



Queen's Commerce Society

Commerce Society Assembly Minutes
Sunday, January 15th, 2016
7:00pm Goodes Hall Room 153

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – PASSED

2. Speaker's Business

Welcome back, great job with getting reports in on time, still working on making final changes to name cards.

3. Presentations 1.0

a. Paul Bowman & Karen Jackson-Cox – Significant BCC Changes

After talking to faculty, students, and businesses, we have made significant strategic changes to our operating model. Our purpose is to drive career outcomes, as well as building reputation for Smith, and increasing talent pipelines. We have come to realize that it is our job to articulate your value to employers, and make strong matches between students and employers.

Our strategic priorities are to customize career programs, and diversify the industries that we focus on. We will also improve our data collection and operational processes. Finally, we aim to build BCC relationships internally and externally.

The current model of the BCC is program-based, with coaches that have no specific industry focus. Companies are coming to us, rather than the BCC approaching them. Given the staff at hand, this was realistic. Our new focus is to have more coaches with industry-specific knowledge, and different functional focuses.

Hark: If students are interested in more than one industry, will they have multiple career coaches?

A: No one is assigned to any single coach, you will choose when registering for an appointment.

We are looking to match ComSoc clubs with career coaches to act as a primary contact for corporate sponsorship and events. We are trying to match your events to the BCC, and support you with our resources.

Next Steps: We will be launching these new career services on March 1st, and will be sending an email in the coming week to inform the rest of the student body.

Q: Where does the BCC stand on connecting students with alumni? I feel like we are disadvantaged being unable to properly connect with alumni.

A: We just hired a new director of alumni relations, and have built a new platform called SmithConnect, and are hoping to have alumni registering. I think it's going to get better. Also, our experts-in-residence are alumni and will be working to make new resources for industries that they have focus on.

Q: Do you plan to build alumni relations internally, or a partnership with Smith alumni relations.

A: It is more of a partnership, looking to move through SmithConnect.

Q: How do you see the club coaches helping in approaching businesses?

A: It is more of a consultation, looking at where clubs are in their relationships with sponsors, and how we can best assist you.

4. Statements by Members

- a. Bhavik Vyas - President

See attached report for detailed statement.

- b. Sara Tyler – Vice President of Student Affairs

See attached report for detailed statement.

- c. René Puerta – Vice President of Operations

See attached report for detailed statement.

- d. Jeremy Brock – Academics Commissioner

See attached report for detailed statement.

5. Presentations 2.0

- a. Bhavik Vyas&Sara Tyler&René Puerta- PVT Mid-Year Update presentation

We wanted to talk about 3 key things: what we've learned, what we did well, what we should work on.

Having a new executive structure this year had a learning curve, but everything is a team effort. When there are overlaps between our portfolios, that's where we see the most success. We have learned how to have balanced communication. We have been trying to get a broad perspective on issues, with a constantly growing number of stakeholders. We have been making good progress

on our big projects, but we need to keep pushing as some of them are heading into the final portion.

We want more interaction with all society members, such as AB and 1st/2nd year students holding positions.

As we self-reflect on our original platform, we are looking at how we are proceeding on all the mandates. Opportunities outside of Goodes are doing okay, by ratifying QCBT, but we are still looking to promote more events happening outside of Goodes. Reputation for commerce was harmed by Beer Fest, but was improved by being removed from orientation probation. We are making smart growth in optimizing ComSoc club portfolio. We have made new resources and documents for co-chairs, and have been working to reinvigorate HR. Instead of a new HR software, we have implemented the new no-rep's system. We have been having difficulty engaging the unengaged, and have seen dropping numbers in frosh reps and fall conferences.

Next steps for our executive will be focusing on opportunities outside of Goodes, taking appropriate action to build reputation, reinvigorate HR, and engage students. We will be looking at training all ComSoc leaders in creating the right reputation for commerce. We will also be upping our PR presence in this semester, being consistent and positive. We will work on finding and implementing a more consistent hiring platform in the stead of ComSoc reps. We will be doing class talks in the coming weeks to promote involvement, and the election.

We have made a lot of movement in the personal interest credit, and are looking forward to its possible implementation. We have also given a lot of student opinion on the fall term break, and are looking forward to information on that being released publicly soon. For CRO and DIO, a lot of focus has been placed on transitions, and their major upcoming projects.

Concrete projects are: finishing up the personal interest credit, consolidating information regarding speakers and sponsorship for conferences, implementing diversity training for ComSoc leaders, and integrating inclusion in our education. We are Also looking to do some special things for ComSoc's 50th anniversary.

For VPSA, we have created a master calendar of events, and are working to create a database of everything ComSoc, hosting institutional history, and what's happening with committee's year by year. Right now, I'm focused on creating transition documents for co-chairs, with a checklist of items that need to be done that may have been falling through the cracks. Will also be scheduling all major events for ComSoc clubs in the coming year.

For VPOPS, we have centralized all forms through Wufoo, reinvigorated the ComSoc website, made ComSoc resources such as the brand guide, created a ComSoc transition document. For the coming semester, we will be focusing on the ComSoc spaces project, and looking at HR practices.

Cory: Looking at the lower engagement from first years, is this consistent over past years, or just this year? Essentially, will this be a trend?

A: There has been more focus this year on applying to less clubs, and only the ones that you are most interested in. This year is an independent standout so far.

Brandon: I see there are a lot of team and individual goals, is there a prioritization in place?

A: We will be basing projects off the importance of it, and if necessary, the deadlines that may apply. Specifically, we will be prioritizing student engagement with ComSoc, and working on what are the most important.

Carolyn: What projects are you planning to prioritize as a team?

