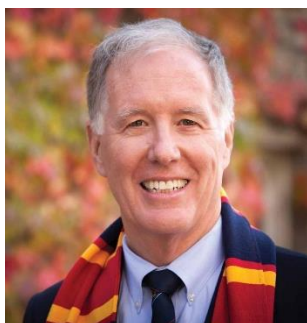


University Council Newsletter-February 2021

- [Update](#) your contact information (mail, email, phone) to stay informed about Queen's.
- Do you have news, events, or a success story to share? Send us an [email](#) anytime with the details so we can consider it for a future newsletter!

COUNCIL UPDATES:



Chancellor Search Advisory Committee Update: [Details are posted on the Secretariat website.](#)

Upcoming key dates:

- March 18 (noon EST) – The recommended candidate will be presented to the University Council for approval at a special meeting, after which the new Chancellor will be announced.

- July 1 – [Chancellor begins term](#)

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions! ucouncil@queensu.ca

[Nominating Committee](#) Updates:

- **Council to Board Election:** The elected members of Council elected to the Board of Trustees are **Opiyo Oloya** (3-year term) and **Marcus Wong** (2-year term). Congratulations! Thank you to the 41 out of 46 Councillors who voted in this election. Due to a tie, the Executive Committee approved holding of a run-off election to determine the successful candidate for the second three-year position. Thank you to 42 of 46 Councillors who voted. Congratulations to **Alison Holt**. And, many thanks to **Doug Bruce** for his service on the Board since June 2015.
- **Call for Expressions of Interest for Council committees:** Thank you to Councillors who submitted their expressions of Interest. Appointments will be made by the Executive Committee in March on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Results will be communicated to Council when finalized.
- **2021 University Council Election:** Looking ahead, all alumni are invited to nominate fellow alumni to run for a four-year position on Council. The nomination period is March 22 to April 5 and the 2021 election will be held online from June 1 to 15. Role description and election details are on the University Secretariat website. Please extend to your networks!



Should there be any questions regarding the nominating/election process, you may contact the University Secretariat at ucouncil@queensu.ca.

Kate Wilson

Chair, Nominating Committee

Program Committee Update - Future University Council Meetings on EDII: As promised at the AGM, the Program Committee is organizing follow up sessions on the theme of EDII. Our next session will be on the topic of 'having hard conversations around EDII'. We will be joined by members of the Advancement group at Queen's to learn how their team approaches this topic in their engagements with alumni. As part of our ambassadorial role, we will occasionally come across alumni and others that have differing views on topics such as racism at Queen's or the denaming of buildings, and the Program Committee felt that a session that provided some guidance on how to approach these discussions would be a great place to start. The details and the date for the next session will be finalized shortly. In the meantime, please feel free to forward any thoughts about the past AGM or ideas for subsequent meetings to the Program Committee via ucouncil@queensu.ca.



Stay tuned - we'll be in touch soon,

Doug Bruce, Chair, Program Committee

Councillors are asked to hold these dates in their calendars for future AGMs (dependent on term lengths found [here](#)): **2021** - November 6 and **2022** - November 5

Board of Trustees: [Three alumni were recently honoured by the Board of Trustees](#) – Barb Palk, Don Raymond, Colin Lynch. The next regular Board meeting will be held on **March 5-6** via Zoom (meeting dates can be found on Board [website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session on March 5, please submit your request in advance to trustees@queensu.ca.

Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the Senate [website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on February 23 via Zoom. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

COUNCILLORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#). And Councillors, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.

Thank you to **Marcus Wong** for sending a communication to Councillors encouraging them to contribute to the Goal of 100% Annual Giving. And, thanks to the Councillors who rose to the challenge to increase [Council giving](#) from 20% to 59%. It's not too late for Council to achieve their goal - contact [Emily Mackwood](#) to donate.

[Give Now](#)



Kathy Pritchard, Meds'71 - I donate to my class, [Meds'71 Bursary](#). The bursary was established by the class of Medicine 1971 and awarded on the basis of financial need to undergraduate students in any year in the School of Medicine. I donate \$1971 yearly to support a student to go to medical school.

[Councillors - Let us know why you donate to Queen's.](#)



The [Toronto Branch](#) held its first Quarterly Meeting of the year on January 25th. The Branch welcomed Councillor **Cathy Matthews**, who discussed the nomination and election process for becoming a University Councillor.



