

NSS Assembly Meeting -

REPORT UPDATES:

Motion #1 – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2026 [Action]

Motion #2 – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of September 9th, 2026 [Action]

Claire Nolli → President

- Sophie and I were able to finally finish the lounge, the only thing left is printing! We are also ordering more textbooks for the NSS textbook library so there are more copies available of the most up to date versions.
- Cohort emails are now updated for all years!
- We are hiring full class councils for Year 1 and AST students! In addition, Daphne has decided to step down from her role and so we will be hiring a Year 3 President as well!
- We have started a scrub donation and bursary initiative for students! Students who demonstrate financial need are able to apply to receive free scrubs that were donated to the NSS for labs and clinical!
- Unfortunately for the beginning of this semester the Joyce Fund has been temporarily paused. I have talked to Laurie and Roger and in order to ensure that the SON will be able to utilize the funds in the future we are hoping to start a writing campaign. I will be reaching out to all students to write a short blurb around how they benefitted from the Joyce Fund, why that was beneficial to their learning, stress-levels, and reduced cost towards clinical placements.
- We are hoping to apply for CNSA membership this Fall. Originally the NSS was a chapter member of the Ontario CNSA group but for some reason we halted our membership. The CNSA opens opportunities for nursing students for awards and bursaries, professional development, education events, and conferences. We will be looking more into this in the coming month and will keep you all updated!
- The AMS has decided to terminate its partnership with Bounce. The AMS has now created its own form that is available on its website. Steps to access the form:
 - Go to AMS Website and click on Membership Tab
 - Find the Event Planning Section
 - Event Form template is under the QuickLinks section

- There were a lot of meetings around changes to the club's policy this summer. The most important thing for us to know about the NSS is that instead of having to create an entire NSS Club Ratification framework we are able to have affiliated NSS groups who would have a bank account with the NSS, attend assembly, report to NSS executives, and apply for insurance under the NSS umbrella. This allows for students to create initiatives without having to go through the lengthy ratification process but still receive support from our society!
- Important dates:

September 11th	Visit NURS 325- Year 3 med-surg/mental health cohort – 08:30
September 11th	Visit NURS 372- Year 3 peds/mat cohort – 11:30
September 15th	Visit NURS 101- Year 1 and AST 3 – 10:30
September 16th	Class Council Information Session – 19:00
September 21th - 27th	Class Council Nominations Period
September 28th - October 4	Class Council Campaign Period
October 5th	Class Council Elections

Kaylie Crowther → VPUA

- There will be an NSS Welcome Back Event on Sept 17th at 5pm at the SON. There will be different activities, games, and food. Some of the activities could be bracelet making (string bracelet), key chains, stethoscope charms, colouring/painting, badge reel charms, and vision board making.
- I am in the process of planning an event for the national day of truth and reconciliation. I plan on having Roger come and speak at the beginning of the event about his experience nursing in indigenous communities. Then I will be playing a documentary in one room and putting together a bunch of resources (books, documents, videos, etc). I have a meeting with Roger next week and will keep you updated! We could include some activities like tie dying orange shirts or arts projects. The event could also be opened up to everyone interested in healthcare.
- I went through all of the donated scrubs and sorted them by size. I've created a form that will be sent out this week where people can apply for scrubs based on financial need.

- I have also been planning a couple events that will take place in Oct/Nov/Dec (tbd). Both would be free with about 35 - 37 spots
 - Spinco
 - Morro Yoga. Possible dates:
 - Saturday November 7th between 3:30-8:00PM
 - Sunday November 8th between 12:30-4:00PM
 - Saturday November 14th between 3:30-8:00PM
 - I was thinking Saturday, Nov 7th so that no one will have clinical that day

- Updates from the AMS VPUA

- JDUC student fest on friday
- sept 12 roadwork music fest and sidewalk sale
- Municipal elections are coming

Sophie Posiewko → VPOPs

- Our mandatory student fee is up for triennial review. As the name suggests it happens every three years and it's just to ensure that our funds are being used in an appropriate way, and the amount reflects the needs of our society.
- I also want to touch briefly on my email to the current class presidents about the mini audit I'm doing in the fall. The deadline to send me a link to your financial records will be September 18th at 17:00. If you have any questions about it please let me know. I just want to make sure everything is organized ahead of the NSS Audit in 2028!

