

Nursing



Science Society

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

7:00pm – McLaughlin Room, JDUC



Nursing Science Society

Agenda

1. **Motion #1-** Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of November 9th 2016
2. **Motion #2-** Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 26th 2016
3. Speaker's Business
4. Guest Speakers
 - Special Committee on External Alignment (7pm)
-Please see [Appendix A](#)
 - Cheryl Pulling & Rosie Rankin
Fall Term Reading Break Task Force (8pm)
-Please see [Appendix B](#)
5. President's Report: President Alexandra Palmeri
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. University Affairs: Vice President Courtney Middegaal
 - b. Operations: Vice President Ruixi Sheng
7. Statements by Members
8. Question Period
9. Business arising from the minutes
10. New Business

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Moved By: Bryn Rahusaar Routledge **Seconded By:** Courtney Middegaal

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Moved By: Bryn Rahusaar Routledge **Seconded By:** Courtney Middegaal

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Moved By: Alexandra Palmeri **Seconded By:** Courtney Middegaal

11. Old Business

12. Discussion Period

13. Closed Session

- There will be a closed session tonight.

14. Speakers Closing

15. Adjournment



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Motion Sheet (1 of 2)

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Moved By: Courtney Middegaal

Seconded By: Alexandra Palmeri

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The President of the Nursing Science Society
Executive Council Report to Assembly
Alexandra Palmeri
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Hello Lovely Assembly,

I'd like to start off by sending you all my sincerest thanks for what has been an incredible year! I am so proud to be able to work with each of you, and so grateful for the opportunity to be changing lives alongside each of you. You each play an integral role in the NSS and we couldn't do what we do without you! Please always feel free to reach out to myself, Courtney and/or Ruixi if there is every anything we can do to further support you. Without further adieu, here's what else I have to say about important things:

[Alma Mater Society Assembly](#)

MacDonald Hall – November 3rd, 2016

- Many thanks to our amazing intern team for attending and engaging in what was a very productive Assembly meeting
- Fall Reading Week Task Force came in:
 - We expressed our support for a Fall Reading Break and a willingness to collaborate with orientation week planning
 - We empathized the criticality of maintaining pre-exam study days
 - We identified that a Fall Reading Break could very well be beneficial for student mental health and academic success
- Updates to the hiring policy for the AMS – good changes made!
- Special Corporate General Meeting will take place the evening of November 10th

[FHS Dodgeball Tournament](#)

- Huge success
- Will definitely run again
- 110 registrants pretty well evenly split amongst nursing, medicine and PT/OT
- ~\$150.00 raised for *Almost Home Kingston*
- My team won!!! WOOO!!
- Thank you to all participants, referees, and fellow organizers!!

[Motivational Mondays](#)

Ongoing and largely successful!

[Café Disco](#)

Set to happen at the end of the semester. Will involve coffee, tea and refreshments in the NSS Office! ☺

[NSS Holiday Celebration](#)

You are all cordially invited to a celebration of the holidays at the beginning of December. Details to be announced, but we look forward to sipping hot chocolate,

eating candy canes and reminiscing of all the beautiful memories we shared this year!

First Year Interns

The first year interns have been hard at work with many projects. We look forward to hearing more from them with regards to updates on the student lounge! They are each showing tremendous initiative and involvement to the NSS, and we couldn't be happier with their progress.

I think that's all for now, friends. Thanks for always making it through my long reports. ☺

Vincat Scientia Morbos!

Respectfully Submitted,
Alexandra Palmeri

Vice President, University Affairs
Executive Council Report to Assembly
Courtney Middegaal
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Hello Fellow NSS!

There is not too much to update from my end. Here is everything I have to report!

NSS Office Reveal:

Ruixi + friend did a wonderful job over the weekend completing the NSS mural in the office. We will be hosting a formal office reveal party on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 3-7pm**. Can't wait to pick a bomb caterer and get the fun rolling!

Elections elections elections!

Nomination forms for executive council positions are due on November 8th. I look forward to seeing who has applied! Campaigning will begin the following week, with voting day ultimately taking place on **Monday, Nov. 21st**.

Also, after a new motion is brought forward at assembly this week, a formal schedule will be put in place for the rest of the executive positions! This will be on standby until after Wednesday's meeting. If you're curious- refer to Motion #11 ☺

... And that's it! I look forward to a busy week ahead with two AMS commitments. One being the biweekly assembly, and the other, the Corporate General Meeting!

Enjoy Week 9 and what's left of first semester!

Courtney Middegaal
Vice President, University Affairs
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Vice President, Operations
Executive Council Report to Assembly
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Hello everyone!

Happy daylight savings! You know what that means...time to bring out the Michael Bublé and Mariah Carey. 'Tis the season!

Here's what I have to report:

NOC Hiring

Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of sitting on the hiring panel for NOC. Let's give a warm welcome to Alexi! I have no doubt this year's NOC will do an awesome job of welcoming the nursing class of 2021 ☺

IP Dodgeball

What a great turnout! Despite not being a Dodgeball fan, it was lovely seeing OT, PTs, Medicine, and Nursing in one gym.

CoGro Card

Just a reminder that the CoGro card is only for NSS executive members. It should only be used to purchase either a class sized tea or coffee.

NSS Mural

This past Friday was extremely busy! The mural is finally finished. This means the official grand opening is coming up soon. We're looking forward to it!

