

Nursing



Science Society

- Assembly -

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017
Bring-A-Friend Night
7:00 pm – Wallace Hall, JDUC



Nursing Science Society

Agenda

1. **Motion #1** – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of March 22nd, 2017
2. **Motion #2** – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of April 5th, 2017
3. Speaker's Business
4. Guest Speakers
5. President's Report: President Alexandra Palmeri
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Vice President, Operations: Geoffrey Tai
 - b. Vice President, University Affairs: Cortnie Lortie
7. Statements by Members
8. Question Period
9. Business Arising from the Minutes
10. New Business
11. Old Business
 - a. Motion #3 – Approval of the Formal Minutes of the meeting of March 8th, 2017.
12. Discussion Period
13. Closed Session
14. Speakers Closing
15. Adjourn



Nursing Science Society

Motion Sheet

Motion #1 – *That NSS Assembly Approve the Assembly Minutes of March 22nd, 2017.*

Moved By: Geoffrey Tai

Seconded By: Alexandra Palmeri

Motion #2 – *That NSS Assembly Approve the Agenda of April 5th, 2017.*

Moved By: Cortnie Lortie

Seconded By: Alexandra Palmeri

Motion #3 – *That NSS Assembly Approve the Formal Assembly Minutes of March 8th, 2017.*

Moved By: Geoffrey Tai

Seconded By: Alexandra Palmeri

The President of the Nursing Science Society

Report to Assembly

Alexandra Palmeri

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NSS <3

Well, isn't this something! We have made it to the end of the school year, and honestly friends: I could not be more proud of each and every single one of you! This has been a HUGE year for the Nursing Science Society and it wouldn't be possible without each and every single one of you.

As a Society, we have hosted more events, services and initiatives than any year before us! We have improved our policies, finished restructuring our governance model for Exec & Councils, and created the best budget system we have had yet!

We have involved more students than any year before, and NSS has seen a MASSIVE SURGE in student involvement! We have never had more students seeking leadership opportunities in one year. As well, our voter turnout hit ~50% for Exec elections, our biggest yet!!

Moving forward, there is still much to be done and we will not stop in our pursuit to improve the Queen's Nursing experience. This summer, I look forward to working with the Exec to:

- Create the online NSS store
- Promote the branding for the new Nursing clinical sweaters
- Revitalize all job descriptions
- Re-organize our Constitution & creating two new policy manuals
- Evaluate the NSS website
- Hold membership on the School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Lay all the groundwork for the #WETHENURSE campaign that will launch in the fall

Looking forward to continuing to work with you all throughout the summer and returning for another incredible school year!

Thank you for your dedication, support, love, passion, and enthusiasm.

Always proud to be at your service!

Vincat Scientia Morbos,

Alexandra M. Palmeri

NSS President 2017

- April 4th 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
- April 17th 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
- April 18th 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
- April 21st 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Financial Update

We are doing well financially and have stayed within the budgets that we proposed as well as those proposed in the funding forms. We hope to continue this next semester and into the future so that NSS can become a sustainable organization. If you have any questions about some of our exact expenditures, please feel free to contact me and I will happily answer your questions.

Things to Do in the Summer

- Alex and I spoke with Dave from AMS about changing student fees for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, we missed the deadline but we will work with Brian (the new AMS VP Ops) over the summer so that we can have the referendum and changes ready to go for the fall semester.
- NSS Website!!! We will begin transition into the new NSS website over the month of May. Hopefully the transition will be smooth and the new website will be ready for Orientation Week Registration in June (please cross your fingers and stay tuned!)

Special Skills Survey

Please fill it out!! <https://goo.gl/forms/A6iC3MuD6SkBIJIs2>

Interesting Fact: There are 186 steps from the main floor to the 10th floor at KGH (not every flight of stairs has the same amount of steps...is there a secret floor???)

Vincat Scientia Morbos,

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The Vice President, University Affairs

Report to Assembly

Cortnie Lortie

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Hello NSS!

With week twelve upon us, I am hoping that I have finally put an agenda together without making (too many) mistakes.

I honestly can not believe how fast the time has gone by and how hard each and every one of you has worked. This semester was truly one of the best for the NSS in terms of initiatives, events, fundraisers, etc. I am so proud of all of you and am very excited to work with you all, as well as our new members (class councils) in the upcoming semester.