The [Queen's Student Alumni Association \(QSAA\)](#) hosts '[Backpack to Briefcase](#)' sessions to prepare students for the work world. **An interview workshop and live VR demo is scheduled for March 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm, will be presented by [InStage VR](#)**, in partnership with the QUAA, Career Services and the AMS. The featured guest expert will be Councillor **Aziz Garuba**. During the session, students and alumni will practice skills with direct and interactive feedback in real-time from industry experts to prepare to ace their next interview.



Queen's Reads celebrating Black student leaders: Thanks to **Kasmet Niyongabo** for recommending two students from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science for this program! And thanks to any other Councillors who made recommendations directly to the program.

Do you recognize one of the Bakers on [The Great Canadian Baking Show, Season 4](#)? Season 4 starts Feb. 14 at 8 pm. Good Luck [Anjali](#)!

COUNCILLOR PROFILES – Get to know your [fellow Councillors](#).

The [Executive Committee](#) of the University Council shall:

- Have the power to transact business on behalf of the Council between regular meetings of the Council
- Plan for and set the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Council
- Ensure regular communication with and among Council members, committees, affiliated bodies and the alumni at large
- Each year, identify with the Principal areas of strategic or emerging importance to the University that would benefit from advisory taskforces of the Council
- Appoint the members of the Nominating Committee
- Oversee committees and taskforces of the Council

Please thank the following Councillors who serve on your [Executive Committee](#) (click name for link to profiles):

- [Jim Leech](#) (Ex-Officio)
- [Patrick Deane](#) (Chair, Ex-Officio)
- [Petra Fachinger](#) (Ex Officio – Senate Appointee)
- [Heather Black](#) (Elected by University Council)
- [Cathy Matthews](#) (Appointed by the Board of Trustees)
- [Opiyo Oloya](#) (Elected by University Council)
- [Michael Parsche](#) (Elected by University Council)
- [Kate Wilson](#) (Elected by University Council)
- [Marcus Wong](#) (Vice-Chair, Elected by University Council)

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:

The Office of the University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. We will continue to roll out opportunities as they arise. Or, if you are interested in a particular area, please contact your Council Engagement Officer terri.flindall@queensu.ca And, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.

University Council Engagement Session with Principal Deane - As Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane leads the university toward developing a new strategic vision, he is once again engaging the Queen's community in a round of town hall conversations about the school's direction. Councillors are invited to join Principal Deane on **February 10 at 10:30 am EST** for an exclusive engagement session. Please respond to your calendar invitation.



Councillors have been invited to take part in the [Queen's Gratitude Tuesday](#) campaign sharing their stories and personal motivations for supporting Queen's. You provide a photo and few paragraphs on why you donate (or we can arrange a colleague to interview you). A social media graphic will be created and shared on an upcoming Tuesday on Queen's social media platforms. Previously submitted stories of impact, include [Councillor Julia Reid](#) and her family and [Councillor Rico Garcia](#).

Some questions to guide your submission:

- How has attending Queen's affected your life? What impact did your Queen's education have on your career?
- If you were asked to give advice to a young person about why they should consider going to Queen's, what would you say? How do you think Queen's prepares students for the challenges they will face?
- Why do you support Queen's as volunteer University Councillor?
- Do you remember what prompted your first gift to Queen's?
- What would you say to those students who have benefited from your giving?
- What do you hope your giving to Queen's will accomplish?



[Tom Woodhall](#) was featured in January. [Kasmeth Niyongabo](#) was highlighted on February 9. Other Councillors will be highlighted in the upcoming weeks.

If you would like to make a submission, but aren't sure if your giving is up to date, let us know. Contact terri.flindall@queensu.ca for more information.



[CFRC 101.9 fm](#) is the world's longest-running campus-based radio station broadcasting from Queen's University since 1922. CFRC is a not-for-profit, volunteer-powered media outlet whose mission is to empower and celebrate the diversity of Kingston and Queen's communities through innovative, non-commercial, community-oriented radio programming and broadcast learning opportunities. Listen live to CFRC worldwide through its [webstream](#) and subscribe to its many innovative [podcasts](#) largely developed by students and focused on campus and community engagement and learning.

