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AGENDA  
AS Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, @ 4:40 pm in-person & [Zoom](#)

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CALENDAR LINK: [AS 2025-2026 Mega-Calendar](#)

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

[AS Consolidated Drive](#)

[AS EDIIA Inquiry Form](#)



**To note:**

- Please skim over updates for the week prior to the meeting (no meeting last week)
- Remember to add discussion items (including sharing events, initiatives, etc...) to the agenda items
- Email me ([tgill@qmed.ca](mailto:tgill@qmed.ca)) if you're having trouble with this doc!
  - I'm here to help :)

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Motion to start the meeting **(2 people)**
  - Souzan
  - Jeff
3. Motion to adopt agenda **(2 people)**
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
5. Question period
6. Council Updates
  - AS President: Jeffrey Sun
  - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior: Zoë Mohan
  - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior: Tegvir Grewal
  - Vice-President of Internal Affairs Kingston: Bianca Marcella
  - Vice-President of Internal Affairs Lakeridge: Karanvir Singh
    - Hosted second “coffee and chat” event of the year for all three cohorts of the FMMD program last week!
  - Vice-President of Academic Affairs: Kaamraan Islam
  - Academic Coordinator: [Not Hired]
  - Vice-President of Finance: Chirag Chopra
  - Treasurer: Sabrina Smith
  - Communication Officer: Janet Lane

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- University Affairs Officer, Senior: Stephanie Fu
- University Affairs Officer, Junior: Mary Arakelyan
  - Continued representation of AS in the SGPS Council, including now joining the SGPS President's Advisory Committee. Going to work with VP, Academic to potentially secure additional funds from SGPS for the Professional Development series AS is organizing.
- Social Affairs Officer: Britney Feng
- Athletics Officer: Nadine Abou-Seido, Carson Visser
  - Scheduled MedLaw Games for March 27th
- Global Health Liaison, Senior: Arin Abraham
- Global Health Liaison, Junior: Bahar Rafinejad
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer: Shanzey Ali
- SIGCO: Zarah Rahman
  - Worked with SIRO in compiling a list of information for IGs to send to SGPS in light of Bill 33.
  - Colour-coding the AS calendar between larger events and recurring meetings.
- Wellness Officer: Jane Porter
  - Wellness month is planned
  - CFMS wellness month has moderate participation
- Equity Officer, Senior: Tim Song
- Equity Officer, Junior: Jocelyn Emmerson
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Senior: Tasneem Patel
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Junior: Basant Dhillon
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr: Tate Erickson
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr: Abby McEwan
- First Year President - Kingston: Ekene Onyeka
- First Year President - Lakeridge: Ryan Hunter
- Second Year President - Kingston: Souzan Yacob
- Second Year President – Lakeridge: Yousef Safar
- Third Year Co-Presidents - Kingston: Jaskarn Dhaliwal, Akanksha Krishnan
- Third Year President - Lakeridge: Liam Rautu
- Fourth Year Co-Presidents: Henna Salim, Joshua Bierbrier
- Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer: Tejas Gill
  - Completed elections for 2029 Professional and 2028 Clerkship Reps

7. Agenda Items (30 mins)

– Adding agenda items:

- All agenda items **MUST** be large-scale topics warranting opinions/voting from a majority of AS members
- Agenda items are first-come-first-serve
- Add your agenda item below indicating:

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- Name
- Your name
- Your position
- Maximum discussion time
- A 2-sentence description
- Example below:

– Example:

- Putting bunnies on the buses, presented by Tejas Gill (Speaker) - (5 mins)
  - Details: The bunnies are not on the buses, but we should put them back on the buses for the good of QMed. Require opinions from AS members and a vote.

