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AGENDA
AS Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 29th, 2026, @ 4:45 pm in-person & Zoom

CALENDAR LINK: [AS 2026-2027 Calendar - IN PROGRESS]
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 (speaker@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) Selim Victoria
3. Motion to adopt agenda (2 people) Anita Abby
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
5. Question period
6. Council Updates
    - AS President: Abby McEwan
        - Gmail/Drive - Cost isn't the issue for getting rid of gmail. Queen's didn't want students to have 2 emails (@queensu and @qmed), and so they chose to get rid of the @qmed emails. This decision was made because we will have access to the @queensu emails for life and some alumni had been very upset that they lost access to their @qmed emails after they graduated. This is not something that can be changed at this point, but they will meet with IT to figure out an alternative solution to hosting the drive.
        - I am continuing to approach people to arrange quick, informal meetings so that I can find out more about your role/how I can support you. If you'd like yours to be sooner, please reach out!
    - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior: Tegvir Singh Grewal
        - CFMS AGM recap!
    - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior: Parmin Rahimpoor-Marnani
        - CFMS AGM recap!

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- Vice-President of Internal Affairs Kingston: Anita Nikolsky
- Vice-President of Internal Affairs Lakeridge: Ryan Hunter
- Vice-President of Academic Affairs: Janet Lane
    - HSFriends 1 Review on October 5th 3:30PM
- Academic Coordinator: TBD]
- Vice-President of Finance: Sabrina Smith
- Treasurer: Natalie Erwin
- Communication Officer: Rekha Govindasamy Ravichandran
- University Affairs Officer, Senior: Aramea Copeman
- University Affairs Officer, Junior: Edidiong Essienton
- Social Affairs Officer: Maddy Tremblay, Victoria Chechulina
    - Merch is being designed and finalized 👀 - will aim to distribute before winter break but can't 100% guarantee it depending on how long Queen's branding takes
- Athletics Officer: Tamara Grahovac, Selim Choi
    - We will finish distributing intramural shirts by the end of the week
    - QMed Yoga had their first class
- Global Health Liaison, Senior: Bahar Rafinejad
- Global Health Liaison, Junior: Wania Khan
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer, Sr.: Zarah Rahman
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer, Jr.: [TBD]
- Wellness Officer: Parnika Sakthivel
- Accessibility Officer: Yasameen Ihsan
    - AS email needed - Who to ask?
    - Budget/Resources - Maintain small supply of water and accessible breakfast/snack options in the kitchenette to reduce barriers for students, small fund to respond to unexpected accessibility needs that arise
    - If hosting an AS event, please reach out to me directly regarding D&A
    - AO Role & elections
        - Will be an elected position in Spring for incoming 2nd yr class
        - Need to add eligibility criteria and role description to constitution (updating Natalie) once established with Shanzey (past D&A chair)
    - D&A Subcommittee hiring (form) - due Oct 9
- Equity Officer, Senior: Jocelyn Emmerson
    - Advocacy and Outreach AS Subcommittee is in the process of choosing GAAC Jr, LOHRP Jr, and GHA Jr
- Equity Officer, Junior: Nithya Gopalakrishnan
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Senior: [TBD]
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Junior: Megan Acres
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr: Abby McEwan
    - Still working on updating the hiring document
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr: [TBD]

- First Year President - Kingston: Amr Mohamed
- First Year President - Lakeridge: Manothri Mallikarachchi
- Second Year President - Kingston: Shubhreet Johal
    - Lounge clean-up is tomorrow
        - Truth and Reconciliation Day → will be doing it respectfully
    - Updates on AS website - constitution updates needed before making any changes
- Second Year President – Lakeridge: Basant Dhillon
- Third Year Co-Presidents - Kingston: Jeffrey Sun, Souzan Yacob
- Third Year President - Lakeridge: Yousef Safar
- Fourth Year Co-Presidents: Jaskarn Dhaliwal & Akanksha Krishnan
- Fourth Year President - Lakeridge: Liam Rautu
- Speaker of Council/Chief Electoral Officer: Natalie Kwong

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

- Example:
- Taking bunnies off the buses, presented by Natalie Kwong (Speaker) - (5 mins)
    - Details: There are too many bunnies on the buses and we must select some bunnies to be removed. Requires 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)

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- Academic Feedback Sessions presented by Abby McEwan (President) - Dr. Piliotis would like to set up sessions where she can receive *constructive* feedback about courses twice a semester, and would like us to discuss what that would look like (who should be there, how can we ensure that it's meaningful, etc) (10min)
    - Generally the previous town halls have been more negative feedback; would like to find a place to work constructively, working together on certain ideas and solutions
    - Separate from the complaints corner item below - idea is for this to be more curricular, include curricular reps, accessibility reps
    - Have Dr. Piliotis communicate and ask about interest directly ; clarity re: commitment and responsibility for these meetings; have documentation for these meetings
- Mandatory committee chair updates added to the constitution presented by Abby McEwan (President) - there have been issues in the past with inconsistent "closing of the loop" between council representatives (eg. Academic) and the class after meetings. Dr. Piliotis would like it to be added into the constitution that they must report back to the class about any relevant updates discussed in those meetings. (5min)
    - Added chat to class community for reps (mostly for people in positions attending meetings with outside bodies i.e. AS) → add this to first years' chat as well
    - Constitution change at AGM
- Faculty Advisor? presented by Abby McEwan (President) - apparently in the past there was a faculty advisor for the AS other than Dr. Piliotis. She is wondering if it would be valuable to reintroduce that role. What value would it provide us? (5 min)
    - Concerns re: student autonomy, availability of faculty advisor, etc..
    - Transition reports at the end of the year → modernize? This is in the Speaker's portfolio and can be worked on through the year.
- IG Interest Group Form, presented by Zarah Rahman (SIRO) and Yasameen Ihsan (D&A)
    - We have combined the two processes → D&A and IG Interest Group SIGCO were initially separate, but we figured out there was a lot of overlap on this. We opted to combine the forms, see here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPeWw1Ktwal9eEySqQo1dQy5duf6yFzhYhNP5jTGWTgvihgw/viewform?usp=header
    - Unsure if this is a constitutional change needed to be voted on.

  - These details to be decided outside of AS meeting (Class Council reps, SIRO, D&A, Speaker…)

- Questions regarding who has access to the form (e.g. Sunday Funday)

- Complaints Corner, presented by Zarah Rahman (SIRO) and Yasameen Ihsan (D&A)

  - We opted for a safe space for students to ask questions regarding school, accessibility, and IGs bc Zarah bombarded lmaooooooooo

  - Professional Reps tgt

  - Pros, cons whatever

  - Considerations what this means vs: meetings with the Dean

  - Currently President working with Comms about creating a flowchart helping students find who to approach on AS, council, etc.→ message Abby if interested in helping with this

    - name, role, how to contact, etc.

- Table for next time: where to communicate cross-cohort

  - AS Listserv

UPDATES/EVENTS/INITIATIVES (5-10 mins)

- Alumni association contact (VP Finance) - finance roundtables discussed alumni association sponsorships and financial networks, looking to see if anyone is in contact with the alumni network, please message me!

- By-Elections (Speaker) - By-election poll will go out TODAY, please remember to vote for SIRO Jr and LEO Sr! If it works for everyone, ballots will be conducted this way going forward

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 @ 4:45

9. Motion to end meeting Selim, Anita