

NSS Assembly Meeting -

Motion #1 – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February 4th, 2026 [Motioned by C. Nolli, Seconded by S. Posiewko] [Passed]

Motion #2 – Approval of the Agenda of the meeting of February 25th, 2026 [Motioned by C. Nolli, Seconded by S. Posiewko] [Passed]

Motion #3 – Motion to alter the NSS Newsletter from a bi-weekly issue to a monthly issue [Motioned by C. Nolli, Seconded by S. Posiewko] [Passed]

Discussion

- Sending it through general email
- Monthly with important info being sent to cohort emails
- Option to subscribe to updates on a case by case basis?
 - Form at bottom for people interested in the “subscription” → Interns will look into
- NSS calendar subscription

Guest Speaker → Laurie Gedke-Kerr

- Improve communication between NSS and SON
- Comfort in coming to them is extremely important to them
- Input from student in changes to the curriculum: ensures courses prepare students for nursing practice
- Align IEDIAA principles to courses they teach directly (ex. NURS 101, NURS 205 etc..)
- Looking to incorporate Sickle Cell Sim Lab into curriculum
- Electives on anti-racism and cultural competency for 2026 academic year

REPORT UPDATES:

Claire Nolli → President

- Mika helping get the ballot all set up for the 2028 VP Logistics election
- AMS inviting input from the student body and the faculty societies when developing their new credit card policy

Sophie Posiewko → VPOPs

- Continuing to send money for Pinning Ceremony
- Helping to coordinate Career Fair

Kaylie Crowther → VPUA

- We need to assign a couple team leads (basically captains) for the FacSoc games (March 26-27th)

- Kaelyn on EngSoc is organizing another Interfaculty event - dodgeball tournament this Saturday. It's open to anyone, and will take place 6:30-8:30 pm.

Interested people: Pyper, josh, paulina, bronwyn, abby, abby, kiera, ari, reaghan, claire, kaylie, Caley, Jack

Ling Lu → Senator

- The Ontario government announced the lifting of the tuition freeze and changes to OSAP.
- The Student Senate Caucus would like to raise questions about it during the Senate, as there are concerns regarding the changes to the framework that may leave low-income students more vulnerable.
- Krisha from Student Affairs reached out to share that funding for the Work Study Program has increased (approximately \$1M, up from \$676K) to help students work longer hours.
 - There are fewer job positions available this year (417, down from 466). She noted that the increased funding allows departments to better offset costs and keep students in their positions for a longer period.

Maddie Lagace → Executive Advisor

- I have a connection with Mount Sinai, and can send that information over to the member working on planning the Career Fair

Hannah Cameron → Intern to the President

- We had a quick intern meeting to go over plans for the upcoming newsletter
- Currently working on the Upcoming Opportunities section with the other interns
- Thinking about creating a TikTok either highlighting “Why Choose Queen’s Nursing,” doing a Sim Lab tour, or showcasing some of the buildings where first-years might have classes.

Anjola Adewole → Intern to VPOPs

- Currently working on the newsletter with the other interns
- Including a recap section that would include past activities, but I decided to include a brief summary of what the NSS is currently working on and the dates of our meetings

Olivia D'Ambrosia → Intern to VPUA

- Thinking of highlighting multiculturalism and women, as March is International Women’s Month

- TikToks that showcase what it's like to be part of the Queens nursing programs, like a day-in-the-life from each year, and even the differences between the 4-year track and AST
- NSS lounge bulletin board

Kyleigh Ing → Intern to Senator

- Working on parts of the newsletter including incorporating a highlight for prominent Black nurses that have made a difference in accordance to Black History Month
- Sending out first week of March

Reaghan Harris → Academics and Professional Development Commissioner

- Created a timeline for when I am hoping to hire study buddies
- Solidified when I will be sending out the graduation awards and reddick awards this year, and I have created the forms for those

