



AMS Assembly



Thursday November 12th , 2020

6:00 PM



Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of November 12th, 2020.
2. **Motion #2** – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 8th, 2020.
3. Speaker's Business
4. Guest Speaker
 - a. Queen's Survey Students' Experience of Teaching Winter 2020
 - b. OUSA (Executive Director Eddy Avila & President Julia Pereira)
5. President's Report: President Jared den Otter
6. Vice-President's Report
 - a. Operations: Vice-President Alexandra Samoyloff
 - b. University Affairs: Vice-President Alexia Henriques
7. Board of Director's Report: Chairperson Jordan Nensi
8. Undergraduate Student Trustee's Report: Trustee Shoshannah Bennett-Dwara
9. Student Senator's Report: Student Senate Caucus Chair Eric Flowers
10. Rector's Report: Rector Sam Hiemstra
11. Statements by Students
12. Question Period
13. Business Arising from the Minutes
14. New Business
 - a. **Motion #3**- That the AMS Assembly approve the ratification of 39 clubs see in Appendix [New Clubs](#)
15. Discussion Period
16. Adjournment



The President of the Alma Mater Society

Report to Assembly

Jared den Otter

November 12th, 2020

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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope that you were all able to show some Queen's spirit during the virtual Homecoming celebrations this year! On a similar note, I hope that you were also able to catch up on some schoolwork and relax a bit during the reading week break! The AMS was closed for the break, but we are all ready to get back to work and continue having conversations with students and administration.

First Year Intern Council | We are starting up first year intern council! This is a great opportunity for first years to learn more about the AMS and how it functions to serve the undergraduate student body. The goal of the Intern Council is to get students early in their degree to engage with the AMS, as well as to help us with our outreach to first years in other aspects, such as marketing of our services and initiatives. The Council works together during the year on collective projects, which also helps to foster relationships with their peers, and allows them a mentor within the AMS. We are so excited to welcome this year's Intern Council!

Winter Semester Preparations | With the Fall exam period quickly approaching (scary!), the AMS has been meeting with administration and other stakeholders of the University to discuss moving forward into the winter semester. As classes will continue to be online, we move forward with advocacy for academic and social support for our peers. We are having conversations surrounding increased study spaces for students across campus, as well as more social activities for students to engage with each other.

Homecoming Review | Our Homecoming Task Force planned a successful campaign with the general messaging of #StayHomecoming. We engaged with students through releasing posts and an article in the *Journal* which were meant to supplement the University's messaging sent out by the Provost. The weekend went relatively well, and the student body was praised by the Kingston Police and the Administration for succeeding in engaging in safe activities at home for the most part.



AMS Elections | It's odd to think about this already, but it has been imperative to focus on Executive Elections early this year. As we approach January, we want to continue to encourage students to get involved with their student government if they are passionate about making change on campus! We will be rolling out a campaign later this month with information on how to run in the elections, what each Executive member does, and other requirements by the AMS - we want to make the process as accessible as possible for students. Some things to look out for will be marketing material geared to students through email and social media. As well, we will be holding an *optional informal information session on December 2nd at 6 pm* (**not the mandatory session in January for those interested in running for AMS Executive**) to gauge interest and allow students to ask questions about the roles. Finally, an Op-Ed in the *Queen's Journal* will be released on behalf of Laura Devenny (CEO) and will explain why student engagement is important!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out via email if you have any questions, concerns, comments, or new ideas! I'm always eager to listen and chat.

Kind Regards,

Jared den Otter (He/Him/His)

President, Alma Mater society

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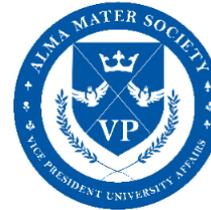
Vice President (University Affairs)

Report to Assembly

Alexia Henriques

November 12th, 2020,

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Hi all!

I hope that you are all doing well and that you enjoyed the fall reading break. I know that you've all been working so hard and have seen all the amazing initiatives and projects that you've been working on!

I have a few updates for you all, and urge you to also look at each of the Commissioners' reports as well to see what we've been up to over the past month.

QSSET Pilot Project | The Queen's Survey of Students' Experience of Teaching (QSSET) is an accessible, online assessment of teaching. At assembly this week we will have guests coming in to do a presentation from the Registrar's office on the updated and brand new QSSET pilot project. This is the new format for students to evaluate and provide feedback to their instructors about the course and the teaching practices. The QSSET will be replacing the USAT survey. I hope you all take the time to read over the questions that students will be asked, and come with feedback for the Administrators attending. This will be an opportunity to shape the development of this pilot project for future years, and they will take our feedback into consideration when preparing for the Winter 2021 QSSET.

OUSA Advocacy | The past few weeks have been extremely busy preparing for and attending the annual OUSA Fall General Assembly. Four policy papers total were reviewed and passed unanimously by the delegates. It was a wonderful experience getting to work with other student government leaders and I would like to thank all of the Queen's AMS delegates for their dedication and hard work. A huge shout out to our Commissioner of External Affairs Matthew Mellon and his deputy Tiffany Yung for their authorship and leadership! We are finishing up our meetings with the committee reviewing our external alignment and OUSA membership, and look forward to writing our consolidated report next month. Finally, we will be preparing for the annual OUSA Lobby Conference which will be happening the third week of November.

