



Queen's Commerce Society

Commerce Society Assembly Minutes
Sunday, January 29th, 2016
7:00 pm Goodes Hall Room 153

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve - PASSED

2. Speaker's Business

Everyone make sure to vote in the coming elections, and have a great assembly!

3. Presentations

- a. Team JBP & Team MWT – AMS Executive Debate

JBP Opening Statement

Shared vision for AMS that leads by example, values diversity, and values student opinions.

1. Enhancing student life at Queen's
2. Creating a caring campus
3. Tailoring AMS services to better serve you.

- Simplified event sanctioning process. Currently, 3 separate forms to fill out, want to combine them into one.
- Online booking for mental wellness services
- Making exam dates available earlier, easier to plan travel, academic commitments, internships

MTW Opening Statement

Lack of resources and support for mental health and LGBTQ.

- Want to improve peer support center
- QFA courses on mental health intervention
- LGBTQ advocacy, focus on transgender issues, such as student card ID and washroom choices.

- Difficult to change infrastructure, want to have signage encouraging choosing the washroom they identify with.

Debate

Jeremy: On the side of academics (earlier exam dates, dropping courses), how will you advocate with administration on this?

JBP: Talking with students, finding out what they want, want to make textbooks more affordable, exact pathways on platform details

MTW: Most important thing advocating to administration, is that it is a two way relationship, need to work with them to reach a solution that works for everyone. How do we show admin that these are what students want? It has been used in other Universities that you need 10% of your mark back before you can drop a course, strong precedence to be able to use.

Andrew: What is something you have noticed past executive teams could improve on?

MTW: A lot of the time, execs have run on data driven platforms. Looking at data for too long can lead to a lack of implementation. Looking at past data, but figuring out what can actually be implemented.

JBP: Disagree on the lack of needs in collecting data. Changing student body needs to have new data to represent the new student body. It's on the AMS to reach out to students, need to consistently keep our doors open to find out what's going on with students. AMS provides access for groups with little voice to be represented to Admin. Student voice amplified, not just 3 executives. Admin won't take action without data. Need to ensure that following execs keep implementing previous action plans.

Elaine: With the dissolving of the environmental commission, what is the AMS doing moving forward?

JBP: We have strong views on sustainability that will be implemented regardless. Looking at sustainability across to University rather than siloed.

MTW: Dissolving of CEA was concerning to us. We are passionate about sustainability, noticed that students were not polled on their opinions before the dissolving process went to assembly, want to change that in policy in the future. In our platform, we will be pushing for the university to be meeting their carbon goals, which we are not currently doing. All corporate services are inefficient in waste disposal, need that improved.

Cory: On mental health, the wait time for a counsellor is 4 weeks, what are you doing to improve that?

MTW: This has happened to us, it is not okay. We're pushing the peer support centre as an alternative to counselors. Long-term, there should be more space allocated to mental health services in the new building being built.

JBP: Online booking system, increasing mental health coverage (currently 60%), want to increase to 80% to ensure that financing is not a barrier. Want students to have the opportunity to skype with counselors. Want a needs assessment of students currently.

Amanda: Can you elaborate on the short consultation regarding the CEA?

MTW: We can contrast it to the consultation regarding the fall term break. AMS did a great job at this. Open forums, plenty of surveys, plenty of meetings. In the case of the CEA, it was simply brought to assembly without any consultation process. If environmental affairs were not performing, there should have been more consulting being done to give it a chance to improve. Need to look at all possible options, and get student input. Diverse student body with broad expertise, could have better used that.

JBP: The consultation was not full. 20-30 students showed up, had time limited, some didn't get a chance to speak.

Kendra: How are you planning to increase engagement with assembly?

JBP: It's on the AMS to reach out. Can grow our marketing, making graphics, giving quick rundown of assembly points. Making packages smaller is better than the 100 page documents in full. Making it simpler to understand what assembly does.

MWT: Think it's fantastic that ComSoc livestreams assembly. People shouldn't have to come to assembly to stay informed. Up to the exec to keep the student body informed. More updates, more transparency.

Nikki: Can you elaborate on your LGBTQ plans, and how you plan to address resistance?

MWT: Consulting with students from day 1. Platform shows exact steps. Optimistic in hoping that Queen's students are better than that, willing to give a voice to LGBTQ community.

JBP: Our equity action plan is 3 actionable items: self-identified LGBTQ counselors, additional cost associated with that, interactive wellness map (identification of gender neutral washrooms), take a broader assessment, tasking equity caucus to write position papers addressing systemic issues faced by LGBTQ students.

Hark: Lots of talk about diversity: how will you improve physical diversity on campus? Talking about long-term push for a diverse student body.

JBP: That's one of the first recommendations on the DARE report. Must be committed long-term (admin). This is an instance where the top-down approach works. Students still have power, using informed experience to include in our advocacy, giving real voice to students facing marginalization. Equity caucus is an important avenue to uncover equity issues. Want to recognize Queen's sitting on Aboriginal lands. Want to rename rooms, make more long-term steps. Changing statement on Queen's website, making it a part of all facets of the university. New report coming by the end of the year with actionable items

MWT: Implementing small tangible steps to make the campus more diverse. Consultation with indigenous students is that they want more representation in student government. New commissioner, which is a step forward, but is too much for one commissioner. Want an office of indigenous affairs, we are not a monolith. One student can't speak for everyone. Tackling anti-racism is that there is a lack of training and knowledge. Different trainings across campus, want to combine all of them for all salaried AMS members and orientation leaders.

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. Motions

- a. Jordan Flanigan & Lisa Bui - HR Laptop Policy Amendment

Currently, there is only 1 laptop allowed for the entire hiring team. Have changed it to be 50% of the hiring team. This is especially important with the new auditing method. Hand-made notes will not be collected or considered, so the more digital notes the better.

Discussion:

Kelsey: If co-chair is on exchange, how does that affect the number of laptops?

A: Skype laptops don't count towards the number of laptops. Usually the one on exchange takes notes while to one in Kingston facilitates to engage the applicant.

Debate:

Sophie: For ComSoc reps, are they taking notes on the applicant or audit?

A: Applicant

Motion to Approve:

Motion passes unanimously.

b. Brandon Ing – Commerce Society Bursary Program

Following our discussion last week, we have decided to revamp a lot of the bursary program. The goal is to increase clarity and transparency for student body and BARC themselves.

Three main changes:

Composition of the BARC

- Remove Treasurers and replace with external commissioner and DIO.
- Makes more sense, roles more related

Process Restructuring

- Currently, 2 separate forms, proposed form is streamlined down to 1.
- More detailed in some respects (government funding)

Bursary Criteria

- New criteria for internal and external.
- Financial need 50%, interest and extra-curricular 35%, style and presentation 10%, year of study 5%.
- Need 65% to pass
- External: merit based rather than financially based. Can pass one, both, or neither.
- Merit and financial component weighting has been reallocated to give more weight to financial need.
- Chose numbers based on past years of data.
- Everything would be implemented right away if passed, apart from the BARC structure, which will change after this academic year.

Discussion

Jeremy: What relevance does year of study have in getting a bursary?

A: Younger years get a bit of an edge, given that upper years are likely to have gone to a conference.

Jeremy: But for external conferences, it's 10%, and is usually only available to upper years.

A: Fourth years are weighted more favourably than First years, as they would likely be a better representation of Smith.

John: Is there anywhere that this criterion will be displayed?

A: The criteria will be there; the weightings may not be.

Sophie: In the amendments, is there anything about an appeals process? Typically, this is handled by the conference, but I was wondering if that is going to be changed.

A: That wasn't brought up, could be discussed in the future.

Daniel: Clarification on awarding based on merit and financial: can someone get merit but not financial, or vice-versa?

A: Yes.

Daniel: What are the bonus five marks going towards?

A: Exceptional circumstances that should be considered (Parents have just lost their job)

Zach: How will student role model be quantified? If students haven't had opportunities for involvement, how will that affect them?

A: Co-Chairs have the highest weighting, goes down from there.