Late Agenda Release

I apologize again for sending out the agenda so late! There were many late reports this week as well as OSCEs so I didn't have much free time to put it together Sunday or Monday. With that being said, sorry not sorry for being naggy! Look how great this agenda looks! *Only TWO missing reports (I think that this is a record for the year)!*

Elections

Although there was a slight mishaps with the online voting, everything has worked itself out and we have fulfilled every available class council role with the exception of VP Fundraising for 2019. Additionally, the voter turnout was great! I believe we reached over 50% for each class!

Formal

A HUGE shout-out to Christine for organizing such an amazing and successful event! Your work has not gone unnoticed & I hope that this is something that is continued in the future.

Garbage Can Thief?

I was in the NSS office the other day and had garbage to throw out and to my disappointing surprise the garbage can was gone...

MISSING



Name: Trash Can
~ 2 Years Old
Gender Unidentified

Trash Can was last seen hanging out with his friend Vacuum, at his home in the NSS Office. He is approximately 13 inches tall and weighs 2 pounds when not full of candy wrappers. Trash Can can be described as having a medium rectangular build with a silver skin tone.

Please Help Us Bring Our Baby Home

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
NSS EXECUTIVE

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Thank you all for such an amazing semester, best of luck on all of your exams, and enjoy summer!

Vincat Scientia Morbos,

Cortnie Lortie
Vice President, University Affairs 2017

The Presidential Intern

Report to Assembly

Julia Kruizinga

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Hello everyone,

I can't believe it is the final NSS meeting of this semester and that means our term of being Interns is officially over. It's been such a pleasure working with you all in the past few months and I look forward to hearing all you will accomplish in your term. A few updates from my end:

First Aid

Still in contact with Marian and hoping to put this out to first years once she confirms that she is able to teach it for both those who had their CPR done with Red Cross or St. John Ambulance.

Guatemalan Midwives Event

I had the pleasure of attending this event organized by Rowan and it was very interested and informative. There were a wide variety of students from faculties and the panelists had such interesting perspectives on global healthcare and accessibility to healthcare.

NSS Orientation Handbook

The interns are working on designing the Meet the NSS pages for the Orientation Handbook.

Nursing Formal

This event was a great success and it was fun to help with ticket pick up, student awards and oversee other tasks. Shout out to Christine for all her efforts and hard work in organizing this event.

Future Interns

We hope to meet with Taylor sometime in the near future about the current roles and responsibilities of the Interns.

That's all. Best of luck with exams and have a wonderful summer break ☺

The Vice President, Operations Intern
Report to Assembly
Alexandra Sobczak
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Hi everyone! There isn't too much from me, so this will be a fairly short report.

Letter to AMS

The letter has been sent to Carolyn Thompson!

Study Buddies Grant

Verbal Report

Nursing Formal

Unfortunately I haven't been able to attend the Nursing Formal this past Friday, but I hope that everyone who attended had a great time. I had fun working with a few members of the NSS council in working together to purchase and create some of the prizes for the Nursing Awards- hopefully those were enjoyed!

That's all for me- I'll verbally update if anything new comes up! I hope everyone has a great week and best of luck on everyone's exams! ☺

The Vice President, University Affairs Intern
Report to Assembly
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Greetings Assembly,

AMS Meeting

I attended last week's AMS meeting and there was plenty of drama so it was extremely exciting!

Handbook

The interns are working hard on putting the portfolios into the frosh handbook.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for a great year!

With thanks,

Alex Troiani

Vice President, University Affairs Intern
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Student Senator

Report to Assembly

Taylor Ramsay

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April 5th, 2017

Hello everyone!

I know we're all gearing up for the start of exams, and the end of this school year, it's an exciting and busy time of the year! Thank you all for all of your hard work over this past semester, you are all amazing! On to some updates from me:

Truth and Reconciliation Task Force Final Report

The Truth and Reconciliation Task Force was tasked with the goal of reducing the barriers to education and creating a more welcoming and diverse campus for students, staff and faculty who identify as Indigenous. The TRC Task Force's report explores issues such as relationship-building, changing perspectives and policy, and promoting an awareness of the rights, histories, and contemporary issues of Indigenous peoples. The recommendations can be found here: <http://queensu.ca/provost/committees-and-reports/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-task-force>

Constitution and Policy Manual

I have been able to meet with a few of you regarding your Commissioner portfolios. It appears that I will not have enough time to meet with all of you by the end of this semester. As such, I will be e-mailing each of you with the parts of constitution that are pertinent to your portfolio, and I encourage you to make recommendations for changes.

