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AGENDA
AS Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, @ 4:30 pm in-person & Zoom

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) Abby Selim
3. Motion to adopt agenda (2 people) Janet Tegvir
4. Approving last meeting's minutes
5. Question period
6. Council Updates
    - AS President: Abby McEwan
    - Vice-President of External Affairs, Senior: Tegvir Singh Grewal
    - Vice-President of External Affairs, Junior: Parmin Rahimpoor-Marnani
    - Vice-President of Internal Affairs Kingston: Anita Nikolsky
    - Vice-President of Internal Affairs Lakeridge: Ryan Hunter
    - Vice-President of Academic Affairs: Janet Lane
    - Academic Coordinator: Yasameen Ihsan (Until December)
        - Supporting VP Academic with meetings, lectureship, ?potential class notes initiative (see Abby's agenda item)
        - Clarifying point: AC role is from Jan-Dec, hiring new AC via application process in Jan
    - Vice-President of Finance: Sabrina Smith
        - The Dream Fund is live! A heads up that it is due November 13th and the following comprise the review committee: AS President, AS VP Finance, AS VP Academic, Lakeridge Representative (please let me know who you would prefer to have join), AS SIRO, and optionally AS Treasurer and AS Equity

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- Budgets are a work in progress, expect to receive messages about them in the next week or so, we still have another meeting with Dr. Piliotis before we can confirm them. If you have someone you want to spend money on this week just shoot me a message.

- 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 live!
- Athletics Officer: Tamara Grahovac, Selim Choi
  - Updates about MedGames
- Global Health Liaison, Senior: Bahar Rafinejad
- Global Health Liaison, Junior: Wania Khan
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer, Sr.: Zarah Rahman
  - Setting out ASIG budget meeting for this week
  - Messaged groups with missing budget - **due this Wednesday**
  - Request to make rules clearer - adding AS IG rules to drive, etc
    - **NOTE: we should have a clarifying message going out about unsanctioned groups, because I believe some people think unsanctioned events are a thing… Shanzey (past SIRO) suggested sending out a message on behalf of the AS, as SGPS has noted to her in the past that unsanctioned events directly harm the AS' status**
- Student Initiatives and Research Officer, Jr.: Aiman Imtiaz
  - Welcome to Aiman! - Zarah
- Wellness Officer: Parnika Sakthivel
- Accessibility Officer: Yasameen Ihsan
  - Finalizing hiring for D&A subcommittee by end of this week
- Equity Officer, Senior: Jocelyn Emmerson
  - Advocacy and Outreach Subcommittee -> looking to host MDoA in the spring for housing and homelessness in Kingston (confirmed)
- Equity Officer, Junior: Nithya Gopalakrishnan
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Senior: Kay Allan
- Lakeridge Engagement Officer, Junior: Megan Acres
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Sr: Abby McEwan
- Student Representative to the Admissions Committee Jr: Kang Kang Margolese
- First Year President - Kingston: Amr Mohamed
- First Year President - Lakeridge: Manothri Mallikarachchi
- Second Year President - Kingston: Shubhreet Johal
- 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
    - By-elections complete! Finally!

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)

- Updating AS website in spring, presented by Abby McEwan (President) - (5 mins)
    - With the gap between communications officers it means that the AS website isn't being updated with people's roles until mid-late October, and many people email in that time asking who is in what role. I'd like to add it to the outgoing comms officer role to update the website after the spring elections with the next year's council roles (maybe make a new tab?)
    - Change constitution to have the outgoing Comms Officer update AS website with newly elected committee members

- There have been problems with emails going to the wrong people in the 2 months prior

- Dedicated Note Takers, presented by Abby McEwan (President) - (15 mins)
  - Many students are concerned about their ability to stay on track in courses if they are unable to make it to a class. This becomes a barrier to attending further class as students begin to fall behind. In undergraduate programs they have dedicated note takers in classes for accessibility purposes. I'd love to hear everyone's thoughts on setting up a similar system run through the AS for our year and future years. Considerations: Anki vs note taking, who would be responsible for organizing this, how many students would we have doing this, how would we standardize notes, etc
    - Idea to recruit Notetakers (2+ people) per class to help with not having recordings
      a. Automatic AI transcription?
      b. Can coordinate with Curricular Reps
      c. Paid position for sharing notes → would increase accountability
      d. Could make an AS Google Doc that people can add onto → more informal
- Bulletin board or white board for physical media
- Number of spots on QMed ski trip by Victoria Chechulina and Maddy Tremblay (AS Social Officers) - 3 minutes
  - Every year the social officers have to make a decision about how many spots to offer on the ski trip. We can offer 1 bus (approx. 50 spots) or 2 (approx. 100-110 spots). If we offer too many spots and people don't join, the final cost will be higher (after people have already paid, and we don't have any budget allocated for this trip so it has to be cost neutral). If we don't offer enough spots, this may make the trip inaccessible, and people have been concerned about not enough spots in the past. The Google form we sent out currently has 71 responses (47 yes, 24 maybe), acknowledging that some people may not have filled the form out, and some people who said yes may not end up going. Would love to have a quick discussion on whether to offer one bus or two.
  - Need to book bus ASAP to have tickets available by December
  - Maybe look into pushing the ski trip to a week before if possible?
    - Med Games pushed to Summer this year
  - Ask bus company how much it would be to book 1 more bus last minute
  - Could book 2 buses for now and then open up spots to partners, etc. if there are spots left over.
- OMSA & CFMS presidents considering sitting in on AS meetings.
  - To be included in meetings ~1 month from now
- AS Fun Team Social
  - Hike, Meds house

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- Funding might be possible → talk to Sabrina first

UPDATES/EVENTS/INITIATIVES (5-10 mins)

- Fall Amendment Meeting presented by Natalie Kwong (Speaker) - 5 mins
  - Mostly this is a heads up as this is new this year → this is where we formalise updates to the constitution. I will send out a form to collect proposed constitutional amendments in the next few days & will also poll governance committee members on a good time to meet.
  - If you brought up a constitutional amendment at a previous AS Meeting as part of an agenda item you do NOT need to re-submit it! These have already been noted down.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday Nov 3 2026

9. Motion to end meeting Amr Abby