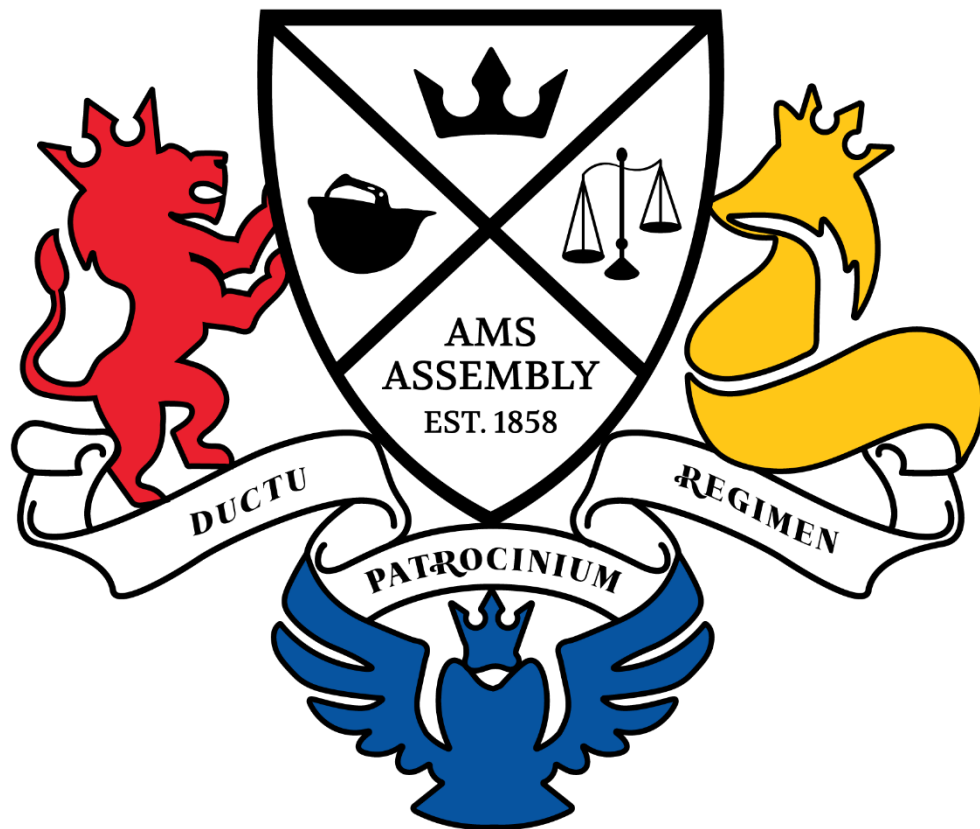


# AMS Assembly



Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 PM

***Dunning Hall, Room 12***

# Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Speaker's Business
3. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
4. **Motion #2** – Approval of the minutes of the Assembly meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 (Appendix: [Bring it On](#)).
5. **Motion #3** – Approval of the minutes of the Special Assembly meeting of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Appendix: [The Princess Diaries](#)).
6. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report – Kate McCuaig
  - b. Vice President Operations – Michelle Hudson
  - c. Vice President University Affairs – Victoria Mills
7. Board of Director's Report – Chairperson Luca DiFrancesco
8. Undergraduate Trustee Report – Reem Al-Rawi
9. Student Senate Caucus Chair Report – Emils Matiss
10. Rector Report – Owen Crawford-Lem
11. New Business
  - a. **Motion #4** – Appointment of a third member of Assembly to the Policy Infringement Protocol Appeals Board ([Appendix: A Walk to Remember](#)).
  - b. **Motion #5** – Approval of the changes to the Clubs Policy (Appendix: [Mean Girls](#)).
  - c. **Motion #6** – Motion to begin amendment of section 2.2.2 of the AMS Constitution (Appendix: [John Tucker Must Die](#)).
12. Statements by Students
13. Question Period
14. Discussion Period
  - a. Altering the Language of the Memorandum of Understanding presented by HSS and COMPSA.
15. Adjournment

# Motion Sheet

1. Moved by: Alysha Ahmad  
**"That AMS Assembly approve the agenda of the meeting of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024."**  
Seconded by: Kate McCuaig
2. Moved by: Alysha Ahmad  
**"That AMS Assembly approve the minutes of the meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024."**  
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Seconded by: Kate McCuaig
4. Moved by: Alysha Ahmad  
**"That AMS Assembly approve the appointment of a third member of Assembly to the Policy Infringement Protocol Appeals Board (PIPAB)."**  
Seconded by: Kate McCuaig
5. Moved by: Dreyden George  
**"That AMS Assembly approve the changes to the AMS Clubs Policy."**  
Seconded by: Victoria Mills
6. Moved by: Amaiya Walters  
**"That AMS Assembly begin amending Section 2.2.2 of the AMS Constitution, to allow for individual candidates to be considered for AMS Executive."**  
Seconded by: Alysha Ahmad

**President of the Alma Mater Society**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Kate McCuaig**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Dear Assembly,

I hope everyone is excited as I am for spring! We now have an incoming executive, and we will move over to our regularly scheduled programming in our next assembly.

