



AMS President's Caucus



Thursday June 24th, 2021
6:30 PM

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Agenda

Assembly

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 20th, 2021.
2. **Motion #2** - Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of June 24th, 2021.
3. Speaker's Business
4. Executive Reports
 - a. President's Report – Zaid Kasim
 - b. Vice President Operations – Tiana Wong
 - c. Vice President University Affairs – Ryan Sieg
5. Board of Director's Report – Chairperson Bani Arora
6. Student Senate Caucus Chair Report – Jeremy Nguyen
7. Statements by Students
 - a. Faculty Society Updates
8. Question Period
9. Business Arising from the Minutes
10. New Business
 - a. **Motion #3** – That AMS Assembly ratify the new clubs as seen in Appendix: "Diamonds? Hearts? Spades? CLUBS!"
11. Discussion Period
 - a. Coca-Cola Contract. Appendix: "Environmental sus"
 - b. O-Week Updates: Appendix: "O-Week Time!"
 - c. Memo To Clubs: Appendix: "Craig? CRAG."
 - d. Rector Election. Appendix: "Supreme elected student"
12. Adjournment



President of the Alma Mater Society

Report to Assembly

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June 24th 2021

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Dear AMS Assembly,

How the time flies, I cannot believe it is almost July! I hope all the members of Assembly are doing well, keeping safe, and are feeling well adjusted into their roles by this point. There is a lot to go over this month so I will get right into it:

Here's some of things I've been working on:

Vaccines and Return to Spaces | I've had the opportunity to sit on the Communications Working

Group with the administration. This group includes all relevant communications regarding vaccines, student enforcement issues, etc... In the last month, Kingston has seen a huge influx of vaccines arriving and KFLA is having conversations about decreasing the interval between the first and second dose of the vaccine. Many Kingston residents, including students, will be receiving emails from public health to move their second dose appointment forward. On this topic, by September, Student Wellness Services (SWS) is hoping to set up on-campus vaccination clinics for those who still haven't received their first or second dose.

Beginning on June 14th, Commissioners, Directors, and most of the Services Assistant Managers, have been permitted to work in-office! This has been extremely exciting and I'm hopeful that I'll be able to get more people in when Ontario shift into the subsequent phases of its reopening plan.

Lastly, I know that vaccine passporting has been on people's minds lately so I'd like to leave everyone with this note from David Walker that sums the Queen's stance quite well:
*"In the second week of fall, people on campus **will** get sick with the cold, flu, etc... The first thing the medical system will ask those people is if they have been vaccinated. If they have not been vaccinated, they will be asked to isolate which, by definition, is discrimination against these individuals. However, this is the reality of the situation, and the direction society will be headed towards to ensure collective safety. Whether or not Queen's mandates vaccinations, the government and health care system **will** mandate vaccination to an extent."*

AMS Vaccination Campaign | The AMS has been asked to help the administration with launching a vaccination campaign throughout the summer and fall. This campaign consists of 600+ organizations, including Cineplex Odeon and Universities, and consists of various other



stakeholders including the Prime Minister of Canada. The campaign allows the AMS to fit graphics onto a tested template (tested by various demographics) and reach students in an efficient way. In conjunction with this, the AMS will be closely monitoring the messaging put out by KFLA and will amplify their communications.

JDUC Redevelopment Project | In the last month, I have been working to secure temporary space for the AMS offices during the 2-year construction of the new JDUC. The AMS has secured both the LaSalle and Rideau buildings and will be moving out of the JDUC in the coming spring. Spaces are being allocated between the spaces and the AMS is extremely happy with the outcome of the temporary space planning process. However, I am sad to announce that the Queen's Pub will remain closed for the duration of the JDUC Redevelopment Project. I know this is relatively sad, but I expect that members of Assembly will be able to enjoy the new QP patio in 2024... 😊

Alcohol Working Group Restart | The Alcohol Working Group (AWG), spearheaded by the Division of Student Affairs (DSA), has been restarted. The meeting generally surrounded the new strategy for reducing alcohol harms on campus. During the June meeting, a presentation was given to outline the "Alcohol Strategy" that AWG will be involved in. In an NCHA 2019 survey, the presentation outlined that Queen's has a significantly higher binge drinking rate than the Canadian sample (50.9%) versus (29.3%). Furthermore, CPADS 2019 data also highlights the need for continued attention to alcohol harm reduction at Queen's.