OSLER Kingston

Like and share OSLER's Facebook page to hear about exciting opportunities for interprofessional learning and community health promotion events!

The Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/OSLERKingston/>

Quote of the Week: "Cupcakes are muffins that believed in miracles."

All the best,

Taylor Ramsay

Academics and Professional Development Commissioner

Report to Assembly

Matthew Secord

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Wow! The end of the semester already. It's been a busy, but rewarding couple of months, and I have really loved working with all of you!

Here are my last updates of the semester, but it is defiantly not the last of me! I will be busy in the summer with the career fair and getting Study Buddies 2017 up and going!

Study Buddies

- The health assessment simulation and anti-anxiety workshop is scheduled for Monday April 10th. Calling out for patient volunteers and "exam markers".
- Exam review session on on their way. I've been in contact with the TA's and we will be meeting to discuss dates and content of the sessions. There will be lots of posting about these sessions, so keep an eye out!

Career Fair

- Looking to start a committee that would be interested in helping organize the fair! Start with a general meeting, then slowly work our way towards creating different committees for the various aspects of the fair! If interested please let me know 😊

Awards

- Have been in contact Kelsey about grad awards, and will be meeting up with Alex to review the apps! Will get in contact with Ashley for the 2017 AST's.

"Oh, screw beautiful. I'm brilliant. If you want to appease me, compliment my brain". - Christina Yang, *Grey's Anatomy*.

This is for everyone who, like me, hermits during exams and their wardrobe consists of sweats, hoodies and warm socks.

Good luck with exams everyone!!

Matthew Secord

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Health and Wellness Commissioner

Report to Assembly

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Hello everyone! Happy Week 12! We are almost there!

Last Saturday March 25th we had our talk with Indigenous Guatemalan midwives and doctors at Haynes Hall. The talk was amazing, and we had an excellent turnout from nursing, medicine and other faculties.

Raul Scorza from *Horizons of Friendship* mentioned he is interested in collaborating with the NSS in the future for similar events so stay tuned for other exciting opportunities!

For those of you around for the summer, in May he will be hosting a fundraising event at The Brew pub. It will be a painting night, with proceeds from each canvas going to projects that Horizons is currently working on.

I am working on the health and wellness survey right now as well. Keep your eyes open for that!

Nursing formal was a lot of fun! Thank you to Christine for all your hard work in organizing it!

Quote of the Week: "If you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!"

Social Issues Commissioner

Report to Assembly

Erin Roach

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Updates

- Thanks for the food drive everyone! We donated 3 full bags of food to the AMS Food Bank. Someone ended up moving the bags from one table to another in the NSS lounge and subsequently not everything was in the labelled bags. SOOO with that being said, how should I choose a winning class? I NEED YOUR INPUT!
- Would anyone be willing to talk at the Anxiety Panel for the first years? Still waiting on a date from MJ and his team but I was planning to have 4-5 upper years briefly discuss how they cope with OSCEs and then open up the floor for the first years to ask questions.

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS EVERYONE AND HAVE A GOOD SUMMER ☺

Events Commissioner

Report to Assembly

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Nursing Formal

- What an incredible evening! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make this night happen!
- Pending Constable Bill. Currently still within budget, however due to the amount of constables that ended up being there, I may have to ask NSS between 100-250\$ to help cover the costs of the constables. Will keep NSS updated.
- I hope to hire a formal committee in the fall semester for the continuation of this event.

Underground

- Very successful as well! Tickets sold fast.

Second Semester

- Cogro Open Mic Night
- Perhaps another Underground Night
- Either A) Picnic and Popsicles by the lake or B) Popcorn and Movie night at the NSS office.

Thanks everyone for a wonderful semester ☺

CNSA Official and Associate Delegates

Report to Assembly

Kaitlyn Meloche & Holly Dye

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Hello Everyone!

We hope you had an amazing time at the Nursing Formal on Friday and got to have time to relax before exam season hits us! Can you believe it is week 12 already?!

Regional Conference

We have hired the committee for the conference and will begin preparing very soon!