A: The past semester, we have struggled in getting involved outside of our own portfolio, which we are looking to improve. Having a new executive structure this year made it a building year, with us already seeing improvements in joint decision making and aligning schedules, but still aiming to improve.

Jeremy: On engagement, we might want to consider pushing clubs to encourage lesser-commitment events, rather than full conferences. We should be catering to those struggling academically.

A: We are very saturated in our events calendar, which is overwhelming. We have started pushing quality over quantity for events, to encourage full attendance. Other leading student societies are much more punitive when quality standards aren't met for events. We don't think we will run into that issue, and we don't want to use this method which would discourage diversity and risk-taking in events.

b. Lisa Bui - Interim conference review

We have been evaluating conferences based on their value to ComSoc, financial stability, reach of the event, how they are progressing on strategic goals, and their future viability.

QCLS: Strong in every aspect other than event reach. Due to a short registration period, they saw a large delegate dropout, putting them in a tough spot financially.

QBET: Strong in every aspect, but did not have reach because of the date of their conference conflicting with many other conferences.

QSELF: Strong in everything.

QLEAD: Strong in everything, had the benefit of high schoolers attending the conference.

QWIL: Strong in everything. Did everything very early on, and were very prepared.

QRF: Strong in everything, other than event reach, and relied a lot on few major sponsors

QFAC: Strong in everything, growing in their male/female ratio.

QACE: Strong, some issues with night events, recurring, puts future sustainability at risk.

Jeremy: Do you have any advice for conferences working to achieve diversity goals?

A: This is tough, and is reliant on who applies. QFAC for example, has been pushing women speakers and women in finance to increase attendance in that respect.

Kelsey: QRF and QWIL are strongly attended by women, and is very close to QFAC, do you think this could hurt QFAC's women attendance?

A: QRF is industry specific, but QWIL could have been a factor, so we are looking to separate them a bit more.

Sara: is there a specific ratio for external delegates?

A: It depends on the conference. QSELF isn't as important, but for conferences that have reps at other schools, it is mostly up to co-chairs, who usually do a good job in setting those ratios.

6. Motions

a. Kelsey Bruce - Extended Access to External Financials for CRO

For the corporate partner value assessment, we look at how valuable sponsors are, but I am looking for a more holistic view of what conferences do with their money.

Discussion Period

Elliott: Before this, was participation in the CPVA voluntary?

A: Yes, and I would not be asking them how they are using their funds, just what the funds are.

Debate Period

Bhavik: This is important in transparency to corporate partners about how we use their money. We can draft a non-disclosure agreement in restricting people from talking about use of this money.

Sara: It can be difficult to get information from co-chairs; this motion will force them to comply with us.

Lisa: I don't think it's possible to have a non-disclosure agreement, since as part of policy, CFO's must sit down with any student that requests it, and show how conferences are spending money.

René: One of the biggest reasons Laurie didn't give us money for bursaries this year is because she was worried about spending on alcohol. This will help give evidence to present for future years.

Motion to Approve

Motion passes unanimously

7. Discussion Items

a. Brandon Ing & René Puerta – Revamping Bursary Program

The bursary program is under-discussed, so we are using this to get feedback for an upcoming motion. The bursary program is an opportunity for students to receive funding for conferences

based on financial need. Historically around 15-20K per year, primarily from the commerce office. This year they have not committed any money.

The issues with the program is that the committee needs to be composed of more relevant positions, a clearer marking scheme, and having the money last all year, rather than running out by February. There is also not a set amount going to external and internal, has not been a focus in the past.

Kendra: Issues faced in the past: Myth that if you apply for the bursary that you will get it. I have noticed that you need to pay for the conference before you know about the status of your bursary application.

Rene: Conferences run on their own timeline, and often send out acceptances for delegates weeks before the conference, making it a difficult time crunch for our committee.

Lisa: I think paying before approval is a myth.

Kendra: The problem comes with conferences asking for payment 3 days from acceptance, making it near impossible to turnaround in time.

Andrew: If we are running out by February, why are we not increasing the budget?

Lisa: When allocating, the first thing we cover is emergency funds, and conference needs, which doesn't leave us enough for the bursary program. No point in creating a bursary for sub-standard conferences.

Andrew: Can't we take money from the CORE fund?

Lisa: Based on the policy of the CORE fund, we can't divert the funds for that purpose.

Carly: We need to fund the operations of the conferences before anything else, and the bursary program is a lower priority.

Andrew: Wouldn't it make sense to just have a single application for internal vs. external?

External conference attendance seems to fluctuate drastically year by year, and could leave funds unutilized.

René: There is a clear divide in the mandate between internal and external bursaries, and have different caps, which is too drastically different.

Zach: A lot of discussion is based on lack of knowledge of the bursary program. Could we just make a quick graphic about "myth busting" the bursary program so problems like Kendra's don't come up. Could students also have pre-approval for conferences?

René: We should be pushing more co-chair awareness, so Kendra's situation doesn't happen.

Amanda: For engaging the unengaged, rising prices of conferences are a big barrier to involvement, so I do think the bursary program should be expanded, and co-chairs should be educated.

Oren: Have we considered preapproval for the bursary program?

René: Haven't looked at it, seems like a good idea.

Bhavik: Management controls should be clear cut if we are changing the way that bursaries are awarded. Also, where do priorities lie in awarding? Where does the priority lie in merit vs. financial need?

René: Currently, we are just giving the most deserving at the time, which leads to us running out of funds, which can be improved.

Rachel: How are bursaries marked?

René: We assess financial need based on a checkbox (OSAP, loans, etc.), scored out of 50, if they hit 70%, they are awarded it. For external, there is a lot more merit based questions, with less of a focus on financial.

Carly: Re-evaluating who is part of the Bursary committee, I think there should still be representation from the finance team, or training in budgeting.