Cory: For additional factors, is there a set weighting?

A: It's more subjective, up to voting members.

Debate

Sophie: Concern with amendment of policy: will it be able to be reopened for an appeals process? Also, having the criteria more transparent will allow for students to have a better idea as to why they didn't get accepted.

A: Can be a friendly edit, tabled, or passed and edited.

Cory: Additional factors being under merit based is confusing, as they mostly seem to focus on financial.

Andrew: Not having leadership experience, but still being involved, following your passion is an opportunity for individuals to get a leg up. It's a bonus mark, never taken away, only added.

Hark: With sensitive information, what happens to the forms at the end of the year?

A: Marking is done without names, can never match names to applications.

Jeremy: Asking to submit transcripts is the only concern from a privacy standpoint, but it is not required for this policy.

Motion to Approve:

Motion passes unanimously

6. Presentation 2.0

a. Jeremy Brock – Fall Term Break Task Force Update

Last year, the senate decided that a fall term break will be implemented. This is a discussion of how it will happen when it happens. Lori Garnier and [Jeremy Brock] are the commerce representatives. Feedback from commerce was less responsive, advocated for implementation of

a break at least 4 days, more emphasis on keeping pre-exam study days intact. First option is starting a week earlier, keeping the same structure for everything. Drawback is that residence is open another week, more expensive fees. Could start as early as the 24th, which could disadvantage some students. Orientation leaders would need to be back in the middle of August. Get a full reading week.

Second option would move move-in day one day earlier, orientation on the evening of that night. Faculty orientation 4 days, university orientation over the weekend after two days of classes. None of the drawbacks of option 1, just needs some restructuring of faculty orientation to include mandatory orientation, can be done. Gives 4-day break, instead of 7 days, which is the minimum for effectiveness.

AMS has decided they want your opinion, included in the ballot for elections.

Discussion:

John: Does that mean recruiting is pushed up one week?

Bhavik: The recruiting time will likely not change.

René: In the discussions, were there any concerns over students skipping the Thursday and Friday? Western has had problems with attendance, which is why we are pushing two days of attendance.

Bhavik: Ivey has a mandatory attendance schedule, we don't want to move to that model, Jeremy: Similar push to St. Patrick's Day, not showing up inebriated.

Abigail: Moving orientation a week earlier, how much more would it cost?

A: Undetermined, but undoubtedly an extra cost.

Kendra: What's your favorite option?

Jeremy: I prefer option 2, more efficiency in University orientation days, puts pressure to make them good. Also, doesn't hurt job prospects.

Carly: Would these fees somehow be passed on to upper years?

A: No, just residence fees.

Cory: A lot of important information is given on University orientation days, how will the university increase attendance?

Jeremy: It will be a lot of floor bonding, puts pressure on residence to make it engaging.

Cory: How has EngSoc viewed option 2?

Jeremy: They have pledged to make it work, can still do the bulk of what they want to do.

Eric: If the main problem with option 1 is summer employment, are there any universities that do this?

Bhavik: Most schools don't start this early, and have shorter orientation.

Anthony: Why is option 1 so unattractive? 2-3 days shouldn't have too much impact on summer employment, are there any other reasons?

Jeremy: No school has orientation as early as the 24th, difficult to implement, not a lot of interest in keeping the exact structure in polls sent out. Lot of support for the value of orientation, and pre-exam study breaks

Anthony: Lots of talk about being overwhelmed by the first week of school. I'd echo the concerns of Western in low attendance for the first classes, could put students in a position that encourages students to make bad decisions, not show up, then further disadvantage themselves for effective transition.

Jeremy: That's why the AMS has brought up option 1, giving the opportunity for the students to decide.

Carli: About implementation for option 2, when would the 2 break days be allocated, and who would decide?

Jeremy: That would be up to the senate, likely week 6, but will be revisited once the orientation schedule has been solidified.

Carli: How permanent will the solution be?

Jeremy: The pre-exam study days are a large constraint, and would need to be cut into if option 2 was chosen and found unsuccessful.

Sophie: How will this affect frosh hiring?

Jordan: We've been discussing moving frosh hiring unrelated to frosh week, still likely to be pushed back.

Cory: To the CEO, moving a week earlier, Boss and CEO would need to come a lot earlier in August, will this affect who applies, and willingness to apply?

Anthony: That's a valid argument, both options have their compromises, should be something to consider.

Erin: Boss dropout rates could also become a huge problem. Onus is on boss and CEO to push frosh to attend class. By Saturday/Sunday, students might be more comfortable in being involved.

Jordan: Would it be possible to push back how early bosses and CEO come back?

Bhavik: It's a tight schedule that's unlikely to be able to be changed.

Amanda: Option 2 could provide the opportunity to dip toes into class for 2 days before a full week of school. Why wasn't the fall break days placed to give a complete picture?

Jeremy: It was purposefully excluded, but you could picture it being week 6.

Cory: Bosses have always been responsible for pushing frosh attendance at events. I think a lot of frosh, especially commerce, are keen to start class, and would be unlikely to miss.

Monica: If you're on CEO or Boss, it's really just one week of compensation you're missing out on. Was there engagement with professors and their opinions on option 2?

Jeremy: We are talking to professors this week.

Bhavik: This has been talked about on the faculty board. They have been willing to delegate the decision to the students.

Eric: Cory brought up an excellent point about frosh attendance, but you could see less attendance from upper years.

Jeremy: This puts pressure on profs to have better classes rather than seeing the prof read to syllabus.

Bhavik: Are we able to run data analysis on attendance in the first week of classes?

Jeremy: For commerce, maybe. But any arts courses would be difficult. Would also need previous data to compare to that we don't have.

7. Discussion Items

a. Kendra Saunders - Role of the Year Presidents

The role is currently very undefined apart from fourth year president. Any ideas for further involvement of year presidents?

Discussion

Bhavik: The transition should be done more formally, everything outlined, meet the right stakeholders, tighten the transition, giving presidents more concrete tasks.

Carli: It's hard when you don't know what you're doing, but it's good to have freedom to choose what you want to be doing. Giving examples of events that have worked in the past (transition) would help.

René: We've been working a lot on the transition policy, this is a part of that, should be formally managed.

John: Most third years go on exchange, having something like a photo drive or map to check in could help find people around the world.

Kelsey: Year presidents could work to engage students not engaged with ComSoc. Having a COMM '17 holiday hope group for example would be helpful for students not previously involved.

Erin: Do year presidents ever meet up throughout the year? Because that could help with best practices and working as a unit. They could also get more engaged with assembly hiring, doing class talks about that.

Carolyn: Important to be the face of ComSoc within your own year.

Lisa: Holding focus groups could be a positive thing to add, in discussion about issues affecting different classes.

Carli: Year presidents are a great tool for the BCC, and they're starting to recognize that.

Daina: Setting up a more streamlined way to have year presidents promote ComSoc events instead of always coming from ComSoc account.

Zach: Having a digital suggestion box could be helpful.

b. Kelsey Bruce – Conference Partnership with a Tobacco Company

BCC asked if imperial tobacco could have any fit with ComSoc, we want your opinion. A bit of context is that we partnered with Nestle to some backlash, and frequently partner with alcohol companies.

Amanda: From a branding perspective, marketing doesn't think that it is in ComSoc's best interest to partner with a company that goes against general norms and health.

Sara: I understand that there is always PR risk, but from a conference perspective, I think this is within our realm of partnership. Giving employment opportunities is what matters to conferences. We are a business school, there will always be a grey area. We do have students that need employment, and they could give a strong sponsorship boost.

Kelsey: What might give the best alignment?

Sara: Broadly, sales/marketing associations could give the best partnership, or possibly more general conferences (QBET)

Andrew: These companies are willing to recruit, it should ultimately be up to co-chairs with how they want to align their partnerships.

Eric: Could we start an alcohol, tobacco, and gambling conference?

Kelsey: It might not be the best, but it's possible.