### **Elections**

It has been an unusual elections season to say the least! No team satisfied the requirements to be placed on the ballot this year, unfortunately. With this in mind, a past precedent utilized in 2018 was enacted. Assembly received their notice immediately with our next actions. A special assembly was called to elect a new slate to the AMS executive positions by Assembly voting members. Despite a four-hour assembly (thank you all very much for attending), we were unable to appoint the team present. Following the same precedent from 2018, we then called a special assembly for last week. This assembly was the first time ever for individual candidates. After nearly 6 hours of question periods and debates a new team was elected to the AMS. Welcome team OAR!

### **Student Life Centre**

Key Cafe was installed over reading break and will be launched in the coming weeks. This system utilized in rentals and car dealerships, is a key vending machine available in the Queen's Centre. This will allow everyone to access keys regardless of the SLC (Student Life Centre) operating hours, thus adding accessibility to the service. In February, we had our black history month market in the Queen's Centre where we could celebrate clubs on campus. Look out for our March market! During these markets, tables are discounted for student groups, usually with a theme, first come first served. Student life is returning with the warmer weather so remember to book in quickly with the Student Life centre for all your programming needs.

### **Marketing Office**

The Director of Marketing has worked so hard this past month, they have marketed now three elections for AMS executives and a rector election. They were an integral portion of the debate and special assembly teams. Huge shout out to the Director of

marketing and all the brand ambassadors' long hours. They have continually put forward a herculean effort this month. Through their work alongside the Secretariat, we saw a record-breaking election turnout. We saw the highest elections turn out at nearly 20% this winter and we have not seen these numbers since pre-covid, and it is an incredible achievement. Through incentives, a few hundred donuts and bringing back in person voting, voter turnout is on the rise. Even last year with three teams in the elections we did not see these numbers, and the marketing Director was able to achieve this with no executive team on the ballot. Huge congratulations!

### **Communications Office**

The Director of Communications has been supporting the marketing director in these endeavors. They have been working diligently to promote elections through other challenges. In addition, they supported the sound equipment and set up for our rector debate, special assembly and will be for our second special assembly as well. Without them we would not have been able to set up Grant's quaint but antique sound equipment. They have also been managing the relationship with news sources through this process. There have been many press releases on our website through this process as well, and the director of communications has updated them thoroughly to keep the student population up to date on such important and pressing topics.

### **Secretariat**

Our Secretariat has been going through many election periods. We saw a rector election, winter referendum, special assembly and now a second special assembly. The entire elections team has worked tirelessly on this with I think a record-breaking number of elections this year. This has been a massive undertaking by them, and their team and I would like to take a moment to congratulate them. They have had to remain fluid and flexible, booking rooms, tables and liaising with potential candidates for our many elections this year. This year we also brought back in-person voting. This is something coming into this role I was so excited to bring back and see return. Alysha and I have been chatting about this since May and it required massive effort and involvement from our senior management team. This was a team AMS win and Queen's Undergraduate win. Engagement is at an all-time high with the society with efforts such as these.

### **Human Resources**

Our human resources team has been adjusted in their hiring timeline due to the delay in incoming executives. If you have applied do not fret, you will be hearing from HR or Team OAR soon! Applicants have been kept in the loop on this process and every effort has been made to stay as on track as possible moving forward on this topic. They were prepared the next day after assembly to hit the ground running with the incoming executive team and to quickly make up the lost ground. By 10am the next day the incoming had contracts, parole

and emails with hiring meetings on the book to go over the plan. This is not ideal timeline wise, but we have made the necessary arrangements to get back on track. We have notified the candidates about the delay in the executive appointment to keep them in the loop on this matter. Go team OAR as they embark on this!