NSS Calendar

This past week I sent out the NSS Calendar. We are currently making the final edits; however, I am aware that there will be changes as the weeks go on. That being said, please notify me of any immediate changes by the end of this meeting. I will then post the November calendar link to the Facebook group.

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Save the date! December 2nd ☺.

Vincat Scientia Morbos,

Ruixi Sheng

Student Senator

Report to Assembly

Taylor Ramsay

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Student Senate Caucus- Oct. 30th, 2016

Discussions regarding equity and hiring at Queen's took place during this meeting. During this meeting I was appointed to the Board-Senate Retreat Planning Committee, which will meet on November 11th, and December 13th.

Senate Meeting- Nov. 1st, 2016

This week at Senate we had a long discussion regarding the consultation questions sent to Senate from the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force. These questions are available to all students on the governance portal, they are:

Governance and Strategic Planning

What opportunities are there to further engage Aboriginal students, faculty and staff in university governance and decision making?

How can the university further embed a focus on the needs of Indigenous students, faculty and staff when undertaking strategic planning exercises in the areas of academic, operational, recruitment and campus planning?

Academic Programming

How can we appropriately embed Indigenous practices, ways of knowing, and principles in our academic programs in a manner that is relevant to each particular field of study?

Awareness and Climate

How can the university encourage a culture of inclusivity and respect for students, staff and faculty from a diverse range of backgrounds and beliefs in its policies and practices?

If you have any questions about the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force you can contact me at senator@nss.queensu.ca. Feedback regarding this consultation process can be sent to trctaskforce@queensu.ca.

Constitution and By-Laws

I have finished the overhaul of the constitution, and am still working on the By-Laws and I am making good progress. Prior to submitting a proposal for the implementation of these documents, I want to gain feedback from the Council and ensure that all documents are true to the current NSS constitution. The documents do not involve any changes to governing provisions, but will provide a much more organized and user-friendly document. If you have any concerns or comments about these documents or please e-mail me at senator@nss.queensu.ca, or visit me during my office hours on Fridays from 2-4 pm. I hope to present these documents to you all prior to the Annual General Meeting on November 23rd.

Open Mic/Photo Booth/Can Drive

Maya and I have been hard at work organizing the NSS CoGro night event during NNSW. The Open Mic Night has been organized for November 17th, from 6-9 pm at the Common Ground Coffee House. There will be free drink cards available for performers, and there will be a charity photo booth-taking place for all students.



Head Cape, Nursing Orientation Week
Report to Assembly
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Social Issues Representative
Report to Assembly
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Events Coordinator

Report to Assembly

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Hello All!

Hope everyone has been doing well! Over the past couple weeks we have been planning our wonderful event for National Nursing Student Week.

National Nursing Student Week

- Open Mic Night
- Common Grounds Café
- Thursday Night – November the 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Will have drinks for the performers
- “Photo Booth” – will take photos for one canned good
 - have gotten props!
- Will make posters and begin advertising once we are given the okay!

Festival of Carols Choir

- Looking For Singers:
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjHY98C67aZ140jhpoMGpGTVaWPYtREawnRqnNLOm3IKXuow/viewform?c=0&w=1>
- Hosted November 27th
 - Grant Hall
- Started advertising and have already had a few singers sign up

Next Semester – QP Night

- Next semester times have already booked up – however we have gotten a spot for Saturday March 18th.
- Co-hosting with Engineering
- Will ensure next representative has the details

Always up for suggestions if we wanted to do a Nursing event prior to the end of the class year!

Academics & Career Coordinator

Report to Assembly

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CNSA Official & Associate Delegates

Report to Assembly

Kelsey Nolan & Sarah Webb

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Hello everyone!

Happy week 9! We cannot believe how quickly this semester has gone... Here's what is new with us:

National Nursing Student Week

- NNSW this year will run from November 14-18
- This year's theme: Diversity in Nursing - "Sharing Similarities, Celebrating Differences"
- Event forms are beginning to come in - thank you to those who have submitted. If you have not done one for your planned event, please do so!!
- Schedule is coming together, here is what it looks like thus far:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nursing First Aid Kit Distribution, Photos, Free tea @ U&U 12-5	Possible puppy therapy 12-4	Possible puppy therapy 12-4	Tea with Profs 12-4	All day: Enter tickets for raffle prizes at NSS office
	Card making and patient advocacy guest speaker 4:30-5:30				
	Nightlight Volunteering Opportunity 6-9	Yoga 5:30-6:30	Patch Adams Movie Night 7-8:30	CoGro Open Mic Night 6-9	
	All-week: Drop in at SON lounge to fill out a sticky-note on "I bring ____ to the culture of nursing" or "What does nursing mean to you?"				

- For those who have office hours on Friday November 14th, we will ask that you be open to students coming in to enter their tickets for raffle prizes. We will talk more about this at the meeting :)

CNSA “Stuff”

- Kelsey is taking part in a CNSA-ONA teleconference Wednesday November 2. This is a chance for student delegates for discuss any issues that have arisen at their schools. We will fill you in at the meeting on anything important.

Thank you everyone for your hard work with planning NNSW! We are super excited for the week and confident that it will be AMAZING.

Sarah Webb & Kelsey Nolan



First Year Interns

Collaborative Report to Assembly

Presidential Intern, Julia Kruijinga, 15jak6@queensu.ca

VPUA Intern, Alex Troiani, 15aat7@queensu.ca

VP Operations Intern, Alexandra Sobczak, 15avs1@queensu.ca

Hello everyone,

Your interns have been hard at work over the past two weeks, through office hours, meeting with those we are interning for, attending an AMS meeting and finalizing plans for the Project Proposal. We have also reviewed the survey sent out last semester about what Nursing students would like to include in the room and have taken that into account with regards to the Project Proposal. We look forward to sharing with you how we've progressed in terms of our project.