8. Close of Assembly

Motion to Close Assembly - PASSED

Motions



Queen's Commerce Society

ASSEMBLY MOTION

Being put forth by: Jordan Flanigan, Human Resources Officer & Lisa Bui, Advisory Board Chair

Being put forth on: January 29th, 2017

WHEREAS The current policy is outdated and does not reflect best practices

AND impedes the hiring committee's ability to take precise notes, especially when interviewing many candidates

BIRT the following policy changes be amended:

1.5.7 Only one co-chair may use a laptop during interviews, strictly for the purpose of taking notes and reading out interview questions. If a ComSoc representative is present they reserve the right to ask the other co-chair(s) to close their laptops.

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1.5.7 A maximum of 50% of the hiring team (rounded up) may use a laptop during interviews, strictly for taking notes and reading out interview questions. If a ComSoc representative is present they reserve the right to limit further laptop usage at their discretion.

AND

2.0.1 The Commerce Society representative must act as a neutral third party.

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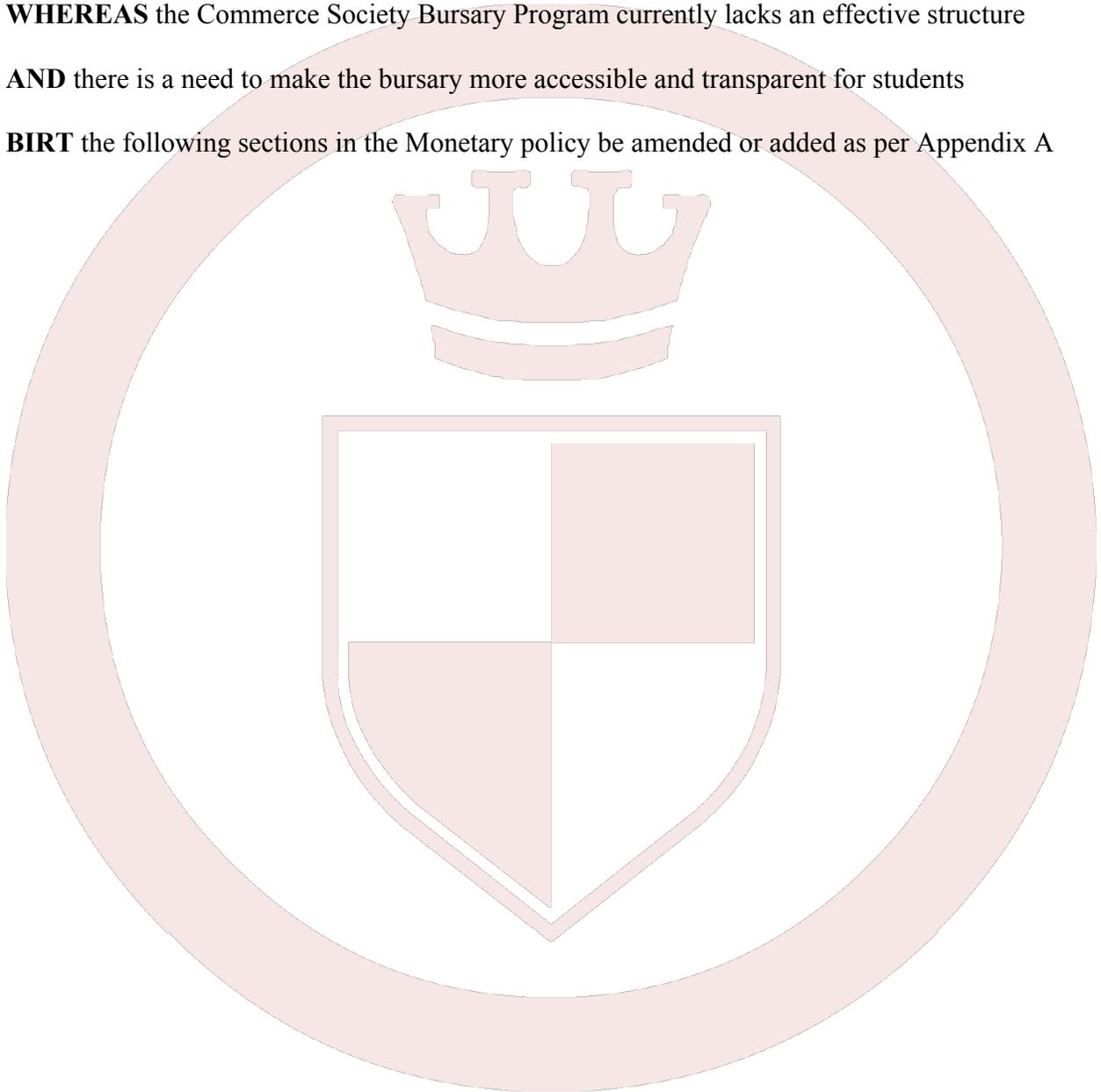
Being put forth by: Brandon Ing & Rene Puerta

Being put forth on: Sunday, January 29, 2017

WHEREAS the Commerce Society Bursary Program currently lacks an effective structure

AND there is a need to make the bursary more accessible and transparent for students

BIRT the following sections in the Monetary policy be amended or added as per Appendix A



Reports



Queen's Commerce Society

ASSEMBLY REPORT

Name: Bhavik Vyas

Position: President, ComSoc

Reporting Date: Wednesday, January 25th, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Personal Updates:

- Attended a presentation by a Smith finance team at ICBC. I heard the enter competition was incredible, so hats off to the co-chairs Nicole Li and Jess Zhu!
- Welcomed NEWTS to Queen's and Smith by delivering a speech during their orientation activities.
- Attended QGM's "The World in 2017" which was fantastic!
- Went to the first annual CCC Commerce vs. Engineering hockey game. An incredible event, hats off to everyone involved, especially co-chairs Katarina Igjnatich and Austin Walker and the entire CCC executive. \$11,043 raised for the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research! Even though we lost 10-2, this was a huge W and we had tremendously positive press coverage.
- Bell Let's Talk has been sensational so far (at the time of writing)! Thank you all for anything you did!

Portfolio Updates:

Academics Commissioner | Met with Prof. Kate Rowbotham to discuss D+I, Professionalism, Academic Integrity as well as conflicts of interest during hiring with respect to siblings, high school connections, and relationships. Both agreed that students should seek more faculty advice when needed.

Corporate Relations Officers | CPVA is underway. Best practices guide and presentation at "ComSoc Kickoff 2.0" is a project being worked on. Marketing of the position and introductions to key stakeholders will be conducted over the next few weeks.

Diversity & Inclusion Officers | Key action items that they will be working on:

- Training in February for ComSoc Assembly and Co-Chairs
- Pre-March Hiring session for interviewers and interviewees
- Policy changes for gender neutrality and any other HR violations with respect to D+I
- More marketing of content related to D/I
- New tab on website
- Humans of Goodes feature to raise awareness

- QFLIC collaboration to raise awareness and have a call to action
- Collaboration with Bell Let's Talk, Jack.org, Elephant in the Room, Movember, Jail 'n Bail

External University Relations Officer | Will be working to recreate a funnel for external universities and faculties to reach out to us and market. Will also be working to create a solid database of contacts/touchpoints for us to market/reach out to other universities/faculties.

Ombudsperson | Carolyn has been busy! General support and new initiative screening are ongoing. But... the biggest thing to mention is Carolyn's amazing work on ComSoc Gets Candid!

CEO '17:

Frosh Rep. Hiring | 17 applicants and 2 hired. Congratulations to Alana Losier, and Holly Seliga, both COMM '20 for being hired as Frosh Representatives!

Snowball + Boss Hiring | Snowball is tonight (at the time of writing). Boss hiring will continue until Feb. 8th and I look forward to sitting in on interviews!

AMS:

Assembly | Nothing was too contentious except the dissolution of the Commission on Environmental Affairs. For more info, please see the minutes of the AMS Assembly, or contact myself, Lower AMS Representative Abigail Kingswood, Upper AMS Representative Proxy Zach Russo, VPOps. Proxy Sophie Baremberg, or VPSA Sara Tyler. In other news, Lower AMS Representative Abigail Kingswood was appointed to be a member of the AMS Committee on Inclusion – congrats! A plebiscite question has been added to the referendum regarding Fall Term Break – please vote in this referendum as it is critical to ensure that the FTB is properly implemented.