## **IT**

Our brand-new firewalls have been insulted and are now named Hera and Zeus. We have recently analyzed the AMS' digital ecosystem to customize with in our Microsoft 365 receipt to understand which objectives are not met by our current platforms. In a huge crossover our new hiring platform on Dayforce has launched brought us into the modern age as we leave AMS apply behind. This batch of senior management will be the final batch on AMS apply and everyone else for the most part will go through Dayforce. In addition, we have brought in entirely new phone systems. They will be going live over the next few weeks, and this is run through our teams' accounts. This will help our student staff remain accessible to our constituents moving forward. Huge developments here!

Thank you all for taking the time to read my report! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to message me at [president@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:president@ams.queensu.ca).

Sincerely,

Kate McCuaig

President of the Alma Mater Society

**Vice President Operations**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Michelle Hudson**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Hello Assembly!

**General Services:**

All services are operational! All services under the VPOPS portfolio will be closed with exception of Common Ground, and StuCons! Furthermore we are planning for our end of year closures for student services which will be as follows.

- *STQ will stop accepting commissions Friday, April 5th*
- *CGR, TRO, PCC to close to public Friday, April 19th*
- *QSC to close to public Friday, April 19th*
- *FBK/Peach to close to public Monday, April 23rd*
- *WHS, PSC to close to public Thursday, April 25th*
- *JNL to close as per last print cycle*

**Common Ground (CGR):**

- Planning for the Brew in the JDUC!
- Marketing for ChowNow! Our online ordering app! You can order using the order tab on our website or by downloading the ChowNow app!
- Please keep an eye out for upcoming collaborations and promotions! Some include bringing back mac and cheese, valentines week, and golden ticket week!
- Reminder that CoGro offers catering for events!
- Check out our Spring Menu!

**Foodbank (FBK)**

- Fryway x AMS Foodbank Fundraiser! Enjoy free fries, Tuesday March 19th (2pm-5pm). We will also be accepting monetary and non-perishable donations.
- Peach market survey is out! Please check our socials for the link.

**Walkhome (WHS)**

- We want to hear from you! Keep an eye out for surveys about your experience at Walkhome.
- Planning for our next big outreach event! More info about Walkathon coming soon!

### **StudioQ (STQ)**

- Open for commissions! We are open for consultations, logo & branding, photo, video services, live-streaming services and more!
- Know a graduate? Want photos? Book a time-slot in our linktree in instagram
- Busy working on yearbook taking photos, please submit your yearbook photos to us! You can do this by filling out this google form!  
<https://forms.gle/YkTNzizXVUF53xUA>

### **StuCons (QSC)**

- Working to update website. There is currently some outdated information present, we are referring all requests and potential customers to our instagram @queensu\_stucons or email Caroline ([qsc@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:qsc@ams.queensu.ca)) for the most up to date information.
- Working our usual events at Clark, Grad Club, and many more for events in our community! Also working hard for formal season!

### **The Printing and Copying Centre (P&CC)**

- Working hard on transition and the transition to Media Centre!

### **The Peer Support Centre (PSC)**

- CARES week is coming up! Please keep an eye on our socials for any upcoming info!
- Please check out our instagrams for upcoming programming (@peersupportcentre, @bipoc-talk, & @queers4peers.ams)

### **Tricolour Outlet (TRO)**

- Winter TREX schedule is here! Tricolour Express is a student-run bus service that provides affordable trips for students!
- Excited and had a great time selling for St.Pats!
- 20% off Friday's (excluding TREX)

### **The Queen's Journal (JNL)**

- Donation link is live for their 150th year!
- Want to advertise your events, programming, or more? Check out Queen's Journal!

### **AMC**

- COMING SOON!



## **The Queen's Pub!**

- COMING SOON!

Happy to elaborate or take any questions! Please feel free to send me a message at [vpops@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:vpops@ams.queensu.ca).

**Michelle Hudson (she/her/hers)**

Vice-President (Operations) | AM

**Vice President University Affairs**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Victoria Mills**  
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Dear Assembly,

My predecessor was not kidding when he said this would go by quickly...and here we are at the second-to-last Assembly of our terms.

We are completely immersed in the whirlwind of transition right now, and I wish you all the best of luck as you onboard your incomings. The three of us have been immensely privileged to have learned and grew alongside you all, and I hope that you're each able to pass on as much knowledge as possible to set up your teams successfully. I personally want to congratulate Owen, Ayan and Ruth on being appointed the AMS Executive 2024-2025!

