

University Council October 2023 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee will meet on Oct. 6 and receive a report from the Program Committee, including approval of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) agenda. The Committee will also receive a report from the Special Purpose Committee regarding recommendations to be considered for the dates and timing of the AGM, effective 2024.

Council Executive: Principal Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Murray Sinclair, Petra Fachinger, Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77, Ed'78, MPA'08, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Greg Frankson, Artsi'98, Ed'99, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20

[Nominating Committee](#)

The Nominating Committee will meet in October to begin discussing the 2024 Council to Board of Trustees election. The Committee Chair will meet in advance with the Chair of the Board's Governance and Nominating Committee to discuss current priorities and the competencies most important to the Board in the next two to three years.



Samantha Cheung, Sc'92 Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Doug Bruce, Sc'85, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Chessa Jope, Com'09, David Pick, Artsci'89, Law'92, and Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

[Program Committee](#)

The 148th Annual General Meeting of the University Council will be held Nov. 3-4, 2023 at the [Donald Gordon Centre](#) (DGC) in Kingston.

To register, you must complete the [registration survey](#) by Oct. 23rd at noon.

Please note: Councillors are strongly encouraged to attend in person but limited remote participation will be available via Zoom. Elected members of the Council who are absent from more than one Annual General Meeting in a four-year term may be required to forfeit membership in the Council.

Meeting Details:

- Nov. 3, 2023 – 10:30 am - noon EST- (Optional) Campus Tour
- Nov. 3, 2023 – 1:00 - 3:30 pm EST- Welcome Session
The welcome session will include a presentation from the keynote speaker, an outline of reports included in the annual meeting consent agenda and a Q&A session.
- Nov. 3, 2023 - 5:30 – 7:30 pm - Distinguished Service Award Celebration
Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. [Tickets must be purchased in advance \(with a discounted rate for Councillors\)](#). Councillors are encouraged to attend to celebrate the [2023 Recipients](#):
 - Christine Berga
 - Elizabeth Jane Errington
 - Anita Lister
 - Elspeth Jane Murray
 - Brenda Reed
 - Colette Steer
- Nov. 3, 2023; 8:00 – 10:00 pm EST- University Council Social
Hosted by the Program Committee, Councillors will meet at the Donald Gordon Centre to have an informal social with student leaders. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.
- Nov. 4, 2023; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm EST - Annual General Meeting
With the theme of “Community engagement and student learning”, the Program Committee has developed an exciting day designed to deepen Councillors’ knowledge and permit active, ongoing engagement in their role as ambassadors for Queen’s. The day will start with an update on the [university strategic goals](#) by [Principal Patrick Deane](#). This will be followed by a presentation on community engagement at Queen’s by Special Advisor to the Principal [Dr. Wendy Craig](#), which includes an opportunity for Councillor questions and feedback. The day concludes with a student panel focused on the AGM’s theme.

Travel: Per the [Role Description](#), Councillors are responsible for coordinating and booking their own travel. University Council is a volunteer organization and, as such, Councillors are expected to incur their own participation expenses. Councillors are eligible to donate their participation expenses back to the University, for which an official receipt is issued for tax purposes. Councillors who do not believe they can meet these expectations are encouraged to raise their concerns with the [University Secretariat](#).

Travelling by VIA Rail: Take advantage of the 15% discount for alumni (with [Alumni card](#) and ID). [Details here](#). Queen’s Discount code: 709508

[Donald Gordon Centre Accommodation](#): To reserve overnight accommodation, call the main reservation line at 613-533-2221 and reserve under the group rooms block. Please provide the

group reservation #11862 over the phone at time of booking to be linked to the group at the preferred rate. Accommodation must be booked by Oct. 27, 2023. \$165.00 plus applicable tax for single occupancy; \$190.00 plus applicable tax for double occupancy. Note: includes 1 queen bed, hot breakfast, Wifi and overnight parking.

Please contact the [Secretariat's Office](#) if you have questions about registering for the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you at the Council AGM!



Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07 Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Nonyelum Anoliefo, MMIE'20, John Armitage, BSC'71, Heather Black, Sc'80, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Willa Henry, BNSc'76, Chessa Jope, Com'09

Special Purpose Committee

The Special Purpose Committee on the Annual General Meeting has reflected over the summer on the University Council's current Annual General Meeting timing as it relates to accessibility for as diverse a group of potential Councillors as possible. They are bringing their recommendation to the University Council Executive Committee on Oct. 6, regarding considerations that should be given to dates and timing for the AGM, effective 2024. University Council will be informed of next steps following the Executive Committee's review of the recommendations.

SPC members: Heather Black, Sc'80, John Armitage, BSC'71, Sandra Kwon, PME'20 and Erin Polansky, Artsci'95

[Task Force on Street Parties Around Queen's Campus](#)

A draft of the report for the [Task Force on Street Parties](#) has gone to the task force for review. The group hopes to have the report finalized for release in October.



Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98
University Council Representative

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Dec. 8 (meeting dates can be found on the Board [website](#)). You can view the board agenda/minutes on the

[Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, Sc'81, MBA'01, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82

[Senate](#)

Senate meeting dates can be found on the senate [website](#). The next Senate meeting will be held on Oct. 5. You can review the senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\)](#)

Homecoming is right around the corner. There are many exciting events taking place over the Oct. 20-22 weekend, including class reunions, the Fall Harvest Gathering, the football game, the Tricolour Guard reception and dinner and so much more. If you are planning to return to campus, I encourage you to register to attend the Chapter events happening on Saturday, Oct. 21. Queen's Black Alumni Chapter Reunion Cookout returns to Summerhill for its second year after receiving the Initiative of the Year Award at the 2023 Alumni Awards Gala in June. Also returning for its second year is the Queen's Queer Alumni Chapter Mix and Mingle at the University Club, which will be an event not to be missed. If you would like to learn more about Queen's Alumni Chapters ([Black Alumni Chapter](#), [Indigenous Alumni Chapter](#) or [Queer Alumni Chapter](#)) I encourage you to visit their webpages or follow them on your preferred social media platform.

I'll be out and about at many Homecoming events, so if you plan on returning to campus, please feel free to reach out to me in advance and I would love to connect over the weekend! More information about the Homecoming events can be found [online](#).



Colin McLeod, Artsci'10, [President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors](#)

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Heather Black, Sc'80, Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98

News and Events

[Homecoming 2023](#)



Homecoming 2023 is fast approaching! [Register](#) and join the Queen's community on campus Oct. 20-22 for 2023 Homecoming. Reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit. Take a look at the most up-to-date list of this year's Homecoming events [online](#) or [see who's coming](#).

This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in 3 or 8, or members of the Tricolour Guard; however, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate.

[QUAA Grant Application](#) cycle closes Oct. 31

The QUAA grant application cycle is open for student and alumni groups until Oct. 31, 2023 (11:59PM EST). Members of the Queen's community who have an idea for an innovative program that enriches the University may qualify for funding from the QUAA. Grants are normally for a few hundred dollars but can be as high as \$2,000.

Interested in applying? Do you know someone who could benefit from the QUAA Grant? For more details or to apply, visit the [Alumni Association Grants](#) page online.

[The Vanier Cup 2023](#)



The 58th edition of the [Vanier Cup](#) will be held at Richardson Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 1:00-4:00pm.

The 2023 championship is the first Vanier Cup game in Kingston, and the third time a Canadian university football title game is played in the city, dating back to the 1929 Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union title games. Kingston will be the eighth city to host the championship since its inception in

1965, with Toronto hosting on 41 occasions, Quebec City seven times, Hamilton five and once in London, Montreal, Saskatoon, and Vancouver. The 2023 Vanier Cup will also air on CBC Television (English).

Educational Opportunities

2023-24 I-EDIAA asynchronous learning for Councillors focusing on accessibility



Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office (HREO) will be providing Councillors with the opportunity to engage in self-paced online learning focused on accessibility.

The accessibility topic for your asynchronous learning this month is ableism. It is a responsibility of all Queen's community members to critically engage, address, and respond to ableism. This module will introduce some key concepts of ableism to deepen participants' self-reflection and ongoing critical thinking as ambassadors of the Queen's community.

Register for this asynchronous learning by emailing [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison. Completion of this module and your commitment to learning more about accessibility at Queen's can be recorded and shared with your networks through your LinkedIn profile; register to learn more.

Find out more about Queen's Accessibility Initiatives [online](#) or contact [Lindsey Kull](#) with any questions.

Councillor Spotlight



Get to know your fellow Councillors by visiting their [biographical sketches online](#).

This month learn more about new Council Member, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06 [online](#).

If you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#).

Student Life

Gaels Give Initiative



[Gaels Give](#) is the Queen's Student Alumni Association's (QSAA) annual fundraising initiative that aims to support Queen's students while advancing the spirit of philanthropy among the student body through initiatives students care about.

During the 2023-24 academic year the Gaels Give initiative is supporting the [Student Health and Wellness Fund](#). The QSAA selected this fund to address the impact of student experiences relating to mental health, awareness, inclusivity, and peer support have on the Queen's community.

As a Councillor, you can have a direct impact on student health and wellness by supporting the Gaels Give Initiative and [making your gift to the Student Health and Wellness Fund online](#) today! You are also encouraged to share this opportunity with your network – it's a tremendous way to make an impact on the Queen's student experience.

One-On-One Call with a current Queen's student

Looking to speak with a current Queen's student? Learn more about a real student perspective through an informal chat with one of our student tour guides and have your questions answered. Calls are half an hour in length. Book your call [online](#) today.

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