René: We have thought of this, and want to have a meeting with CFO's at the beginning of the year. The purpose of treasurers on the BARC wasn't budgeting, but merely assigning bursaries.

Cory: Have we considered a semester budget?

René: We're considering a few different ways to budget. We don't know how much money the program is getting by November, which makes that problematic. It's also hard to predict how many people will apply, and where they will apply, very seasonal.

Kendra: Not being from Ontario, I'm not eligible for OSAP, so I think that should be considered.

Lisa: We used to have a budget for conferences, but we found that interests shift year to year, and is relatively unpredictable. We also thought about semester, but that just changes students being shafted at the end of the semester rather than the rest of the year.

Monica: Is there potential to increase the number of people on the BARC looking at applications to decrease wait time?

Carly: We only do reimbursements once a week, and if conferences fall on the wrong times, we run into the problem Kendra had.

b. Daina Norkus & Amanda Shoalts – Student Assembly Attendance and Engagement

We have tried a few methods of increasing engagement, such as snapchat, year presidents, and public Facebook events. We have also had the suggestion of live streaming assembly. We are wondering what your thoughts are on increasing engagement.

Bhavik: I like the live stream idea, this is relatively inexpensive to implement, and could be successful. We should be working to remain consistent in communication across channels.

Lucas: What are we hoping to offer students for their attendance?

Amanda: We want students to realize the impact of what we do, and we want students to be informed and empowered.

Lucas: I think there is a lot of specific processes, which can make things intimidating. I think we should work to make assembly more accessible.

Bhavik: We have something called open session, which abandons procedure until we leave open session.

Hark: I think the best source of advertisement is the members of assembly. If we all try, like bring a friend to assembly day. Students might not care about small motions and presentations, but everyone cares about the big motions that are happening. Something like a text update for big motions could be helpful.

Oren: Estimating times of each motion could help students just come for proposals that they care about.

Daniel: I like making the agenda public. I think students are worried about being at assembly for 2.5 hours, without knowing that they can leave whenever they want.

Elliot: I think SGA and AGA are great, and we should be pushing these. I've also noticed that co-chairs add a lot of value to discussion, and we should push to have them here.

Carolyn: Promotions by ComSoc is limited to those that follow ComSoc, we should be using year presidents to reach out to everyone, rather than a select few.

Evan: If members are submitting everything on time, I will be more able to send the agenda to promotions sooner.

Zach: I think live streams are great, and are not reliant on twitter updates that aren't being posted consistently. It would also give opportunity for comments from a wider base of students.

Kelsey: If there's something specific to a year, such as the BDM exam, it should be noted on the agenda who may find it most relevant, such as co-chairs tonight being impacted by the new changes to the BCC.

John: Have you done any research on why students do or don't come?

Amanda: No, we haven't, but that could be something to explore in future years.

John: I find that it's tough to implement strategies without knowing what they want, so that should be something to consider.

8. Close of Assembly

Motion to close assembly: Motion Passed

Motions



Queen's Commerce Society

ASSEMBLY MOTION

Being put forth by: Kelsey Bruce, Corporate Relations Officer

Being put forth on: Sunday January 15th, 2017

WHEREAS Section 1.2.4 and Section 1.2.5 does not reflect best practices - whereas the majority of funds for conferences are from Sponsors and the CRO's are the relationship managers for these corporations it is imperative for them to have visibility into these finances

BIRT Section 1.2.4 be changed to Upon the completion of an External conference or competition, External committees are required to submit their final budget and statements for review by the VPSA, **CRO** and Chief Financial Officer. The Vice President Student Affairs will compile a list of all social spending amounts for discussion and approval by the Executive and Chief Financial Officer during a regular budget review meeting. **Should the CRO feel that the external committee's use of sponsorship is concerning, they may raise this concern to the VPSA for further review.** These approved amounts will be periodically submitted to the Audit Director of the Advisory Board, for verification against final spending.

AND Section 1.2.5 be changed to Ending final statements and other pertinent financial information shall be held electronically by the Advisory Board, **CRO**, Vice-President Operations and Chief Financial Officer, with supporting documentation and physical copies being stored in the Executive Office for a period of five years. All Society contracts and memorandums of understanding shall be held and monitored by the Chief Financial Officer.

Reports



Queen's Commerce Society

ASSEMBLY REPORT

Name: Bhavik Vyas

Position: President, ComSoc

Reporting Date: Wednesday, January 11th, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Welcome back!

- Happy New Year everyone! Hope you're all ready to have an incredible winter term.
- It is ComSoc's 50th Anniversary Year which means we have 50 incredible years of history to appreciate and celebrate.
- I would like to welcome back Joel Foss (from exchange in Barcelona) to Assembly. He is one of 2 amazing Diversity and Inclusion Officers we have for the winter term.
- January is a busy month for ComSoc with many events occurring. Be sure to take advantage of these incredible opportunities.
- I would also like to welcome Monica Carnicelli back to Assembly. Monica was on exchange in Vienna (just like me!). She is taking over for Cam Sucharda as, 3rd Year President.

Focus of the term:

- There was a Faculty Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and a discussion (Faculty Forum) on culture in the Commerce program with respect to Academics, Professionalism, and Diversity and Inclusion was carried out. Jeremy Brock (Academics Commissioner), Carolyn Kosturik (Ombudsperson), and Cory Turk (Senator) alongside myself attended the event.
- This is my major focus of the term as well and so I am excited to get to work with many of you and learn from you!

What's coming up:

- At the time of Assembly, I will have gone to Q3C hopefully!
- AMS Assembly, Senate
- 4th Year Graduation Awards nomination and voting
- Elections

No substantial other portfolio updates.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? Yes

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE?