St. Patrick's Day would have just passed us by as I read this report, and I am immensely proud of all the efforts that came from the Commissions and the broader AMS team (please see their reports, social media and the AMS website). FryWay would have been able to give \$4,000 worth of free food (800 vouchers worth) to students, in addition to their normal menu, over the entire weekend. The harm reduction booth was also intended to be set up on the corner of Earl and Aberdeen beginning at 9:00am Saturday morning, equipped with Gatorade and many sexual health and community resources. NightCaps were also available as a brand new SVPR and harm reduction initiative, which we hope continues for years to come. Commissioner Mollot-Hill and I have been in-and-out of City Hall all semester coordinating harm reduction efforts on their end. From this, Conny Glenn has been working with Tourism Kingston and the BIA to distribute information about promoted St. Patrick's Day activities in the downtown core. Businesses want to celebrate with students, and we are thrilled that they've taken us up on it. Page can be found here: <https://www.visitkingston.ca/category/top-25-things-to-do/>

Additionally, Commissioner Mollot-Hill and I have worked with our City Councilors, Licensing and Enforcement and the Kingston Police, by extension, to ensure their enforcement strategies are safe and promoting a much less adversarial relationship with students. With the help of our MarComm office and the SIC, we have worked to clarify the strategies of the Police Liaison Teams that will be on-campus and in the community, prioritizing student safety and positive, informed message. More information found on the Know Your Rights campaign and on AMS social media. This was nicely complimented by the Q/A session hosted by QLA on March 13th.

Last thing on the City: we got a BIG win for food security on campus contained within this motion that passed unanimously at City Council on February 20th. City of Kingston - City Council Agenda - Meeting 07-2024 - February 20, 2024 Addendum \$180,000 worth of parking ticket revenue from the Parking Reserve Fund of the 2024 operating budget is being allocated to institution and local food banks!

Commissioner Ronan and I have nearly met with every faculty now to review the Faculty Orientation Involvement Agreement, line-by-line. I was able to present the same document at ORT training and was thrilled with how it was received. Soon to be brought to Assembly will be the 2025 ORT Budget, after consultation with all relevant parties. Finally on the Orientation-front, I will be presenting to all Deans of the Faculties re: the orientation billing process to assist faculties at an internal level. Faculty Society Presidents and Orientation Heads are continuing to be key components of this conversation.

UCRU Lobby Week was a great success and I look forward to the more expansive role the AMS can play in federal advocacy. UCRU's advocacy priorities for this year included Internal Students, Student Financial Aid, Housing and Mental Health. UCRU representatives were able to meet with various MPs, senior policy analysts and other folks within federal government departments.

OUSA's Spring General Assembly was a success and saw the approval of three policy papers: International Students and International Education, Addressing Religious and Racial Discrimination and Gender-Based and Sexual Violence Prevention and Response. I am infinitely proud of the AMS delegation and the worthwhile contributions that they were able to make to each one of these papers, bettering them for the students that they serve. OUSA has been having a tremendous impact in the post-secondary education sector recently-tuition has been frozen for an additional 3 years and there is a new Bill from Minister Dunlop introducing institutional policy framework to address fee transparency, mental health and racism.

I continue to work with the DSA to review the in-depth implementation plan and success metrics of the new Queen's University Policy on Sexual Violence.

Last thing from me will be about the PLETHORA of Awards seeking nominations on the AMS Website. OUSA's Excellence in Teaching Award will be presented to Francesca Fiore at the Partners in Higher Education Dinner in Toronto.

For the rest of March/April, I will attempt to work with the SVPR Interfaculty Coalition and SVPRS to formalize recommendations and plans for senior student leadership to be trained at an AMS and Faculty level.

If you need me, I'll likely be in my office finishing up various internal policies that I'm either re-writing or editing. Woohoo!

Cheers to transition! I cannot wait to see all the restructurings of the Commission side unfold!

Sincerely,

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**Commission of External Affairs**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Julian Mollot-Hill**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Dear Assembly,

Because I submitted a report to assembly for the recent assembly that ended up being cancelled, there has not been a lot of development in the Commission since the last report. I implore you to go and read the report there if you would like more information on what the Commission has done throughout the month of February and some of January, but I will only include what has happened since the previous report here.

Housing Resource Center

The HRC is gearing up for their Housing Rights week that will be running in the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. They will be running events, seminars, and boothing to help answer students' questions about their rights and responsibilities as tenants and their options if they have been wronged by their landlords or property managers. The HRC will also be working with the Queen's OCLA to add the student perspective to their own upcoming housing events. As always, please email the HRC manager at [hrc.manager@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:hrc.manager@ams.queensu.ca) or myself if you have any questions about your housing situation or if you want to know more about what we do.