Remote Learning Experience | We recognize that this semester has been extremely difficult for some of our students. An online learning environment is not what many students anticipated, and the added stressors of academics has unfortunately had a negative impact on many of our peers. The AMS has prepared two different reports that were circulated with senior level administrators – including the Provost and Principal – and presented these reports to several groups including the Academics Operations Group. Thank you to all of the faculty societies that have dedicated time into conducting their own research and gathering student feedback on the



student academic experience. We have heard from many different faculty and administrators that this feedback and the student perspective is extremely valuable in preparing for the next semester. We will be continuing our advocacy and work and hope to work with faculty and administrators in improving course structures and student support services.

Thank you all for your on-going dedication to our school. This has been a difficult and challenging year for us all, and I thank you for your work and contributions. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything at all, please feel free to send me an email or set up a Zoom call. One more month!!!

Warmest regards,

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Vice President (Operations)
Report to Assembly
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November 12th , 2020
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Dear Members of Assembly,

Happy November! Hopefully you've had a restful reading week and midterms are going well. Only a month left this term! Here are some relevant updates:

Bus Pass Subsidy | At the start of the month applications for the Bus Pass Subsidy closed. We received a great deal of applications and are working with the University to wrap up and get the subsidy added to applicants SOLUS accounts. This process has been quite smooth and the AMS and SGPS is happy with the success of the project. The Winter Term Bus Pass is projected to go live December 15th. This pass will remain at \$119 and run until the end of the term. There will also be a Winter Term subsidy that will open in line with the City's pass timeline. The application process will remain the same.

Updates to the Services | All services have all been officially approved by COG to be in their spaces at different capacities, very exciting. As the JDUC remains closed this semester we are not looking at reopening our services to interact with the general public. This will be revisited as the next semester begins and based on Public Health/Uni guidelines and COVID cases on campus. As always staff safety and comfort are my priority. Here are any relevant updates from the services over the past month.

Common Ground has been doing well despite the lower traffic in the Queen's Centre. Just like the Tims/Starbucks/Khao/etc. locations we have seen a dramatic decrease in customers as we no longer can rely on traffic between classes and as people become more cautious of their spending. The Huskee cup program is back and we've begun offering "for here" options for those who are using the table space. You're also able to purchase a Huskee cup at Cogro if you don't get have one! As we roll into mid-November there are some quite exciting events such as Cogro's birthday on the 9th (don't miss out on the birthday drink and cake deals!), golden ticket week, and mac and cheese week.

Tricolour Outlet has had a relatively successful homecoming in terms of sales, we've managed to sell out of a few pieces. Fan favorite items are on pre order and back in stock, if you've missed out on a HOCO crewneck now is your chance! As expected, we did not make the same number of sales as seen in previous years (lack of in store traffic, events across campus, alumni presence, people coming in from out of town, and other pandemic related factors). Moving forward TRO is doing some collaborative work with student groups and looking into specialty Holiday designs.



Printing and Copying Centre has been doing very well, we've seen an influx of orders and more than we expected. The Die Cut Machine has arrived and is set up, we'll begin taking orders shortly for improved stickers and screen printing. We're gearing up for the rest of the semester with a few new projects to increase revenue and service use. If you're looking to print custom posters, disposable camera type photos, or cardboard cutouts of your favorite celebrity, there's no better place than the P&CC!

Walkhome has updated their hours in lieu of Daylight Savings and is now open at 7pm. Homecoming weekend did see an increase and at one point we had all teams on walks which is great news for the service and safety on campus. The app has also been completed and has undergone an excessive amount of testing and all bugs have been resolved. Walks are available by phone or through the app! Stay tuned to their social media for ongoing contests throughout each month.

Queen's Student Constables is officially working shifts within residence to assist the dons and CSES Thursday to Sunday night. They are also working in Mac Corry to monitor the student study spaces that have just been implemented. Very exciting that this goal Wendy has been working on all summer has come to life.

Peer Support Centre is thriving and continuing operations online as usual. They have just wrapped up their virtual TALKS Week which has been successful, hopefully some of you had the chance to tune into their programming. We're looking next at how to best market the service so students know they can access it and that it exists, exploring the idea of selling merch again so stay tuned on upcoming initiatives!

Student Life Centre has been working as usual, no major concerns or issues. We're currently revisiting the JDUC space and adding extra precautions to cover staff safety. The SLC team is next looking at bringing back a few booking opportunities but awaiting COG approval.

StudioQ remains very busy! They've been working on numerous projects and commissions, largely finishing projects that were put on hold from last year's team due to the pandemic. As always, if there are any projects that require media services don't hesitate to reach out.

Queen's Journal continues to publish on a weekly basis, with printed copies biweekly. Moving forward into the rest of the year they will continue to print biweekly and we will not be moving towards weekly printing this year. They've seen such an increase with engagement to their online platforms, which is incredibly exciting. Check out their new podcasts and sign up for their online newsletter if you haven't yet!