- **PVT Mid-Year Update presentation (will send attachment when completed)**



Name: Sara Tyler
Position: VP of Student Affairs
Reporting Date: Jan 10, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

STUDENT AFFAIRS:

Welcome back to campus everyone, and happy new year! As we roll into this semester the Commerce Society has an impressive line up of upcoming events and conferences ready for you. Whether you're looking for a job, for experience, a new position and extra curricular activity, an event to socialize or network at or just something fun to fill your new calendar the internal and external student affairs portfolio has you covered!

Some of our incredible events coming down the pipeline include:

QMAC (Jan 12 - 15), Q3C (Jan 12-14), QNP Day of Social Impact (Jan 18), QCIB (Jan 19-22), ICBC (Jan 19-21), QCBT (Jan 20-22), CCC Queen's Commerce vs. Engineering (Jan 21), QSIC (Jan 26 - 28), QEC (Jan 26-28), QCEI (Feb 2-4), QCLA Mini Competition and Conference (Feb 3-4), Queen's Commerce Kids First Annual Case Competition (Feb 11), QCSI's Service Trip to New Orleans in February and so much more!! As well as our first assembly of the new year on January 15th (everyone and anyone is welcome).

If you are interested in checking out the 2017/2018 Academic Years sessional dates, they have now been published and are available at:

http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.uregwww/files/files/SessionalDates_2017_2018_BCOM.pdf

Lastly, here's what I'm working on in the new year! I have 5 main tasks to accomplish this semester. My team of commissioners, intern and myself will be working on 1. Creating a comprehensive "How To" transition guide for Co-Chairs 2. Create a ComSoc database with historical and current information about all of our committees, so we don't lose track of all the feats accomplished by our hard working executives throughout the years 3. Create a sweet and helpful transition guide for the next generation VPSA who will take the wheel as we roll into the 50th year of ComSoc!! 4. Schedule all of next years conferences, competitions and big events and 5. Continue to support Co-Chairs in their roles and provide great events for students in all years

All the best in the new year, and see you around Goodes!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? YES

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? NO

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? NO

Name: René Puerta

Position: VP Operations

Reporting Date: Sunday, January 15, 2016

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Election Timelines | We have two elections coming up this month to get excited for: **Upper AMS** (campaigning January 11-17, voting January 18/19) and **ComSoc Exec** (campaigning January 24-30, voting January 31/February 1). I feel old. We'll be doing a really big push for voter turnout as per usual so please vote and encourage your peers to do so as well!

ComSoc Spaces | Jeff has been killing it with and moving quickly with the spaces project. All the painting has been finished, and next steps include replacing furniture, adding ComSoc branding, and a few other smaller details. Along with the time and money we're investing into LL226, we have extraordinarily high expectations for the level of cleanliness that we want to maintain in this professional space. Please treat it as you would any other office.

Transition Doc | Some of you mentioned you were interested in the skeleton/outline transition document Sophie created so I'm going to keep you in all in the loop. We've tested it with our Outreach Commissioner transition process (Alex Petersen -> Kelsey Lee) and are quite happy with the way the document turned out. Obviously it's too early to tell if it's made a significant or any impact on Kelsey's experience in the role so far, but we're optimistic about it, and speaking personally, I've already found it valuable to have a better understanding of the role I'm overseeing, so I think this will benefit more than just the person transitioning into the role.

Next steps for this are going to be administering this to the rest of assembly in advance of March Hiring. Since you will all be starting from scratch, I'll be giving you a lot of time to work on this before you transition out of your role. I'd love any feedback or input as/before we roll this out so feel free to approach me if you have any thoughts on this topic.

Social | soon!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? Yes

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No

Name: Kendra Saunders
Position: 4th Year President
Reporting Date: January 11, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

COMMMitment | At the end of last I hosted free coffee and candy canes for COMM 17 students to encourage my classmates to donate to our COMM 17 year gift. We had lots of donations and are slowly but steadily working towards our goal of 75% participation.

Don't forget that we have been faced with a challenge from the Commerce Class of 1991 to beat their record for highest participation. To hear a bit more about how they think we won't ever beat them, watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37ac-W3CN50&feature=youtu.be>

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far. For those of you who have not yet donated, the link to so is here:

<https://www.givetoqueens.ca/give/index.php/project/project/action/view/project/801/>

Comm Prom 2017 | Don't forget the date for our 2017 formal, April 9th! Start your dress and suit hunt, and get excited to round off our 4 years at Queen's Commerce with dinner and a dance with all your closest friends!

Ticket sales will begin in February, and more information about prices will be released shortly.

Class Rings | We will be continuing on the newfound tradition of Smith Rings this year! I am hoping to offer an early bird discount for those who are interested in purchasing a ring. I am hoping to begin sales in week 3 of this semester.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No

Name: Monica Carnicelli
Position: President Comm 18'
Reporting Date: January 11th, 2017