The committee outlined the opportunity to shift the culture of alcohol harm on our campus post-COVID and demonstrate our commitment to student wellness and safety through alcohol harm reduction by educating the Queen's community on alcohol risk reduction, and harm reduction approaches. One of the foundational elements of the new plan includes the Postsecondary Education Partnership-Alcohol Harm (PEP-AH) which Queen's joined in 2016. PEP-AH is a network of 40+ schools committed to understanding the student drinking culture, working to develop best practices to reduce harm from alcohol, and sharing the practices to help promote student health and safety across the country.

Overall, the AMS is pleased with the newfound harm reduction approach taken by AWG and plans to keep the working group accountable to the development of a strategy that has the best interests of students at heart.

Student Engagement & Exciting Projects | We know there are various barriers students face in being able to fully engage with their student government on campus, whether that be a general misconception as to what the AMS does, a hard-to-navigate website, or systemic issues affecting QTBIPOC students. Moving forward, we plan to better communicate to the student body what the AMS does and its' mandate in order to address these issues. We are improving our marketing and communications using primarily media sources to show students the work we do. **The AMS is completely redoing its website and is launching a new and exciting initiative called Compass. More information will be released in the coming**



weeks. Furthermore, the AMS will be bidding to increase its student activity fee in the October 2021 Referendum. The AMS is at a critical time in which we need increased funding to support the student body. Note that the AMS never recovered from the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) and is currently being held back due to a lack of funding. Subsequently, the AMS will be launching an official Student Fee Marketing Campaign to outline the necessity for this fee increase.

In the past, student leaders have felt that immense opportunity to create positive change across campus within the capacities of each of our positions – this has only been magnified by the inevitable return to on-campus activities in the fall. I want to encourage everyone to be the trailblazers of our year in leadership and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to support our peers while we navigate this strange new world of academia and post-secondary education.

Kind Regards,

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President



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Report to Assembly

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June 24th 2021

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Dear Members of Summer Assembly,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Our team has been settling into their roles very nicely and has many exciting ideas for the upcoming year. Below are some relevant updates:

Goal Plans and Budgeting

The Head Managers have just finished their Goal and Marketing plans which will be passed through our Board later this week. This has taken up a good amount of the Corporate team's time over the past few weeks as these plans are used to guide our entire year, and therefore required lots of thought and time to refine these ideas into feasible plans. We have placed a heavy emphasis on marketing and outreach this year as we understand that a large portion of the student body has not had a chance to interact with our services in a traditional sense due to COVID-19. With the completion of goal and marketing plans, the services have just begun their budgeting process.

Charity Months

I am very excited to announce an initiative I have decided to bring back, known as AMS Charity Months. There will be one dedicated month each semester. The entire Senior Management will be involved in choosing which local Kingston Charity we will be supporting each semester. Throughout these months, the retail Services will run various promotions in support of the chosen charity while the rest of Senior Management will support by raising awareness and educating the student body on the chosen charity. I will be sure to update Summer Assembly next month with the charities we have chosen!

Website Redevelopment

A complete rework of the AMS website has been long overdue and a project that has been on the minds' of the AMS Executive for the past few years. This project will require approval from the AMS Board but until then, we have begun consulting with members of our Senior Management to better understand how their respective Service/Commission/Office can be best represented on our website to help undergraduate students access information that is most important to them. If any of you have previously interacted with the AMS website and have any thoughts, I would love to hear them!



Services

I am also excited to share that Common Ground has re-opened for in-person orders! We are still only doing takeout orders but our next goal is to open the lounge up again. Our other retail services are still operating on a curbside pickup or shipping model. The AMS Food Bank has been operational and is getting really good engagement from students who are currently in Kingston. Walkhome has been up and running for a few weeks now and we would really like to see an increase in walks now that Ontario is opening up a bit more and people are starting to stay out later.

Respectfully submitted,
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Vice President University Affairs Report to Assembly

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Hello all,

I hope that you have all had a great June and are keeping safe. I am looking forward to giving you my report and continuing my learning as the summer progresses.

OUSA

OUSA activities have picked up steam in the past month. Along with Jacob, the external affairs commissioner, I have attended summer school training sessions where we learned about government structures, media relations, and the policy writing process. At the time of writing, I am preparing for the 3-day strategic planning conference which is taking place from June 22nd – June 24th.

