

AMS Assembly



Thursday, March 12th, 2020
6:30pm – Wallace Hall

Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – That AMS Assembly approve the Agenda of the meeting of March 12th, 2020
2. **Motion #2** – That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the January February 8th, 2020
3. Speaker's Business
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
4. Guest Speaker
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. Student Senator's Report: Chairperson David Niddam-Dent
9. Rector's Report: Rector Alex Da Silva
10. Statements by Students
11. Question Period
12. Business Arising from the Minutes
13. New Business
 - a. Please see attached motion sheet
14. Discussion Period
15. Adjournment

President of the Alma Mater Society
Report to Assembly
Auston Pierce
March 12th, 2020
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Dear Members of Assembly,

This semester has felt like it has flown by! With 2 months remaining in our terms we have been hard at work completing our projects, striking accomplishments off our platform and making more structural changes to help next year's AMS complete some of the tasks we were unable to get to.

St. Patrick's Day: I would like to wish everyone a great St. Paddy's Day! Although this is a date looked forward to by many of us here at Queen's I would like to remind everyone to drink responsibly, look after one another, and be respectful to all in our community. On Tuesday, you can encourage your friends to visit the AMS booths where we will be handing out free water and food on Aberdeen Street.

Furthermore, I would like to ask that all Faculty Societies share the AMS's messaging surrounding St. Patrick's Day as we want to ensure students have the knowledge to keep themselves safe. We are greatly expanding our Save our Paws Program this year by giving away free coffee to all those who choose to buy cans over bottles! Please dispose of your bottles appropriately, you don't want to be the one to hurt a puppy.

Although the UDSI is widely disliked, it's still important that we as students recognize the important role first responders play in keeping our community safe. We must therefore treat first responders with the dignity and respect they deserve. Stay posted for some key information and things we should know about the UDSI for this upcoming week.

Have fun, and drink responsibly!

COVID-19 and St. Paddy's: Although the risk is currently low for the spread of Covid-19 here in Kingston and on our campus, it is important that all of us take the necessary precautions, especially when attending any festivities this coming week. Please wash your hands regularly with soap and water, avoid touching your face, and avoid sharing drinks from the same cup or bottle. If you feel ill, have a fever, cough, or experience any difficulties breathing, stay in this St. Patrick's Day and don't go to class. If you have

travelled or been in contact with someone impacted by the coronavirus, self-isolate and call Student Wellness Services at 613-533-2506, KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232, or TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000. To avoid misinformation about the virus, direct your friends and peers to the Queen's University Website Bulletin which is updated regularly.

Empower Me: Last week the Queen's Journal published an Editorial which has been raised as a concern to us as it has misled students and members of our community about what Empower Me is. To avoid further dissemination of misinformation, we want to be very clear that Empower Me is a resource that connects students with **professional supports through in-person counselling with councilors in Kingston, or over the phone, and through e-counselling.** Most appointments scheduled through the Empower Me network are face to face bookings with local counsellors in Kingston.

Never once has the AMS or University claimed that Empower Me is the sole solution to the Mental Health Crisis at Queen's and we as students must therefore continue our advocacy in introducing new and better mental health supports to our peers. I encourage everyone to explore the program or reach out to the AMS to answer any questions that may be remaining about the program to avoid misleading information.

Clubs Consult Week: At the AMS this year has been defined by student unity, consultation, and collaboration. To continue this in the final months of our terms and to continue the work we started last January, Vice President Dahanayake, Vice President Greene, Director Schrempf, Director Chakraborty, and myself have been meeting with clubs to find out how we can find new partnerships, provide further guidance and support, learn about how they feel the AMS has been doing this past year, and to learn about some advocacy priorities the AMS can begin either this term or next. We have already had many great ideas generated from these meetings and have identified new areas to focus our advocacy on. We hope this work will further entrench this newfound culture of collaboration here within the AMS. As I have said from the start, only through cooperation can we tackle some of the most pressing social challenges faced by students on our campus.

International Student Representation: This past year the AMS has worked hard to foster collaborative partnerships, seek wide consultation, and drive forward under the principles of evidence-based advocacy. One of our aims in taking this approach is to ensure the AMS better represents and serves all students, while allowing us to make the best decisions possible. Following recent incidents and, continuing conversations surrounding discrimination and under-representation at Queen's, we have identified an

area we need to improve: international representation. Although our Senior Management team is diverse, with both domestic and international students, we need to have some outlet to directly connect with our international peers to better address areas of concern in their lives and create more advocacy priorities in this realm. In order to find a solution that is as impactful as possible, we must indulge in research, engage in widespread consultation, and ensure that we are producing an outcome that adequately supports the needs of a diverse set of students who identify themselves as an international student. My hope is there will be a mandate in place by the end of April.