Thank you for reading through my report! As always, I appreciate your time and dedication to Assembly. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please feel free



to send me an email or set up a Zoom call, my virtual doors are always open. Hope you all have a great November and keep safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Samoyloff (She/Her/Hers)
Vice President (Operations)

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Commission of External Affairs
Report to Assembly
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November 12th , 2020
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Dear Members of Assembly,

I hope everyone had a good, restful reading week. The Commission of External Affairs has been kept very busy over the last few weeks and I am excited to provide you all with an update on our recent activities.

OUSA: This month has been incredibly busy with preparations for OUSA's Fall General Assembly, which just took place over reading week. After hours of policy edits and revisions among Queens' delegation, we have passed policy papers on a Comprehensive Access Strategy, Environmental Sustainability, Housing, Transit, and Community Development, and COVID-19 Relief. Later this month, Alexia and I will be participating in OUSA's annual Student Advocacy Conference, where we will meet with several political staffers, ministers, and MPPs to push for this year's advocacy priorities. Looking forward to next term, we have already begun preparations on Winter General Assembly by planning consultations for the upcoming papers on Indigenous Students, Health and Wellness, and Racial and Religious Equity.

UCRU: In a similar fashion to OUSA, UCRU Lobby Week is approaching at the end of November. We will be meeting with members of parliament and political staffers on the federal level to push for policies and investments in student financial aid, international students, Indigenous students, and undergraduate research.

Special Committee on External Alignment: The review of our OUSA membership is well underway. Each committee member has completed their allotted research and we have collected a vast array of information on OUSA's budgeting, advocacy activities, policies, and overall benefit to the AMS. Over the next month, the committee will be discussing and debating the merits of our findings and beginning to compile the report, which will be presented to Assembly in January.

Remote Learning: After providing preliminary anecdotal evidence of students' experiences with remote learning to the Academic Operations Working Group, I followed up with a survey collecting quantitative data around the same information. This data was presented at the same group just prior to reading week, where I had the



chance to provide additional context to the University's senior leadership and various faculty associate deans. This feedback will be incorporated into faculty specific surveys and will guide ongoing remote course development.

I am looking forward to continuing to update you all as I continue to develop some of my goals for the year and on other news and activities within the Commission. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about some advocacy-related ideas, my email, cea@ams.queensu.ca, is always open!

Regards,

Matthew Mellon

Commissioner of External Affairs, 2020-21



Campus Affairs Commission
Report to Assembly
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November 12th, 2020
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Hello Members of Assembly!

I hope you are all doing well and had lovely and hopefully restful reading weeks! It is hard to believe that we are already halfway done our term!

As an update on Compensation Policy, we will be hopefully bringing this to the Board meeting at the end of November. We have received feedback from members of the Board and are hoping that we can get this policy through as soon as possible. Event sanctioning forms are up and running on our website. The University answered our many emails confirming that they would not be sanctioning any on-campus events (with some exceptions with Athletics & Recreation), and instead would keep promoting online events. We have thus created two event sanctioning forms: one for online events and another for in-person, off-campus events. I am more than happy to chat about this with anyone to ensure that all of your events are being held safely and through our insurance broker!

I have been working on many aspects of Orientation week with our outgoing ORT Coordinator, Mitchell, such as a new leader termination process which will hopefully allow for a smoother and more efficient process across the board. Additionally, as a member of SOARB I have been a part of the EDII Working Group which has begun its consultations and policy-reviews this week, in hopes of creating recommendations which will help in beginning more equitable and inclusive Orientation weeks. Our incoming ORT Coordinator Alessia was recently hired and is going through transition and will be hiring her team shortly.

Finally, a couple of other updates are that I have recently hired a Deputy of International Affairs, Yu, and we have started meeting to see what this position can achieve this year. Additionally, we will be starting our Health & Wellness caucus next week – please let me know if you would like to have someone from your Faculty Society join.

I will leave it at that but if anyone wants to hear more about what I have been up to or has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!



All the best,

Charlotte Galvani (she/her/hers)
Commissioner of Campus Affairs





Commission of Social Issues

Report to Assembly

Angela Sahi

November 12th, 2020

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Hello Assembly!

I hope you are all keeping well! These past weeks have moved quickly, and I have been working on various projects. I am excited to share my progress with you!

Equity Grant

The Social Issues Commission allocates a significant portion of our budget towards the Equity Grant, which seeks to promote the fostering of an anti-oppressive and safe environment in the Queen's community. These grants target organizations engaged in community outreach, educational campaigns, and awareness raising projects that meet the eligibility requirements listed in the grant application. The grant closes this month, and we look forward to supporting student-led initiatives.

Please share the application link with your fellow student networks and any relevant bodies: https://queensuniversityams.formstack.com/forms/equity_grant_2020

Gender Based Violence: Community, Support, and Action Workshop Series

Throughout October, the Social Issues Commission in partnership with the Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Office hosted a series of workshops, programming, and events for gender based and sexual violence survivors and allies. The programming included a student panel, sexual wellness workshop, and a learning session about trauma informed spaces.

Best,

Angela Sahi (she/her)

AMS Social Issues Commissioner



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Report to Assembly
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November 12th , 2020
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Hello Presidents' Caucus,

I hope everyone had a wonderful spooky season October!

