



Nursing Science Society

Date: September 27th, 2023

Time: 1700

Minutes Taker (Position): Maxwell Yuen (Vice President, Operations)

Purpose of Meeting: NSS Assembly Meeting

In Attendance:

- ✓ Anita Thevarajah (President)
- ✓ Maxwell Yuen (Vice President, Operations)
- ✓ Vidhi Patel (Vice President, University Affairs)
- ✓ Ali Akbari (Senator)
- TBD (Intern to the President)
- TBD (Intern to the VPUA)
- TBD (Intern to the VPOPs)
- TBD (Assembly Speaker)
- ✓ Katrina Pu (Academics & Professional Development Commissioner)
- ✓ Trent Turnbull (Health and Wellness Commissioner)
- ✓ Hikari Asaoka (Events Commissioner)
- ✓ Calvin Liao (Interprofessional Commissioner)
- TBD (Social Issues Commissioner)
- TBD (International Student Representative)
- Simi Oluwole (BIPOC Student Advocate)
- ✓ Jenny Lee (CNSA Official Delegate)
- TBD (CNSA Associate Delegate)
- ✓ Mackenzie (Mack) Woods (Head Cape)
- TBD (AST Head Cape)
- ✓ Megan Jones (Director of Global Health)
- ✓ Herbert Song (Webmaster/Executive Advisor)
- ✓ Ruby Huang (Class of 2024 President)
- ✓ Holly Burrows (Class of 2025 President)
- ✓ Emma Colasante (Class of 2026 President)
- TBD (Class of 2027 President)
- ✓ Shae-Lynn Koe (AST Class of 2024 President)
- TBD (AST Class of 2025 President)

Guests:

- ✓ Jessica Yeung

Meeting Minutes:

17:00 Meeting begins.

17:00 Motion 1, for the meeting of Sept. 27th is passed.

17:01 Motion 2, approval of the meeting minutes of the Sept. 13th meeting, is passed.

17:02 Guest speakers Dr. Katie Goldie (Course Coordinator), Marnie Chapman (Clinical Lead), and Princess Talabi (Wellness Student Coordinator), talk about Queen's Nursing Students' Wellness group and ask for feedback on what helps promote wellness and how to improve the experience of nursing students. Hopes to work with NSS to not repeat services conducted by SWS and student groups. Highlighted the importance of social events tying it all together in building community. Awaiting a physical space to congregate and use for events. Mentorship. 4th year students looking forward to the upcoming formal. No longer using NSS Student Lounge as waiting room for OSCE's. Once-a-month social events. Want to collaborate with NSS and be aware of the events that are happening within nursing. During the height of COVID, clinical psychology PhD students talked about wellness ideas and conducted small wellness workshops at class meetings. 1st and 2nd years would like to hear from upper years. NCLEX prep sessions and consolidation sessions have been recommended by students. Brought back alumni in various ideas to talk to current students. Shared logo for Queen's Nursing Students' Wellness. Fundraisers: hit up alumni, professors, and teachers via faculty list; they look to support student initiatives. Open events where first-years and any year profs discuss their background; Get to Know Your Profs,

potentially via Instagram. Will help decrease confusion and eliminate barriers between students and professors. Many students advocate for wellness check-ins (profs/instructors checking in every class/week: are you okay, these are some resources, etc.). Clinical instructors are including more discussions and self-care talks during post-conference.

17:34 President's report. Not much to report this week. Some curriculum revisioning is going on, in which the president and senator sit on the committee. If interested in contributing, meetings are every Thursday, 9-10am in the SON, Room 108. Please see the Goal Planning document sent out this week to help keep Class Presidents on track with events and future planning. Will be adding Goal Planning document into all future transition manuals.

17:37 Health and Wellness Commissioner's report. In the next week or two, will be sending out survey focusing on what topics students are struggling with this year compared to last year and seeing how changes from last year are improving the experience this year. Survey's only going out to 2nd, 3rd and 4th years. If you have anything specific to comment about this topic, please email the Health and Wellness Commissioner.

17:47 Vice President of Operations' report. Welcome Ruby and Jess! Planning to host therapy dogs and pumpkin carving events to promote outreach, keep a lookout for it. Received few applications for open positions; promote and encourage people to apply.