Meeting with Lilian Cook - Alex

Last week I met with Mrs. Cook regarding the NSS lounge and any guidelines we needed to follow. The biggest takeaway from the interview is that we have to hire a professional painter and we are limited to certain colour choices for room. This will impact our budget and what we will be able to do with the room; however, we can work around it. I'm still waiting to hear back from her about the plaques in the room and where they can go as well as more information regarding who we can get to paint it as well as our colour choices. This could impact our timeline.

Textbook Shelf- Alex

We are planning on having a shelf of textbooks specific to the nursing program which will be kept in the room. I will send out emails to class presidents about which textbooks they think are most important and required for their year.

Furniture - Alexandra

We have begun our process of going through the SON Lounge and deciding which furniture to keep, donate or discard. There are quite a few tables and chairs that we have decided to keep to be part of the study area, as well as some other pieces. For the furniture that we will no longer be using, we will try and donate them to local charity shops (we will need to call around and see exactly what they're willing to take). Another option would be to discard them, as some furniture is literally falling apart; we still need to clarify how we will discard the pieces.

As for purchasing furniture, we currently have a list of furniture that we find ideal for the space- we just first need to measure the space to ensure that we are ordering furniture in the right size. Once we have that, we will ensure that the furniture is all in stock, and then we will proceed with the order.

Dropbox- Alexandra

I have contacted my engineering frec group as to how we can go about finding someone in engineering who can construct a dropbox for us. From what I've been told, my frec leader said that he doesn't know of any engineering groups that do woodwork commercially, and he advised me to look into the faculty advisors for more clarification. I asked him where I could contact them. We also are planning on getting in contact with someone in AMS to see what the cost would look like for a charging station.

Blueprint- Julia

Alongside the other interns, we have worked up a rough blueprint (not to scale) of how we would like to best make use of the space to attend all needs. Next steps will be getting measurements of the room so that appropriately sized of furniture can be bought. Motions have been made to start clearing out what we will not need as well as with PPS to confirm our plans for the room.



AMS Meeting- Julia

This past week we had the pleasure of attending the AMS meeting alongside Alexandra Palmeri and Courtney Middegaal. It was quite an interesting dynamic with all the faculty presidents and we were able to hear the different inputs on a possible Fall Reading Week. Alexandra and I had to leave early, but we thoroughly enjoyed sitting in and hearing the latest updates on campus.

KNSC Executive Director Report

Report to Assembly

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Year 4 Class President

Report to Assembly

Kelsey Elchuk

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Hey everyone!

Happy Week 9! I don't have many changes to my report since we last met, but here is a general outline of what we're up to!

Fundraising

- ❖ Jacket and jacket bar orders placed!

Social

- ❖ "Going away to consolidation" wine and cheese in planning process
- ❖ Bystander intervention training mid-November

Pinning

- ❖ Meeting scheduled for this week
- ❖ Beginning to organize pin order etc.

Formal

- ❖ Possibly touring the venue Wednesday?

Yearbook

- ❖ Yearbook editors have begun using the online software
- ❖ Trying to collect photos

Year 3 Class President

Report to Assembly

Brianna Sitwell

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Hey everyone, I hope you all had a great week.

Account Balance: \$6641.67 😊 😊 😊 😊

Meetings: Our next class council meeting: Nov 10th at 2:30

Replacement: I still need a replacement for me for Academic Council on the following date if there is anyone that would like to take my place:

- 1) December 14th at 10:00

Events:

- 1) At our meeting we discussed having a few small “stress reliever events” and use the \$300 that was allotted to our class from NSS

Yoga Event – year 2 & 3

- Studio 330
- Max: 40 people
- Cost: \$75 in total
- Looking at the end of November with the studio: no set date in place

Christmas Card making/ Pizza party

- Last year we were very successful in making cards for St. Mary’s (we made so many cards we still have some left over)
- We are looking to rent a room on the third floor in the JDUC again this year and have the card making on December 2nd after our last class
- Class Council will provide pizza
- Class council will schedule a time with St. Mary’s to hand out the cards to South 3

Childhood Cancer Fundraiser (winter semester)

- We had a father daughter duo (Ken and Meghan Cross) come and speak to our 370 class about pediatric cancer
- Would like to run a fundraiser to raise money for Coast to Coast, the national ride that Ken participates in every year, 100% of funds go to childhood cancer
- Thinking of making a committee and planning an event for next semester
 - o He mentioned 6 or so years ago NSS was involved in the Inside Ride to raise money, and were thinking we would like to do something similar, and potentially make it a tradition

Fundraising: *Scrub & Stethoscope Orders:*

- Scrubs have arrived, waiting for the stethoscopes
- Should be done by beginning of the week 14-18
- I have handed out scrubs to those in upper years who need them for clinical ahead

Year 2 Class President

Report to Assembly

Cortnie Lortie

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Cortnie will be giving a verbal report at assembly this week.

Year 1 Class President
Report to Assembly
Caitriona Buckley
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Meetings:

- Finally have bank account set up!