Board of Trustees: This past Friday I delivered this year's final AMS speech to the University Board of Trustees. I spoke to the successes of collaboration, the power that student unity has brought to our campus, and what significant advances students have made this year in undertaking this approach. I asked that the University engage in broader consultation and collaboration with student groups, and that they embrace the views of their most important stakeholders above all others: students.

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Auston Pierce

Vice-President (Operations) & CEO

Report to Assembly

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March 12th, 2020

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Dear Members of Assembly,

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

Queen's Period Update

Last week we went around to the washrooms in Mitchell Hall, the ARC, and the JDUC with PPS and the company that will be installing the coinless dispensers for menstrual products. They took pictures of the ideal walls for their placement. This company, Citron, will be handling the restocking and installation of the dispensers. They will be placed at such a height that they are wheelchair accessible, and the dispensers themselves are AODA compliant. We are awaiting a timeline as there are many logistics for PPS and Citron to figure out on their end!

Charity Month

The Fresh Food dropoff was a success as we rescued over 30lbs of fresh food to be reused at Loving Spoonful! This week we will be doing a sticker sale by donation at all 4 retail locations with all proceeds going to Loving Spoonful.

Clubs Consult Week

With meetings with groups such as Get Real, Queen's American Sign Language club, and Telephone Aid Line Kingston, we have some great points and action items to work on for AJW and to pass onto AJA. A big thank you to all the groups who reached out to tell them what they were passionate about.

Transition Planning

Now that Alex is mostly done the bulk of the interviews, transitioning has been picking up! She is very excited to learn and has been a pleasure to transition so far.

The last month has also been busy finalizing transition manuals and transition reveals! A big congratulations to the incoming team!

Until next time,

Jessica Dahanayake

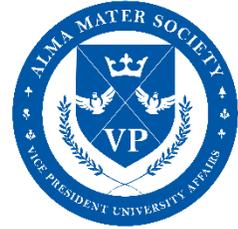
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Report to Assembly

William Greene

March 12th, 2020

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Dear AMS Assembly Representatives,

Hope you are all enjoying the end of another school year. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I hope that the returning Assembly members continue the commitment to collaboration. In accomplishing our goals this year, we only found success when initiatives and projects have received support from partners across campus. As we move forward, it is important that we keep the spirit of students supporting students at the forefront of our advocacy strategy.

Unfortunately, **Alexia (CAC) and I will not be in attendance for tonight's assembly, as we will have left for London to attend the Ontario Undergraduate Society's Spring General Assembly.** Please feel free to email me any questions in advance and I will work to have them answered before Thursday evening.

Please find a few updates below:

Campus single use disposable phase out

Following the rollout of the Huskee cup project, the AMS has begun to collaborate with University stakeholders to begin to see where there can be growth on campus. Our successors will be briefed and will work with the University over the summer to offer more Huskee cup locations. The ultimate goal of our efforts is to see that single-use disposables are eliminated from campus in the medium-long term.

Queen's Model Parliament

This year, we are happy to say that Queen's Model Parliament worked hard to abide by Assembly and the Board of Director's call to see that QMP financials are controlled and that deficits are reduced. In the 2017/2018 year, QMP had a \$42,000 deficit and in 2018/2019 QMP had a \$30,000 deficit. This year, the Campus Activities Commissioner made ensuring financial responsibility a key priority for this year's committee. The result was a \$6,946.37 deficit. Although any deficit is a concern and we plan on working towards an even budget next year, this year's imbalance can largely be attributed to a late unexpected expenditure of \$7,500 for the Conference's venue on the first day. It

wasn't until Fall that we found out that the House of Commons and Senate would not be able to provide us with space for the first of three days. Following this revelation, the committee worked hard to find an alternative that could fit our capacity and was cost-efficient. Unfortunately, given the timing, we were only able to offer the gallery room in the Fairmont Laurier in Ottawa. The financial success can be attributed to heavy oversight on the part of the CAC, increased sponsorship efforts, and better contingency plans with ticket refunds and hotel cancellations. Moving forward, we hope to continue to emphasize strong financial sustainability and accountability.