– Agenda item discussion:

- Prior to each discussion item, the Speaker will take a list of max. 10 individuals to be on the Speakers List

- AGENDA ITEMS (30 mins)  
(Add your items below with your name + position)
- Voting on AGM/SGM changes to Constitution, presented by Tejas Gill (Speaker) - 5mins
  - Vote to transition AGM and SGM into formalized reports, rather than meetings
    - Discussion: Why get rid of the AGM if it is one of the only opportunity for non-AS members to attend a meeting
      - Our reasoning was that only the AS attended these AGMs
      - But it is an opportunity for non-AS members to join
      - Suggestion: separate the AGM and the lectureship awards
        - we want to expand the lectureship and make them in person
          - then the people getting awards don't have to sit through the AS part that does not concern them (it was a long meeting)
      - Lakeridge consideration, first years will be on community placement in May, which may cause issues with the timing of the lectureship award
    - Combine the display of lectureship awards with QMED celebration at the end of the year [all lectureship awards presented at the same time]
      - Vote: postponed due to the above lakeridge consideration
  - Opinions/voting on guest speaker proposal; presented by Basant Dhillon (LEO Jr.)
    - Host a guest speaker event with an Elder, Sherlene Bomberry, from the Six Nations Reserve in Ohsweken, ON

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- For the event to be open to Kingston students, the AS needs to participate/endorse it
  - Discussion: Basant is looking to see how the AS can be involved so that she can run the event
    - the process the sanctioning at lakeridge would be different from Queens Kingston (Lakeridge doesn't sanction events)
      - Shanzey may know more about the process (ie. we could sanction with SGPS it from Kingston but have them present at Lakeridge - sanction as an online meeting with Andrea)
      - Potentially connect with Queen's Indigenous Medical Student Association (or lakeridge reps on this)
    - AS wants to take the approach of supporting Lakeridge in this event instead of taking over - again, Shanzey may be be to help
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      - Shanzey's answer: she spoke to Andrea and they don't really know what their process as well, so Lakeridge is pretty much exempt from this right now
        - If we are joining live from a lecture hall, then we would need to submit the SPGS as usual
        - If the link is just sent for us to join from wherever we are then it is not a queen's event and you would not have to submit the form
          - the AS can send out promotion for it as well
      - Final: Shanzey will deal with the necessary SGPS steps. Basant will reach out to get more details from the speaker.
  - Opinions on Senate Representation under the Faculty of Health Sciences, presented by Jeffrey Sun, (AS President) - 10 minutes
    - Background: Queen's University Senate encompasses representatives across all departments, including student bodies and faculty. Currently the Faculty of Health Sciences reserves three seats to Nursing, Medicine, and Rehabilitation Therapy (PT + OT). There are currently requests from the Bachelor of Health Sciences students to sit underneath our Faculty on the Senate.
    - Issue: The Senate Governance Committee is unwilling to add a fourth senate seat
    - Current solutions



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Options: (*italic font outlines concerns with each option*)

1. Keep as is (*unfair to BHSc students who have no avenue to participation*)
2. Ask for 4 seats; assign the 4<sup>th</sup> seat to BHSc (*unlikely to be approved per memo*)
3. Decrease QHS representation to 2 seats; assign one to undergrad students (Nursing and BHSc; could alternate year to year between them) and one to second entry students (Rehabilitation Therapy and Medicine; could alternate year to year between them) (*overall QHS representation decreases by one seat*)
4. Option 3 plus request that Graduate studies take the extra seat increasing to 2 students; total student seats remains 17; per current rules the MScOT, MscPT, and MD students plus all graduate students could run for this additional seat) (*could be viewed as a drop in QHS representation - ? Senate could have concerns re increase in graduate student representation - ?*)
5. Keep 3 seats but assign one to undergrad students, one to second entry students (as in option 3; could alternate year to year within each) and third seat to be open call between the student groups. (*concern re logistics of running third seat call; may need some structure so that one school doesn't end up with 2 seats; unclear how current election works – if based on all students within school then this could limit SRT participation as the smallest school?*)
6. Other ideas? Keep 3 seats – Med and SRT alternate year to year; BHS and Nursing each get seats (Jeff offered this)

**Homework: each society to rank order options from above. As an example see below:**

Option 1: ask for 4 seats

Option 2: keep 3 seats – Nursing and BHS get one each, third alternates between SRT and SOM. (*need SRT to agree*)