Ling Lu → Senator

- I will be attending a student senate orientation next week.
- For this year, I will make a newsletter after every senate meeting to keep nursing students updated.

TBD → Executive Advisor

Hannah Cameron → Intern to the President

- As interns, we primarily assisted with the newsletter and the bulletin boards.

Anjola Adewole → Intern to VPOPs

- We worked on the newsletter and bulletin boards this summer. We don't have much planned, but we'll start planning our intern project.

Olivia D'Ambrosia → Intern to VPUA

- As mentioned before, we interns worked on the bulletin boards and the newsletter this summer, and we'll now start planning our intern project. If anyone needs any help, please let me know; I'm more than willing to help!

Kyleigh Ing → Intern to Senator

- No report

Reaghan Harris → Academics and Professional Development Commissioner

- I need a new cohort email to send out AST4 grad awards.
- I am planning a panel for the fall semester where I'm hoping to get nurses who took their degrees in different ways (Beyond the Beside: Where Nursing Can Take You). I am planning that with Laurie, Jill Truman, and Marnie! I'm hoping to get some NPs, Nurses with their masters and a research background, Nurses who have specialized into something that took extra schooling, Maybe get Victoria since she took her degree in an interesting route (PHD with a research background). It is still in the works but I'm hoping to have it per chance in November. Laurie wanted to do it like an NSS x SON type of thing.
- I was also invited to the Academic Caucus. They meet 4 times in the school year and bring together academic representatives to discuss issues affecting the undergraduate academic experience, share developments and concerns from individual faculties, and identify opportunities for coordinated advocacy. The first one is September 22nd so I will bring updates from those.
- I also started drafting emails for study buddies

Fiona Gray and Vanessa Craig → Health and Wellness Commissioners

Wanted to update you on fun events coming this semester

1. Kris Koffee x NSS collab

Small issue... Allison emailed me an hour ago saying that Hospitality Services says we can't have external vendors sell on campus.

Her options

1. We can either do the Off Campus Food Request if Kris would do complimentary services. However this takes two weeks to get approved she said, I also don't think Kris would be open to this, after speaking to her about initial pricing
2. we could inquire with City of Kingston to see if they can sell at the park across the street, only thing would this get approved within the next week

My thoughts

- Have her sell still by the water where she normally does and get nursing students to go to her since the drinks will be discounted

- If she's open to this then we won't have to pay the money for her to come on campus and maybe we can use a bit more of that cash to get drinks discounted

Event:

- on Friday September 18th from 11-3pm Kris Koffee will be on campus at the SON selling their drinks
- Discounted 25% off the first 200 drinks for solely nursing students!
- Still awaiting approval from Allison on the SON space but she told me yesterday she'd follow up w/ the risk and safety manager
- Sent Sophie her ET info

2. Next event... potential puppy yoga/dance class tbd but in the works for later in the semester

Pyper Smith → Events Commissioner

- Over the summer, I've been connecting with the Event Manager, Valeriia at the Kingston Marriott to start planning the formal. Over the last two weeks, Sophie and I have made the first two payments for the formal. This year it will be on November 6 (a Friday) and it will be in the same space it's been the last 3 years. We will have access to the ballroom, the foyer, and the room across the hall. We are thinking of hors d'oeuvres and maybe a dessert table as well, as full meals would be around \$75 per person.
- I also wanted to talk to you guys about themes! Some ideas I have been thinking about are enchanted forest, secret garden, starry night (may have been our first year theme?), a touch of gold, casino (could have games set up). I was thinking we could narrow it down to 3 themes and then put it up on the instagram and have people vote. Once we have the theme confirmed, I would love to start advertising it as much as possible and getting ticket sales going (Ari and Kiera we can chat about this)! Also, does anyone know of a DJ we could hire for the event? I would like to reach out to people as soon as possible.

Bronwyn Gauvin → Interprofessional Commissioner

- I have been in touch with Tim from KHSC and we have been talking about getting a few nurses from different floors of KHSC to come and talk to students about what the different floors are like, what to expect and how they got there etc. This would be about 20 min of presentations per nurse/floor and then have a question period for students afterwards.