Sustainability

Jessie, the commissioner of environmental sustainability, has done a phenomenal job expanding her commission. She has worked hard to get the sustainable action fund application open. This is a great way for us to help fund student led sustainability initiatives that take place on our campus. She also created a sustainability page on our website which should help raise awareness of the commission and any initiatives that are taking place. Looking forward, there will be lots of time spent preparing for sustainability month.

International Affairs

Anika (campus affairs commissioner) has been looking to expand the mandate of the CAC and has done an awesome job finding ways to expand the international affairs portfolio. Along with Tao (international deputy) she has been working to find new ways to support international students.

EDI

Samara, the social issues commissioner, has also been doing terrific work. Her commission has been vocal in advocating for decolonizing our spaces. She has been leading student consultations to make the universities building naming policy more equitable with more student input. She is also working on preparing monthly EDII trainings for our AMS staff which will be starting soon.

Orientation



Orientation planning is well underway. Anika (campus affairs commissioner) and Alessia (ORT Coordinator) have been hard at work with all your orientation planners to make this week happen. We are still operating at a lower capacity in line with the updates that the orientation leaders have been receiving from the Campus Restart Advisory Group. This entails smaller, outdoor events with masks.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
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Hello all!

I hope your summers are off to a great start and your transitions into your new positions have been going smoothly.

This past month has been an extremely busy time for the Commission of External Affairs. With OUSA planning fully underway, delegating our advocacy priorities for the year has set the tone for our provincial advocacy. Additionally, through working with UCRU, we have been able to better gauge the direction of our federal advocacy efforts for the year.

Within the commission itself, we have made great steps in cementing formal compensation policy within the AMS while also working on revamping the commission mandate. Combined these two projects will continue to increase the transparency within the organization and allow our students to be fairly compensated for their time and energy spent consulting with us.

With the return to campus approaching, constant communication between the Commission and senior leadership has allowed us to better gauge what the fall will look like, as well as advocate on behalf of our students needs most effectively. As we become closer to the fall semester, we will continue to work with these admin to ensure the best quality of education for our students, whether they return or stay remote.

The Commission has also begun to reestablish our municipal connections moving into the school year. As we have many ongoing updates surrounding residence capacity and returning students, constant communication will allow us to continue advocating for students and increasing the quality of their housing within the University District.

That's all from me! Have a great month and enjoy the sunlight.

Best,

Jacob Marinelli



Commissioner of External Affairs

Campus Affairs Commission

Report to Assembly

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June 24th 2021

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Hello everyone,

I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine this past month has brought. The Campus Affairs Commission has been busy this month continuing Orientation planning and drumming up new initiatives for International Affairs. It's been exciting to get to know my role and responsibilities better these past weeks and get settled into the position.

Beginning with Orientation, Alessia, ORT Coordinator, and I have been working closely with DSAORT, Deans Designates, and CRAG (Co-Curricular Restart Advisory Group) to continue the approval process of in-person forms, finalize registrations fees, and complete order forms for relevant materials. The in-person event forms will be released over the next couple of weeks as it's in its last couple stages of approval. We are doing our due diligence to ensure that all safety measures are clearly put in place and thought out by all Orientation planners so that we can offer in-person Orientation activities for the Incoming Class. With all this going on, a friendly reminder to check in on your Orientation teams and continue to be the best support possible!

Julia, Sponsorship and Special Projects, has also been working on many sponsorship opportunities for Orientation. Sponsorship allows us to cover some costs related to ORT expenses and make Orientation more financially accessible for Incoming Students. I encourage you to reflect within your Faculty Society to see what effort is being put in to ensure that Orientation is financially accessible for all students. The cost of Orientation should not be a reason for a student to not take part.

Continuing on, I am extremely excited to announce that for the first time every our AMS government will have presence at a worldwide event in Shanghai, China in July. The Great Panda Society is putting together a welcome event for Incoming Students in China and the CAC's Deputy of International Affairs, Tao, will be attending in-person. I am looking forward to this opportunity as it presents an avenue for the AMS to connect with International Students before their arrival to Queen's. It becomes increasingly important as we see student



engagement numbers struggle that we strive to connect with every part of our community. I hope in this way we can introduce more of our opportunities within the AMS to get involved and increase our international student leader representation.

I have also been working to expand the international student reach and mandate for the CAC. This portfolio is still less than a year old and requires more work. I have been in consultations with the QUIC, Admissions office and the Office of the Vice-Provost International to learn more about the barriers international students are facing before, during, and after their arrival to Queen's and how AMS can be a better support to them.