Events:

- *Christmas Card Making with Second years*
 - Meeting on Friday to plan
 - Using \$300
 - November 30, 2016 from 5pm-9pm
 - John Orr Room
 - Snacks, exam survival kits, card making, movie
- Ideas for next semester:
 - Skating in square, assassin, nursing dinner, scavenger hunt, clothing, relay for life team, all ages event,
- Bottle drive the week of November 14. **SAVE YOUR EMPTIES!!**
- *Canadian Blood services*
 - "Partners for Life"
 - emailed QUBT and they can arrange for a bus to take us.
 - Sign up for partners for life with Queen's so we would be contributing to that goal
 - Have bar 'Your Type' after donating 3 times

National Nursing Student Week:

- Willing to help where needed
 - We suggested helping package some of the door prizes if that is needed

 **Nursing Science Society**

**Queen's Nursing
BOTTLE DRIVE**



The Nursing Class of 2020 will be collecting bottles
on **the week of November 14th!**

Please contact Caitriona Buckley (15cbvm@queensu.ca)
for details on **pick up/drop off.**

AST 4 Class President
Report to Assembly
Ashley Poffenroth
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AST 3 Class President

Report to Assembly

Sara Stephenson

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Hi Everyone!

Our five-midterm run has finally finished! I think we all relished in the week 8 quiet, and that quiet also made apparent how far we've come in such a short time. We have even fewer weeks until the end of classes and CHRISTMAS... and final exams. Our class is beyond excited for the Speaker Series and NSSW this week and next. The time is going to fly by!

Clothing

We began our "AST" clothing sale on Friday (November 4th) and will be submitting our order this coming Friday (November 11th). We are offering three pieces: a crewneck sweater, a long sleeve, and sweatpants. There is an option to combo-up a tracksuit and save \$5!

Tachy-cardi-a and Cookie Exchange

Ugly Christmas sweater get-together and cookie exchange

December 2nd

Likely a 'secret santa' style.

Will most likely limit this social to just our class. Rational: (1) lots of people in are class are still very shy so if we keep the numbers low, and faces familiar, they might come! (2) we would like to be conscious of any allergies.

Skating

An impromptu de-stressor that may happen if the weather permits and the ice goes in

Welcome package

I am currently seeking a fellow classmate to help me source/assemble two care packages: one for AST-3 incoming student (ie class of 2019) and one for someone in our class next year. In the fast track program, we incur a lot of costs in a very short period of time. I have sent emails to various companies about donating items like a stethoscope (for AST-3 package), a set of scrubs, and things like a gas coupon, coffee gift card etc. (for AST-4 package).



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Appendices

Appendix A:

Special Committee on External Alignment (OUSA)

Please refer to the email that the agenda was distributed with. There, you will find a PDF document outlining the “*OUSA Brief*”. Thanks!



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Appendix B:

Fall Term Reading Break Task Force

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Appendix C:

You're Hired!

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Meeting Minutes

Attended

Alexandra Palmeri
Courtney Middegaal
Ruixi Sheng
Alexandra Sobczak
Alex Trioni
Julia Kruizinga
Diana Capano
Sam Weatherhead
Alexi Honsberger
Sarah Webb
Kelsey Nolan
Maya Sumaida
Olivia Owsiany
Taylor Ramsay
Cortnie Lortie
Sara Stephenson
Ashley Poffenroth
Caitríona Buckley
Kelsey Elchuk

Guest Speakers

AMS – External Alignment Committee

Please refer to the appendix document for more details. Feel free to contact Alex Palmeri for follow-up questions or inquiries.

Cheryl Pulling – Undergraduate Director

Please refer to later section regarding minutes for this speaker.

New Business: Ratification Process

Motion to move re: new business – ratification process before reports.
Alexandra P.: Asked to omnibus motion. Motion #3-#10
No objection to omnibus motion.

Introduction from Old HC – Bryn R-R

Head Cape hiring was completed two Fridays ago, with NOC being hired two Saturdays ago. Interview process can be discussed here as needs be. All applicants were strong, and I am very pleased and humbled to be able to pick this year's NOC committee. I can definitely see their passion and drive.

Addendum – Alexi Honsberger

Very excited to be here and to work as head cape.

In the process of organizing the hiring of Capes. Applications are due this Friday and looking conduct interviews in two weeks.

Open Discussion and Question Period to the Prospective NOC

Diana: What is your favourite event?

Answer by Alexi: Definitely Thundermugz!

Answer by Jess: Very appreciated to have the guidance from the capes.

Alexandra P.: What inspired you to apply for NOC?

Answer by Alexi: Looking back on first year, Oweek was the significantly defining thing. It made me feel comfortable at Queen's. NOC is a great opportunity to give back to the community!

Putting the Motion to Question – Ratification Process

NSS formally ratifies the NOC Committee 2016 – 2017

Everyone was all in favor.

NOC Committee 2016-2017 was ratified.

President's Report: President Alexandra Palmeri

AMS Meeting

Next meeting is this Thursday, the CGM (Corporate General Meeting). This is geared towards the corporate aspect of AMS. This is a wonderful meeting full of finances. If anyone is interested in the corporate side to AMS, please come. You will learn a lot about financial literacy.

IP Tournament

The tournament lasted 2.5 hours. It was equally represented by all faculty members (OT, MED, PT, NURSING). Looking forward to continue this positive relationship with all health faculty students.

Motivational Mondays

S/O to Kelsey and Sara for their input these past couple of weeks.

NSS Holiday

Save the date for a fun event!