Opportunities for Councillors:

CFRC Radio Queen's University welcomes [new volunteers](#) and [donations](#) and is currently recruiting new Board members among alumni and the community at large. For the latest updates on CFRC programming and initiatives, follow on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#). And, look out for details on their centennial celebration in 2022 including additions to the CFRC exhibit on the [Queen's University Archives website](#) generously supported by the [Queen's University Alumni Association](#)!

In addition, CFRC is currently doing an **interview series *In Session: Conversations with University Councillors***. Hosted by Dinah Jansen, interviews outline Councillors time at Queen's, their degree and roadway to their current role, what led them to serve as a Councillor and ways they are giving back to the University. Thank you to Councillors who have already committed and been interviewed. All conversations will be played on-air and available by [podcast](#) (and pushed to itunes, Spotify, Deezer, Google Play, and Stitcher) commencing the third week of February, with a few spotlights a week leading up to and during the Council nomination process. There will also be PSAs highlighting the Council nominations/elections.

For more information, please contact Dinah Jansen (ArtSci '07, PhD '15), Station Manager at station@cfrc.ca



SCHOOL OF

GRADUATE STUDIES

[School of Graduate Studies \(SGS\)](#)

[Queen's University](#) is a research-intensive university offering over 125 [graduate programs](#) and home to over 4,200 graduate students from across Canada and abroad. Queen's ranks highly in terms of research [funding](#), features internationally recognized faculty, and hosts state-of-the-art [research facilities](#). The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) strives to provide a robust experience for students. Councillors can assist with this goal to enable the academic, professional, and personal success of our students and recent grads by:

- Network with and mentor graduate students as they approach their career. Email sgscomms@queensu.ca to learn more.
- Participating in our [Alumni Spotlights](#) as someone whose career path SGS can profile online
- Engaging in [graduate student development](#), to enhance graduate student success ([provide](#) your name, degree and areas of speaking interest) by:
 - Being part of a panel on marketing your graduate skills and training for the job market
 - Being part of a panel on the lived experience (bridging your graduate studies experience with career success)
 - Speaking about your road to success (and the bumps along the way)
- Participating in [the 3-minute Thesis \(3MT\)](#), as a judge or viewer

- Listening to [Grad Chat](#) on CFRC 101.9FM (Tuesdays at 4pm), a 30-minute radio show featuring mainly graduate students and postdoctoral fellows each week. Or, sign up to talk about what you researched and where you are now to show grad employability. The show is also [podcast](#) each week.
- Follow the School of Graduate Studies on [social media](#) and [subscribe to the SGS newsletter](#)
- [Support leaders and innovators of the future](#)

Thanks to **Kofi Adow** who has already volunteered to be a 3MT Judge on March 25th.

For more information about the Queen's School of Graduate Studies and how you can get involved, please [contact us](#) at grad.studies@queensu.ca



The Office of Indigenous Initiatives invites you to attend this term's **Elder Meet & Greet Sessions**. Sessions will take place bi-weekly on Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Allen Doxtator, Cultural Advisor and Wendy Phillips, Elder in Residence will offer their knowledge and teachings during these sessions and hope to encourage collaboration in a good way and with a good mind university wide.

Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and engage in the discussions throughout each session. Per the recommendations from the Queen's Truth and Reconciliation Task Force Final Report, one of the goals of the Office of Indigenous Initiatives is to promote and raise awareness of Indigenous Ways of Knowing across Queen's University.

[Register here](#) for the Virtual Elder Meet & Greet Sessions. Once registered, an Outlook calendar invite will be sent to you to join the Teams meeting on the date(s) selected. Any questions can be sent to the Office of Indigenous Initiatives at indigenous.initiatives@queensu.ca.



Queen's Toronto Alumni Small Business Initiative: During the month of **February**, the Toronto Branch is looking to feature and recognize Queen's Alumni in the GTA who work for / own small businesses or non-profit organizations. Any interested participants are asked to please [complete this form](#).

They are asking for Council's help to please spread the news through your individual Queen's Alumni networks!