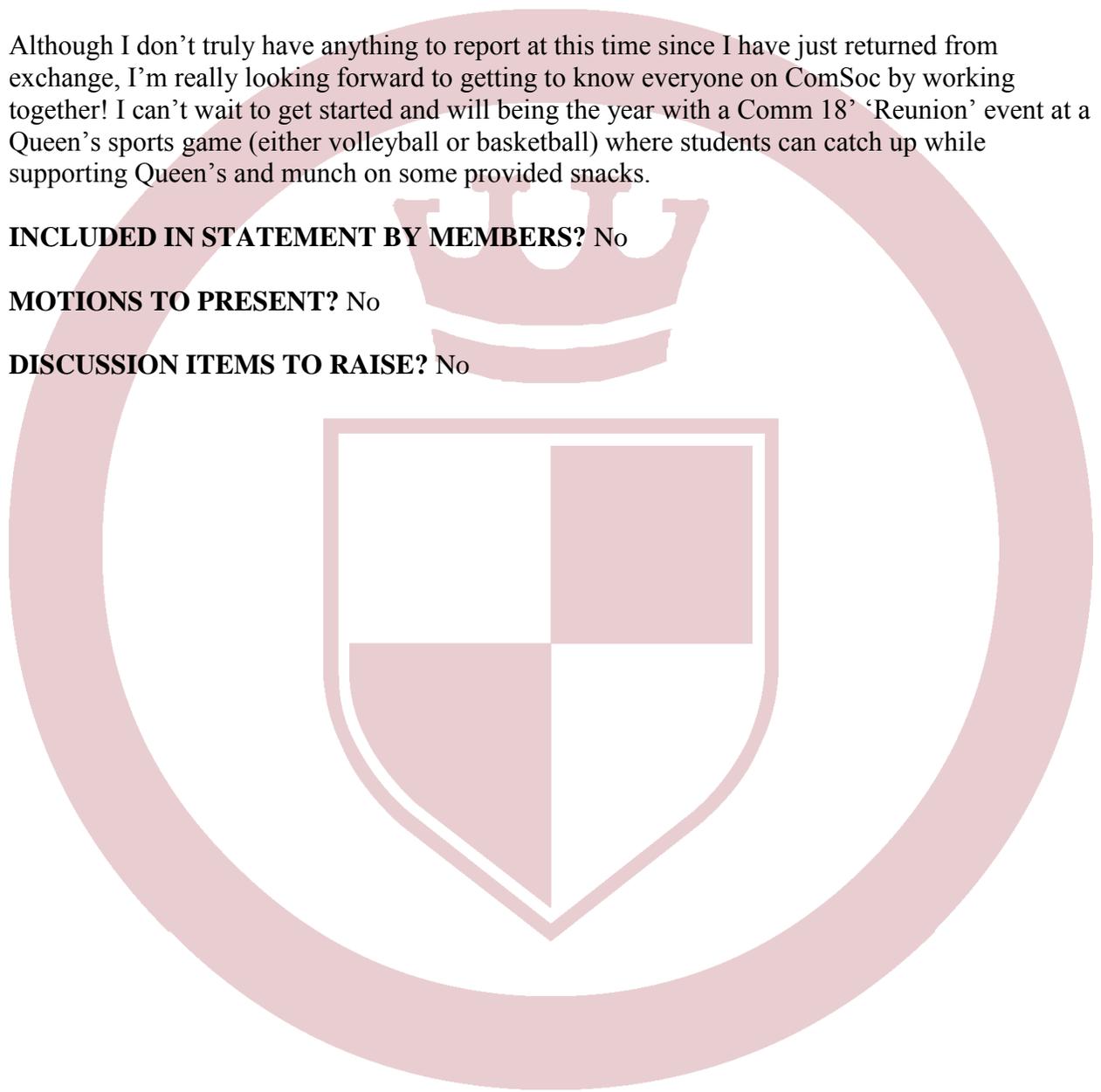
ITEMS TO REPORT?

Although I don't truly have anything to report at this time since I have just returned from exchange, I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone on ComSoc by working together! I can't wait to get started and will bring the year with a Comm 18' 'Reunion' event at a Queen's sports game (either volleyball or basketball) where students can catch up while supporting Queen's and munch on some provided snacks.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Eric Laurin

Position: COMM '19 President

Reporting Date: January 11, 2017

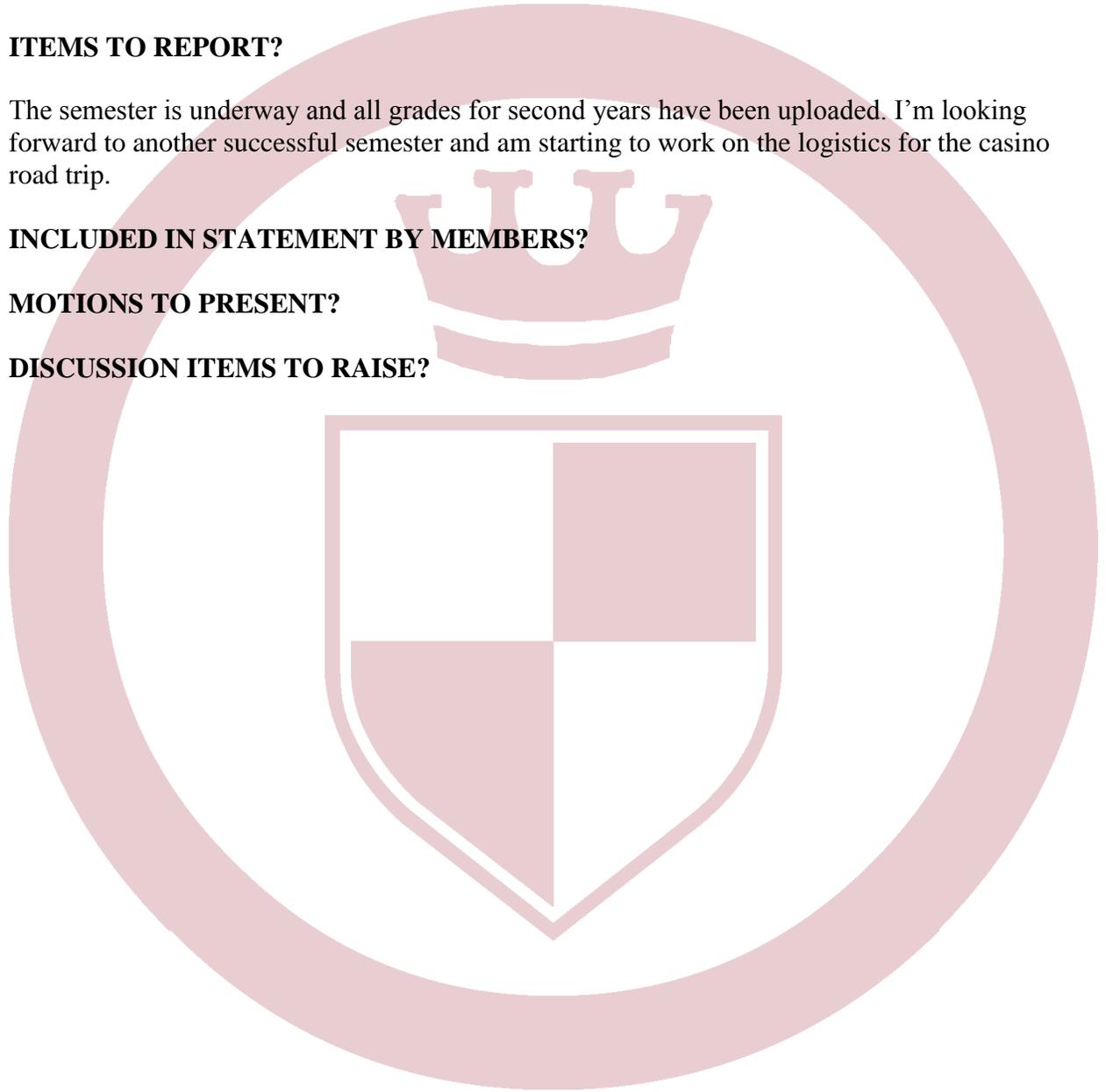
ITEMS TO REPORT?