Other updates

- Lex and I have begun to sit on the Food Insecurity Advisory Committee – will work next year to begin to implement the University's recommendations from the Food Insecurity Working Group report. Any students interested in learning more or know of a stakeholder who would like to be involved, please email me;
- Applications for the new PSC x CARED Project Coordinator close tomorrow (please take a look on AMS Apply);
- The Sexual Violence Task Force will begin to examine the Student Voices on Sexual Violence survey data in our upcoming meeting(s);
- ORT has been engaging with the Student Experience Office and Faculty Societies in working to develop cross-faculty inclusivity theme for O-Week 2020;
- Currently attending OUSA's GA to pass our Gender-based Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Paper, International Students paper, and Rural and Northern Students paper.
- Washed up soon.

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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March 12th, 2020
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Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a restful reading break.

I am pleased to begin transitioning my successor, Charlotte Galvani, into the updated role of Campus Affairs Commissioner. I have full faith that Charlotte will do an extraordinary job continuing our efforts to enhance event sanctioning, and will lead the NEWTS and QMP committees to success.

The SOARB faculty liaisons have been assigned. Each of your Orientation Chairs should be receiving an email from their liaison to set up a meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about SOARB or its processes, please feel free to reach out to me! I am more than happy to review any of the policies or mandates of the Board with you.

Planning for NEWTS Orientation Week 2020 is well underway. Head Gecko, Moe Wanka, and his team are working hard to assess the 2020 budget, complete and review event forms, and revitalize NEWTS Week as a whole. We hope to work closely with the QUIC to enhance programming for our students.

My successor will begin hiring the QMP Co-chairs and their committee in the coming weeks so that planning can begin getting underway for the 2021 conference.

Event sanctioning is an ongoing 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. Thank you to those of you that have incorporated sanctioning into your specific assembly meetings. Myself and the Vice President of Operations are more than happy to set up meetings to discuss and review the procedure.

Best,

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Commission of External Advocacy

Report to Assembly

David Bath

March 12th, 2020

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Dearest Assembly,

I hope all is well with all of you, and I hope you are enjoying the first rays of light this spring. The month of February has been one of exciting developments, and big changes for the commission. This report will outline some of that exciting news.

The beginning of the month saw me, alongside former Academics Commissioner, Julia Gollner, go to Ottawa for our Federal Lobbying Week alongside UCRU which is comprised of the large research universities from across Canada. During this week, Julia and I lobbied MP's and their staffers for positive changes to student financial aid, Indigenous student policies, International student policies, and expanding undergraduate research.

We are also planning multiple upcoming events. One is our menstrual product handout alongside the United Way of Kingston. This will be happening late in the week after St. Patrick's Day. Next is our Community Furniture pick up alongside St. Vincent de Paul. The plan is to having a moving truck circulate the University District, and pick up furniture or appliances that can be used second hand by a family in need. Third is the Community Development Summit which will be taking place on April 4th. There we will be bringing together stakeholders in the area to discuss the topic of living alongside students.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the "new me", the Commissioner of External Affairs for next year: Mathew Mellon. From what I've seen in our transition so far, Matt seems to be very capable, interested, and motivated to do a fantastic job for the AMS. I vow to you all to make him the best Commissioner of External Affairs the AMS has ever laid its eyes on. I can't wait for you all to meet him.

Only one more of these to go. Oh how the time flies.

Yours Truly,

David A. Bath

Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

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March 12th, 2020

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Hello everyone!

I hope you all are well! I would like to begin my report by acknowledging that this week is Indigenous Awareness Week! QNSA has been working on a wide range of activities for the week, that we would recommend everyone attend and engage with to learn and show your support for our Indigenous students and Indigenous awareness on campus.

The Social Issues Commission has been quite busy over the last few weeks. Executed events/initiatives over the last few weeks, include:

- Our Annual CARED Conference
 - Featuring:
 - Celina Caesar-Chavannes
 - Kandice Baptiste
 - Dr. Jane Chin
 - Workshops facilitated by:
 - Queen's Collage Collective
 - Human Rights and Equity Office
 - A Student Experience Panel, facilitated by the SIC and featuring: Summer Chen, Isaac Sahota, and Hareer Sulaiman.
- Restorative Week
- An Evening to Paint series
 - The first BIPOC community paint night series organized by the AMS
- Our Reclaim Your Voice Event
 - One of the first survivor centered community building and discussion spaces facilitated on-campus by the AMS