Academic Grievance Center

The AGC Academic Accessibility Bursary is now live on [the myams.org website!](https://the.myams.org) This was brought up in my last report, but applications are still open and will be accepted on a rolling basis until it closes on April 1<sup>st</sup>! If you have incurred non-tuition academically related costs this semester such as: school supplies, textbooks, software subscriptions for classes, travel for academic purposes, or anything else that is related to your academic career, please apply today! The bursaries will be awarded on a rolling basis until all of the funds are exhausted, and there is still much to go around. Please also share this with anyone you know who may be interested.

As always, if you need help with an academic grievance such as standing accused of academic misconduct, disputing a grade, or are dissatisfied with help you received from your faculty specifically, please contact the AGC at [agc.manager@queensu.ca](mailto:agc.manager@queensu.ca) or come to office hours in Rideau 215 from 10am-4pm on Mondays, 12pm-2pm on Tuesdays, or 12pm-2pm on Wednesdays.

Federal Provincial and Local Affairs

Just last week, the AMS' delegation and I attended OUSA General Assembly at McMaster in Hamilton. It was a deeply productive endeavour, and I am proud of how much our delegation contributed to the policy papers. The policy papers that were passed were: Addressing Racism and Religious Discrimination, Gender-based and Sexual Violence Prevention and Response, and International Student. Students can read the new papers once they are published on [ousa.ca](http://ousa.ca), which should be during the summer.

Local politics has been relatively quiet recently, but there have been a lot of movement recently in the field of Town and Gown relations, and I should be able to clarify a lot more during next month's assembly.

As always, don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions about the above or about the commission's affairs in general.

Cheers and Good Health,  
Julian Mollot-Hill  
Commissioner of External Affairs

**Campus Affairs Commission**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Callum Fraser**  
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Refer to the report from March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Commission of Social Issues  
Report to Assembly  
Ruth Osunde & Khadija Farooq  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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**SIC Internal**

Refer to the report from March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SIC External**

Hi,

Since my last report about a week ago, there are only sparse updates. During a chunk of this time, I was present at the Spring General Assembly for the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance to inform the trajectory of their papers relating to gender-based and sexual violence, international students, and racial/religious discrimination.

I have been tending to my inbox, our Instagram page, and supporting our committees in their programming. The Know Your Rights social media campaign is published, with the Ask U About reel for the campaign in the works. The Cultural Crossroads Cook-Off initiative lead by our commission and the Commission of Environmental Sustainability has taken off and we anxiously await to see what the engagement will be, as a first-time event under the AMS. (There was much demand for it during its development!) The Winter Equity Award 2024 applications are up and close on March 24, 2024. The deliberations for the Winter BHM 2024 Grants and Winter 2024 Equity Grants should be complete in the next week or so, after which the selected applicants will receive their funds.

I am in the process of creating the application processes for the Robert Sutherland Prize and the new award for Indigenous students. I have not been able to work on the official SIC Equity Library platform for book-borrowing this past week because of the heavy workload but will be prioritizing this once the award application-building process and Women's History Month social media campaign are completed.

Because of logistical obstacles, we will no longer be able to produce a round dance event this month; however, the immense work that our Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator did for this has created many foundations and connections that will be helpful for the next person assuming this role to hold an event of this sort for Indigenous students. In the meanwhile, the Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator continues to work on finding a suitable name for the aforementioned award for Indigenous students and is focusing on creating effective transition materials - and perhaps a few smaller projects before we end of our term.



The committees are doing fabulous! EQuIP sold out their tickets to Queer Prom, their capstone event, and even collaborated with Student Wellness Services to hold a Gender-Affirming Healthcare Q&A Workshop. CARED successfully held a Study Cafe in collaboration with ASUS Equity, with snacks and activities, attracting a handful of students. AQ continues to hold their Accountability Cafe at Stauffer Library in collaboration with Queen's Student Academic Success Services. If you are interested in applying for AQ grants, they are accepted on a rolling basis and can be found in the Instagram bio of Accessibility Queen's Instagram. Collective Reflections is steadily making their way to publishing Volume 11 of the Collective Reflection journal.

There have been no new submissions to the "Raise Your Voice #CollectiveLearningSpace" form. We will continue to monitor this.

I look forward to keeping you updated on SIC activities through our Instagram (@socialissuescommission) and future assembly reports. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Toodle-oo!

Khadija Farooq Social Issues Commissioner External

**Commission of Environmental Sustainability**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Ryan Kuhar**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Refer to the report from March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Commission of Clubs**

### **Report to Assembly**

**Dreyden George**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

[clubs.manager@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:clubs.manager@ams.queensu.ca)



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Hello everyone,

I am hoping everyone has been having a successful midterm season and restful reading week! The Club's Commission has been kept busy as soon as the office opened with great new updates.