Kiera Holmes and Ari Buckley → Communications Co-Directors

- This summer, we ended up posting a few updates that the SON is currently undergoing. We posted about the new building hours and new office hours to meet with our lovely exec team, as well as helped advertise hiring for team leads and action designers to help build the future of the School of Nursing! We also posted about some events and fun opportunities, such as the scrub donation initiative that the SON is doing, orientation week, the QNS Wellness Welcome Back event, and other opportunities!
- We also collaborated with the social issues commissioner (Paulina), who created some amazing posts for Nurses Week, Pride Month, and Indigenous History Month!
- Another thing we did this summer was update the website! It now has the new constitution uploaded to it and events on the calendar! We also got a free domain for the website by buying a 2-year plan, which means we are saving money on our website subscription
- On the website, we received 2 submissions from ContactUs that we thought needed to be brought up in this meeting. One was from a man named Cooper, who is looking to get in contact with our elections officer to pitch us utilizing his platform called UrVote for mobile voting of any upcoming elections. The other was from a third-year medical student who asked if any nursing students would be interested in joining a small group of students to meet with Lee Fairclough, candidate for party leader of the Ontario Liberals, on September 17th to discuss issues in medical and healthcare training.
- Currently in the works, we have a post for Kris's Koffee Kart, which is a pop-up event that Fiona and Nessa are organizing! We are just waiting for a finalized date, but the post is basically done.
- We are super excited to start cooking up some fire posts for you all in the coming weeks! Just let us know if there is anything you guys need promoted or posted on either the website, Instagram, or TikTok!

Paulina Leyton Carrasco → Social Issues Commissioner

- I have been working on a few ideas like Dr. McStuffins which is an opportunity for 1st years to practice head to toe assessment while teaching kids not to be afraid of healthcare.
- Also, I have been brainstorming a wellness and diversity fair where we could do activities that help us decompress and meet different people.
- As well, I was thinking of doing another distress with NSS during exam period.
- I was thinking of organizing an event for international/exchange students.

Caley Heard → Logistics Commissioner

- I have been having a lot of fun figuring out the new event form submission! But honestly it is so much nicer than the bounce system!
- I recently did the Welcome Back Event form and am super excited for that event!!

Jessica Poole, Lucy Staples, Avyn Anderson → Nursing Orientation 4-year, Head Cape & Logistics Commissioners

- Pre-week went so amazing, and I really think it helped everyone bond in their groups/feel prepared for orientation, and so far orientation has been going so well!! The year dance reveal was so fun seeing everyone, and the academic event was amazing.
- Following orientation we are re-visiting the hiring process with Claire and Laurie, and have been thinking of some suggestions to make future improvements!
- We were thinking of separating the roles for socials commissioner and EDIAA commissioner to allow more focus on the EDIAA part of the role.

TBD → Year 1 Class President

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Mason Bouchard → Year 2 Class President

- We don't have too much to report but we are so so excited to get started on our events for the year and to organise the scrub & stethoscope sale! We will be meeting as a council in the coming weeks to outline our plans for the year.
- Discussed possibly changing how class council members are chosen. The elections could be done in January to allow students to settle down more
- Interns could assist with planning first year events before first year class council is chosen
- A meeting could be organized to inform students who want to run for a position about the commitment and the details of the role.
- Campaigning for the roles could be made mandatory and it would be regulated by the NSS executives. Students campaigning would have to send a video and slideshow to run for the roles.

TBD → Year 3 Class President

Emmanuelle Mchardie → Year 4 Class President

- Nursing jacket sales are being organized. I need the year 1 cohort email and will go to NURS 101 class to promote the year crest design contest.
- Crystal has been working on the yearbooks. She is working on ways to fundraise for them and set the price.
- Crystal and I are working on an event for year 4.
- Planning to run a backpack and fleece event and other events for fundraising.

TBD → AST Year 3 Class President

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Abby Blauer → AST Year 4 Class President

- The AST 4 Class Council has been busy organizing our orientation events. We had our first event yesterday, which was a quick introduction to the program with some of our professors, followed by food and socializing in the NSS lounge. We had just over 30 students come, which was a great turnout.
- Tonight we are hosting Tommy's Trivia, and our final orientation event is a boat cruise on Saturday.
- After orientation wraps up, the Class Council will shift our focus toward planning more events and activities for our class throughout the year.