Vice President University Affairs: Courtney Middegal

Café Disco

Reveal of the office! This will be a come and go open house event with snacks and treats!

Elections

Please refer to report.

Vice President Operations: Ruixi Sheng

Mural

Had the pleasure in painting the mural last Friday. I hope everyone enjoys it!

NSS Calendar

Will be released shortly. Please send me any changes if needs be!

Statements by Members

Senator: Taylor Ramsay

Meeting

We recently had a truth and conciliation task force meeting. Currently compiling list to ask students for feedback as to how to better represent and engage students with aboriginal descent. Please refer to the contact information in report.

Open Mic and Photo Booth

Everything is all set! Encourage your friends to sign up for open mic.

Head Cape: Alexi Honsberger

Currently the fundraising process is going underway

Social Issues: Diana Capano

Event Update

For NNSW: Will met up with the speaker, who will be attending the card making event. The speaker be talking about experiences regarding patient awareness and how the speaker felt when she was a patient herself. Will speak upon the interaction with nurses. A holistic view will be provided. Looking to get a patient from KGH to come and speak as well.

Events: Maya

NNSW

The Open mic night will have a fabulous photobooth! Please encourage everyone to come!

Underground Night

Booked for next semester. March 18th. Will help coordinate this next semester

Academics: Sam

Currently working on honoraria and study buddies.

CNSA: Kelsey and Sarah

NNSW

An event page is made. Currently figuring out the room bookings for each of the event. As well, getting in contact with the individual for dog therapy. In the meanwhile, please complete the event form and submit to CNSA, which will be sent to Ruixi at the end.

ONA

A joint conference occurred on Novemeber 2nd. We talked about issues in the other schools. Queen's was the 8th topict. Queen's was called the "shining star" by ONA. This is because Queen's does not charge for HESI nor for the nonviolent crisis prevention training.

Question by Alexandra: How are volunteers being organized?

Kelsey: Sarah has taken on the logistics for events. For volunteers, everyone organizing an event please give specific time slots and we will create a google doc.

Sarah: For ny specific events that you're running, please share the event.

Alexandra P.: Event page traffic is currently 5k!

Interns

TOPIC: Student Lounge Renovation

Alex Trioni

Update: the room will be moved to the second floor. An email will be sent to the class president to see which textbooks are necessary for the nursing curriculum.

Question to council: What do you think about the room?

Kelsey N.: Which room is it?

Alex: Room right across the lab. For the clinical evaluation and it is a square room.

Caitríona and Kelsey: Comment → it is a good room.

Diana: The room has a good layout and felt more welcoming.

Maya: What will happen to the breast feeding room?

Alex: It will be moved down to the first floor.

Alexandra S.

Currently looking through the furniture in the student lounge and deciding which furniture is good to keep. Will be looking at the dimension of the new room. For the student lounge, looking to get a brand new drop-box. Contacted engineering Frec group to see who can construct a drop-box. Recommended to talk to the engineering faculty advisor at the ILC. If anyone has any contacts in the engineering society or faculty member, please let me know.

Question:

Ashley: What is the current budging?

Ruixi: Currently we have allotted 3000 for this project. As mentioned before, this is a rough estimate and we will accommodate if it goes over the predicted budget.

Alex: Currently there will be a timeline delay as a result of getting rid of furniture.

Kelsey N.: Comment – students are leaving and may donate furniture.

Alexandra S.

Enclosed in the report is a little diagram that is a rough blue print of the student lounge. Currently looking on the second floor. There will be a sitting room as well. Since we got news of acquiring the second floor, there will be an update to the layout.

AMS Meeting

IT-ISC Meeting: Alexandra S.

Discussed a lot about the different features of OnQ and office 365. If we can reach out to students and faculty if there are any concerns about the program, please let Alexandra S.

Questions

Brianna: Quick question, will there be a sign during renovations on the door of the old student lounge?

Interns: There will be one up soon!

Maya: In the floorplan, there's a carpet that you're going to put down. When you are doing the student lounge, the carpet will not be the best idea.

Interns: Will be getting a less furry rug and hopefully this will not accumulate dust and dirt.

Geoff: During renovations, will there be another room for the breast feeding room?

Interns: It will be moved to another room on the first floor during renovations.

Maya: What is the timeline?

Alexandra S.: We are hoping to get it completed by December 3rd.

Alex: Biggest concern right now is taking down the cubicle in the new room.

KNSC Report: Olivia Owsiany

Stages Event

This event will be held on November, Friday the 18th. Hopefully the event will be posted soon. Pump it up! Tickets are currently being printed.

Advertising and Sponsorship

Everything is underway.

Speakers

Currently have half the speakers confirmed.

Workshops

Officially booked. Approximately 48 confirmed individuals. TILT is undergoing a bit of a glitch. If this continues to be a problem, there will be meeting with individuals and dropping off cash.

If anyone has any further questions, please direct them to the web page, Facebook page, and to Olivia.

Yr 4: Kelsey E.

Jacket Bars

Order is placed. Planning is underway for the consolidation party! Hopefully it will turn out well.

Formal

Timeline is being planned and everything is being planned!

The reports were put on hold for the next speaker as the speaker arrived at this time.

Speaker: Cheryl Pulling & Rosie

Preface by Alexandra, P.: The topic of concern will be regarding the fall reading week task force.

Cheryl: This discussion has been continuing for the past three years. Currently we are looking into coming up with recommendations. We encourage to fill out the survey about the fall reading week.