The semester is underway and all grades for second years have been uploaded. I'm looking forward to another successful semester and am starting to work on the logistics for the casino road trip.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS?

MOTIONS TO PRESENT?

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE?



Name: Daniel Archer
Position: COMM '20 President
Reporting Date: January 11th 2017

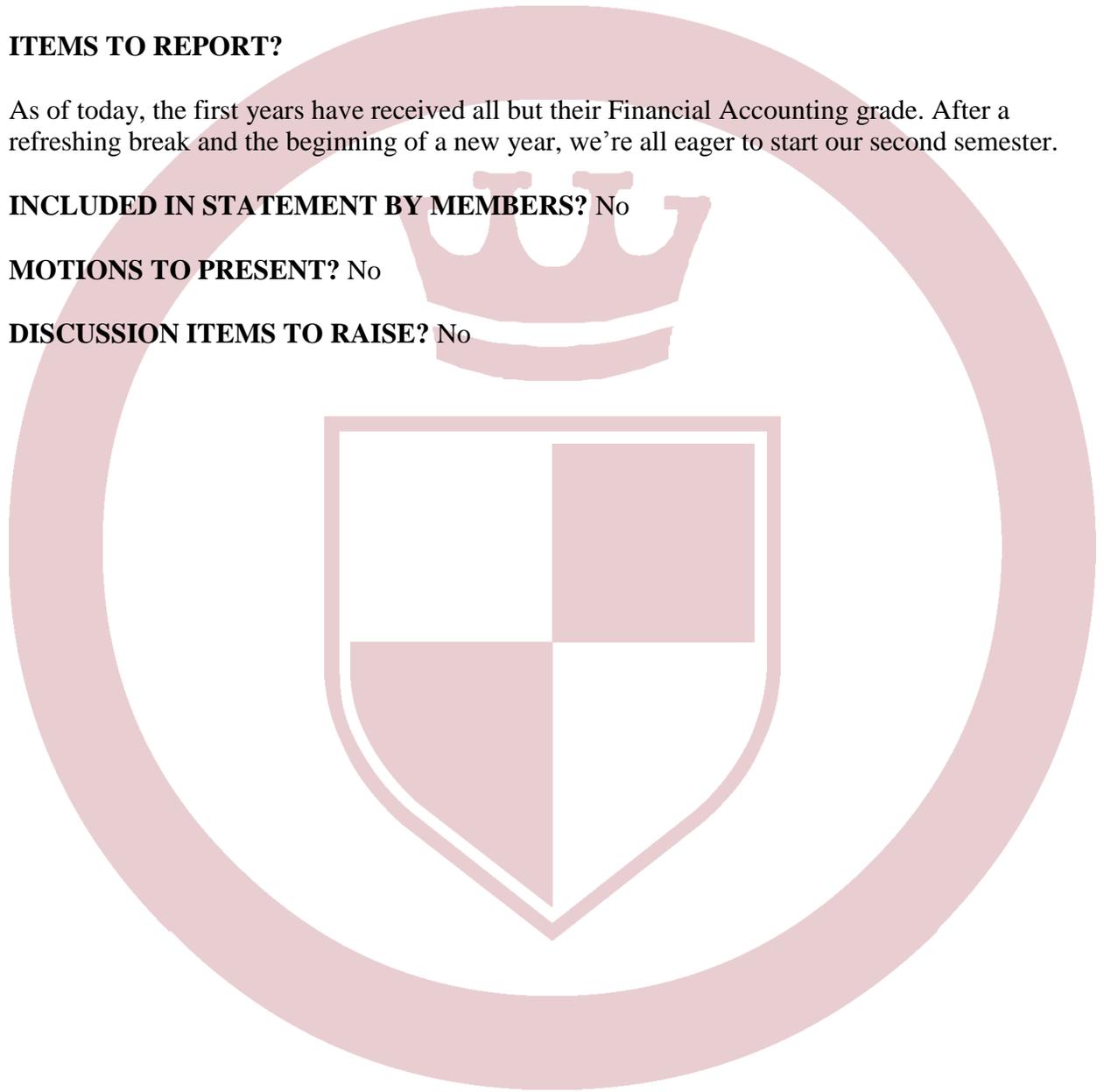
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As of today, the first years have received all but their Financial Accounting grade. After a refreshing break and the beginning of a new year, we're all eager to start our second semester.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Carli Bianchi

Position: Senator

Reporting Date: January 11, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

The last senate meeting took place on November 29, 2016 – as was very eventful. Following heavy media coverage, regarding diversity and inclusion at Queen’s, Senators and students were eager to weigh in on the issue. The elected result was to create a Principal’s Implementation Committee on Racism, Diversity and Inclusion. Senate elected a faculty, staff and student – and I’m so pleased to see fourth year commerce student Hana Chaudhury joining the committee. Much more to come on this issue.