Boards

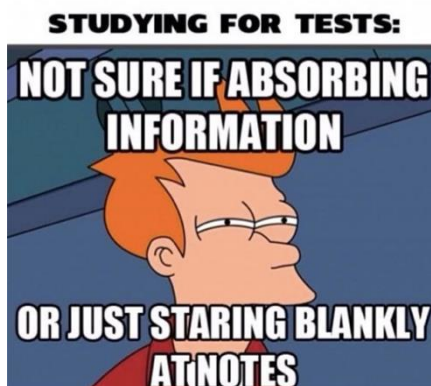
If you have been in the lounge recently you might have seen the “CNSA Updates” board as well as the “Meet the NSS” board. We will do our very best to post relevant information on the board so that everyone is updated with what is going on in the CNSA.

Budget

With the school year coming to a close we are hoping to meet with Cheryl and work out the budget so that it is all sorted out by the start of September. We know this first came up when we were talking about putting together welcome packages for the incoming students, so are we still doing that?

Have a great summer!

Kaitlyn and Holly



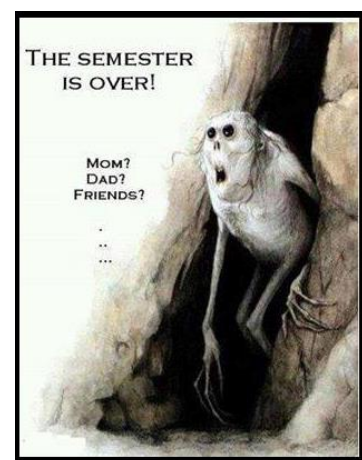
NURSING SCHOOL: WHERE 4.0 STUDENTS STOP CARING ABOUT THEIR GRADES AND ARE JUST HAPPY TO PASS

MIGHTY NURSE COLLEGE REPORT CARD					
COURSE	CREDITS	GRADE	COURSE	CREDITS	GRADE
CHEMISTRY	4	B	COMPOSITION	4	B
ALGEBRA	4	C	ANTHROPOLOGY	4	B-
ANATOMY	4	A-	STATISTICS	3	B-
PSYCHOLOGY	4	B-	COMMUNICATION	2	A-
MICROBIOLOGY	6	B+	NUTRITION	4	B
SOCIOLOGY	3	B	PHYSIOLOGY	4	A

PASS!

OVERALL GPA: 3.05

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Head Cape, Nursing Orientation Week

Report to Assembly

Alexi Honsberger

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Hi everyone!

It's crazy to think that this year is coming to a close... I feel like second year and my time as Head Cape only started last week! I have had so much fun working with everyone on NSS and can't thank you all enough for the support throughout the year as we plan an Orientation Week - we couldn't have done it without you!

A few final updates:

1. ORT Training was held this Sunday for all executives and leaders - it was a blast and I know that our leaders learned a lot and are on their way to being the best CAPEs they can be!
2. Our final bottle drive is still underway with the Engineers, which we plan on wrapping up this coming Saturday - this was a great way for CAPEs to meet their FREC groups and raise money for both groups!
3. All of our event forms are in and being approved by ORT right now - which gives us a break and time for exams before all the edits come back!
4. We hope to see members of NSS at some events throughout Orientation Week (DEFINITELY year dances and hopefully Sandbanks!)
5. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or cute baby videos, please send them my way over the summer, I am available at nursingorientation@ams.queensu.ca!

Thanks for everything!