As goal plans wrap up this week, I am truly looking forward for the year ahead and hope to solidify this Commission's place on campus! If you ever wish to learn more about the CAC or have ideas in my portfolio sectors, I'm only an email away.

Warm Regards,

Anika Chowdhury (she/her)



Commission of Social Issues

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This month, the SIC is been planning the launch of the Mutual Aid Alliance! This initiative was created to address financial insecurity on campus, and is a fund will rely on cross campus partnerships with student governments and campus clubs to provide emergency funding for students in need.

Queen's is also currently reviewing their building naming policies and procedures following the denaming of the law building last year. The SIC is on this working group and will be setting up consultations for the university can get student feedback. This past week we ran our first student consultation within the AMS and got valuable constructive feedback regarding ensuring student representation, and particularly BIPOC representation, in our naming, renaming and denaming processes. In October we are planning public student consultations to get broader feedback from the community. In the meantime, you can see the policy [here](#) and provide feedback until June 30th [here](#).

In preparation for orientation week we are also working on planning the Equity Open House (name change pending!) and a QTBIPOC panel for incoming students. We are excited to be partnering with the Yellow House to facilitate this opportunity for learning and community engagement.

The H&D Policy was reviewed last year with new changes effective September 1st. I am working on the Harassment and Discrimination Prevention and Response Policy Training Subcommittee to develop trainings that are relevant and useful for student leaders. In the last couple of weeks there have been several instances of harassment and discrimination on campus, along with white supremacist slogans written on the pedestal of the removed statue in city park. In the coming weeks we will be having discussions with the HREO, Yellow House and SGPS to find ways to ensure QTBIPOC students are safe on campus.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments or ideas!

Best,
Samara



Clubs Commission

Report to Assembly

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June 24th 2021

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Good evening Assembly,

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe return to pre-pandemic activities as we get into the swing of summer! It feels amazing to have returned to the office this past week and to be able to provide you all with updates on what the Clubs Commission has been up to the past month.

The past month has been a lot of stakeholder meetings and staging for planning for the month of July, when things will subside a little and leave a lot more time for tangible project progress. As of now, summer re-ratification for previously ratified Clubs has been open for the past few weeks and closed last Friday the 18th. Additionally, Summer Clubs Experience grant for all clubs went live on the 20th and will be closing on July 2nd.

Following the May Assembly, internal reviews of the Clubs Policy has been undertaken along with amendments of PM2-Org Structures. This will be an ongoing process throughout the year to ensure that guiding documentation and mandate of the Clubs Commission will be up to date and represent the activities of the Commission better. In doing so, I've been putting in a fair bit of time developing and updating the tasks of the Clubs Commission and its constituent positions.

Projects wise, I've started on a few initiatives such as the Clubs Calendar, an interactive widget for meant to be a live calendar for all events happening on Campus. I've also started on preliminary work to update the Clubs Manual, which hasn't been updated since 2017-18. Along with the continuing iteration of the Club Hub in conjunction with the SEO, information will be much easier to access for Club executives. I've also been looking into ways to extend upon the Clubs Consult Week initiative started last year to make it a mainstay of the Clubs Commission.

With the expansion of the employees within portfolio, a shortcoming that I am looking to develop within the Commissioner role is policy, advocacy and visibility. These have been traditional shortcomings of the Clubs Commission that has become very apparent to me in my first month and a bit in the position. The Commission will challenge this by increasing valuable interactions with constituent student groups and opening up additional avenues of communication.

That's all for me, my door is always open in the JDUC if anyone ever wants to pop by for a conversation! Enjoy the rest of June 😊

Stay immaculate,

Brian Seo (He/Him) Commissioner of Clubs 2021-2022



Members of assembly,

The sunny summer months are finally here! A fun change from holding assembly in the dark last year during the depths of winter, now, we have the lovely summer weather to look forward to. Generally, summer for my office means lots of policy writing and planning for the year upcoming as I am the only person in the office. Big thank you to the JDUC facilities team and Zaid for getting us back in the offices, it is awesome to be able to see other commissioners, managers and directors from afar.

Assembly | At this point in time, we are looking closely at the University's recommendations into holding assembly in person. While not in the short-term view, we are very hopeful for a return to in-person assembly, with the option to telecommute in for members who will not be in Kingston, as well as distance students. For the time being, we are researching different, more friendly ways that Assembly can intrigue and appeal to students and get back to a very-big-deal event every month.