The clubs commission has been very busy over the last month with Fall ratification and Fall grants. We received around 50 ratification applications this Fall and are pleased to be welcoming 39 new clubs to the commission this term. For all new clubs we are hosting our New Clubs Caucus this week to introduce them to the AMS and share resources our office can connect clubs to.

We are also in the midst of completing Fall Experience Grant allocation with the clubs Grant allocation committee and will also be allocating the New Clubs Grant after its November application deadline passes. The remote term has allowed us to explore grant allocations for new event ideas and elements needed to put them on. We are excited to continue supporting club events in this new age of virtual meeting platforms and look forward to helping clubs expand their financial capacity in order to accommodate this new world of events.

Throughout the month of October and continuing into November, we have been conducting a campaign on the Clubs social media accounts focused on outlining the resources and opportunities each AMS department has for clubs.

One issue on the commission's radar at this moment is the allocation and use of clubs space for the winter term. With the announcement of an Online winter term, we are determined to explore a way for clubs to use their office spaces safely and are currently drawing up a proposal for the university.

As the Fall term begins to wind down we will be turning our attention to long term projects for both next term and future years and are excited to get some time to put into expanding the visibility and breadth of resources available to AMS clubs in the future.

Short and sweet, that's all for me this month. Wishing you all well as the weather gets chillier!

All the best,

Olivia Stanton (she/her/hers)
Commissioner of Clubs 2020-2021



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Report to Assembly
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November 12th , 2020
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Hi Assembly,

I hope you are all doing well and had some time to relax during our break. The big things I have to update you all on are that the Judicial Affairs Office as well as the Judicial Committee are up and running.

AMS Executive elections are coming up as scary as that sounds. We are hard at work developing a plan for how to successfully run this process online this year for the first time. Stay tuned for more information regarding elections and encourage your peers to get involved in elections!

I appreciate everyone's hard work on their monthly reports and the promptness of handing them in. As always if there is ever anything anyone would like to bring to the attention of Assembly, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by email and I would be more than happy to add it to the next agenda.

Best,

Caroline Hart

Secretary of Internal Affairs



AMS Board of Directors Chair
Report to Assembly
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Dear Members of Assembly,

Since we last met, the Board conducted our October Board meeting. This meeting had no specific focus, though notably, the Board had a short discussion on the Compensation Policy and improved our Capital Expenditure Approval Process. The Board has provided feedback to the AMS Executive on the Compensation Policy. Once the feedback is dealt with, the Policy will proceed to a legal review, prior to coming back to the Board for further discussion and potential approval.

Between now and December 3rd, which is the Corporate Special General Meeting (6 PM) followed by AMS Assembly (7 PM), please expect some emails from me, including an agenda for the meeting. As this is a meeting of the Members of the Corporation, your attendance is critical, so please inform me if you are unable to attend. As per the AMS Inc. By-Laws you have the right to nominate a proxy, but you must do so in advance and on a prescribed form that I can provide to you.

I am looking forward to providing you all with extensive and comprehensive updates at our Corporate Special General Meeting. All materials will be provided in advance, and as such I will encourage you to review beforehand so that we can have a productive conversation.

As always, I am available over email and happy to schedule time to speak with you any of you should you wish.

Thanks,

Jordan



Undergraduate Student Trustee
Report to Assembly
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November 12th, 2020
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Dear Assembly,

I hope you have all been well and enjoyed a restful reading week! The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on December 4th and 5th. As such, my updates focus on various important initiatives and pertinent updates on the previous meeting in September.

Non-Academic Misconduct Subcommittee

Item: Sexual Violence Policy

A revised policy on sexual violence was developed in concert with larger consultation in fall and winter last year. While there was delay in receiving feedback from the Queen's community due to COVID-19, the policy was finally brought to the NAMSC committee for approval prior to its presentation at the Audit and Risk committee and the Board of Trustees.

Item: Student Code of Conduct Amendments

A request was made to review the student code of conduct in context of current issues and the public dialogue of systemic racism at Queen's. At the most recent meeting of the NAMSC committee, these requests were reviewed for approval along with presentations from relevant members of the Queen's community.

Board Senate Retreat EDII Topic

Item: EDII Topic

Upon speaking with the graduate student trustee and other representatives, the 1st meeting of the Board-Senate retreat planning committee will occur mid-November. As I am not an official member of the committee, I will be creating a pitch regarding the need for an EDII education focus for another committee member to present on my behalf.

Other Initiatives

Queen's University Advocacy Coalition

Undergraduate Trustee September Board Report

If you have any questions regarding the information presented, please kindly email me at trustee@ams.queensu.ca as I would love to hear any comments or opinions you have!



Student Senate Caucus Chair
Report to Assembly
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November 12th , 2020
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Happy November everyone, I trust you were all able to enjoy reading week and that you are all well and staying safe!

Senate met for the second time this year on Tuesday November 3rd. Principal Dean began speaking about the [Principal's report](#), which he has completed and will be using to inform the forthcoming Strategic Framework. The Principal is welcoming feedback prior to the completion of his Strategic Framework. Issues raised in the Report include academic research, academic competitiveness, internationalization, community-building, and initiatives around Equity and Diversity. Principal Deane assured students he will be making an effort to include them in this strategic planning and to make the process more accessible.