First, is a mention of things that may have been missed last assembly. Ratification Winter 2024, Winter Experience Grant, M/P Bursary for the month, New Clubs Grant of Fall are all concluded on our larger process side of things. We also are working hard to get the last of New Clubs Grant for Winter New Clubs. We also completed the second general and New clubs Caucus and the third Environmental and Equity Caucus! The general clubs caucus was a great chance to spend time chatting, networking, and connecting over issues and successes of clubs after the caucus itself.

Additionally, the AMS Club Awards are now closed for applications as of March 14th EOD. Further, the Re-Ratification application is closed as of March 20th along with the Clubs Data Census! This is going to further our transition, timeliness, and negotiability for clubs in all regards. For the Awards Gala that is being spearheaded by the Clubs Commission is coming up on April 11th, 2024 and have confirmed invoices for all expenses, begun script work, reached out to campus stakeholders, and planning the timeline of the day of event. This event will include a photo area, seated ceremony for presenting awards, cash bar, info booths, a la carte menu, and seeing over 20 awards be presented to students.

For engagement there is currently the registration has concluded for the Clubs Hiring Fair for March 20th in the ARC Main Gym 3-6pm! All outreach-based events were also additionally promoted across campus through the SLC TV Screens and posted posters and AMS Channels. This event is going to be awesome to see 60+ Ratified clubs be able to have facilitated space to connect and engage with student especially at the time that is popular within the clubs community to be "Hiring and Transition" season while the new academic year approaches. This is complemented by our new Clubs Training Series on the Club Hub including Training Guides, training videos, and toolkit, or infographics for members to use as materials for training regarding Club Benefits, responsibilities, and dynamics of running a Queen's club.

The communication portfolio alongside the first-year intern has released the Clubs Hiring Campaign on the Instagram and SLC Screens and Clubs Newsletter. The club's newsletter has been consistent operation providing a great promotion channel for clubs and internal

services/commissions. Additionally, the Instagram, Club Hub, Newsletter, and AMS Site have all been consistently leveraged based on the desired audience for promoting the commissions events, deadlines, and programming. The assistant commissioner has begun coordinating with rideau building offices for clubs to be ready for the moving process to JDUC using a form to complete and photo upload. Lastly, we have been working on improving the form processing time for admin requests from 7 days to 3 days where applicable. Lastly, for space and equipment we have been having amazing traction with the Equipment Borrowing Program, and for space allocation clubs were able to complete this application pre-emptively during completing the re-ratification application. But further, the clubs will be able to complete during the promoted timeline of March 20th-April 5th; upon that application allocation will begin and contracts to be signed for enacting May 1st.

The commissioner has been connecting with the AMC Reps, President, and VPUA to create a Ratified Clubs Benefits Internal MOU that is robust, consistent, and predictable for clubs to know year-to-year that the benefits offered will not be varying year in, year out for AMS Services. AMS Clubs Commission March 2024 Assembly

The commission launched the partnership with Bounce as a go to ticketing service and platform for event management. You can find all the information in the Club Hub Administrative tools section and Training Series section.

The club's policy amendments is large and comprehensive to ensure we adequately address making a policy that is able to govern the 300+ club body, protect students, maintain clubs body integrity and ability operate, and advance the impact clubs can have. This is also to make sure the services of the commission are consistent and not changing year in-year out as no one should be having to see a crucial club program, service, or event disappear due to disinterest of any future commission worker.

I also had the opportunity to participate in this year delegation for OUSA this semester, and was happy to help advance considerations and language around protecting Students and Student Leaders, and ensuring the nuances are considered. If you have any question on these please reach out.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or schedule an in-person or virtual meeting using the link in the clubs Linktree in the "Contact-Us" sections.

Best,

Clubs Commissioner Dreyden George

**Orientation Roundtable Coordinator**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Maddie Ronan**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Dear Assembly Members,

Happy Spring! I hope you are all doing well.

**Logistics Director Hiring:**

I am please to inform you that the hiring process for the Logistics Director position has concluded. With a warm heart, we are pleased to welcome Georgia Dean-Savage to the Orientation Roundtable Team. I am very optimistic to see how she will bring her Orientation experience, passion and experience to personalize this position!

**Progress on Event Forms:**

The first round of Event Forms has been completed, with the Event Forms swiftly moving into the inboxes of Faculty Deans and/or Designates, for their review and edits. In the meantime, ORT is compiling the schedules, creating the Master Logistics Schedule, completing Room Bookings, and coordinating with University Stakeholders, external stakeholders and companies to begin bringing these events to life!