Elections | Elections are underway! Two (2) teams are running, JBP and MTW. Hopefully, both will be present at Assembly on Sunday!

Upper AMS Rep. | Welcome to your new *~elected~* position, former CIO, former interim Senator, now Upper AMS Representative Zach Russo! Excited to eat pizza, debate motions, and enjoy AMS Assembly with you.

Senate:

Fall Term Break | Proposals have been released for potential structure of the Fall Term Break.

Smith:

Alumni Class Giving Leaders Event | Attending an event on Feb. 2nd in Toronto.

Queen's:

Mental Health | Queen's, Bell Let's Talk renew commitment to mental health research. (see more: <http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-bell-lets-talk-renew-commitment-mental-health-research>)

Racism, Diversity, Inclusion | Members named to racism, diversity, and inclusion committee. (see more: <http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/members-named-racism-diversity-and-inclusion-committee>).

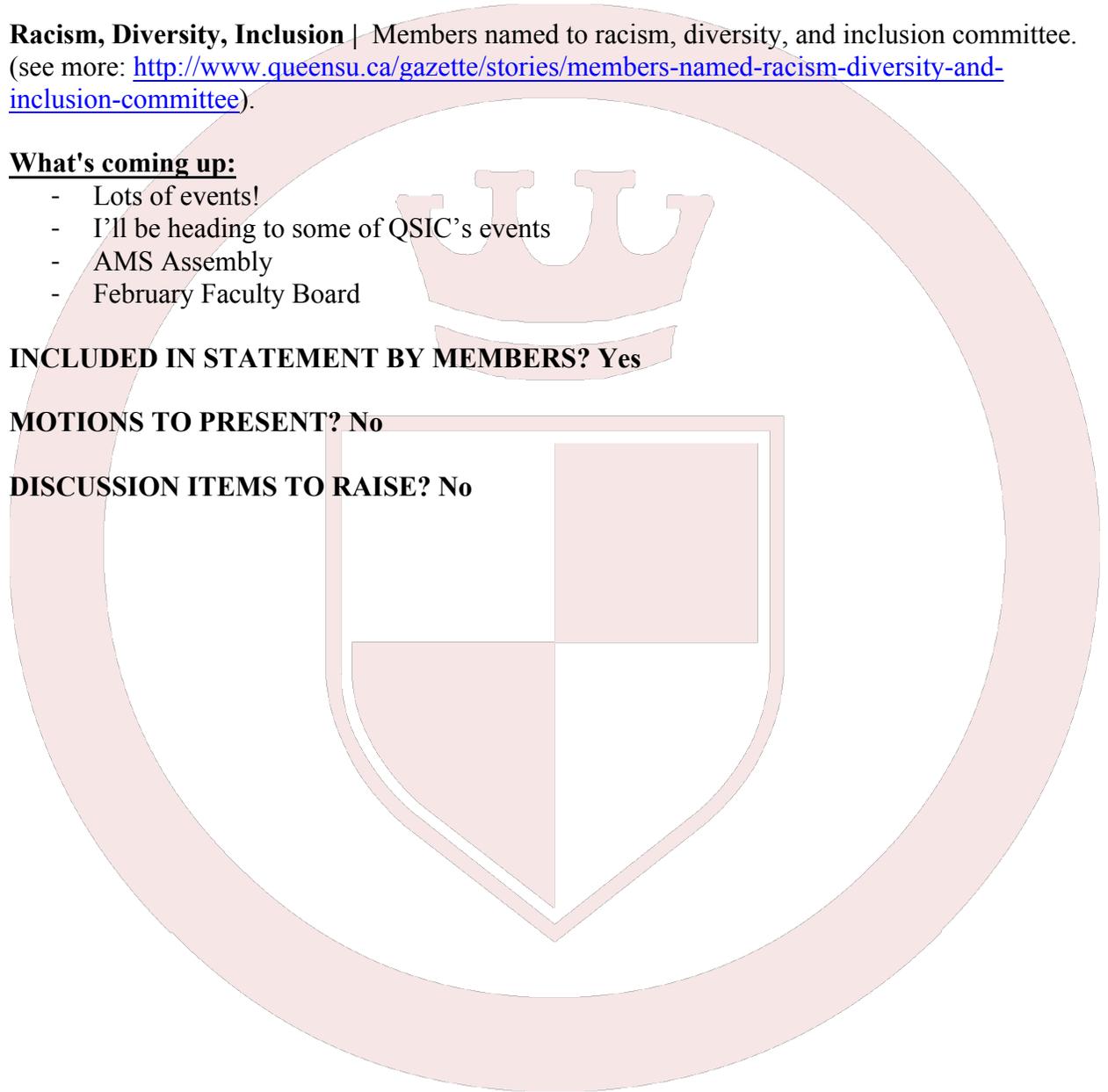
What's coming up:

- Lots of events!
- I'll be heading to some of QSIC's events
- AMS Assembly
- February Faculty Board

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? Yes

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Sara Tyler
Position: VP of Student Affairs
Reporting Date: Jan 24, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

STUDENT AFFAIRS:

Hello everyone, it's been a busy couple of weeks back on campus! All the conferences and competitions have been scheduled for the next academic year 2017-2018, and are available upon request if you haven't already received them from myself or any of the commissioners.

Big congratulations to the numerous executives that have hosted fantastic events this month, things generally went spectacularly and with only a few more events left in February and March things will be slowing down quite a bit.

Congrats especially to CCC who raised an enormous amount of money for brain cancer research in their recent and very successful hockey game fundraiser, Commerce vs. Engineers!

The commissioners, Sabrina and I continue to plan and work on the remaining documents and projects we have left this semester. We are also issuing and open invite to any present or past co-chairs to submit any content by email to me that they think would be valuable to include in the "Co-Chair How to Guide" being constructed by my team.

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 29, 2016

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Welcome! | I wanted to welcome Grace Demill (joining our Outreach Team as a Marketing Coordinator) and Laura Kong (joining the HR team as a Coordinator) to both ComSoc and the C-Suite team! They were both selected out of very large pools of applicants, and we're excited to see them both grow in this organization.

IT | Given Former Chief Information Officer, Former Interim Senator, and Current Upper Alma-Mater Society Representative Zach Russo's move to take up office as the Upper Alma-Mater Society Representative, **Elaine Gao** (e.gao@queensu.ca) will be your go-to for anything IT or website related. We have confidence in her ability to take on the bulk of this role while maintaining an extraordinarily interesting personal blog.

Elections | We only have one team running (Team Folkes-Mason-Susic) for ComSoc Exec this year so it will certainly be an all hands on deck effort to get voters out on Tuesday/Wednesday. Bhavik, Sara and I will be doing class talks throughout voting days, and Julia has booked a booth in the atrium for both of those days as well.

The AMS election voting days are taking place at the exact same time so be sure to mention that to people as well!

HR | We've officially set all of our March Hiring and elections dates! I will be providing more details in coming reports, and there will be information regarding transition in February/March.

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 25, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

COMMITMENT | We are currently at 8% participation for our year gift. We're getting there, but are still a long way from our goal of 75%! On Thursday I sat in the atrium to promote the gift and was able to solicit a few more donations, but for those of you in fourth year please don't forget to participate!

Reminder: 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! Ticket sales will run for commerce students from February 7 – March 3 (the week after reading week), and more information about prices will be released shortly. Guest tickets will only be available after we have confirmed the numbers of commerce students in attendance. Guest tickets will be supplied on a first come first serve basis.

Class Rings | Class ring sales have begun! If you are interested in getting a 2017 Smith Ring of your own, catch me in the atrium on Tuesday, February 7th to try them on and place an order!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? Yes. I would like to have a discussion about **the role of the year presidents**, and work towards creating a more specific job description for the years to come.