Elections | We finally have dates! Please see my attached memo for the dates that have been chosen by us, the University and the SGPS. We will really be ramping up marketing going in to the end of July and August, to have a very fast election period in September. So, by October 2nd at 8pm, Queen's will no longer be Rectorless, and the new Rector will have to attend **many** convocations (hopefully!). We have been working closely with Terri Flindall, who works in the Rector's Office and the University Secretariat. She has been filling in for many of the Rector responsibilities, including answering emails. She is leading an archiving project, digging up more information on the position to share with students. Working closely with her, I am so excited for everyone to see the projects leading up to the election! If you have anyone interested running for the position, please send them my way, or see: <https://www.queensu.ca/rector/about/election-rector>.

Policy | The major policy initiatives this month, on top of the dismantling of PM2, have been looking in to both elections and assembly policies. Both are dated, and not built for an online world. We are going to begin consultations shortly to ensure the policy doesn't miss any gaps, and becomes clearer to students who are looking at running for a position or attending assembly. As well, I am working with the executive and the MarComm office on making the AMS website a more accessible resoruces for everything policy, assembly and elections!

Student Safety | Working with the executive, we have been in heightened talks surrounding the topic of student safety. Early next month, the AMS will be signing our yearly Agency



Agreement with the University, which outlines the Judicial Affairs Office's relationship with the NAM Intake office. After that is signed, we are planning to launch a "What is NAM and the JAO" marketing campaign.

Yours in governance,

Laura Devenny (she/her)





Chair of the Board of Directors

Report to Assembly

Bani Arora

June 24th 2021

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Members of President Caucus,

The Board held its meeting of the 2021.22 fiscal year, during which the Board discussed the AMS Executives' major initiatives for this year, planning for the fall semester, as well as other matters related to the Corporation.

The Board's next meeting is this upcoming Sunday, June 27th. At this meeting, the Board will review and approve the goal plan and marketing plan (if applicable) of each AMS Office and Service. The Board will also review and approve any miscellaneous capital expenditures and deal with matters relating to the Corporation.

Those are all the updates I have for the June meeting of President's Caucus. As always, if there is ever anything you need, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,
Bani

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Hello Assembly,

Another month, another report! It has been a pleasure meeting with all the FacSoc execs on a weekly basis to share updates and our intentions for this school year. Like many other societies, the Engineering Society has been working hard in revising our Orientation “Week” plans to reflect the updated guidelines.

Each member of our Executive Director Team is drafting their Strategic Plans and Operational Budgets for the school year. Our services are following suit, while prioritizing public health and safety measures as they work through the CRAG/COG process. We are greatly looking forward to what our in-person fall semester will look like and doing our best to plan accordingly, with contingencies.

For more details on what the EngSoc exec have been up to over this summer, I encourage you to check out our website, engsoc.queensu.ca. Exec updates are posted weekly at the bottom of the home page. Should you have any questions, my email is below!

Cheers,

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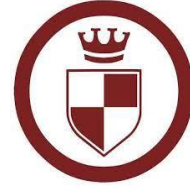


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Members of Assembly,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far! Over the past month, PHEKSA has been involved with planning a safe and enjoyable return and welcome to campus for students. We are very excited for the online and in-person events we have in mind for the fall and winter based on what guidelines allow.

We are also currently reworking our socials and website to provide the most accessible experience for students regarding academics and opportunities in our school and around campus. We will be engaging with students through surveys to understand the needs and wants of our student body and how we can best serve our community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the address provided below.

Kindest Regards,

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Nursing Science Society

Hi Assembly! Happy to share some updates as to what's been going on:

Nursing Student Vaccination Protocol: All nursing students will need to have their vaccinations per hospital protocol in order to participate in their clinical practice. This is out of our control.

Commissioner Check-Ins: We've been reaching out to our commissioner team to start some goal planning ahead of time so that we're all ready for whatever the Fall semester may hold - exciting in-person plans are to follow!

Orientation: We're getting a whole lot more students than expected - more than 50 over the expected rate. We're meeting with orientation to figure out where we can put extra funding to make O-week as accessible and exciting as possible for new students.

Student Mental Health: We're hoping to have our nursing embedded counselor in for the Fall! It took a whole lot of advocacy and follow-ups and check-ins, but things are looking up.

FHS Hives: We participated in the FHS Strategic Planning "Hives" to help assemble goals for Queen's going forward.