Other relative points:
Sexual Assault Policy

- Will not be coming to Senate to approval, will be in motion by the new year.

Fall Term Break Taskforce Consultation Session:

- Discussion questions were identical to that brought forward by Lori at the last assembly. Similar discussions regarding an earlier start date followed, with great support from all student senators.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS?

N/A

MOTIONS TO PRESENT?

N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE?

N/A

Name: Cory Turk
Position: Senator
Reporting Date: January 11, 2016

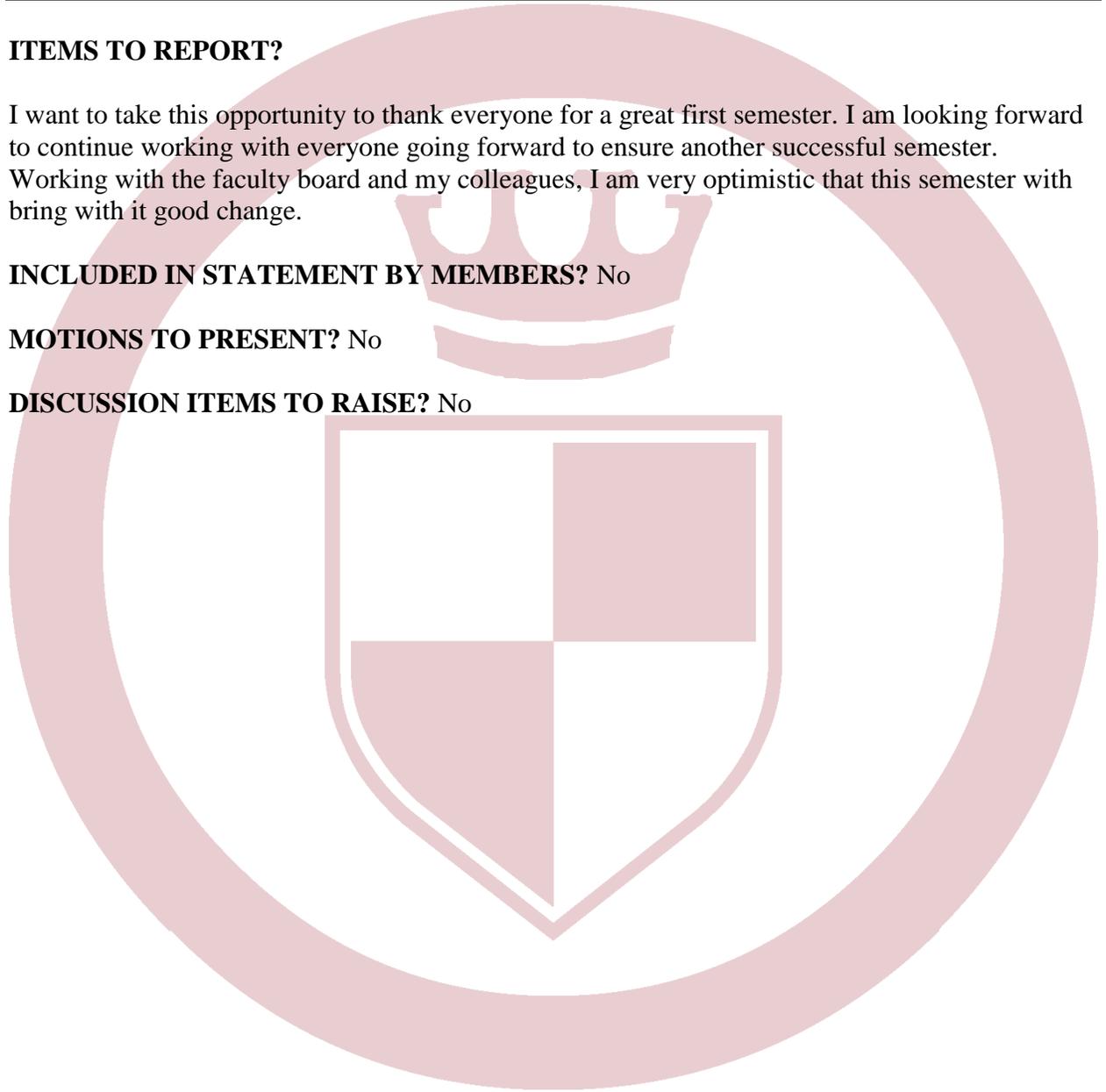
ITEMS TO REPORT?