We have been working with the Queen's Sexual Violence Bystander Facilitator Team to create a social media campaign directed at de-stigmatizing rejection on-campus and providing students with the tools to deliver, respond and cope with rejection. In addition, to addressing some of the unhealthy communication habits that we all sometimes exhibit. We would love to have your faculty also partake in our campaign by sharing some of our graphics onto your social

media. If you are interested, kindly let me know! In addition, we are also hosting a Cedar Scrub Workshop with Four Direction Indigenous Student Centre that aims to facilitate dialogue around what community care on-campus looks like. Finally, we are currently in the process of receiving applications for our Equity and Accessibility Grant.

Warm regards,

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Commissioner of Social Issues (2019-20)

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March 12th, 2020
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Hi Everyone,

Over the past month, myself and the CEO have been hard at work preparing for the March Trustee By-Election. There will be a campaign period and a debate next week! Tune in to find out more about the candidates. The voting will be before the next Assembly, so do not forget to vote!

I would also like to note to Assembly that one housekeeping policy changes has been done. In the Rector and Election's policies one use of "he/she" has been switch to they. We are working on more policy changes that will likely be pushed to the next year. The new governance section of the website looks really pretty, I suggest you take a peak and look at the

In other news I have been working on transitioning my successor Caroline Hart into the position. This is an exciting time, and the first year that my office has had not changes to the positions under it since the creation.

All the best,

Lucas Borchenko

Director of Clubs

Report to Assembly

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March 12th, 2020

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Hello Members of Assembly,

I hope that you all had an amazing and relaxing reading week! I also hope that transitioning your successors is going well, I cannot believe that it has been a year since I was first ratified at Assembly. Here are my updates for the last month.

We have had a busy last month in the Clubs Office. We have successfully finished allocating the Winter Clubs Experience Grant and are hoping to have the Winter New Clubs Grant allocated by the end of next week. In addition, Club Award nominations closed on March 6th, so my deputy Emma Solecki and I are looking forward to choosing our winners. We will be presenting these awards at the Volunteer Appreciation/AMS Awards Night in early April. It will be a difficult process due to the amount of nominations, but we are excited nonetheless. I, along with the Executive, also completed a successful Clubs Consult Week. We met with several clubs to determine their goals and how we can assist them in achieving them. We are excited to work with these clubs over the remainder of our term and set them up for success with Team AJA as well.

This month, both Re-ratification and Space Allocation will be opening. This will be a pretty large process of club data collection and decision making for the office. I will also be working on transitioning my successor, Olivia Stanton, over the next month or so. I hope to set a good foundation for Olivia to build on during her term. I am excited to see everything she accomplishes during her term!

That is all for now!

Best,

Scott Schrempf – Director of Clubs

Chair of the Board of Directors

Report to Assembly

Liam Tharp

March 12th, 2020

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Hello Everyone,

The Board has had quite a few things going on over the past weeks to update you on:

Corporate General Meeting | The CGM is one of the annual meetings of the shareholders of the corporation and is scheduled for March 26th. You should all have received an invite for that as well as your incoming; this is quite an important meeting as there are multiple pressing agenda items such as election of new directors, potentially ratification of new community directors, and updates to the by-laws.

CREO Consulting | Many thanks to Jordan Nensi, F&R Chair, and Leah Bourque, Governance Chair, for spearheading the board's initiative with CREO to update the practices and templates of Board overall and aiming for increasing operational efficiency. CREO has been working with the AMS since January to help improve the quality of the meetings: building templates, working with senior management and the executive to ensure the product they deliver is of the utmost quality. I am happy to go into more depth if people have questions.

Student Director Hiring | The candidates for student director have been selected from the pool of applicants by the hiring committee; unfortunately there were no assembly members present on the committee due to lack of interest and availability, but we are excited for you all to ask questions of the candidates at the upcoming Corporate General Meeting.

Community Director Hiring | The Board currently has a vacancy and before long will have another one in the community director positions, as I've mentioned a few times before. However there are a few candidates who have expressed interest in the position, and they will be interviewed by the Board and brought forward for ratification at the upcoming CGM.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns with this I am happy to address them during the meeting.

All the best,

Liam

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Report to Assembly

March 12th, 2020

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AT KINGSTON

Hello members of assembly,
I know it's that time of year where the theme is exhaustion so I hope everyone is being intentional about taking care of themselves, finding time for rest, and enjoying the extended hours of sunlight!