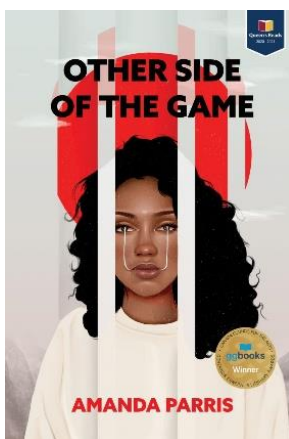
Financial Planning in the age of COVID-19 – [Listen and share the recording](#) of Advancement's alumni expert panelists giving insight on how to plan for your financial future in uncertain times. Learn from their expertise and get your questions answered regarding financial planning, taxes, estate planning, and charitable giving. There is information on some recent changes and discussion of possible changes down the road that might affect your plans. It's never too late - or too early - to get 'tips and tricks' for your financial plans. Presented by the [Ottawa Branch](#), in partnership with [Queen's Gift Planning](#). Note: featured experts and information focusing on Ontario.



[Scinapse Undergraduate Science Case Competition \(USCC\)](#) hosts an Annual career conference and are looking for **alumni speakers**. This year's theme - My Future Career will showcase untraditional paths/careers outside of medical school and research that science degree students may go into. Sessions will be split into three parts, as follows:

- Health Science on Saturday, February 27th from 10 am-noon
- Physical and Chemical Sciences on Saturday, February 27th from 2-4 pm
- Biological Sciences on Saturday, February 28th from 10 am-noon

If you have any questions, or are interested in speaking, please contact Phoebe Gao and Ela Pawlowski, 2020-2021 Co-Chairs at scinapse@clubs.queensu.ca



[Queen's Reads:](#)

February – Celebrate the Black student leaders at Queen's University throughout Black History month. [To be Young, Gifted & Black by Nina Simone.](#)

And mark your calendars for March 10th, 2021 for a conversation with author, [Amanda Parris!](#)

If you have any questions about Queen's Reads, please contact [Clarissa de Leon \(Co-ordinator\).](#)

Queen's launched two new financial awards to recognize underserved and underrepresented students – the [new Commitment Scholars Award and the Commitment Bursary](#), which provide financial assistance and other supports to eligible incoming students who self-identify as Black, Indigenous, racialized, LGBTQ2S+, or as a person with a disability. Both the Commitment Scholars Award and the Commitment Bursary are open to eligible students entering their first year of any first-entry undergraduate program.

Find out more about these awards on the [Student Awards website](#). Consider donating to the [Bursary for Visible Minority/Racialized Students](#), awarded based on demonstrated financial need to visible minority/racialized students in any year of any Faculty or School at Queen's University.

[Give Now](#)

FEATURED EVENTS – BE AN AMBASSADOR:

In light of COVID-19, in-person gatherings have been suspended, but online activities are still taking place! Check the calendar to review upcoming [Alumni events](#) or [Queen's Events Calendar](#).

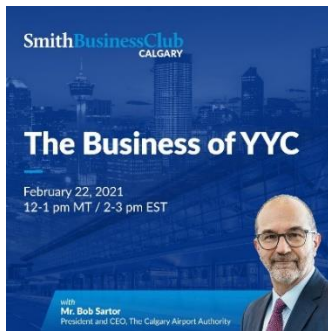
February – **Black History month** – The Human Rights and Equity Office invites you to a [series of online events](#) dedicated to highlighting Black community members' contributions at Queen's and in Kingston. Thank you **Councillor Judith Brown** and the committee!

February 15 – [Family Day](#) – A university observed holiday

February 16-19 – Mid-term Reading Week (all classes cancelled)



On **Thursday, February 18 at 1:00 pm EST** join **Smith Business Insight and Queen's Executive Education** for a webinar on how emotions affect our decisions at work. Featuring Laura Rees, assistant professor of organizational behaviour at Smith School of Business. In this revealing webinar, Professor Rees will challenge participants to question how rational and bias-free their decisions and actions really are. [Register Now](#)



Join **Smith Business Club Calgary** on **February 22 (2-3 EST)** as we spend an hour with Mr. Bob Sartor, President and CEO of The Calgary Airport Authority, discussing the business of an airport during COVID-19, the importance of Canada's national transportation network, and how the sector's recovery is vital to local and regional communities. [Register Now](#)



February 23 (12:15-1:00 pm) Enjoy a close examination of the Sandra Brewster's exhibition [Blur](#) at the [Agnes Etherington Art Centre](#) as part of their online series "Deep Looking." The exuberant scale and format contribute to the work's strong assertion of Black people's enduring presence. Brewster uses an unpredictable gel transfer process to evoke the complexities of global movement, such as the migration of her parents and their peers who left Guyana for Toronto in the late