Fiona Gray and Vanessa Craig → Health and Wellness Commissioners

- Puppy Yoga
 - I reached out to the q-paws to coordinate a puppy yoga
 - Having some of the proceeds going to the formal
 - Responded saying they want to do another one before the end of the sem
- Exam Packages
 - Get a bunch of stuff from costco and pack it all up
 - I also have connections to a poppy ambassador so could ask her to get a bunch to put in packages

Pyper Smith → Events Commissioner

- Able to book Rose Event Commons in Mitchell where I believe it was held last year and we got a quote for \$678 (tax included).
 - be able to supply us with any tables and chairs we will need for the event
 - See if having it early in the day would decrease the price

Bronwyn Gauvin → Interprofessional Commissioner

- Booked the room for the Career Fair for March 20
- We are going to do snacks instead of full wraps like they did last year, let me know if any snack requests but I was thinking of going to Costco and maybe sweet treats from Cogro.
- I have reached out to quite a few hospitals

Kiera Holmes and Ari Buckley → Communications Co-Directors

- past 2 weeks we have really been focusing on the NSS instagram page
- Had a meeting with Kaylie (VPUA) and Paulina (Social Issues Commissioner) to discuss schedules and potential ideas for posting.
- More recently we're posting stories and a grid post for black history month to honour some of the influential nurses who have shaped the career into what it is today,
- as well as posting a story for the 2nd year nursing students after their class meeting this week so that they can ask questions about their upcoming 3rd year placements
- Discussing tour of CSC and a get to know the staff

Paulina Leyton Carrasco → Social Issues Commissioner

- I attended an equity meeting with representatives of many programs and we discussed some challenges that Queen's students face.
 - mentioned wanting to have a space on campus with tampons, pads and similar products that people can take or donate.
 - talked about updating the "Inclusive Queen's webpage" since it's very outdated.
 - the lack of resources (e.g. yellow house information) given during orientation, but mentioned how nursing is the faculty that provides the most resources to students

Caley Heard → Logistics Commissioner

- Before break Claire and I were able to set up the bounce account which is amazing

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

- Started booking everything we need for O week
 - This includes the boat, headphones for headphone disco, and beginning to reach out to faculty to attend events!
 - Ran into quite a few issues with the boat, so the order of events will be changed from previous years, but myself, Lucy, and Avyn have discussed how these changes may actually help with feedback we've gotten

- Jiya has been working very hard to plan a nursing x health sci pickleball tournament, which is currently set to take place on March 8th in the arc!
 - preparing for our bottle drive at the end of March! Chocolate is still on sale, so please consider buying from any NOC members or Capes you see on campus

Mason Bouchard → Year 1 Class President

- Our movie night went really smoothly
- We will start planning our ‘nursing assassin’ and look into doing monthly movie nights or other low cost social get-togethers.

Daphne Cohen → Year 2 Class President

- I had the honor to sit on the Tricolor Award Committee as a representative of the School of Nursing the weekend of the 7th
- I had the pleasure to interview such incredible, passionate people who have made such amazing differences to the greater Queen’s community, including our own Simi!
- Waiting for VP logs- once we have that I hope to start planning a social for my year

Emmanuelle McHardie → Year 3 Class President

- Been looking at hosting some sort of Clark bingo/trivia fundraiser for our pinning ceremony at some point before the end of the year

Emma Colasante → Year 4 Class President

- No report

Abigail Blauer → AST Year 3 Class President

- We finally set up a bank account.
- We were leaning towards a wellness-inspired event and plan to meet by next week to figure everything out
- We have our Instagram up and running and are looking to announce the members of the class council by next week.

Josh Lister → AST Year 4 Class President

- We had to cancel Valentine’s Candy grams because AMS took too long to approve them (more than 3 weeks :/)
- We may try to pivot to “Exam Grams”, details TBD
- Nursing Backpack sale is now live, please spread the word
- Abby Blauer is now student representative on the UAPGA