



Office of the Vice-President of External Affairs

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Dear AMS Councillors,

I hope you're all keeping well and staying healthy during these stressful times.

In light of the recent [report released by the Ethics and Accountability Committee regarding an alleged conflict of interest](#) involving me as your Vice-President of External Affairs, I am writing to you to sincerely apologize for not taking the appropriate steps to avoid the apparent conflict of interest that I had involved myself in.

My failure to not set clear boundaries between my job, my extracurriculars, and my personal relationships is something I have heavily regretted as first expressed in my [initial apology to Council in November of last year](#). My negligent actions resulted in a perception that I was not acting with due care and regard for the integrity of the AMS, and consequently had a damaging impact on our Society's public relations as well as my own, on a personal level.

This is a lesson that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Understanding the detrimental consequences of not paying attention to the rules and policies that are in place for a good reason has been an enlightening experience that has allowed me to reflect on and improve my leadership style, attention to detail, and accountability.

I would like to thank the members of the Ethics and Accountability Committee for taking the time to thoroughly investigate all the details of the apparent conflict of interest, and for forming key recommendations that will serve our Society and its leaders well for years to come. I would also like to thank the Board as a whole for their understanding, cooperativeness, and support as we worked towards ensuring that this does not happen to our Society or its Executives in the future. I hope you all get a chance to review the successful work that has been accomplished by the Office of External Affairs under my leadership over the past year in the final year-end review.

Once again, I would like to apologize for not taking the appropriate steps to avoid the apparent conflict of interest that I had involved myself in.

Thank you and take care,

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