Additionally, the Principal noted that the University is working closely with other institutions and the Federal government to ensure that the international student population is being accommodated for return to the University as soon as possible. All the international students received an email from the Queen's University International Student Center (QUIC) to complete a survey of the 2021 winter plan. The information collected will be used for supporting students who are planning to travel to Canada and developing programs in the winter 2021 semester. Meanwhile, the senate also discussed increasing funding for international students.

The Provost discussed the return of certain University operations including increased use of the ARC facilities. As well, the Administration is pleased with student decisions (in most cases) not to participate in Homecoming and Halloween celebrations.

The Senate also approved the addition of an internship component to the BHSc program.

I would be happy to take questions if there are any.

Best Regards,

Eric Flowers



University Rector
Report to Assembly
Sam Hiemstra
November 12th , 2020
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Rector's Report to AMS Assembly
November 2020

Happy November!

I am hoping that you have all had a productive reading week and midterm season. It has been a slower month in the Office, but some large-scale projects are beginning to start-up and come to life. I have been spending a good deal of my time advocating for an increase in on-campus study and leisure spaces and mental health supports. In addition to the safety guideline campaigns I have been advocating for further alternative activities and events that students can participate in while maintaining social distancing. This way of life will be with us for some time and the I am happy to be in this position to keep our administration accountable to the quality of education and student experience we should expect.

Removal of SJAM Building Name

As a member of the Board of Trustees as well as the Committee assigned to look at this issue, I was happy with the decision reached. Regardless of the results there was a tremendous amount of community feedback and well articulated reports to accompany the decision. This has set a national standard for truth and reconciliation on university campuses and is an important step in continuing to reflect and act on our past actions as an institution. I am here to discuss the process further but encourage you all to read the full reports [here](#) as they articulate it much better than I ever could.

Office Assistant

I am happy to announce the Office of the Rector has hired an assistant to help supplement the capacity of the Office to complete projects and run as efficiently as it can. Claerwen Sladen-Dew is in her first year at Queen's in the Bachelor of Health Science program with an interest in mental health advocacy. I hope that the rest of Assembly helps to welcome her to the team and if you have anything that you'd like to connect about you can reach her at rector.assist@queensu.ca.

Equity Partnership Grant

As mentioned in my previous report, the Office has now established the Equity Partnership Grant for student clubs and organizations focused on supporting QTBIPOC and accessibility communities on campus. This grant was modeled after the Social Issues Commission Equity Grant for which I owe Commissioner Sahi a great deal of thanks. Beyond the financial aid this



grant will act as a connector for the Office and student clubs working in equity and inclusion; our teams will work in partnership to complete a variety of events and initiatives. The deadline for applications is November 13 and can be found at www.queensu.ca/rector/equity-partnership-grant.

United Way Winter Coat Drive

To help offset some of the drop-off locations that had to be closed for safety reasons, my Office and the Queen's United Way Campaign organized for a location on campus. While we didn't have a lot of time to plan, we were immensely happy with the results and are happy to be donating eight coats to be distributed around the region. I will be continuing to work with the team at United Way KFL&A beyond this initiative and am happy to make connections with others if that is something that is of interest to people.

Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award

Nomination applications will be released very shortly so stay tuned for that! I will be reaching out to faculty societies to share these across social media channels as we brace for a very different looking nomination period. Now more than ever we need to be supporting the students who do the most for our community and I am happy to be a part of the process to recognize some of them.

As always if you want to meet or talk about anything (or everything) you can reach me at rector@queensu.ca.

At your service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Hiemstra".

Sam Hiemstra
37th Rector, Queen's University



Residence Society President
Report to Assembly
Oliver Flis
November 12th, 2020
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Dear AMS Assembly,

I hope you have all been staying safe and healthy.

As we progress through this most unusual year, the Residence Society team is continuing to manage the opportunities and challenges of virtual engagement with first-year students. Our staff continue to offer support to students virtually through meetings, programming initiatives, and activities, as well as actively voice student feedback to the appropriate university bodies.

Recent projects and initiatives, as well as upcoming items planned for the winter term, include:

\$100 Don Bursary

To facilitate the ability of Residence Dons to run programs and events for their students, a total of \$8,500 of Residence Society funds has been earmarked as a Residence Don programming budget. Dons are able to apply to request funds through a Google form to cover the cost of programs, up to a maximum of \$100 for the 2020-21 academic year. Dons are also able to pool together with other staff members and request a larger sum of funding should they wish to run a larger-scale event.

To request funds, Dons submit a description of the proposed event, an estimate of the funding required, and an itemized listing of how the funds will be spent. After receiving approval, Dons are able to purchase the desired items and receive a reimbursement upon submitting a receipt.

The \$100 Don Bursary launched in late October and has already seen a number of submissions. We will continue to process requests throughout the year and look forward to supporting Dons with programming over the coming months. The aim of the Don Bursary is to ensure that Dons do not have to pay out of pocket for programming supplies and materials, while also ensuring an equal opportunity to access funds across all Dons and create an engaging first-year experience.