Name: Monica Carnicelli
Position: President Comm 18'
Reporting Date: January 25th, 2017

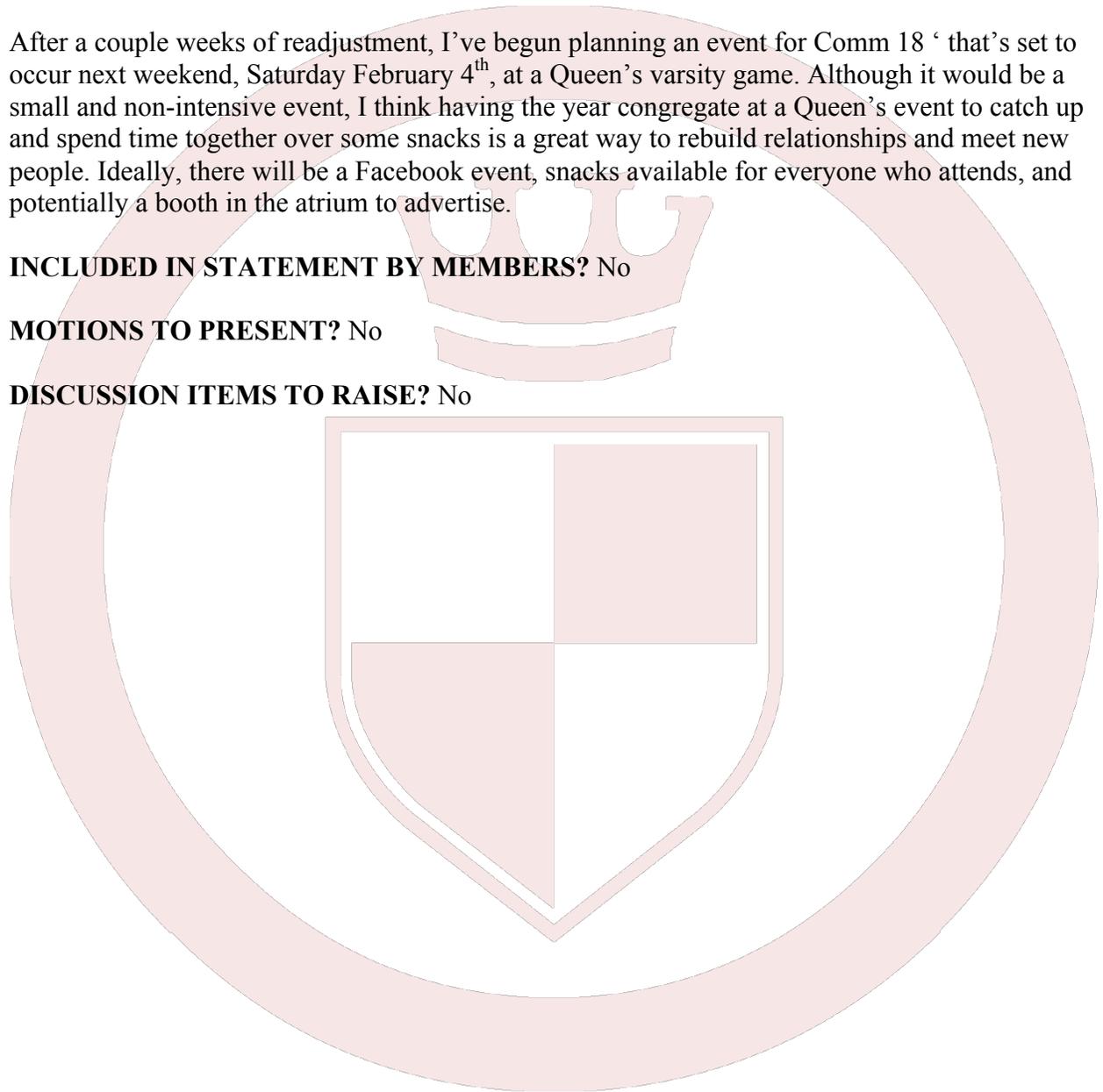
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After a couple weeks of readjustment, I've begun planning an event for Comm 18 ' that's set to occur next weekend, Saturday February 4th, at a Queen's varsity game. Although it would be a small and non-intensive event, I think having the year congregate at a Queen's event to catch up and spend time together over some snacks is a great way to rebuild relationships and meet new people. Ideally, there will be a Facebook event, snacks available for everyone who attends, and potentially a booth in the atrium to advertise.

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 25, 2017

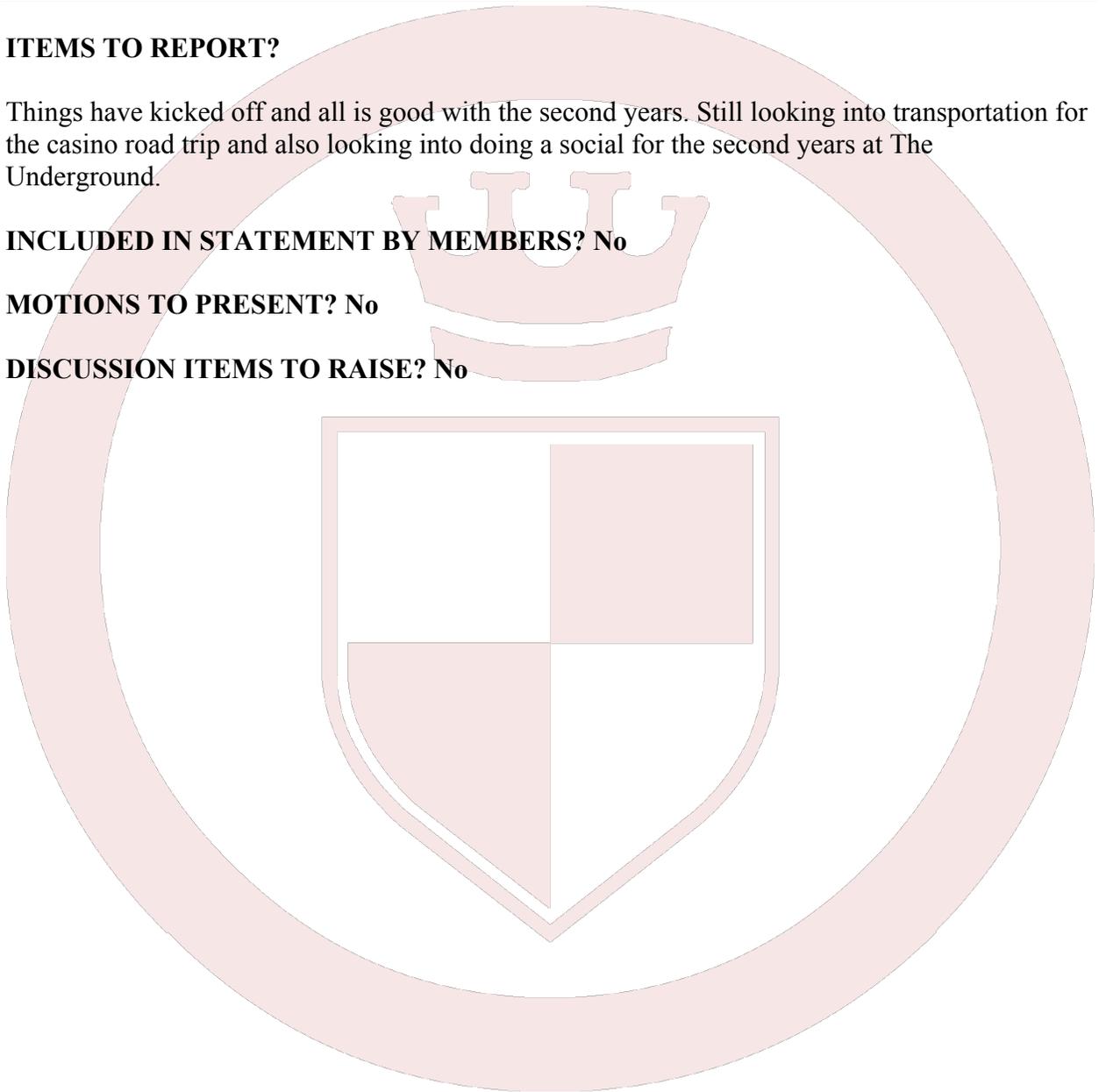
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Things have kicked off and all is good with the second years. Still looking into transportation for the casino road trip and also looking into doing a social for the second years at The Underground.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Daniel Archer
Position: COMM '20 President
Reporting Date: January 25th 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

