact me at president@asus.queensu.ca.

To Assembly's continued success,

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Report to Assembly

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November 7th, 2019

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Hello Assembly!

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

Science Formal

Science Formal for Sci '20, along with the Engineering Society and Dean's Reception, happened this past weekend! Thank you to all the Engineers and their guests who contributed hours and helped make this happen for the 116th year!

Conference on Diversity in Engineering

The annual Canadian Federation of Engineering Students' Conference on Diversity in Engineering also happened this past weekend which was great! We had our Director of Social Issues and our President of Engiqueers attend!

Homecoming

Homecoming went great! We saw lots of alumnus returning which was awesome, and all of our events went well! Thanks to everyone who helped volunteer at these events and all who attended. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Pub Agreement

We've started discussions early regarding the new Pub Agreement to be signed to ensure we are ahead of schedule when our successors are in their positions next summer!

Council

We had our Halloween council last Thursday, so everyone got all dressed up. All our councils are live streamed online on our Facebook page if anyone is interested in checking out what happens there and whats new with EngSoc!

Movember

Movember is currently 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!

All the best,

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Report to Assembly

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November 7th, 2019

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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope you all enjoyed your Fall Term break and had plenty of time to catch up with family/friends and on schoolwork while also taking some well-deserved time for post-midterm rest. I am pleased to report on the following updates within our council:

Elections and Hiring

We are currently in the midst of electing our newest executive team (VPUA/VPOP/President/Senator), which is very exciting. We look forward to announcing our incoming Executive team once results come in and our commissioner applications will be released shortly after.

We have had a few new NSS members join our team. A huge congratulations to Julia Testani, our newly hired Interprofessional Commissioner, Francesca Manalo, the new Global Health Director and Brianna Hollis, the new Events Commissioner. Additionally, Liam Murdock was recently elected as Year 1 Class President (4 year stream). We're so excited to have them join the team and looking forward to working with them over the coming semester.

National Nursing Students' Week 2019

NNSW takes place the week of November 18th. Our delegates have been hard at work planning an incredible number of events and activities for our amazing nursing community and we're excited to celebrate nursing students and all that they do. This year the theme is student leadership and students will have the opportunity to nominate a peer who has shown leadership or innovation at Queens OR in Nursing.

Study Buddies

Our study buddy sessions are in full swing for midterm season and planned for final exams. We're excited to offer this opportunity to first year students to support them academically!

Head Cape and NOC

This past weekend, we hired our Head Cape and NOC team (4 Year stream) for Orientation Week 2020. We're so excited for this team to welcome in the Class of 2024. It is evident how much these individuals care about Orientation week, making improvements and ensuring the next Orientation week is the best yet.

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NSS President 2019

Computing Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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November 7th, 2019

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Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope everyone has had a restful long weekend.

We have recently hired a new VP - Students Affairs, Cait Ying, so our Council is now complete.

She might reach out to some of the members of Assembly as she completes her transition into her role.

We are now hiring our Orientation Chair for the 2024 Computing Orientation Week; we're

looking forward to

Now that Opt-Outs (and appeals) we have finally locked in our budget, and are looking forward

to serving the student body.

MBA Students President

Report to Assembly

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