**Administrative Updates:**

At an administrative level, we are pleased to announce that the newly updated Fee & Slogan Forms, and Spring Leader Training Package have been passed by DSAORT, and will be discussed at Deans and Designates in the coming week.

On all fronts, the ORT Team is working in collaboration with great effectiveness, and we feel immense pride for the Faculty Executive Teams who have presented Event Forms of very high quality.

The countdown to Fall Orientation 2024 continues!

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Maddie Ronan

**Secretariat to the AMS**  
**Report to Assembly**  
**Alysha Ahmad**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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Hi everyone,

**Assembly** | There is only one more assembly this year. I encourage you to submit a topic of discussion [here](#) for the official April assembly, or to submit a question or statement [here](#).

**Policy** | The NAM and PIP policies are undergoing major changes, which the Research and Policy Analyst, Judicial Affairs Manager and I will be devoting much of our time to.

**Elections** | Elections are all wrapped up. The Chief Electoral Officer, Calder Bryson, is more than happy to answer any questions at [ceo@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:ceo@ams.queensu.ca).

**Judicial Affairs** | The Judicial Affairs Office will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in Goodes Hall, room 110. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the office. If you have any questions about the office, please reach out to the Judicial Affairs Manager, Sylvie Garabedian, at [judicial@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:judicial@ams.queensu.ca).

Feel free to send me an email with any questions/concerns at [secretariat@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:secretariat@ams.queensu.ca)! Be sure to follow the Internal Affairs Office's Instagram at [@amsgovernance](https://www.instagram.com/amsgovernance) for updates on all things relating to the office.

Take care,  
**Alysha Ahmad**  
Secretariat | Alma Mater Society

**Chair of the Board of Directors**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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**Arts & Science Undergraduate Society President**

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Hello everyone!

I hope you are all enjoying the spring weather and getting excited for the final events of the semester!

### **CESA Council Updates**

CESA Exec is working on transitioning the incoming team to prepare them for upcoming council hiring! We will be looking to fill all positions for CESA Council and Extended Council in the coming weeks, and encourage all Con-Eddies to apply! No experience required!

We will be having our beloved Con-Ed Formal at the end of March, and everyone is very excited to celebrate the end of the semester and dance the night away!

All the best,

Megan

**Physical Education & Kinesiology Students'  
Association**

**Report to Assembly**

**Varun Shah**

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**Nursing Science Society President**  
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Hello everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying the few warm days that spring has offered before we start to gear up for finals!

### **Topic One: Career Fair**

We have 11 hospitals who have committed to be presenters at the NSS career fair that will run on March 27th at the Rose Commons in Mitchell Hall from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Our team is super excited about this event as it is an NSS staple that greatly benefits the professional development of our students!

### **Topic Two: NSS x Med Palliative Care Interest Group Event (PCIG)**

Our team is still planning an interdisciplinary panel in conjunction with the Med PCIG where representatives from each of our specialties who work within palliative care, along with an Indigenous palliative care representative, will answer questions about the field. This event will likely take place in late April to early May.

### **Topic Three: Miscellaneous**

Our events commissioner and health and wellness commissioners are planning an exam care package handout day for nursing students that will take place towards the end of the term. Additionally, our academics and professional development commissioner is in the process of interviewing tutors for our Study Buddy program which supports both first- and second-year nursing students and runs at the end of the term.

Best,

**Holly Burrows**

**Queen's Student Alumni Association**  
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Dear Assembly,

**Principal's Reception for Student Leaders** | In January and March, I was thrilled to partner with the Principal's Office to bring together student leaders from across the university for an evening of appreciation and discussion. Student leaders often go unrecognized for the time and passion they bring to their roles. From planning orientation to traveling across the country to represent their faculty and Queen's, this evening offered an opportunity to recognize and thank student leaders for their important work. Joined by Provost Evans, these evenings also provided an opportunity to discuss the current challenges and opportunities facing students and how communication between the University and students may be strengthened. I was very pleased with the constructive discussions and look forward to making this a semesterly occurrence.

**Student Engagement with the Budget Deficit** | As Queen's continues to work to bring the budget into structural balance, I had the opportunity to spend a few hours in the Queen's Centre talking to students about the deficit, answering any questions I could, and soliciting feedback and questions in anticipation of a student town hall with the Principal, Provost, and VP Finance and Administration. What was clear was that students desire clarity and transparency. Clarity as it relates to future educational offerings and transparency as it relates to the decisions being made to ensure we can emerge from the next few years a stronger, more focused institution that continues to support its students and inspire them to pursue their dreams.