Social Media: We're really going to try to crack down on social media engagement because the commissioners and exec team have been busy with summer jobs in healthcare facilities. Lots of planning for online events that we can use our surplus towards!

Extra Vaccines: We've been in contact with the Queen's School of Medicine re: extra vaccines for FHS students. Currently, we're working our way down the list from Med -> PT/OT -> Nursing -> Other FHS.



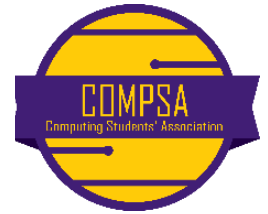
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DAN School Undergraduate Society Co-Presidents

Report to Assembly

Cindy Ci and Timothy Burgin

June 24th 2021

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As we transition from online to in-person, we like to acknowledge the efforts made by the AMS Student teams to include the entirety of the sibling societies by establishing and maintaining straight-forward and open communication. While this year will definitely present its challenges, we are grateful for the support that exists. Continuing on, we look forward to working on more and more initiatives to encourage student participation in a safe and respectful manner.

Internal Operations: Hiring started and has been completed, though we are still short of a few members of the Operations team, we are all very excited to work with those that have been hired:

- Co-President Tim Burgin has created an intricate Microsoft Teams platform to aid in the battle against disorganized communication and has given presentations on how to use it.
- VP of Operations Hamish Hutchison-Poyntz will be holding individual transition meetings
- We hope to place some of them into DAN School committees as the student representatives

Student Engagement Plans:

We have some big plans ahead of us!

- The Executive Team is looking to plan an informal “orientation” day where we can introduce the first and second year drama and music students to the rest of the community through safe and socially-distanced events
- We are looking for alumnae (with a priority on IBPOC and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals) to come back to Queen’s to discuss their experience in the industry and offer advice
- VP of Student Affairs, Serena Ferzli, is interested in starting an Opera Project (currently called the DAN Opera Series) that showcases student-written work and performances by students in the Classical Music genre. It will be reminiscent of the DAN Studio Series in format and organization.
- To up our media presence and to eliminate any intimidation, we are looking to creating a TikTok and or a series on Instagram to introduce the team and our responsibilities



Advocacy:

May has been a very raucous month for us as we transition from one team to another, but especially for the impact of world events and cultural shifts that have been happening on campus and online.

The Israeli-Palestinian Crisis continues to draw in statements that are antisemitic and Islamophobic to those who are closely tied to this issue, we continue to advocate (as an organization) to maintain a “neutral” stance as we are here to support our students and having met with Queen’s Hillel, we now know that voicing neutrality can be more harmful than not voicing an opinion. As of right now, we have no plans on commenting on this issue beyond what was said at the private President Caucus meetings.

June is a very important month for many reasons as it is the month where we celebrate 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride, but also National Indigenous Heritage Month. While it is no surprise that the effects of colonialism and oppression can still be felt and seen today, it was apparent that Canada still has a long way before reconciliation is a possibility when bodies of Indigenous children are discovered in mass graves. As the number continues to climb, DSUS recognizes the importance of uplifting Indigenous voices and culture – each executive member is currently researching and compiling artists and plays to share on our platforms and will ask the Operations team to do the same once their transition period is over. We hope to maintain this self-education and sharing of information for all that are affected by white supremacy.

Once the incoming operations team are more comfortable in their new positions, we want to invite and provide compensation for educational and advocacy groups like Hillel, Four Directions, and SPHR to our meetings so that we can continue our learning, and to spend personal time in completing HREO Educational courses. Our hope is to extend these sessions into the school year where the entirety of our student body can be provided necessary information that is not covered in courses.

Thank you,

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Appendix

[Diamonds? Hearts? Spades? CLUBS!](#)

Queen's For The Streets
The Caledonias
Queens University Algorithmic Network Trading Team (QUANTT)
QHacks
Queen's Hyperloop Design Team
Queen's Solar Design Team
Right to Play Queen's
Science to Business Network

[Coca-Cola Contract: "Environmental sus"](#) - See Attached

[O-Week Updates: "O-Week Time!"](#) – See Attached

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2021 Rector Election Dates:

- September 7 - Information Session
- September 11 - Nominations Open
- September 15 - Nominations due at noon
- September 21 - AMS Assembly validations (6 pm)
- September 23 - Campaign opens
- September 28 - All candidates debate
- September 30 - Campaign closes
- October 1-2 - Voting Days