Alexi Honsberger
Head Cape '17

**KNSC Director
Report to Assembly**

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Year 1 Class President

Report to Assembly

Caitriona Buckley

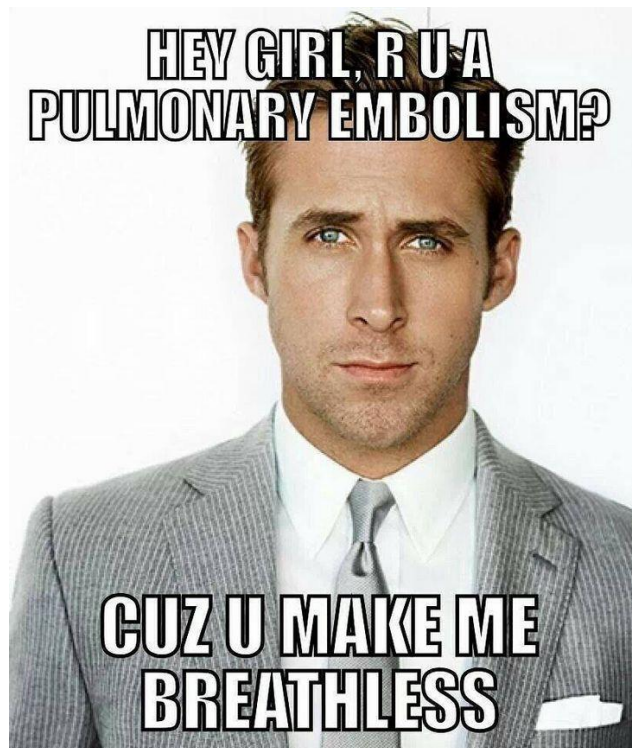
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Hi friends!

Not too many updates this week– we have our brunch coming up this weekend and that's about it.

Have a great week.
Caitriona



Year 2 Class President

Report to Assembly

Dara Sheere

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Hello everyone, thank you for an amazing semester!!

The Nursing '19 class council is planning a meeting this week to discuss an end-of-the-year event for our class. As of right now, our options are either a Night Out (i.e. karaoke) during Week 12, or a class brunch during exam period. I will hopefully have more details to share at this week's meeting 😊

Dara Sheere

Year 3 Class President

Report to Assembly

Brianna Sitwell

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Wow, can't believe it is week 12 already, this semester flew by like crazy!!

We had a great end to our semester!

Bake Sale

We had a bake sale and raised over \$300! We had so many items to choose from, and it was a great success!

Guatemalan Midwives

We had a great turn out from the third year nurses! It was a great event, and I thoroughly enjoyed it (as I know other people did too)!

Pinning/Formal/Yearbook

We sent out our emails to all of the team leaders who will make our graduation the best!

Congrats to Alex Palmeri our Pinning Team Leader, Emily Sullivan, our formal Team Leader, Alexa McCarthy our yearbook Team Leader, and Geoffrey, our setup/take down team leader.

We are hoping that all the teams will meet before the end of the year.

Other than that, there is not much more to report. Good luck to everyone during exams, I know you'll rock them!!

Brianna Sitwell

Year 4 Class President

Report to Assembly

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Verbal Report.

AST Year 3 Class President

Report to Assembly

Sara Stephenson

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It's week 12!

This has been a crazy busy semester full of work and stress. Luckily, we have tons of friends to help us through it. Though faculty members understand and empathize with our work load, they keep piling it on! BUT! Man, do they ever give us things to dream about doing. We are trying to enjoy the present, but we are really looking forward to our future.

Exam Dates

NURS 370 April 15th
PHAR 230 April 19th
NURS 305 April 20th
PHIL 151 April 22nd

Summer Term

NURS 207 starts April 28th!

AST Nursing Bars

Placing the order for 17 bars this week.

Sara

AST Year 4 Class President

Report to Assembly

Ashley Poffenroth

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Hi everyone!

Nothing much to report from our class - we have a busy week ahead finishing up our community placements and we are all looking forward to hearing about our Integrated Practicum placements soon! We have started planning formal and have some great ideas for our pinning ceremony!

We will be hosting a big end of the year event this **Friday April 7th** – I am sure you have all seen the advertisements by now on Facebook and we hope to see you all there since it's our last chance to see all of your faces!

Also, I am fostering a really cute puppy. Here is a picture you can set as your home screen during exams... Her name is Ari, she is an 8 month old Siberian Husky 😊

Ashley Poffenroth

AST Class of 2017





Nursing Science Society

Informal Meeting Minutes

Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 6:55 PM

Minutes Taker (Position): Geoffrey Tai (Vice President, Operations)

Purpose of Meeting: NSS Assembly Meeting (April 5, 2017)

In Attendance:

- Alexandra Palmeri (President)
- Cortnie Lortie (Vice President, University Affairs)
- Geoffrey Tai (Vice President, Operations)
- Taylor Ramsey (Senator)
- Kaitlyn Meloche (CNSA Official Delegate)
- Holly Dye (CNSA Associate Delegate)
- Christine Figeys (Events Commissioner)
- Matthew Secord (Academic & Professional Development Commissioner)
- Erin Roach (Social Issues Commissioner)
- Rowan Sandford Ladon (Health and Wellness Commissioner)
- Kelsey Elchuk (Year 4 Class President)
- Brianna Sitwell (Year 3 Class President)
- Dara Sheere (Year 2 Class President)
- Catriona Buckley (Year 1 Class President)
- Ashley Poffenroth (AST 4 Class President)
- Sara Stephenson (AST 3 Class President)
- Alexi Honsberger (Head Cape)
- Kingston Nursing Student Conference Director
- Julia Kruizinga (Intern to President)
- Alex Troiani (Intern to Vice President, University Affairs)
- Alexandra Sobczak (Intern to Vice President, Operations)
- Other: Gallery of 6

Meeting Minutes

6:55 PM Speaker begins meeting and provides introduction to NSS Assembly

6:55 PM Approval of Minutes from March 22nd, 2017 by Assembly. No debate and motion passed

- 6:55 PM Approval of Agenda from April 5th, 2017 by Assembly. No debate and motion passed
- 6:56 PM Guest speaker – President of Nursing Science Society. Thank you of members of gallery for attending meeting tonight.
- 6:57 PM President’s report presented by President. Stating thanks for a successful year from all members of the Nursing Science Society. Spoke with regards to tasks to be done in the summer.
- 6:59 PM Vice President, Operation’s Report presented by Vice President, Operations.
- 7:02 PM Vice President’s University Affairs Report presented by Vice President, University Affairs. All councils are full except for Nursing Class of 2019, but there is expressed interest in the open position.
- 7:03 PM Presidential Intern Report. First Aid recertification class with SON has been clarified where having certification in Red Cross or St. John’s being accepted for the recertification training. Orientation Handbook has been completed
- 7:05 PM Vice President, Operation’s Intern Report. Documentation and thank you to AMS for textbook grant has been sent out. Currently tracking cheque for Study Buddies program.
- 7:06 PM Vice President, University Affairs’ Intern Report. Final sentiments from all interns presented by Intern of Vice President, University Affairs, Intern of Vice President, Operations, and President Intern.
- 7:08 PM Senator Report presented by Senator. Proud of how far Society has come in the past half year, especially with visibility, events, and student lounge. Link provided by Senator for Truth and Reconciliation Task Force.
- 7:11 PM Academics and Professional Development Report presented by Academics and Professional Development Commissioner. Health and Assessment Review Session will be held on April 10th and are in need for volunteers and markers. Review sessions for the 1st year classes are being discussed with the tutors and will be made public as soon as possible.
- 7:14 PM Health and Wellness Report presented by Health and Wellness Commissioner. Survey for Health and Wellness is complete and will be sent to Queen’s email soon. Good turnout at the Indigenous Guatemalan midwives presentation.
- 7:16 PM Social Issues Report presented by Social Issues Commissioner. Finally able to donate food bags to the AMS Food Bank. Decided to split prize for food drive event between the two winning class

- 7:18 PM Events Report presented by Events commissioner. Very happy with the turnout and planning for the event. Currently waiting constable bill that may come in next two weeks.
- 7:20 PM CNSA Report presented by CNSA Official and Associate Delegate. Planning for the CNSA Regional Conference has begun with the hiring of the committee. Will be speaking with Cheryl with creating a quick brochure on incoming costs with entering the Nursing program (may be part of Orientation Week handbook).
- 7:23 PM Orientation Week Report presented by Head Cape. Event forms have been submitted to ORT and currently awaiting edits.
- 7:25 PM KNSC report presented by Vice President, Operations.
- 7:27 PM Year 1 Report presented by Year 1 President. Class brunch to have this Friday.
- 7:27 PM Year 2 Report presented by Year 2 President. Excited to start planning events for the year next semester.
- 7:28 PM Year 3 Report presented by Year 3 President. Bake sale was very successful fundraiser for the year. Team leaders emailed about roles for graduation next year and planning for graduation has begun.
- 7:29 PM AST 3 Report presented by AST 3 President. Nursing bar orders have been submitted.
- 7:31 PM No Discussion topics. President closes off with Final Sentiments.
- 7:33 PM Speaker closes off meeting. Meeting motion proposed by Vice President, University Affairs, seconded by Senator. Motion passed.