**Smith Commerce Society General Assembly**

**Sunday, October 11th, 2020**

To begin, let us acknowledge that Queen's is situated on traditional Anishinaabe (An-nish-nah-bee) and Haudenosaunee (Hoe-deh-nah-shonee) territory. As we are meeting virtually, let us also take a moment to acknowledge the traditional territories where we each call home. For many of us, we are taught about the history of Indigenous communities as it relates to the founding of what we colonially recognize as Canada. We must undoubtedly recognize the atrocities committed against Indigenous communities, from Indigenous massacres and residential schools, to even today, where Indigenous communities continue to struggle under systemic barriers. To acknowledge these lands is to recognize, to reflect upon, and to accept its long-standing history, a history that far proceeds the establishment of its earliest European colonies. May we use our privilege to call for greater accountability amongst our institutions and ourselves and greater action to uphold their lands and culture's integrity.

1. **Approval of the Agenda** Motion Passed
2. **Approval of Minutes** Motion Passed
3. **Speakers’ Business – Introduction to the Interns!**
4. **Statements by Members**
   * Sebastian Monsalve – President
   * Michelle Kong – Vice President Student Affairs
   * William Van Vliet - Vice President of Operations
   * Mac Dean & Calvin Schilstra – Senators
   * Aryamaan Ghosal – COMM ’23 President
   * Mahir Hamid – COMM ’24 President
5. **Motions**
   * CPRO Position Amendment
6. **Discussion Items**
7. **Close of Assembly**

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Speaker of the Assembly

Smith Commerce Society

**ASSEMBLY MOTION**

**Being put forth by: Emily Prpic and Will Van Vliet**

**Being put forth on:** Sunday, October 11th, 2020

**WHEREAS** the current role description of Chief Policy and Returning Officer (CPRO) in Society Composition Policy does not include the right to make changes to language, phrasing and grammar in policy documents, without a motion brought to Assembly

AND the ability to make language changes that do not alter the content of policy itself, allows for policy to be more readable for everyone

BIRT the following addition to the role description of CPRO be included in Section 1.2.3.3 of Society Composition Policy immediately

* To alter language, phrasing and grammar for all Society policies and the Constitution, in accordance with the primary contact position for each policy, without needing to bring forth a motion at assembly each time

Emily: Relatively straightforward. As I have been going through policy, I noticed it was missing a few things. This will allow time to be saved when only needed making little changes. In terms of the actual content, this cannot be changed without coming to assembly.

Will: Anyone who has been on assembly for more than just this year knows we have had just clerical errors brought to assemblies. This can undermine the CPRO’s ability to make small changes. The vote empowers Emily, while also not detracting from assembly’s time.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Key Definitions:**

**Language:** Changes made that reflect the evolution of the Smith Commerce Society; examples being changing “Human Resource Officers” to “Talent Strategy Officers” in policy documents

**Phrasing:** Changes made that are in efforts to clarify the original intent of the policy; example being specifics relating to Section 8- Accessibility of the Website Usage Policy

**Primary Contact Position:** The Assembly position for which each policy belongs to; example being the Speaker of the Assembly is the primary contact position for Assembly Policy

**Resources:** Society Composition Policy Section 1.2.3.3

**Context:** As the CPRO works to summarize policy, there are small changes that should be made, but they are not significant enough that a vote at assembly is needed

**Rationale:** To allow for policy to be more digestible, current and reader-friendly

**Q&A**

Calvin Is there a rule that can be put in place in terms of what can and cannot be edited without bringing it to assembly?

Emily: Yeah, what we are going for is the simple change of words. If we wanted to actually change the content, that would need to be brought to assembly, rather than just simple word changes.

Will: In discussing with the contact for policy and it seems that the change does seem like it could change the meaning, we would need to bring it forward. This means it would be up to the discretion of the policy holder.

Bill: If there are no more questions, motion to move to discussion. Ok, I’ll move you guys now.

**Discussion**

Bill: Any points to bring up?

Seby: To give a bit more color to this position, if anyone has gone to look at policy, you will see how much of a mess it is. Not the content itself, but the fact there are incomplete sentences. It’s unfortunate it has taken this long for a solution to come about. This policy will allow Emily to switch things to make it a bit more digestible. MKV is unanimously in favor of this motion.

Libby: Just echoing what Seby said, I would really love to see this motion pass. This way, we don’t have another assembly where someone asks to remove a comma

Bill: Motion to move to a vote if there are no more comments. Ok, voting members please follow the link

MOTION PASSED (100% in favor)

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Seby Monsalve**

**Position:** President

**Reporting Date:** October 9, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT? Yes**

Hi Assembly!