Question Period

Bryn: Just a question specifically for nursing students. Because we have set number of clinical hours, how will these hours be accommodated if a reading week takes place?

Cheryl: Because we are small, who knows what will be recommended? It will affect the clinical hours especially if it is on the days we have arranged for clinical.

Kelsey E.: My preconceived notion is that the break will be given by taking away the two pre-exam days. Realistically my exams are at the end of the period. Usually they are pretty well spaced out. Removing them and sticking those two days to bookmark the thanksgiving weekend can be an option. This will go on before the thanksgiving weekend (Friday) and then on the Tuesday.

Cheryl: Some people are thinking that Thanksgiving is too early (as it is week 4). I personally think that isn't a bad time. Kids out west might be able to go home. The only comment is that it is too early.

Maya: With reference to McMaster's hours. I understand that our orientation week is that we are not going to get rid of it. McMaster is looking to move orientation to pre-week prior. By moving our festivities to the week prior, we can begin schooling on time. I believe most of the school start during that that week. Moving orientation and Oweek a week earlier can be an option.

Cheryl: Right now that is not an option. Because it has been going on for three years, student's reason is that it will affect jobs if Oweek is happening a week before. There are concerns from first years that they must find accommodations in the city. The university's point of view: the residents are rented. Therefore, renting the residents may be a problem and the other concern is having office staffed for that time. Currently this is not on the table.

Further comment by Cheryl: What some university do is to move things around to make it work.

Taylor: My understanding was that it will be a full reading week.

Cheryl: It's not decided as to how long it is. Given that the school period is between Labor Day and December 23rd, it's a question right now as to what's going to give.

Taylor: If this goes through, will nurses have to work at clinical during the reading week?

Cheryl: There is real concerns with this. What's interesting about the meetings with engineering is that they have so many hours for accreditation. In other schools, reading week was not given to engineers. I do not anticipate that this will happen. (ie. everyone getting a break instead of nursing).

Olivia: Two-part question. Similar to what Taylor was saying, will there be an issue between one to four days. Will it be a different reading week per program as it works into their curriculum? This will be concerning for engineering and nursing.

Cheryl: We will be opposed to this, as nursing students take electives. Wouldn't make sense that we give you Thursday Friday and everyone else gets Tuesday Wednesday.

Olivia: What do you think are the deterring factors of making this change?

Cheryl: Currently spoke to the faculty. For me personally, I do not have a strong opinion. I think the student voice is going to be the driving factor. There will be minimal impact for faculty members except for question surrounding clinical hours. However, we are not expecting a fight from faculty members. Is pre study exam important to you? Is reading week important to you? I think the orientation week is the biggest worry of students, and speaking to a few students, there is room for flexibility. We are currently discussing general and faculty specific orientation. We have found that there is overlap in Oweek. Please note that nobody is suggesting about decreasing orientation days. Currently students are antsy and are worrying orientation week.

Diana: Was just wondering when do you expect to have a final decision or a rough decision?

Cheryl: We are expected to submit recommendations to the principal by February 2017.

Diana: Will there be the discussion during February?

Cheryl: No, this is the discussion. Please encourage everyone to fill out the survey. This is the time for everybody to speak up.

Brianna: How is it going to be decided during a week? One day will affect everybody differently especially if you live closer to the university or not. What is the decision process for this?

Cheryl: That is what the survey is for. The survey is limited to the number of days that you can choose for reading week. It will depend on what the student body thinks and wants.

Brianna: Who makes up the committee?

Cheryl: It is established by senate and asks for a representative student and a faculty representative.

Alexandra P.: Note that this was the recommendation for the composition.

Currently are there ex officio members as well, for the committee as a whole? Ie. administration from the university

Cheryl: Yes, the registrar is there, the vice provost is there, and support staff from senate is there. We're actually happy to have these representatives at the table.

Taylor: At this time Taylor highlighted the representative recommendations for the task force in a document.

Sara S.: Couple of years ago there were exams on Sundays. Is every single slot for those exam days booked?

Cheryl: Yes. This is an excellent question. Many were asking about exam period logistics.

Sara: I see that a concern is the limitation of proctor and space.

Cheryl: Having time from the exam period cannot be acquired. There may be a half day extra. Exams are tied in time. The concern is getting the exams conflict free and making sure the exams are not too close together.

Caitríona: Concern about the orientation week and overlap.

Cheryl: It's not up for debate rather we are getting rid of orientation week. The concern is decreasing it for a day. Nobody is suggesting removing orientation week.

Bryn: More of a recommendation. There is talk about to have move in Saturday and classes continuing on with Oweek. Is this on the table? Speaking to orientation committee members, there was strong opinion about this. There is a strong voice about this, especially since the Oweek focuses on the first years. If there is increased upper year coming, it will be much harder to facilitate positive environment especially re: alcohol free environment. More opposed that model of having the two happen together.

Cheryl: The rector came to me voicing the same concern.

Bryn: The hope would be to get the information early enough to accommodate. The first year coming in will not have experienced the full week. If push came to shove, personally I would love keep it as is. But the most important is to give student leaders the information early enough to plan accordingly, especially knowing all the information.

Cheryl: We don't anticipate it for next fall. Still having trouble visualizing implementing reading week with losing a day of orientation.

Bryn: From the grapevine there were two models. One is to have the move in a day later and having classes start earlier. The second model was mashing up with class and orientation week.