1960s. The ongoing [Blur](#) series is a meditation on transitional states of diasporic presence. Inspired by the sense of memory suffusing old photographs, Brewster mimics and exaggerates the physical quality of images by revealing imperfections left by creases, tears and folds. Complimentary. [Register now.](#)



[TEDxQueensU](#) is a community-run event: partnering with students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding Kingston community to be a catalyst for the sharing of creative and profound ideas. Through community, education, and ideas, TEDxQueensU hopes to invigorate the imaginations of students and faculty alike. Our 2021 conference, held on **February 28 at 1PM EST**, will be the 11th annual TEDx event held at Queen's University. This event is absolutely free, virtual, open to anyone and everyone, and will explore our theme for this year - Ripple Effect. Our theme hopes to showcase the idea that a single person, or action, can create huge and immense change. Register today, and join in on the discussion of ideas worth spreading: <https://ripple-effect-tedxqueensu-2021.heysummit.com/>

Queen's Contagion Cultures Lectures help make sense of this pandemic through the expertise and insights of Arts and Science faculty members. This public-facing series asks important questions and explores complex responses. It deploys the powerful tools of Arts and Science humanistic analysis to help society grapple with our turbulent times. **The series will be [live-streamed](#) on Zoom every Tuesday at 4:00 PM EDT/EST.**

March 3 (1:00-3:00 pm) – [Tri-Awards Celebration](#) - Presentation of the Human Rights and Equity Office's Tri-Awards in the areas of Employment Equity, Human Rights and Accessibility. Contact: Meri Diamond, diamond@queensu.ca

March 7 (all day) – [First Class Day](#) celebrates the anniversary of the first class of students being admitted to Queen's University on March 7, 1842. This took place during the university's first Senate meeting on the same date and involved 13 students who wanted to begin their studies standing before the Senate, which consisted of the principal and two professors, for examination. Ten students passed and three were invited to stay and continue to study with tutors. The university's first classes were held at 67 Colborne Street, just north of Queen Street in between Barrie and Clergy streets.

March 8 - [International Women's Day](#) (#IWD2021) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

STUDENT PROFILE:



[Meet the AMS Executive Team:](#)

Jared den Otter (President),
Alexia Henriques (VP University Affairs)
Alexandra Samoyloff (VP Operation)



The [Alma Mater Society of Queen's University](#) (AMS) is to serve and represent the diversity of students at Queen's University. The AMS is the oldest student association in Canada. It has been the central student organization at Queen's since 1858. Originally a debating society, the AMS progressively gained responsibilities for student affairs and became self-governing. Today, the AMS serves students and advocates their interests to the University and all levels of government.

The [AMS structure](#) consists of 5 offices, 3 commissions and [13 services](#). The AMS is unique amongst student government as 99% of their [700+ employees are Queen's students](#), representing every faculty and year. Furthermore, the AMS oversees and collaborates with all [250+ ratified clubs](#) at Queen's. From retail experience to educational advocacy to anti-oppression publications, the AMS aims to offer opportunities for every member to make the most of their university experience inside and outside of class

As published in the journal, [AMS Fall in Review](#).

To learn more, [contact the AMS](#) and follow on social media:



DID YOU KNOW?



Robert Sutherland Hall was constructed in 1989 to house the growing number of departments and institutes at Queen's concerned with the study of politics and governmental issues under one roof.

In **February** 2009, responding to an initiative proposed by the [Rector](#), the [Alma Mater Society](#) President, the [Society of Graduate and Professional Students](#) President, and the Undergraduate Student Trustee, the [Board of Trustees](#) approved the naming dedication of the Policy Studies Building in honour of [Robert Sutherland](#).

Robert Sutherland was Canada's [first](#) known university student, graduate, and lawyer of colour, and the university's first major benefactor during a time of financial crisis (see [Commercial Bank of the Midland District](#)).

Robert Sutherland Hall is home to the [School of Policy Studies](#), the [School of Urban and Regional Planning](#), the [Industrial Relations Centre](#), the Centre for International and Defence Policy, and the [Institute of Intergovernmental Relations](#).

QUEEN'S LINKS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED:

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- [Queen's Alumni Review](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [Queen's Law Reports](#)
- [Smith Magazine](#)
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