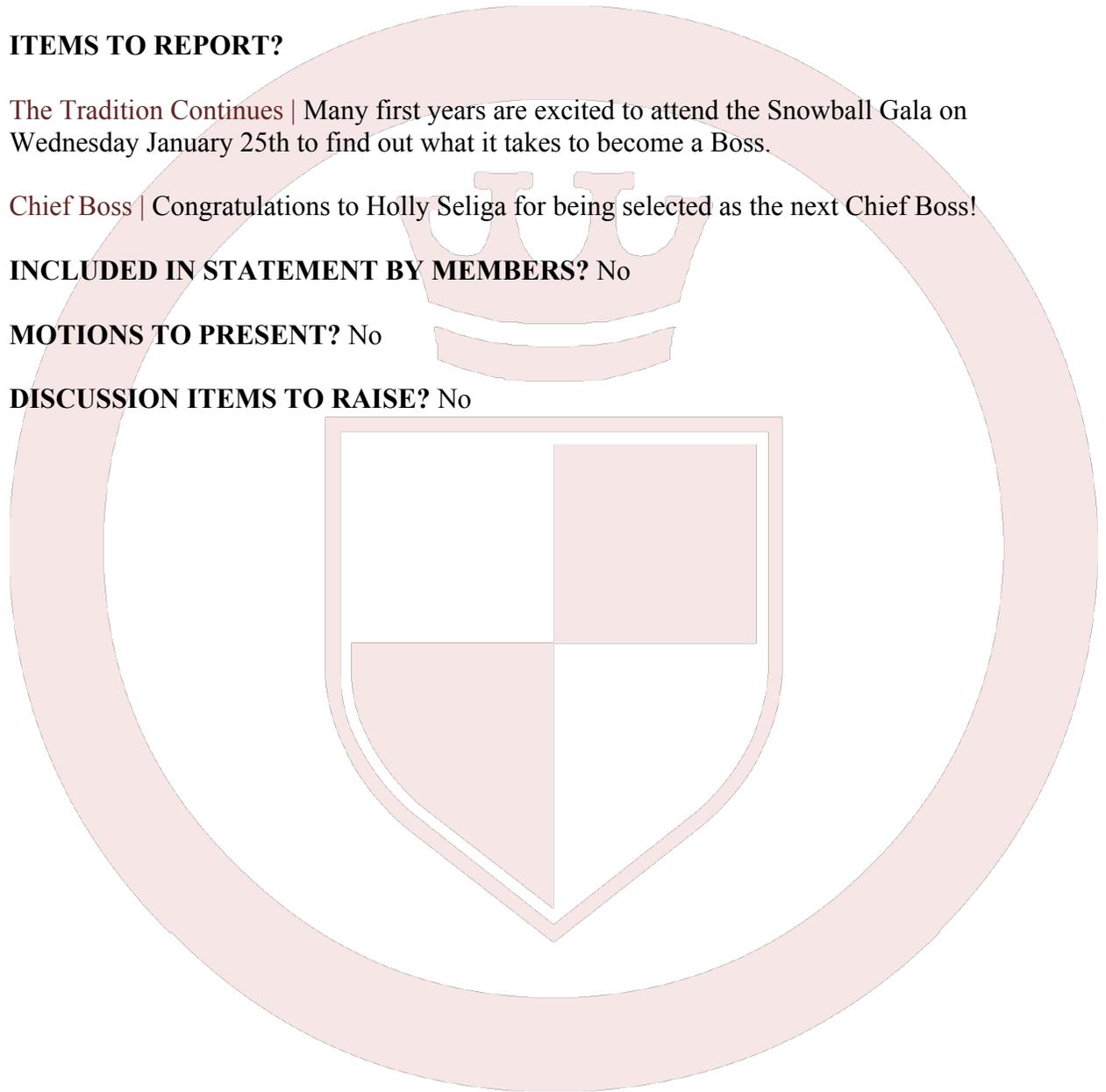
The Tradition Continues | Many first years are excited to attend the Snowball Gala on Wednesday January 25th to find out what it takes to become a Boss.

Chief Boss | Congratulations to Holly Seliga for being selected as the next Chief Boss!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Carli Bianchi

Position: Senator

Reporting Date: January 25, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

Next Senate meeting is next week!

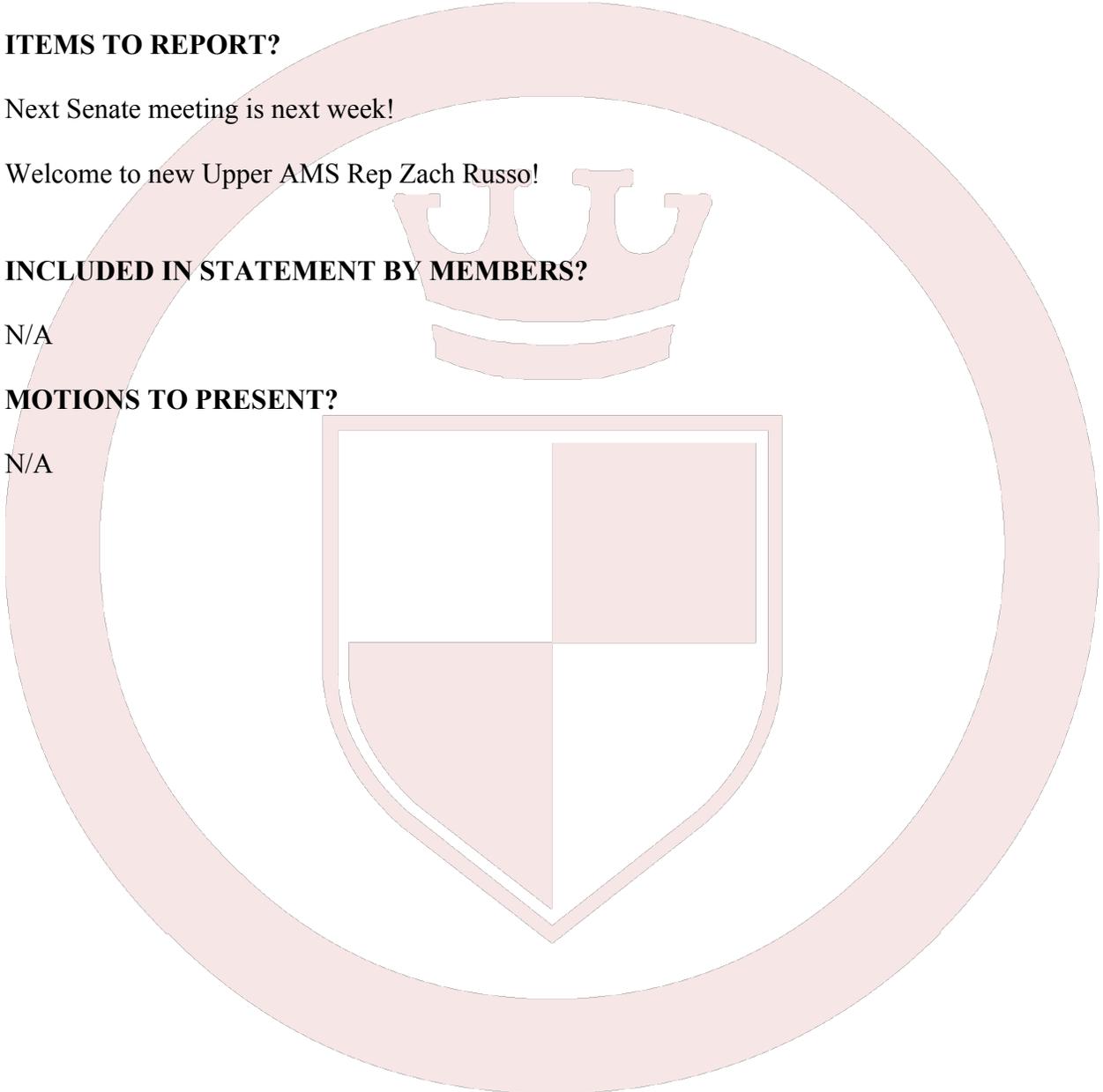
Welcome to new Upper AMS Rep Zach Russo!