Pride and Indigenous Flags in Residence

A joint initiative between the Residence Society and Housing & Ancillary Services has been undertaken to hang the Pride, Métis, Iroquois, and Two Row Wampum flags in several main common areas within the Queen's residence system. This initiative is aimed at providing visible representation to students from minority communities, and thereby ensuring that all students feel safe, welcome, and included within the residence environment.



Each of the flags will be approximately 2 feet by 3 feet and placed within a poster frame to minimize the risk of vandalism. Plans are in place to then hang the flags in high-visibility areas, such as the Victoria Hall Upper Common Room and the dining halls. We appreciate the support from all university stakeholders involved to ensure an inclusive environment within the Queen's residence system.

Residence Society Executive Elections

Core to the tradition of student government in residence is an annual election to determine the individuals who will serve as the Residence Society executive team the following year. Three positions are subject to a one-year term, as decided through an executive election: (1) President and Chief Executive Officer, (2) Vice President of Residence Affairs, and (3) Vice President of Judicial Affairs. Our team has been actively planning for administering the executive elections within the first month of the winter term.

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to constrain gatherings and normal operations, campaigning for Residence Society elections will be conducted virtually. Candidates will be able to share their platforms virtually, engage with potential voters online, and participate in a virtual debate. As per usual protocol, all campaign materials and posts will require pre-approval.

To remove barriers for qualified candidates, we have been exploring modifications to the nomination process for the executive elections. Subject to a final vote by the Residence Society General Assembly, the candidates in the elections this year will not run as a team or "slate" of three candidates, as has been the case historically — rather, candidates will have the ability to run for their desired role individually. This modification has been undertaken as a measure to encourage participation and facilitate the ability of qualified candidates to run for their chosen position.

Our objective is to ensure as smooth as possible of a transition from this year's executive team to next year's student leaders, while also putting in place a workable framework to ensure the effectiveness of executive elections in subsequent years.

As always, I welcome any questions and feedback at president@ressoc.queensu.ca.

Sincerely,

Oliver Flis



Arts and Science Undergraduate Society President

Report to Assembly

David Niddam-Dent

November 12th, 2020

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT
ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY



President Assembly Report Nov. 6th, 2020

Dear Assembly,

We are now in November – the year is truly flying by! I hope everyone has stayed warm, and had a restful (and perhaps even productive) reading break. Some updates for you all!

Life After ArtSci

Last week we held Life After ArtSci 2020! Featuring keynote speaker Mike McNair (History '03), a networking workshop, a number of fantastic alumni panels, and one to one networking, LAA 2020 featured something for everyone. Held virtually and only from 10am to 2:45pm, this was our most accessible and exciting Life After ArtSci yet, and it was a great success. Thanks to Jessica Chu and the rest of the amazing PD team for their work to make it incredible!

Orientation Week

First off, a massive congratulations are due to the entire 2020 Orientation Team – Orientation 2020 raised \$30,108.03 for the Canadian Cancer Society this year! This accomplishment is due to the fantastic efforts of the dedicated Chairs, OCs, and Gaels, and the passion and spirit of ASUS Orientation.

ASUS has also been hard at work in preparations for Orientation 2021! Head Gael Eric has jumped into his new role with enthusiasm and many exciting ideas, and I'm so excited to see what he achieves this year. We've also hired Gabby, Katelyn, Melody, and Camilyn, our four Orientation Chairs, who will be fantastic!

Academic Advocacy

Alongside Academics Commissioner Roos and Vice President D'Alessandro, I have been engaged in significant academic advocacy for the last number of weeks. Building on DSC feedback, ASUS Assembly's feedback, and our successful Thought Exchange, our [Remote Learning Report](#) was presented to the University's Academic Operations Working Group, the Provost and Faculty Deans, FAS Undergraduate Chairs, and the FAS Faculty Board. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we hope that these efforts will see meaningful change for ArtSci undergrads in this semester and next semester. I should also note in this section that we have begun advocacy to make the Arts and Science appeals process more fair for all students, with a specific focus on international students. If there's one lesson I can share from the advocacy in the last number of weeks, it is that specific grievances and especially specific solutions are most effective in getting attention and spurring action.



Equity & Wellness Directors

Richelle and Claudia, ASUS' Equity and Wellness Directors respectively, have now been hired! I can't wait to work with them alongside VP D'Alessandro and Commissioner Francis to bring positive change to ASUS and Queen's.

Research and other advocacy

Samara Lijiam, ASUS Director of Student Affairs Research, has been hard at work on a number of projects. Two major ones – a focus group centred on marginalized students' experiences at Queen's and a financial accessibility survey – are set to be released this month. We hope that the data produced by these research efforts will lay solid groundwork for future advocacy and help bring along more EDII related measures, alongside the Workers Academic Credit.

Matt's LGBTQ Advocacy Group has been running amazingly, as those here who are participants know well. Various Council members are engaged in work on FAS Strategic Enrolment Management, EDII Content in the FAS curriculum, FAS Learning Outcome reform, SVPR, student housing, addressing racism in the classroom at Queen's, and the FAS Curriculum Committee. Looking forward to Fall Term Break coming up as well!

ASURF – Applications Open!

Applications for the Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Fund are open (and close tomorrow)! ASURF Applications are open to all Arts and Science students seeking funding for non-class based research, no matter how big or how small. While research can be more difficult in this remote world, we are excited to see what proposals ASURF can help bring to life - Arts, Science, or something in between. Apply and encourage your friends to as well. Applications close November 13th!

