

**Office of the Rector**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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Hello Presidents,

Welcome to AMS Assembly and to your roles with the AMS. I'll first take a moment to introduce myself to the new members. My name is Niki, and alongside being the University Rector, I am a second-year M.Ed. student. My thesis (which I am writing and defending this summer) is a study on the Ontario First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures curriculum implementation in grade 9. I have previously completed a Bachelor of Fine Art and Bachelor of Education at Queen's and worked for the Alma Mater Society, Undergraduate Admissions, University Relations, and the Human Rights and Equity Office.

This will be my third and final year as Rector. I was never sure if I would go beyond the traditional two-year tenure, but I feel the same level of excitement for the work, with the added benefit of experience and strong relationships with the student body and administration. I look forward to soaking in one more year in this incredible role and transitioning the 40th Rector once elected.

**Office** | We published our [winter term recap video](#), a practice we've now done four times (twice a year) to keep students informed of our initiatives and build awareness of our resources. In April, we celebrated the new Tricolour Award recipients in a [heartwarming ceremony](#). This summer, our team will be preparing for the third Student Leader Development Conference, connecting with the new cohort of student leaders, and working on internal transition-related files.

**Community Engagement** | There have been no events since the last AMS Assembly, as the university has been in exam/final project/grading mode. Things will pick up again soon, with spring convocation season about to start on May 21 and the annual [Alumni Awards Gala](#) in June. If you are planning an event this summer, [let us know about it!](#)

**Board of Trustees** | The Board last met for its regular session on May 8-9. Some notable decisions include approving student fees for the next AMS and SGPS slate, endorsing the principal signing the [Commonwealth Sport Lekwungen Declaration on Reconciliation and Partnership with Indigenous Peoples](#), increasing tuition by 2% after a 7-year provincial freeze, and extending the payout formula for the Pooled Endowment Fund. We also reviewed a large volume of reports, such as the Advancement fiscal year-end and the I-EDIAA annual reports.

The Board has regular Open Session meetings four times per year, and community members can request to join in-person or online by sending an email to [trustees@queensu.ca](mailto:trustees@queensu.ca). Anyone can also access the [Governance Portal](#) to view the agenda by clicking on the calendar date of the meeting. You can learn about the basics of the Queen's Board by [watching this playlist](#).

**Committees** | I have no major committee updates since last month, other than the Board-Senate Advisory Committee begun discussing gathering frequency, dates, and topics for Trustee and Senator meetings next school year. Most committee work gets paused during the summer, but I do expect to continue my work on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) working group and the Housing Demand and Housing Strategy Oversight Committee.

**Rector's Digest** | The Queen's Journal does not publish in the month of April. You can look back at my entire column's catalogue here: [Rector's Digest Archives - The Queen's Journal](#). As I plan for another year of writing, please let me know if you have any topic ideas.

That's all for now! Please reach out to me if you have any questions, need support, or would like to share an experience that can help me convey student voices to the administration. If you'd like to book a meeting or send an event invitation, please contact [rector.assist@queensu.ca](mailto:rector.assist@queensu.ca)

At your service,



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