COVID-19 |

For those of you who have not already heard, the principal has recently appointed David Walker as Special Advisor to the Principal on Planning and Preparation for COVID-19. Dr. Walker is a previous dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and he brings the invaluable experience of having chaired Ontario's Expert Panel on SARS and Infectious Disease Control in 2003. There will be two committees working closely under Dr. Walker's expertise, an operational committee and a stakeholder management committee that will inform the university's response to this evolving public health issue. As members of the stakeholder management group, myself and others will ensure that all of you and your constituents get the information you need as soon as it's available.

Board of Trustees & Board Senate Retreat |

This past Friday and Saturday I participated in my final Board of Trustees weekend as Rector. Among the agenda items was a very exciting motion some of you may have already heard about. On Friday evening the Board of Trustees voted unanimously on the following:

1. Queen's will engage the Institute for Sustainable Finance to:
 - a) survey existing and potentially research other appropriate measures of exposure to carbon emissions embedded in its portfolios, recognizing that such measures may vary across sectors and through time;
 - b) determine the most appropriate measures for Queen's portfolios;
 - c) report on such measures in its portfolios; and
 - d) set reasonable objectives to reduce the portfolios' carbon intensity, recognizing the Board of Trustees' fiduciary obligations.
2. Queen's will:
 - a) explore investments that will outperform with the transition to a lower carbon economy;
 - b) allocate capital from its endowment to such investments, consistent with the Board of Trustees' fiduciary obligations; and
 - c) allow donors to allocate capital directly to such investments, within the endowment, increasing the overall investment in the transition theme, with all endowment units receiving the same payout.
3. In addition to existing disclosures, Queen's will:
 - a) provide a new Responsible Investing tab within the Investment Services webpage;

- b) provide links to all publicly available investment manager ESG information, including UNPRI reports;
- c) amend the current manager ESG questionnaire and make future ESG annual reports publicly available on the website; and
- d) provide information on all renewable energy or other sustainable investments.

This commitment is a huge step forward for our university in addressing climate change and is the product of not only months, but years, of hard work and advocacy. All those involved in making this

possible should be overwhelmingly proud.

Along with a regular session of Board, an Annual Board-Senate Joint Retreat took place of which the theme for discussions was Dimensions of Internationalization. I along with other attendees engaged in critical conversations regarding internationalization at Queen's and how it integrates with the university's broader strategic directions.

Campus Daycare Review |

I am currently sitting on a working group established to engage in broad consultation with the campus community regarding the provision of daycare services on campus, examine approaches other post-secondary educational institutions have used to provide on-site daycare, and develop a final report for the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), summarizing the DWG's findings and recommendations. When consultations kick off I will bring options for engagement in that process back to this group for your attention.

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March 12th, 2020

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Hello Assembly!

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

SOARB Meetings

We have been having a few meetings with SOARB regarding our Orientation Week. Our Orientation Chair has been doing a great job at working with SOARB but I intend to pursue some investigation of how SOARB functions and what could potentially be done to improve their relationship with our student volunteers. I've sent out an email to all Faculty Societies so if you would like to contribute to my work on this, shoot me a message and I'd love to take input! I'd also like to give a shout out to our senators who have been supporting us out at the Senate level.

Transition

EngSoc has now hired all their Directors for 2020/2021 and we are currently in the process of hiring some service managers and other great positions. As such, most of our positions are in a transition phase. All is going well, please reach out if you are interested in getting in touch with any members of the incoming team and we can help make that connection!

Hiring!!!

In that same vein, we have lots of positions open now on DASH. Almost all of our positions are open to both Engineering and non-Engineering students so check that out! We have some great service management spots currently open, as well as many awesome positions on our governance side of our society.

Inclusivity

We had council two weeks ago where a discussion period on increasing inclusivity in our society and as a university was brought forth. I encourage other societies to open up other similar discussions as it was very productive and provided students a platform that is not often readily available.

All the best,

Delaney 😊

Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

Jared Den Otter

March 12th, 2020

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Hello members of Assembly,

PHEKSA has been up to a lot of exciting things the past few weeks!

I would like to start by congratulating the incoming PHEKSA Executive team: Ethan Cooney (President-Elect), Kristina Miakishева (Vice-President University Affairs-Elect), and Stuart Mladen (Vice-President Operations-Elect). They're a group of dedicated students who have done amazing things on PHEKSA currently and will continue to advocate for the Kinesiology community with the passion and diligence that our students deserve!