In early February, I moderated a student town hall with senior administration, and the same sentiment was clear. It was clear that students want to be reassured that the reasons they decided to come to Queen's in the first place will continue to be why they are proud to call themselves a Queen's alumnus.

**March Board of Trustees Meeting** | It was my final Board of Trustees meeting and as Queen's struggles with its structural budget deficit I was encouraged to see progress being made on balancing the budget as well as managing the reputational issues from the recent media attention. Here are some of the important highlights from the open session:

- Third quarter analysis of the budget has projected an approximately \$8 million reduction in the budget deficit bringing current projections to \$40.7 million, down from a previously projected \$62.8 million deficit
- Significant subventions, or internal transfers (\$16 million per year), are needed to support Arts and Science in the next three years as they come into structural balance, and the budget mitigation fund will need to be increased from 1.5% allocation to 1.75% in 2025/2026 and 2% in 2026/2027
- The government of Ontario announced a \$1.3 billion funding package for colleges and universities which includes a new Postsecondary Education Sustainability Fund, additional funding for capital repairs and equipment, an Efficiency and Accountability Fund, and \$23 million to enhance mental health supports through the Post Secondary Mental Health Action Plan
- According to Provost Evans, Queen's will receive a 3% increase to operating funding in 2024/2025, or an additional \$6 million, plus an additional 2% increase in 2025/2026 and 2026/2027
- Queen's will also receive \$10.7 million in STEM related funding

**Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award** | This year, four students were selected for the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award – Meena Waseem, Kyla Gibson, Niki Boytchuk-Hale, and Tara Rezvan. Throughout their time at Queen's, each recipient went above and beyond to contribute positively to the Queen's community while showing exceptional character, leadership, service, and community impact. Please join me in congratulating the four recipients.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to send me an email at [rector@queensu.ca](mailto:rector@queensu.ca) or give me a call at (343) 363-2150.

At your service,

Owen Crawford-Lem

University Rector

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# Appendix

## Appendix: Bring it On

[January 23<sup>rd</sup> AMS Assembly minutes](#)

## Appendix: The Princess Diaries

[February 13<sup>th</sup> Special Assembly minutes](#)

## Appendix: A Walk to Remember

Context:

Policy infringement Protocol (PIP) refers to the system for dealing with alleged violations of AMS Society Policy and/or the AMS Constitution. In cases where a decision is made by the AMS judicial committee, the respondent has the right to appeal this decision. You can read more about (PIP) in the policy linked [here](#).

## Appendix: Mean Girls

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Policy Change for the AMS Clubs Policy.	
<b>Changes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The following sections were added:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Table of Contents</li><li>○ Section 1.5 Affiliation with the AMS, Commission Obligations</li><li>○ Section 2: Club Membership</li><li>○ Section 7: Mailbox Allocation</li><li>○ Section 9: Clubs Equipment Borrowing Program</li><li>○ Section 14: Clubs Media and Promotion Bursary</li><li>○ Section 16: Clubs Caucus</li><li>○ Appendix: Queen's Policies for Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Discrimination</li></ul></li><li>• The addition of the following definitions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clubs Grant Review Committee</li><li>○ Registered Clubs Bank Account</li><li>○ Associative Group</li><li>○ Dually-Ratified</li></ul></li><li>• Updates to the following section:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Roles and Responsibilities</li><li>○ Scope</li></ul></li></ul>	

- Section 1.2: Obligations
- Section 1.3: Constitutional Guidelines
- Section 3: Ratification
- Section 5: De-Ratification
- Section 6: Space Allocation
- Section 10: Finances
- Section 13: Experience Grant
- Section 15: Club Awards
- The addition of related policies and procedures

**New Policy:**

The policy in its entirety can be viewed [here](#), and the specific changes can be viewed [here](#).

**Appendix: John Tucker Must Die**

From the AMS Constitution:

2.2.2: The President and Vice-Presidents shall run as a team and shall be elected from the student body at large. The campaign and election shall be held in accordance with the Society Policy on Elections and Referenda. Campaigns can be conducted both remotely and in-person. Candidacy is permissible during internships, co-op, exchange programs, and in the discretion of the Society should other reasons be raised. For these instances, the Chief Electoral Officer must be notified in advance. Individuals running for executive positions shall be AMS members during the school term in which they run for office and may be enrolled in no less than one (1) course during the fall and winter of their terms. Executive members may take more than three (3) courses only by appeal to the Assembly.