ASUS 130

ASUS Council has begun working on a series of larger projects to help commemorate ASUS' 130th anniversary, and set the Society up for a successful next 130 years. More details (and consultations) to come – we can't wait to share what we've been working on!

Miscellaneous Updates

A couple things that didn't quite fit above – ASUS Hot meal Service, Good Times Diner, is up and running socially distanced. Our Supper Series with Tommy's has also commenced to great success. Our Intern Council is working on a number of projects to benefit first years, and our first volunteers of the month have been recognized.

Hope you all have an amazing weekend! Always here to chat if anyone has any questions.

All my best,

David



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Hey everyone!

It seems like this semester has gone by extremely quickly. I hope everyone's managed to keep up with their schoolwork alongside their extra curriculars. With the end of the semester and academics ramping up, I want to remind everyone to be aware of their mental health and to take time for self care.

Tea Room

Our Tea Room café will be closing for the year. Shout out to all the managers and staff who opened it and were able to adjust to all the COVID-19 restrictions. We're proud of what they were able to do given the level of limitations they had on their operations.

Gender in Eng Panel/Mentorship

We're proud to be rolling out one of our EDI initiatives that we set out to accomplish at the beginning of the year. We're establishing a Gender in Eng Panel with mentors predominantly geared towards supporting and helping out students who belong to gender minorities.

O-Week

We've hired our new Orientation Chair – shout out to Zoe Prystawski! We're in the process of hiring our Chief FREC and soon after, the rest of our FREC Committee.

Remember to take breaks and some time for yourself every once in a while.
All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Lee".

Spencer Lee, EngSoc President



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Hello Assembly Members,

We hope everyone is staying well and taking care. Below are a couple of highlights from the Smith Commerce Society.

External Student Relations:

ComSoc has launched an External Opportunities Live Feed. The feed consists of external opportunities within Queen's and other Canadian Undergraduate Business Schools. Our goal is to encourage Commerce students to participate and engage with other student groups across campus and Canada. The feed is available here: <https://twitter.com/ComSocExternal> and embedded into the ComSoc website. Faculty Societies and student groups interested in having their events promoted can submit a request here: <http://bit.ly/ExternalOp>

Academics:

ComSoc co-facilitated with the Commerce Office a student panel for Smith faculty on 'What Students Want Professors to Know Before the Winter Term.' The panel discussion attracted 60 faculty members and provided a forum for students to share feedback and best practices with professors. Additionally, ComSoc is supporting the Commerce Office with rolling out Academic Orientations that will be deployed in the 2021/2022 academic year.

Talent Strategy:

ComSoc has published its first-ever Smith Commerce Society Census with a breakdown of the society's composition - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XcI11WF1-HmvnzWVgk9dJ1XwA_1nH5-R/view?usp=sharing. The Census aims to increase ComSoc's transparency and will drive ComSoc's talent management practices moving forward. In October, over 100 first-year representatives were hired to power our 55 conferences and committees across the entire society. ComSoc is currently collecting Co-Chair and First-Year Student feedback on the performance and effectiveness of our hiring practices.

Digital Strategy:

ComSoc has partnered with Smith IT to provide all ComSoc student-groups with access to Zoom Webinar and All In The Loop (virtual conference platform) to deliver quality virtual events and programming.

Student Affairs:



In the month of November, ComSoc conferences and committees will be running over 20 events. A comprehensive event calendar can be found here: <https://www.my.comsoc.ca/events/calendar>. All ComSoc events are open to any student enrolled at Queen's. Additionally, ComSoc is planning our annual Holiday Hope event that will air on November 26th and includes free food and hot chocolate, virtual performances, and a charitable giving campaign.

Clubs and Conferences Support:

ComSoc is in the process of developing a guide for virtual events based on learnings from events run this semester with insights on the areas of event time and duration, delegate fees, and virtual platform usage. Additionally, as well as approach the end of the fall term, all ComSoc student-groups will undergo an evaluation from our Advisory Board. New to this year, mid-year reviews include an analysis of each student-groups progress on the EDI Action Plan they developed in August.

First-Year Student Support:

ComSoc hosted a Halloween Virtual Social for all first years. The social attracted over 120 students and comprised various games, performances, and an Among Us tournament. We continue to focus on improving the social mobility and sense of community for our first-year students. ComSoc will be launching a PenPal Program to increase the overall accessibility of upper years to our first-year cohort and foster inter-year connectivity for lower years.

Smith School of Business Dean Selection:

Queen's University is in the process of selecting a new Dean for the Smith School of Business - ComSoc holds one seat on the selection committee. In October, ComSoc held a townhall to seek feedback from students on what they would like to see from the new Dean.

Wishing everyone the best of luck as we enter the final weeks of the fall term, and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or want to chat.