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS?

N/A

MOTIONS TO PRESENT?

N/A



Name: Cory Turk

Position: Senator

Reporting Date: January 25, 2016

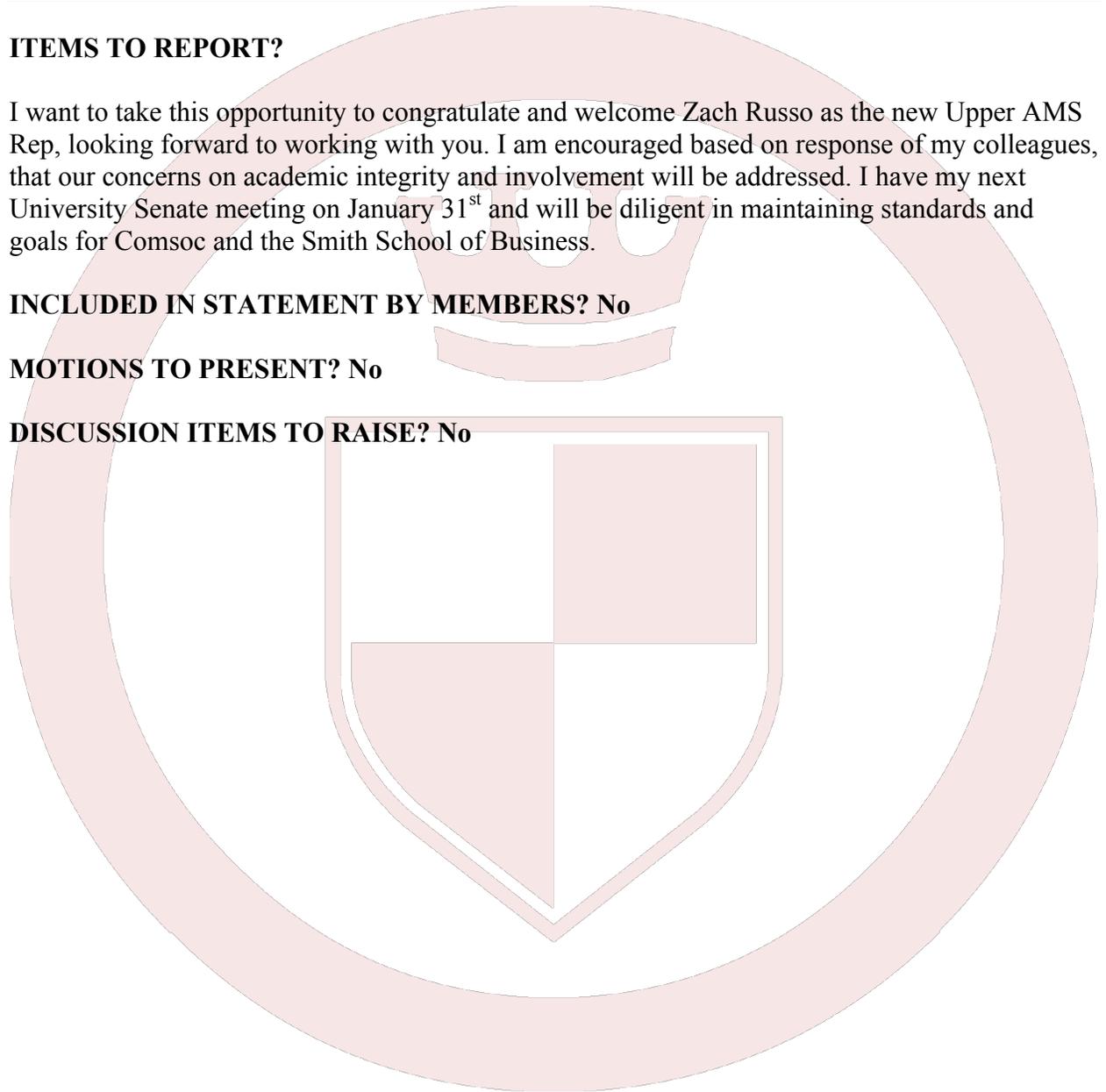
ITEMS TO REPORT?

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Zach Russo as the new Upper AMS Rep, looking forward to working with you. I am encouraged based on response of my colleagues, that our concerns on academic integrity and involvement will be addressed. I have my next University Senate meeting on January 31st and will be diligent in maintaining standards and goals for Comsoc and the Smith School of Business.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? No

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No



Name: Zach Russo

Position: Upper AMS Representative

Reporting Date: January 24, 2017

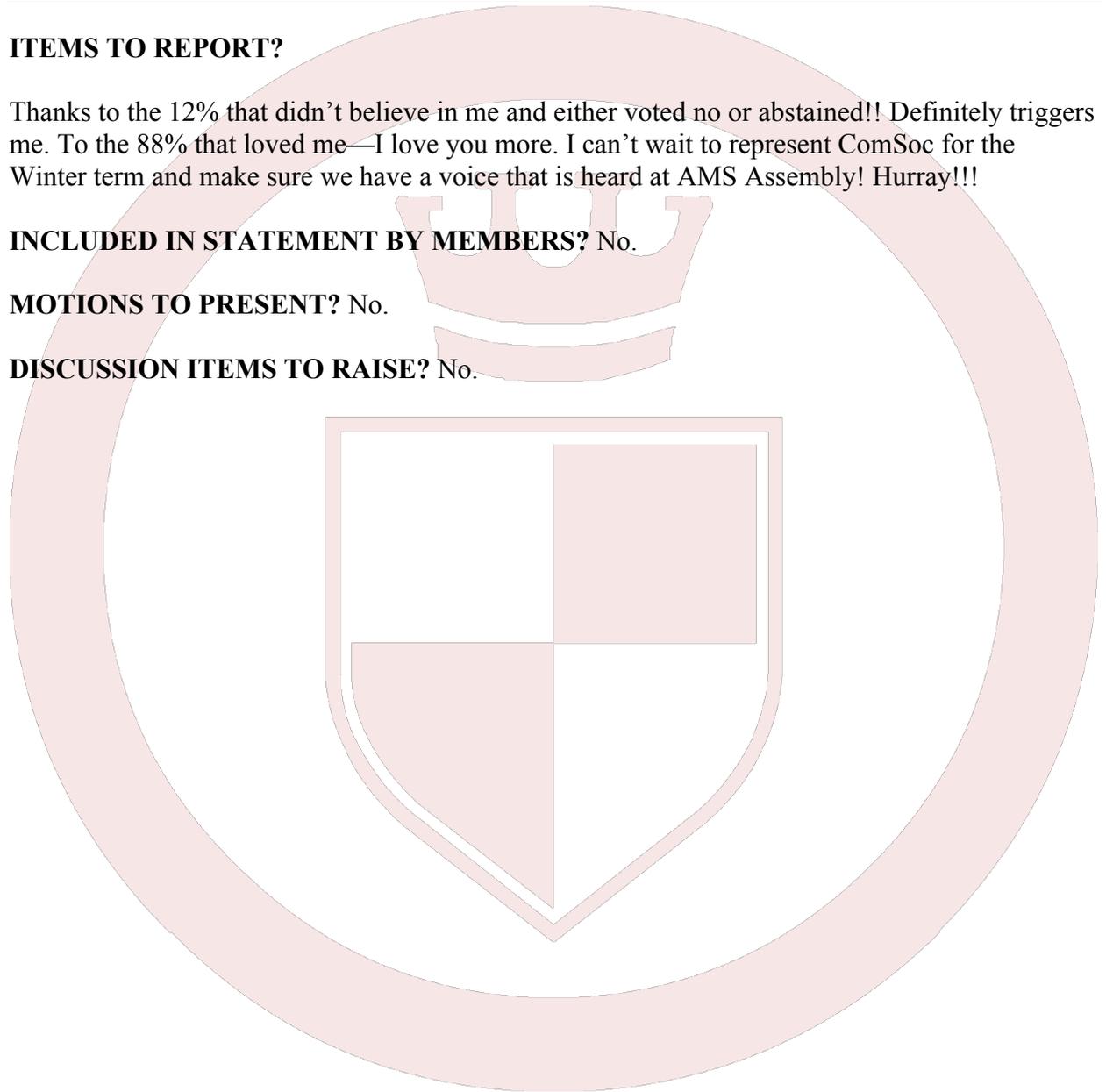
ITEMS TO REPORT?