Also, our Equity and Wellness Commissioner, Tarrah Ethier, ran a speaker series focusing on how to become an advocate for both yourself and for others two weeks ago. The event was well attended by PHE/Kin students and there was pertinent discussion amongst the group on how to properly address self-advocacy in regard to many student-life aspects including mental health and inclusivity. Tarrah and the Equity and Wellness Committee is planning another event near the end of March that will focus on addressing microaggressions on campus.

Our Kin Games team leaves this week for the annual Kinesiology Games Conference where they will represent Queen's University at Brock University. They've been training, studying, and preparing a really cool dance number (check out previous years' dances on Youtube) for the past semester, and we are excited to see if they will bring home the trophy.

We wanted to wish everyone a safe and fun St. Paddy's day and wish good luck to all those going through transitions in the next little bit.

All the best,

Jared den Otter

President

Physical and Health Education & Kinesiology Students' Association

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Report to Assembly

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March 12th, 2020

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Nursing Science Society President

Report to Assembly

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March 12th, 2020

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Greetings Assembly,

Learning Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Julia (NSS interprofessional commissioner), Jane (NSS social issues commissioner) and I met with Erna (director of SON) and Cheryl (undergraduate coordinator of SON) the Thursday before reading week. What ultimately resulted from the meeting is the creation of an ad hoc committee consisting of Julia, Jane, Cheryl and Laurie Gedcke-Kerr. The purpose of the committee is to create a learning plan "guideline." Essentially, we're putting what they're doing right now on paper. This is a step in the right direction.

Embedded Counsellor

I asked Cheryl and Erna about whether they've heard from SWS regarding progress of an embedded counsellor for nursing. The university rector had contacted me saying that SWS has been working on an embedded counsellor for the SON, however, Erna and Cheryl were not aware of this. I followed up with the rector about people the I can contact who can continue to put pressure on the School of Nursing to fund this position. I would like to thank everyone for their reception of the Queen's Journal article which highlighted the need of an embedded counsellor for the SON.

CASN Review

I would like to thank the people who came out the CASN review meeting with the NSS. This was an awesome opportunity for us to advocate for students! I believe that our voices will be heard by the reviewers and will ultimately make a difference. The final report will be released this summer.

March Break Open House

Other NSS members and I will be volunteering for the SON MBOH. We will be meeting students in our SON NSS Lounge to talk about the services/opportunities we provide as well as answering their questions. I am looking forward to meeting incoming nursing students!

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.

NSS Interns

Our interns are hard at work! They created 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/ Health and Wellness Commissioner

Our commissioners have been hard at work! They had a presentation at our assembly in Week 7 which review the different mental health resources available to students at Queen's and in the Kingston community. The presentation will be posted on our website (queensnss.com) as it is a fantastic resource!

NSS Budget

We have finalized our budget for 2020 and it has been posted on our website. Thank you to our VPOPs Deborah Wang who put plenty of time in effort into finalizing the budget!

Orientation Week

Our wonderful Head Cape Jennifer Bean has been hard at work organizing our orientation week. We also hired our AST NOC prior to reading week.

Computing Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

Nana Boateng

March 12th, 2020

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First of all, I'd like to congratulate the newly elected COMPSA Exec, Danielle Edward for President and Flora Lin for Vice-President of Student Affairs. We will have another election soon for our Vice President of Operations.

Last week Shreyansh Anand, Katie Warburton and I had the pleasure of meeting with AECOM, several faculty from the School of Computing and staff from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (including the Director Hossam Hassanein and the Dean Dr. Barbara Crow). This was part of a 5-month project to shape the future of the School of Computing. We identified the different problems the School has as well as solutions that can be implemented now, and over the next 5 years. There are exciting changes coming to the School of Computing and I am proud to be a part of it.

COMPSA is collaborating with QWIC for an event celebrating International Women's Day. This will tackle the imposter syndrome in the workplace. Speakers include Dr. Amber Simpson, as well as representatives from TunnelBear, and Microsoft.

The COMPSA Executive also met with the Undergraduate Chair, Jeurgen Dingel, to bring up some concerns and complaints the undergraduate students had and discussed possible solutions. This was a fruitful meeting and we are excited to see our problems be heard and addressed by the School of Computing.

MBA Students President

Report to Assembly

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Appendices