Option 3: keep 3 seats – QHS would rotate 3 seats across the 4 units; *logistically challenging*

- Discussion: We need to rank the order
  - Option 1 is the top choice, will be done regardless, so ranking 2 and 3
  - Option 2 prioritizes the nursing and BHS because they are direct entry programs (according to Lisa Tanic)
  - Option 3 is the better option from a medical student perspective because then we would only miss 1 out of 4 years instead of 1 out of every 2 years
  - Why is it good to sit on senate: they make all the decisions in the university. There may not have been conversations that we could take part in thus far, but when an important conversation comes up, we want to be there to speak on behalf of our human body.
    - also some decisions are made on the spot
  - Another option is to tell the undergrads to wait for a later year when the senate may be more open to having another seat. Because they are coming in asking for a seat.
    - maybe they should be asking for their own seat instead of taking ours
      - we can help them, but we shouldn't have to give up our seat
      - Jeff will advocate to keep our seat

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- There could also be a mini-council for the undergrad and be involved but not have a voting seat
- Final: we rank option 3 > 2
- Opinions on Senate Honorary Degrees Committee's proposed revisions to the Honorary Degrees policy, presented by Mary Arakelyan (University Affairs Officer, Junior) - 5-10mins
  - Background: At present, the [\*Policy on Revocation of or Special Statements Concerning an Honorary Degree\*](#) states that "Revocation of an Honorary Degree will not be considered in the case of deceased individuals. The revoking of an Honorary Degree from a deceased individual is largely a futile and self-serving measure and avoids an honest reconciliation of the University's past actions and values with our current expectations and standards."
    - The Honorary Degrees Committee has decided to incorporate revocation as an option for deceased recipients. A revised policy will be presented at the next Senate meeting in March, 2026.
    - Further context, a lot of this stems from the case of an Honorary Doctor of Law awarded to [Duncan Campbell Scott](#) in 1939.
  - There are some disagreements with their intention to amend/change the policy. The SGPS President is considering sending a letter on behalf of graduate and professional students, but only if student opinions are strong and more or less united.
- Discussion
  - It seems like this policy change is going to pass in senate
  - But some people in the graduate programs don't agree with this (ie. that is is preformative, its not improving today)
  - SGPS president wants to send this letter
  - Could the senate use this time in better ways to benefit students rather than arguing over if this should policy should not be passed
    - ie. are there steps that are going follow up the degree revoking (ie. do we have to review everyone with honorary degrees)
  - We should be reaching out to the indigenous medical students to see their opinion because this does center around them
- Opinions on EDIIA Art & Mural Project in AS Spaces, presented by Tim Song who won't be at the meeting today - however long it takes to read this blurb out
  - Background: 15 Arch St has a couple of EDI centered art installations, e.g., first floor lobby - but there's also a lot of pictures of the old classes that seem a little outdated. In particular, the AS lounge also has an empty wall that could use a mural to help foster inclusive spirit here at QMed. The AS kitchenette could also feature student art as well, to highlight EDIIA physically within the Queen's Medicine building.

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- Proposal: EDIIA Mural Committee - pitching either a design contest or a group-led design to be painted in the AS lounge, as well as choosing art pieces to be displayed either in the AS kitchenette, lounge, or the walls of 15 Arch St (I have reached out to admin already for approval on this, pending regulations rn)
- Welcoming any discussion - please text Tim with interest, concerns, questions, and he will also read meeting minutes after
- Discussion:
  - We think this is a great idea
  - Just keep in mind that it may take a while to come up with the idea and paint it (so a design contest is a good idea to get all the concepts)
- **UPDATES/EVENTS/INITIATIVES (5-10 mins)**  
(Add your event below with your name + position)
  - Getting the word out about voting in the SGPS Election (Jan 29/30), Mary Arakelyan (University Affairs Officer, Junior)

8. Next meeting: **February 10, 2026**

9. Motion to end meeting **(2 people)**

- Nadine
- Shanzey