Thank you for making time during Thanksgiving weekend. I hope everyone is well and taking care. Welcome to our ComSoc Interns - we are so excited to have you join us! Below are some highlights from the Presidential Portfolio:

First-Year Representative Hiring

Congratulations to the Talent Strategy Team for successfully running the First-Year Rep hiring cycle. The team is now auditing interview notes and ensuring Co-Chairs accurately report results onto ComSoc Shop.

Acknowledgment of Territory Guide

Julien has wrapped up ComSoc's Acknowledgment of Territory Guide that will be circulated to Co-Chairs in the coming weeks. This project came to fruition from the overwhelming number of Co-Chairs asking for land acknowledgments for their events. Rather than addressing case by case request for land acknowledgments, ComSoc has created this guide that will be accessible to all Co-Chairs.

Smith School of Business Administration

MKV met with the Smith Advisory Board on Monday, October 5th, to discuss student government's role in supporting the Smith School of Busines with advancing EDII. Additionally, I have the privilege of being appointed to the Principals Advisory Committee that will be working on the selection of the new Dean for the Smith School of Business. Next week at Assembly, I will be facilitating a discussion seeking insights on what ComSoc would like to see from the new Dean of the SSB.

Enjoy the rest of your long weekend and happy Thanksgiving!

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS?** Yes

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT? No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE? No**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Michelle Kong**

**Position: Vice** President of Student Affairs

**Reporting Date:** October 7th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:**

**First Virtual Conferences |** QCLS and QCC wrapped up last week, congrats goes out to both of them for successfully carrying out our first virtual conferences of the year. Overall, they had a good amount of engagements and were well received by delegates.

**CROs** | Tara and Clea’s Student Resource Blog Post featuring advice from John Stackhouse, VP at RBC is now live! Go check it out: <https://comsoc.ca/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-kgt2d>

**Internal Commissioners** | Drew, the SEOs and I have started planning of Holiday Hope which will be virtual this year, we are looking at options for an in-person element of some kind, how to best manage the performers and the relationship with Tree of Hope, the charity we support every year.

Mel and Kira, our Industry Associations Commissioners have started talks about Career Mash-up, an event targeted towards first and second years which will happen at the beginning of second semester.

**Interns!!!|** Welcome to the newest members of the VPSA Team (the best team :P), Jenny Mun and Annabelle Thomas! They are phenomenal individuals and we are so excited to have them!! They will be rotating through the different functions of the portfolio and helping on various projects!

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: Yes**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: No**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Will Van Vliet**

**Position:** Vice President of Operations

**Reporting Date:** October 11th 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Thank you all for taking the time to meet during these busy times.

**Interns:** The Operations team is thrilled to welcome our two interns Aidan and Nameera into the fold. These two will be valuable members of our team as we continue to make this the most productive year in ComSoc Ops history!

**Finance:** There are several projects underway within the Finance portfolio, led by Mark and Julia:

* Angelina is working alongside the Commerce Office to launch the Bursary program under the Student Awards Office
* Diana is supporting Roya in creating an SVF Marketing plan
* Oliver is drafting insights with regards to executive spending and the future of the Treasurer role
* Megan is engaged on a project to import external financials into ComSoc Shop

**Policy:** Today, once again, we will hear a motion from Emily, as she presents a proposal to allow her to make language and clerical changes to policy without having to present at assembly. She is also diligently working to consolidate policy and distribute one-pagers with the agenda before assembly.

**Marketing:** Starting this coming week, the CMOs will be rolling out their social media content strategy with scheduled posts each week. They will be distributing a form for graphics creation and posting to ensure consistency.

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: Yes**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: No**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Calvin Schilstra & Mac Dean**

**Position:** Senators

**Reporting Date:** October 11th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT: Yes:**

On Sept. 29th, we had the first Senate Secretariat meeting. The two motions passed were referencing nominations for proposed senate placements on committees and an extension of the deadline for SOARB to enforce a probationary period on orientation week activities for faculties if there are infractions.

We also heard various reports, from Senate Boards, the Dean and the Provost. Going over the major points of these reports and the discussions that ensured brought up three relevant points:

1. Student Code will only be applied to egregious COVID-19 health and safety violations. There was a "for now" added in after the fact. This policy will likely be reevaluated depending on how the next couple of weeks go. This means minor infractions will not cause punishment under the Code, such as the expulsion possibility we all received an email about.

2. Was brought to the attention of the provost by a faculty member of Senate that there seemed to be a lack of representation from people of East Asian heritage on the committee to determine the next Dean of the Smith School of Business. Response was mild, however, Provost said he would consider looking into rectifying that oversight.