Cheryl: Currently nothing is decided as of yet. Pretty possible that it may not go that way. Essentially if we do a good job, everyone will be angry. In the mix is also the inability to have exams on December 6th.

Ashley: From what I understand, Queen's is pretty late to the table with the fall reading week. Has there been any research on how taking days away from exam break or starting before have benefited the student population?

Cheryl: No data or research at the moment regarding orientation week and starting a week prior.

Alexandra P.: Currently there is only literature regarding the pre-exam study periods. They have proven to be useful and beneficial to the student population.

Cheryl: It was the mental health commission at queen's that suggested it. But it has gone past that and we are not going back in time about this. Queen's is asking students about their opinion. I'm hesitant for students to say the pre-exam isn't important. Would be concerned if students don't value something there.

Ashley: My question is how other schools are spending their days.

Cheryl: We do have a list of what universities are doing. Only a few schools start before Labor Day weekend. Often it is stealing the days from other periods of time.

Kelsey E.: Question and comment. Question about exam on Sundays. There are four school days off and the weekend before exam period?

Cheryl: No just the weekend. But the four days is composed of the weekend + 2 days.

Kelsey E.: Other comment was breaking up orientation week. From talking with other students, when orientation week gets broken up, they don't value their orientation week, and they won't mesh with people. The night time events → wouldn't go because they would be stressed out about the school. Definitely attendance will be low and should be a concern.

Maya: Same remark as with Ashley. Attended Laurentian before and they had reading week. Toronto has one day off around November 17th/18th weekend. But adding it onto thanksgiving, it doesn't benefit to us any way as a result of how everything falls (assignments and midterms). Even just because our orientation week is important to us, throwing the days in between midterm and exams will be helpful. Toronto model will then be ideal to incorporate. Just looking into our options.

Cheryl: The discussion will not be going backwards. To my belief we will not be going back. At the moment, there will be some kind of break. It is really asking about priorities. Lastly, there isn't a right answer.

Rosie: To add to that, we have looked at the school's models. We are not looking at models. We are just looking at the days. No model is set right now. It's what the survey results say. This isn't about that (models).

Cheryl: There is no model, and instead we are looking for feedback. Up for a debate are which days should be chosen (ie. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). I don't want to go to a model that isn't top quality.

Kelsey N. Asked about protected days for nursing (ie. homecoming).

Cheryl: There is no sympathy for exams on Homecoming. Homecoming is for when you are an alumnus.

Ashley: Will there be due dates for assignments during pre-exam days?

Cheryl: Currently looking into this option for us.

Alexandra P: Closing remarks for this discussion. Thanked Cheryl and Rosie for attending.

Cheryl: Does NSS want to put a recommendation together as an assembly or do we want to do this individually? It is not in the mix to get rid of Orientation Week.

Alexandra P. calls for a 5 minute recess.

Yr 3: Brianna Sitwell

Yoga

Hopefully to have an event for year 2 and 3. In the progress of making this happen.

NURS370

Had a father and daughter duo for pediatric cancer. This will be his 7th year doing these talks and 100% of the funds will go to childhood cancer. Class will be hopefully to do an inside fundraising event.

Scrubs

Just sent money for the stethoscope. Hopefully to be picked up early next week.

Yr 2: Cortnie Lortie

Surprise Coffee and Cookie Day!

Probably next Friday. Talked to AST 3 president. Looking at Cogro to have treats made for!

Holiday Party with the First Year

Day coincides with another event. Will look into changing this

CEO Order

Order is being put in soon!

Yr 1: Caitríona Buckley

Canadian Blood Services

Will be taking a life bus down as a group. Thinking about going to do donation trips and then have a jacket bar.

NNSW

Willing to help as a volunteer!

Bottle Drive

Will be doing it next week.

AST 4 – Ashley Poffenroth

Careers Launch

Went really well! Made under 800 dollars for this event. Big thanks to NSS for sponsoring this! Over 100 students turned up for this event.

Jacket Bars

Made more money than anticipated.

Best Buddies

First best buddies meeting. Will be having their first event tonight!

Homemade Holiday Collective

Made a big profit about this from last year as well. Will start making the event page starting now!

QHIP

Trouble with participation. There has been a rough start of the year with 90% new committee. It's been really hard to consolidate ideas and understanding what needs to be planned for this year. For your information, please pump these events as it is important for everyone to get publicity. Especially since SONACT isn't involved, this is the utmost important!

AST 3: Sara Stephenson

Clothing Sale

Started right after jacket sale. Deadline for money is this Friday. Turnout has been okay. A lot of people saying they're ordering but have yet paid.

Possible Event

Currently event planning for the AST class!

Skating Event

To be done with the best buddies pairing.

Suggestion

Package with a stethoscope and a set of scrubs with a certificate from shoes or coffee for an offer for the next student. Second package for AST 4 to go off as a consolidation gift. Hoping to get someone with not an official position to volunteer their time to organize this.

Discussion:

Alexandra P.: inquiry: Will this be raffled off to everyone or do students apply for financial needs.

Sara: Was thinking of just everyone. Everyone feels the stress no matter the background but I can see where you're coming from.

Ashley: From the AST people, 90% do have credit and student loans. Opening and making it fair will decrease the sense of humility.

Maya: Basing on financial need, it is not good in the sense that because family has money, the individual will have money too.

Alexandra P.: Because everyone comes in with similar financial background. This could be budgeted for as a welcome to nursing package giveaway. This will work for both streams as well. This is a \$200 package.