Thanks to the 12% that didn't believe in me and either voted no or abstained!! Definitely triggers me. To the 88% that loved me—I love you more. I can't wait to represent ComSoc for the Winter term and make sure we have a voice that is heard at AMS Assembly! Hurray!!!

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 25, 2017

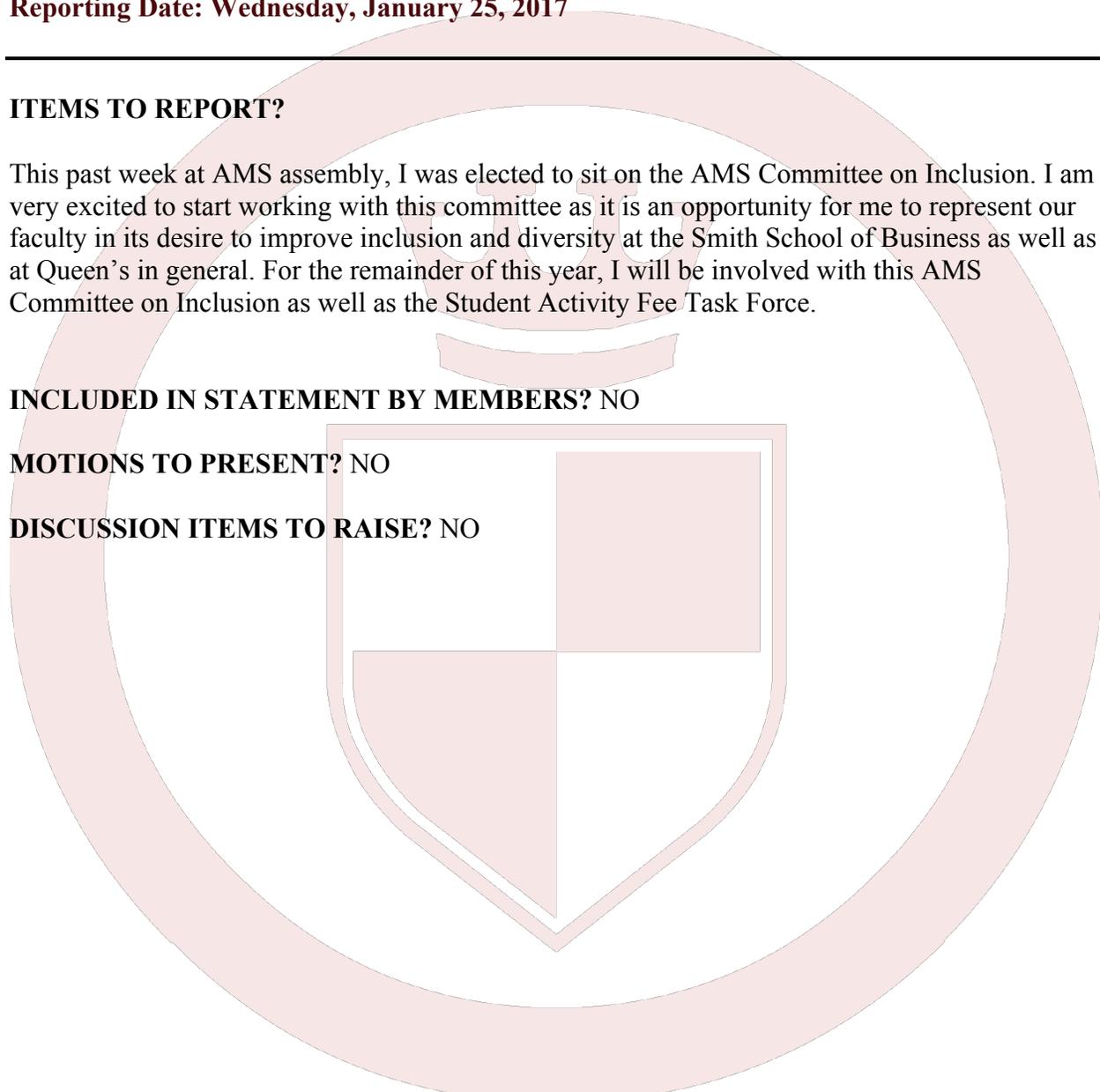
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This past week at AMS assembly, I was elected to sit on the AMS Committee on Inclusion. I am very excited to start working with this committee as it is an opportunity for me to represent our faculty in its desire to improve inclusion and diversity at the Smith School of Business as well as at Queen's in general. For the remainder of this year, I will be involved with this AMS Committee on Inclusion as well as the Student Activity Fee Task Force.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? NO

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? NO

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? NO



Name: Jeremy Brock
Position: Academics Commissioner
Reporting Date: January 29, 2017

ITEMS TO REPORT?

The Fall Term break Task Force is moving into its final deliberations for what recommendation should be put forth to the principal and the senate. The committee has taken into account all input from students via the survey sent out, which received over 7000 responses, and the various consultations done with students and various student bodies.

The AMS wants feedback from students before the committee makes its final decision. The chosen medium for this is a plebiscite – a non-binding referendum – to gauge which of the two options on the table is preferred by students. This will occur at the same time as AMS and ComSoc elections.

The options are as follows:

Option 1

- Move in day moves one week earlier to the Sunday of the weekend before Labour Day Weekend.
- Orientation week would take place from the evening of move-in day to the following Saturday for a total of 7 orientation days. University and Faculty Orientation would maintain the same distribution of days.
- Classes begin on Tuesday after Labour Day
- Pre-exam study days are maintained.
- A 4-day Fall Break.

What to consider:

- This option allows for a longer break.
- An earlier move-in means residences will be open longer and cost more to operate, likely resulting in higher fees for students.
- In some years, move-in day will be as early as August 24th.
- Students may be less likely to apply for positions as Dons/Orientation-week leaders because of the requirement to arrive on campus before Orientation Week.
- The existing orientation schedule can continue undisrupted.
- First-year students will have no structured activities for 2 days before class.
- An earlier start to classes could cut into summer employment and reduce earning potential.

Option 2

- Move-in-day moves one day earlier to the Saturday of Labour Day Weekend.
- University Orientation would take place the night of Move-in-day, and the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend following move-in-day. Faculty Orientation would take place from the Sunday of Labour Day weekend to Wednesday for a total of 7 orientation days.
- Classes begin on Thursday during the week of Labour Day.
- Pre-exam study days are maintained.
- A 2-day Fall Break by cancelling Thursday and Friday classes.

What to consider:

- This option was presented by the Orientation Round Table to the Fall Term Break Task Force.
- Orientation activities will need to be adjusted to accommodate the changed schedule.
- Students will not face higher fees or lose summer income.
- When attached to a weekend it will result in a 4-day total break, which research suggests provides the maximum benefit in terms of stress relief.
- Orientation days will be maintained.
- First year students are exposed to an academic setting sooner.

The committee had some concerns over this plebiscite mainly the timing and that students would have all relevant information to make an informed decision. To mitigate this I and the other student representatives will send out a message to all students before the vote.

If anybody in the commerce program has any concerns or preference between either of these two options please reach out to me directly so I can articulate those concerns at the final committee meeting.

INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS? Yes

MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No

DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No