17:48 Vice President of University Affairs' report. Applications for Assembly Speaker, AST3 and Year 1 Class Councils,

International Student Rep, and Social Issues Commissioner are extended to Oct. 1.

17:49 Senator's report. Have a number of amendments, 1 for constitution and 2 policy changes for NSS Assembly Procedures. Currently half of all voting members + 1 to maintain quorum. Proposing 33% of all eligible voting members + 1 = 5 people to pass motions, etc. Changing it to one viewing, one vote.

17:51 Webmaster's and Executive Advisor's report. New NSS Website is up and running (queens-nss.com). New domain is created and needs to be renewed every 2 years. New events calendar created. Send email if you want the Webmaster to update your headshot on the website.

17:53 CNSA Official & Associate Delegates' report. Not much to report. Have not had much communication with CNSA since school started. Looking out for the fall CNSA conference.

17:55 Academics and Professional Development Commissioner's report. Starting the hiring process for study buddies for Biochemistry. Midterm is coming up on Oct. 20th. If you know anyone interested please let A&PD Commissioner know.

17:56 Events Commissioner's report. Looking to hear back from DJ for formal. Scheduled to meet with Health Sci. soon to learn how they sold tickets. Food truck fundraiser is Oct. 17th (Hungry Herbivore) 10am-4pm between Ontario Hall and Douglas Library. Signup sheet will be available for NSS members to help advertise the formal during fundraiser. Looking to hear back from the Hungry Herbivore food truck about a concurrent

donut fundraiser (Krispy Kreme). Potentially have QR code to sell tickets at the fundraiser. Will create a sheet outlining details of the formal and present it at the event.

17:59 Interprofessional Commissioner's report. Going to be planning an inter-faculty dodgeball tournament with Nursing, HealthSci and Kin. Nursing x Engineering social still proceeding as planned. Trivia questions need to be created, please reach out to the Interprofessional Commissioner if you have any recommendations for trivia questions. Event is scheduled for 8pm-12am Oct 18th at Clark Hall. NSS and EngSoc to contribute equally to the prize for trivia.

18:05 BIPOC Student Advocate's report. Planning on having a tote bag painting event. All supplies are ready except for the tote bags and venue. Planning to have the event before reading week.

18:05 Global Health Director's report. If anyone needs help with events, please let them know. Had a conversation with Laurie about introducing exchange opportunities. However, lots of red-tape and many things need to be discussed for this to be possible.

18:08 Head Cape's report. NOC info night this Friday (Sept. 29th). NOC application in the process of being approved.

18:09 Class of 2026 President's report. Sent form out for stethoscope and scrub orders. No BP cuffs being ordered. Ordering from different stethoscope and scrub companies; if they work, recommend using the same vendor next year. They will not reimburse any percentage of sales, but we will be

increasing the price per product by \$5 to gain income.

18:14 Class of 2025 President's report. Planning to hold the blood drive on Oct. 27th at BioSci. Looking at hosting the event from 3-4pm. Currently brainstorming ideas for fundraising and will update the NSS when planning begins. Will release interest form soon.

18:16 Class of 2024 President's report. \$490/leather jacket. Still planning on doing windbreaker, along with leather jackets for the first year. \$190 for a windbreaker. To decrease the cost for jackets in future years, would need to keep the same crest every year instead of changing it every year. Jacket orders are through ASUS, so that jacket orders would be larger, decreasing the cost, however still more expensive. Will probably not order through ASUS, instead will probably do the ordering that we have previously been doing. Starting planning for

yearbooks now, will increase AST4 involvement with that.

18:19 AST4 Class of 2024's report. Planning to fundraise and sell scrubs from Green Paw in Winter 2024, which will be to support local companies. Krispy Kreme sale between Oct. 16-18th. Planning to be \$15 per box and \$2 per donut. Have booked a table at the ARC, but not confirmed as can also sell Krispy Kreme donuts at the Food Truck Fundraiser. Planning on pumpkin carving event for AST 3 and 4 and providing hot chocolate and apple cider. Angela has an idea of looking to get 1 colour for Vintage Crewnecks, as a sale. Open to planning a potential AST4 formal.

18:25 Question period. No questions

18:25 Discussion period. No discussion

18:27 Motion to adjourn the meeting of Sept. 27th is passed.