



# Nursing Science Society

**Date:** January 18th, 2023

**Time:** 1900

**Minutes Taker (Position):** Maxwell Yuen (Vice President, Operations), Meera Rahim (Intern to the Vice President, Operations)

**Purpose of Meeting:** NSS Assembly Meeting

## **In Attendance:**

- ✓ Anita Thevarajah (President)
- ✓ Vidhi Patel (Vice President, University Affairs)
- ✓ Maxwell Yuen (Vice President, Operations)
- ✓ Ali Akbari (Senator)
- ✓ (Intern to the President)
- ✓ Sophia Gill (Intern to the VPUA)
- ✓ Meera Rahim (Intern to the VPOPs)
- TBD (Intern to Senator)
- ✓ Sophia Lebedko (Assembly Speaker)
- TBD (Academics & Professional Development Commissioner)
- Stacy Boldyrev (Social Issues Commissioner)
- TBD (Health and Wellness Commissioner)
- ✓ Hikari Asaoka (Events Commissioner)
- TBD (Interprofessional Commissioner)
- TBD (Director of Global Health)
- ✓ Mackenzie (Mack) Woods (Head Cape)
- ✓ Chloe Wong (CNSA Official Delegate)
- TBD (CNSA Associate Delegate)
- TBD (International Student Representative)
- TBD (BIPOC Student Advocate)
- Liam Murdock (Class of 2023 President)
- ✓ Sydney Pinto (Class of 2024 President)
- ✓ Holly Burrows (Class of 2025 President)
- ✓ Emma Colasante (Class of 2026 President)
- ✓ Charlotte Pollard (AST Class of 2023 President)
- ✓ Shae-Lynn Koe (AST Class of 2024 President)
- ✓ Skye De Guzman (Guest)

## **Meeting Minutes:**

19:01 Meeting begins.

19:01 Motion 1, approval of the meeting agenda of January 18, 2023, is passed.

19:02 Motion 2, approval of the meeting minutes of November 30 2022, is passed.

19:02 Senator explains plans for updating the Constitution

19:03 President's report. Welcome back to everyone. Checked in with class councils last week. General consensus that collaboration for events and initiatives is key, encourages communication.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee concern about classes being too big, around 180 students per class - is it time to divide into sections? AST may get its own section. Enrollment may be increasing, depending on the government.

Discussion of integrating knowledge between assessment and disease management. Concern that course reports are not being effectively used, hindering progress. Students may have a hard time communicating feedback; having one opportunity to reflect at the end of the course could hinder feedback.

Implementation of a nursing-run feedback. President's Caucus - looking for input about sessional dates. Queen's Faculty Association is in conflict with the university as they are seeking an increase in pay. Potential for a strike in mid February. This could mean that classes could be cancelled. 95% of our program budget goes to faculty salary. CNSA conference happening this weekend, free for nursing students to attend.

Employment webinars upcoming as well, see dates and times on the newsletter.

Looking for input on guest speakers.

Queen's Rector was looking for an NSS representative for TAC; no longer relevant.

19:15 VPOPs report. Introduction. Presenting predicted 2023 budget. Net residual surplus of \$22 thousand. Spending allocation and revenue listed. Held class council meetings and NSS presentations this week.

19:18 Events Commissioner report. Planning a formal, need to coordinate with AMS, First Aid, and class councils with many forms to be filled out. Intended date, March 25, is unavailable.

Considering new dates. Will be meeting with Queen's Events Services to plan logistics. Form can continue to be sent out to classes until the end of the week by class presidents to gauge interest for the event. Interested in collaborating with other commissioners to plan another event. Will reach out to 2024 Class Council, Sydney and Dylan.

17:21 VPUA report. Introduction. Received and provided feedback to class councils. NSS class presentations have increased interest in hiring. Hiring is still open. Cape hiring is now completed, first meeting will be this Friday.

19:22 Senator report. Looking to finalise changes to the Constitution before voting next meeting. Society composition manual is also being updated. Sessional dates for orientation confirmed, will occur over first two weekends of the fall semester.

19:24. Intern to the President report. Proposing an NSS Tiktok account for intern project. Working to increase engagement and faculty community. Thinking of doing interviews and trends. Other ideas include a merchandise, website domain name, or shared formal event. Verbal consent of participants would be needed, as would VPUA and exec feedback. Will continue conversation during the Discussion period.

19:28 Intern to VPOPs report. Interesting that there is a strong sense of community within nursing, however NSS positions remain open compared to other faculties. Proposed shared opportunities with other faculties. Utilise instagram account more to spread information and updates to nursing students.

19:30 VPUA intern report. Will be working to make the Instagram account more current with communications and a way to send updates to the faculty. Suggesting DM or emailing to the account to send out updates.

19:32 CNSA delegate report. Conference is happening this weekend, 10am-6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Willing to share conference outline for interested members. Includes logistics and CNSA composition as well as discussion periods. Mental health, burnout and EDIIA will be discussed. Made a form posted on CNSA Instagram and to be posted on NSS Instagram. Feedback was largely negative. Finalized membership certificate and payment, waiting for certificate to be mailed.

19:34 Head Cape report. Cape hiring has finished. 4 additional Capes have been hired given potential increase in class sizes. 36 Capes total. Fundraising will begin soon, bottle drive happening at the end of February.

19:35 2026 class president report. Year Crest was finalized, jacket trying occurred and the order form is open. Met with the executive team and discussed class communication. Snapchat and Instagram make feedback difficult, looking to do more in class communication for important announcements. Will be holding office hours every other Friday for the class. Discussed fundraising and

events, including merchandise. Will reach out to other class councils. Also discussed OSCE practice including SIM labs and the potential of including upper years such as Capes to help. Considering doing professional headshots for resumes and posting, potentially using it as a fundraising opportunity. Stethoscope communications were overwhelming, looking to minimise confusion in future communications.

19:39 2025 Class President Report. The School of Nursing sent back the stethoscopes, being re-sent. Booked the faculty and staff lounge on Jan 20th for packing and organising, projected date of distribution is February 7th. Making a feedback form to be linked in Instagram. Looking to plan fundraisers for pinning. Hoping to post information about order pick up on Instagram.

19:43 AST 3 president report. Will be doing a Queen's x FIGS collaboration. Currently no fixed timeline, likely will be ordering by next Friday for try-on scrubs. Got the bank account. Can now start taking merchandise orders, class council VP of fundraising is leading.

19:44 AST 4 year president. U-World did not offer a significant discount, working to negotiate, updates to follow. Harm reduction events are in planning, potential February 6th. Need to get AMS sanctioning and booking a room. Thinking of offering it to all nursing students. Considering charging a small fee or offering it for free. Working on fundraising for pinning, might collaborate with Value Village. Looking to do class clothing.

19:47 Webmaster report. Introduction. With collaboration with the executive team, this role has been brought back. Goals are listed on the report. Year 3 has

their wellness workshop tomorrow, class largely is not for these workshops.

19:48 Question period.

*President intern:* Will FIGS be offered in tall/short sizes? *AST3 President:* Will find out.

*Senator:* Constitution is currently being revised. Language and responsibilities were outdated.

*Intern to VPOPs:* Next steps for Tiktok account? *President:* Will discuss the topic during the intern meeting.

*Senator:* We need an AST 3 Head Cape

*2026 President:* Any advice on getting merch? *President:* Talk to other class councils as they may be selling merch as well.

*CNSA Official Delegate:* What modes of communication do other classes use to relay information to the class? *President:* Class group chats, social media, presenting in front of classes before lecture begins.

20:00 Motion to adjourn meeting of January 18th is passed.