3. Was brought up briefly expanding the application of the Student Code to egregious acts of racism in the future.

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: Yes**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: No**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Angie Tang**

**Position:** Upper AMS Representative

**Reporting Date:** October 11th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:** None

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS:** No

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT:** None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE:** None

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Joshua Cheung**

**Position:** Lower AMS Representative

**Reporting Date:** Thursday, October 8th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT: No**

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: No**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: None**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: None**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Georgia Rae**

**Position:** Comm ’21 President

**Reporting Date:** October 11th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:**

Commitment: Met with alumni office a few weeks ago to begin discussing possible class gifts and causes for them to go to. I will be including a survey in my next year email to start gaging interest in the different ideas.

Email: Year wide email will be going out next week with Assembly updates, Commitment survey and Graduation Committee applications. If anyone on Assembly has any updates they would like shared with Comm 21 please let me know.

Graduation Committee: I will be hiring a grad committee in the coming weeks to help with Commitment and brainstorm alternative graduation festivities.

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: No**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: No**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Victoria Macerola**

**Position:** Comm ’22 President

**Reporting Date:** October 11th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT: N/A**

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: N/A**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: N/A**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: N/A**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Aryamaan Ghosal**

**Position:** COMM '23 President

**Reporting Date:** October 7th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:**

Hey Everyone! I hope everyone is doing well taking time out for themselves and checking on family as well!

1. Comm '23 Calendar updates: I update this calendar to the best of my ability every day to make sure dates and times are all accurately placed, ensuring the ease of finding important deadlines in one place. Feedback is great, I have heard from many of my peers on how much stress the calendar has eradicated for them.

2. Personal goals updates: One of my goals coming into this position was to promote diversity in the year group. One way I am doing this Is by adding a greeting from a different language in my bi-weekly newsletters to make it more engaging, fun, and educative as well, which I aim to switch up in every newsletter. Another fun way of promoting diversity was through sharing posts of Comm '23 students on the IG platform (consensually) for people to feel comfortable reaching out to others and making new lifelong relations!

3. Halloween/Social Event (Virtual): Mahir (Comm '24 President) had an initiative of hosting a social event for his year group to network and make friends which spurred me to collaborate with him on a Halloween event. This virtual event aims to create an interactive and fun experience for both years through games, talks and much more. We kicked off planning last week along with polls on our IG platforms!

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: Yes**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: N/A**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: N/A**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

**Name: Mahir Hamid**

**Position:** COMM ‘24 President

**Reporting Date:** October 7th, 2020

**ITEMS TO REPORT:**

**Smithcommerce24 Instagram:** This Instagram was created last week and serves to make events and opportunities transparent to COMM 24. So far, the most successful post has been the “week at a glance” post where I give students a breakdown of all the assignments we have due at the end of the week, as well as all the events happening for the week. The Instagram currently stands with over 430+ followers and 70% engagement from COMM 24 students. I aim to have 500 COMM 24 followers by the end of this month.

**Mahir’s Minutes Bi-Weekly Newsletter:** Sent out my first newsletter of the year!!! I was able to introduce myself, summarize the ratification of SBBA, and give details of the events for the week. Overall, there was an overwhelming amount of support and love from COMM 24s.

**Frosh Rep Group:** Created a group of over 65 frosh reps from all clubs in commerce. This way, they can easily update me with events from their club and let me know which events they want me to promote. Great support so far, all the frosh reps are incredibly excited to get to work.

**Braintrust Midterm prep**: Braintrust hosted a math midterm prep a week ago—it was very successful. I wanted to do the same for our econ midterm. After reaching out to the Braintrust co-chairs, I learned that they don’t do tutoring for ECON 111. However, they are willing to host a series of \*free\* exam prep sessions in the winter for commerce specific courses. Currently, my plan is to market the CourseCram Econ Midterm event to COMM 24 (takes place on October 17th – October 18th).

**COMM 24 + COMM 23 First Social!:** Reached out to Ary (COMM 23 president) and discussed our plans to bring the two cohorts together. Currently planning a Halloween themed COMM 23 + 24 social. This social would be hosted on Microsoft teams, with games such as Among us, and prizes. We hope to partner with CEO and also work with Josh (lower AMS rep) and the ComSoc Frosh reps. This week, we are meeting with Seby about our proposal and how to go forward with this event.

**Overall**: COMM 24 students feel very informed about their opportunities. They feel more connected. They are all hyped for our events.

**INCLUDED IN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS: Yes**

**MOTIONS TO PRESENT: No**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS TO RAISE: No**