Warm Regards,
MKV



Physical Education and Kinesiology Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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November 12th, 2020

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Hello Assembly,

Hope you're all doing well!! In the past month we have been busy planning events for the tail end of the fall semester, as well as working with the SKHS to refine the academic delivery system made available by the faculty in the SKHS. This is currently going on through a survey about how to do best deliver the online classes and we look to work together to make the remote delivery system the most functional and universal between classes that we can! We have another upcoming meeting with administration and will be hopefully bringing some preliminary results of the survey to inform some late first term changes and strengthen change decisions for second term. The entire committee is busy working away and would love suggestions as to what everyone in the faculty wants to see of us so please if you see this feel free to contact any of us and we would be happy to chat! Our equity and Wellness committee is also up and running now and is moving full steam ahead on some work for a more unified school, especially important during our remote setting.

That's all I can think of for now, enjoy the lovely weather we are having for November,
PHEKSA



Concurrent Education Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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November 12th, 2020

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Hello everyone,

I do not have too much to update you all in regard to CESA. We have mainly been hosting a variety of events for our con-ed students and are continuing. We are in the process of starting our bursaries for our student fee once we get the funds in our account. In big news, we have just finished out Orientation Exec hiring and are excited for the great things the team will bring to Con-Ed O-Week next year. The announcement for the new Teach Exec team will be occurring sometime this week.

Best,

Julia Bukala — CESA President



Nursing Science Society President

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November 12th , 2020

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Nursing Science Society

Alex Troiani AMS Presidents Report

Orientation

Over the break, I was a part of the orientation hiring team. We conducted both Head Cape and NOC interviews. I am very excited to say that I believe we have put a great team together who will be able to face the many orientation week planning challenges there will be this year in order to provide the best possible experience for incoming students. Thank you to everyone who was on the hiring team.

Next steps; the next steps are the hire the capes. Our cape hiring methods will have to be changed this year, due to social distancing protocols and the need for a more equitable process. I have made this clear to the incoming NOC. Additionally, I will meet with AST NOC from last year to see where we are at with applications as we hope to get their hiring process starting soon.

Queen's Psychology Department Workshop

Year 3 Class President Nathaniel and I met with Dr. Katie Goldie and members of the Queen's psychology department. We discussed plans for making a mental health workshop centered around validation and resilience. We discussed quite openly the unique challenges nursing students face and the barriers they face when accessing University mental health resources. We hope to have the workshop ready to run in January. It will be free of cost. We are targeting for some time before the semester during the quarantine which starts January 2nd. In the future, we hope to run these in September in order to prepare students for the stressors they'll face throughout the year.

Among Us

Our interns have planned a fun event in which nursing students will have the chance to play the video game 'Among Us' with other nursing students. This provides a great opportunity for nursing students to socialize with each other during the pandemic and to practice self-care.



Computing Students' Association President

Report to Assembly

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November 12th, 2020

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Hi Assembly,

COMPSA is doing well, we've recently had 2 successful events with a trivia night taking place this coming Sunday.

Unfortunately, we are having difficulties gaining interest for applying for O-week as well as year rep positions. As the Orientation positions are mandatory we are still pushing for any applications. We have currently sent out feedback forms to students on how they are feeling about online classes, and we are working with faculty to try and amend these issues where possible.

Currently I am working with other computer science leaders from across Canada and are in the midst of forming a nation-wide NFP for Canadian post-secondary institutions, and hopefully we will be grounded enough to make a presence in second semester.

Best,

Danielle Edward



MBA Students President
Report to Assembly
Chris Al-Jazzar
November 12th , 2020





Appendices

Appendix: New Clubs

New Club Ratification:

The Clubs' Office is excited to welcome 39 newly ratified clubs!

1. IgNITE Medical Case Competition
2. Philosophy Club
3. Queen's University in support of Red Cross
4. Armenian Students Association
5. QUCraft
6. Room To Read: Queen's University Chapter
7. Good Mourning
8. Cams's Kids.
9. Veterinarians Without Borders
10. Queen's Spirituality & Meditation Society
11. QWIC- Queen's Women in Computing
12. Queen's for Sustainable Fashion
13. Vinyl Club
14. Queen's Korean Student Association (QKSA)
15. Queen's MS Society
16. Queen's Business Brigades (QBB)
17. The club shall be named the Queen's American Relations Association, or QARA.
18. Queen's Chabad Club
19. Girls Inc. at Queen's
20. Queen's Naturopathic Society
21. Queen's Concussion Awareness Committee (QCAC)
22. DECA Queen's
23. Queen's Student Diversity Project (QSDP)
24. Like Minded Females (LMF) Network Queen's University
25. Queen's 4 Paws
26. The name of the club will be 'Queen's Corporate Maritime Impact'. It will be a Queen's Student Club located on campus.
27. Kingston Freestyle Dance (KFD)
28. Volunteers for Mental Health and Addiction (VMHA)
29. Queen's Chronic Pain Association (QCPA)



30. Queen's Conference on Ocean Sustainability (QCOS)
31. Canadian Coalition of Global Health Research (CCGHR), Queen's University Student Chapter
32. netzero Queen's
33. Medical Equipment Collaboration initiative (M.E.R.C.I) Queen's Chapter
34. Trek for Teens Foundation Queen's Club.
35. Queen's Students Against Human Trafficking
36. Queen's Kenya Help
37. The proposed name of the club is Girl Up Queen's.
38. Save a Child's Heart Queen's
39. Queens Harm Reduction