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great first semester. I am looking forward to continue working with everyone going forward to ensure another successful semester. Working with the faculty board and my colleagues, I am very optimistic that this semester will bring with it good change.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Abigail Kingswood

Position: Lower AMS Representative

Reporting Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

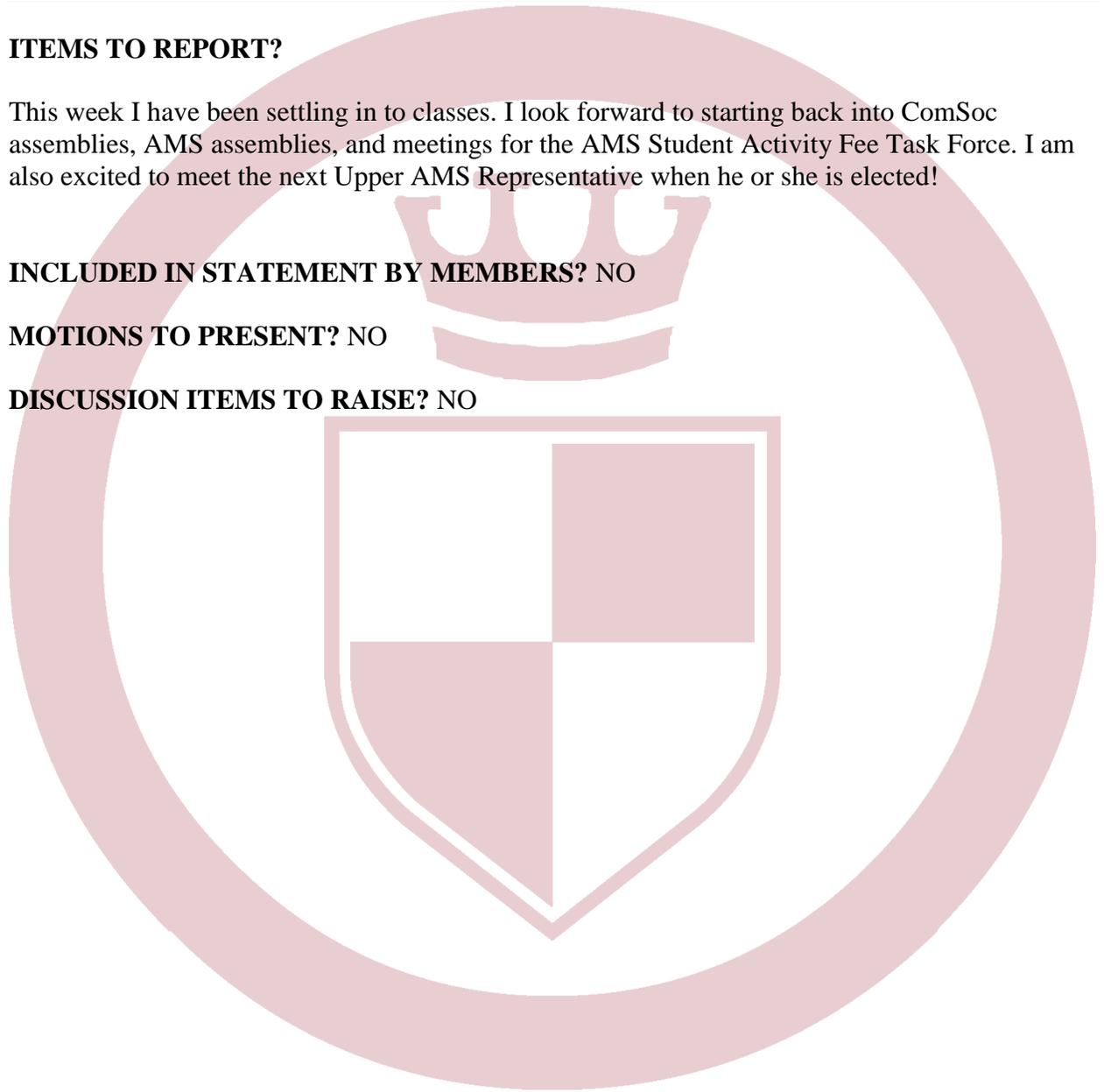
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This week I have been settling in to classes. I look forward to starting back into ComSoc assemblies, AMS assemblies, and meetings for the AMS Student Activity Fee Task Force. I am also excited to meet the next Upper AMS Representative when he or she is elected!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? NO

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? NO

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? NO



Name: Jeremy Brock
Position: Academics Commissioner
Reporting Date: January 15, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Faculty Forum on Behavior in the Commerce Program | Behavior in the commerce program has recently been a topic of discussion first at the curriculum committee followed with a faculty forum this week. This issue has been described in three pillars: 1) Academic Integrity, 2) Inclusivity, and, 3) Professionalism. We have had discussions at ComSoc assembly on the first two pillars. Prior discussions we have had at ComSoc assembly have formed the basis of what we expressed as the student sentiment at this forum.

I will report on the general sentiment from faculty expressed at this forum during assembly on Sunday.

BrainTrust | Senator Russo and Ashley Cain and their team have been working really hard to introduce group tutoring this semester. To address the issue of limited tutors BrainTrust will encourage students to obtain tutoring in groups of 2-4. Group tutoring is cheaper for ComSoc to offer, expands the number of students BrainTrust can tutor, allows tutors to earn more per hour and tutees to spend less per hour.

We will continue to monitor group tutoring and ensure BrainTrust is able to provide a high quality tutoring experience.

Comm 301 and 302 | The commerce program has added two new courses focused on entrepreneurship. Comm 305 is a prerequisite for both courses. These courses will be taken by Commerce Students as upper year electives and Engineers enrolled in the innovation stream. Comm 301, financing new ventures, as the name implies is a finance course specifically for new ventures. Comm 302, Sales and Marketing for New Ventures, is meant to provide students the necessary skills to appreciate the role of a sales manager in a new venture.

These two courses are a positive movement toward offering more variety in course selection; they also promote opportunities outside of the big 4 industries (accounting, finance, consulting and marketing).

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? Yes

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No

Name: Brandon Ing
Position: Advisory Board & Audit Director
Reporting Date: January 15th, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Rene and I have been working on revamping the bursary program over the past few weeks and we would like to get a better understanding from Assembly on their opinions on the current state of the system before bringing forth a motion.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? Yes

Revamping Bursary Program – Brandon Ing & Rene Puerta