Question Period

Kelsey N.: For Diana → Did anyone win for purse-onal?

Diana: Still in the counting phase of the purses.

Maya: Still have a purse at home that has never been brought in and looking to inquire about donating these purses.

Taylor: Statement → After having a fall term break talk, you can direct the questions to Taylor. She can answer questions!

Diana: Will post about exam period paws therapy .

New Business

Motions already completed in the previous section.

Motion # 11

Please refer to Appendix C document.

Debate and Opened

Taylor: Motion 11 to be tabled. There isn't enough time to deliver on the motion. Because it is so close to election I don't want anyone to feel pressured.

Alexandra P.: Direct Feedback. Currently AMS has been talking about this similar change for a long time. The process rolling out from here forward is the same time with the election. Doesn't make sense to be elected for positions that represent an aspect of student life. To the question of timing, the agenda was sent out. Reminder that a straw-poll was done two weeks ago with a reminder that the changes were to be made. If any concern occurred, it could have been brought up during this time period.

Taylor: Direct comment. I personally didn't get the agenda until 9PM. I don't consider this as adequate time. Not disagreeing with this proposal. There are different changes that people need to go over and a lot of housekeeping things changed. Yes, they may be housekeeping but there is a question about quality and people may need to think longer. I just don't think it should be going through at this time.

Brianna: Do agree with Taylor that it is a lot to take in. I did the reading over before the meeting but there is a lot of to be digested and a lot needs to take in. Another two weeks may be useful to go over. More time may be useful.

Kelsey N.: We briefly talked about no longer having scrub sale with the CNSA (in the constitution). Just a remedy.

Alexandra P.: This will therefore be a friendly change.

Courtney: I do recognize that it was sent out last night. Give a little bit of understanding that I had reports submitted late. As well

Brianna: Direct comment. Life happens. Just a time to digest everything and not a criticism to this.

Alexandra P.: Another thing to put forward: the huge undertaking is not going to fall on you guys to perform. Another perspective: Someone who really want to get involved but do not want to be elected but rather a hiring panel. The true changes are: changes in names and from elected to hiring position. By offering the position through a hiring process, we will be staying up late tonight to put an application package. A broad export of this information will be sent out. There will be a mass email being sent out. Give a week's time to talk about the position. Then there will be a hiring process. Same position as KNSC and Head Cape. We ask to think critically as to the access. The easy answer to say "we'll make a change but we'll make it later". Look at the number of interns and class council this year. We as a society recognize the proper ways to be involved. Reading through this is a lot of time. We have spent a lot of time on this. We believe that it is the best interest now to roll it out. This is all for the best interest for the students.

Cortnie: In terms as who is elected vs who is hired, all the positions represent the students. Why do we need the student vote?

Alexandra, P: It is not a question about who is less important. It is a position that represents student vs representing aspect of student voice. We are not saying they

are less important. They are meant to be aspects of student life. They are working with a student representative.

Maya: This is to look thoroughly through this. Speculation on events section. I can put some more points. Having more guidelines.

Alexandra P.: The way the positions are currently is how they have been marketed for an election. This is definitely hard. The main change is to change the electing process to a hiring process. As the position stands, it will go out exactly the same either way. This is how it has been imposed on constitution. It has not been cleaned up. That is a really tangible process and they need to be fine tuned. They do not need to be changed right now. Those changes there wouldn't happen either way right now. They could happen if everyone agrees. Regardless we do hiring or electing it's what we are doing in place. We recognize it is not the best language in the constitution.

Maya: If we do go with the process, are we able to go back and change the details?

Alexandra, P: The question right now is elected or hiring. The minute details will be changed and can be discussed. The only thing we are asking right now is change from elected to hired. The focus afterwards will be to look at changes of the details.

Taylor: Reiterate that we are not trying to shoot it down. This is not a great time to start this as they inevitably feel pressure. There are a lot of things in here. Point of personal privilege to leave at 945.

Alexandra, P.: Change was introduced last assembly and a straw-poll indicated it as friendly. If you are not happy with the composition, we are not asking you to change and agree to the minute details. The idea of hired vs elected is what we have been thinking over two weeks.

Diana: Personal opinion of NSS. A lot of people do get involved and do not feel comfortable. Election is not the most effective way. Will bring a lot more people with the hired process.

Brianna: Clarification of what the motion will entail.

Alexandra, P.: The changes that we are making are in the executive summary. It is only hired vs elected. Anything from blue or red. They have been title changes from coordinator to commissioner. The only things that are red are literally things that are in there that we don't actually do or haven't done. We can answer any questions. They are part of the motion. They are housekeeping in nature.

Brianna: Question regarding the health and wellness commissioner position.

Alexandra, P.: This motion can be struck out and deemed friendly. If you thought that was too substantial of a change.

Maya: Comment. Good position to add. This position should exist. Will need more discussion about the constitution for this position.

Alexandra, P.: Because it is too much a substantial. If you are comfortable with us taking it out, we will have this motion be friendly. Make the change to strike out the health and wellness commissioner or not?

Alexandra, P: The position will be kept but the composition will be reviewed.

Kelsey, N.: Just wanted to give a personal opinion that the only way the position would be included is through a hired position. It would make sense for these positions to be hired.

Courtney: For motion to be passed and that the composition in the constitution will be up for further debate. To add, we appreciate everyone for reading the motion thoroughly.

Motion Carried.

End time: 22:30